

At Lancaster Yards

Trade Slow Mostly Steady

CATTLE totaled 1700 head for the holiday week and 1963 head last week. Supply includes 40 per cent slaughter steers and 50 per cent stockers and feeders. Trading slow throughout the week. Compared with last week's close slaughter steers were 25-50 higher. Bulls 50 higher. Stockers and feeders fully steady.

Slaughter steers Three loads mostly high choice 1000-1032 lb 27.50, loads choice 950-1300 lb 26.00 - 27.00, lot 1179 lb 27.25, good to low choice 24-26, standard 22-24.

Cows Cutter and utility 16.25-17.50, canner and low cutter 15-16.25, shelly canner down to 11.75.

Bulls utility and commercial 20-24, good grade at 22-24.50.

Stockers and Feeders: Good and choice 800-1050 lb feeder steers 23-25.50, several lots 800-875 lb 25-75.26.50, medium and good 21-23.50. Good and choice 550-800 lb stock steers at 24.00-26.50.

CALVES: 350 Compared with 613 head last week. Vealers fully steady. Trading active. Good and choice vealers 29-36, choice and prime 36-42, few 43-44, standard and low good 24-29, utility 20-25.

HOGS: 1050 Compared with 910 head last week. Trading active early in the week but slow late. Barrows and gilts mostly 50 higher. Sows steady. Barrows and gilts US 1-2 190-225 lb 20-21, No 1 190-220 lb 21-21.50, 1-3 190-230 lb 19-20, 2-3 230-250 lb 18.50-19.

COWS 1-3 mostly 2-3 300-600 lb 13-16.

SHEEP: 250 Compared to 309 head last week. Trading moderately active. Wooled slaughter lambs at 50 higher. Good and choice 65-

100 lb. slaughter lambs 15-18, choice and prime 18-20 utility 13-15

Chicago Cattle Early Gains Erased Late

WEEKLY REVIEW Cattle—Prices reacted quickly to changes in supply as normal marketward movement was hampered by severe weather conditions.

Slaughter steers steady to 50 higher on Tuesday but advance lost on Wednesday leaving steers about like the close of last week except instances 25 lower on choice 1100-1200 lb heifers strong to 50 higher on Tuesday and steady to 25 lower on Wednesday leaving prices steady to 25 higher for the week. Cows 25-1.00 higher with most advance on canner and cutter grades. Bulls strong. Vealers and stockers and feeders steady.

Tuesday, dozen or more loads prime 1200-1450 lb slaughter steers 28.25-28.50, a new high since last April. Wednesday only one load of prime 1217 lb. reached 28-25 and three load string prime at 28. Choice and mixed choice and prime 950-1400 lbs bulked at 25-27.75. Bulk up to 28.00 Tuesday. Loadlots mixed good and choice on the close 24.50-25-25. Tuesday, load good and choice 1475 lbs 25.00. Good grade bulked at 23.00-25.00 Tuesday.

Tuesday, load prime 1100 lb heifers 26.50, new high since last March. After Tuesday, choice and mixed choice and prime 25.75-26.25. Commercial cows 15.00-

Vintage Livestock Steers Steady To 25 Higher

Considering the fills, slaughter steers were steady to 25 higher than the previous week at the December 26 auction at Vintage Cows were 25 higher and bulls were 25-50 higher. Receipts included 483 head.

Few high choice and prime 350-1200 lb slaughter steers 27.25-27.50, choice 950-1500 lb 25.75-27.10, good to low-choice 23.25-25.75, standard 21.00-23.25.

Cutter and utility cows 16.25 - 17.50. Cannery and low cutters 14.75-16.25, shelly cannery down to 12.00. Utility and commercial bulls 20.00-24.00. Few small lots good and low choice 700-800 lb stock steers 23.00-24.00.

CALVES: 264 Vealers weighing under 110 lbs. 1.00 higher. Heavier weight vealers strong good and choice vealers 29.00-36.00. Bulk of the choice 36.00-44.00, standard and low good 24.00-29.00. Utility 20.00-25.00.

HOGS: 147 Barrows and gilts 50 higher US 1-2 185-229 lb barrows and gilts at 19.50-20.00. Lot No 1 198 lbs 20.25, lot 1-238 lbs at 19.85. 1-3 195-225 lbs. 19.35-19.50. Lot 2-3 230 lb 18.00.

SHEEP: 34 Not enough on sale to establish a market.

Happiness is found most easily by those who can compromise.

16.75, utility 14.50-16.50, cutter 13.75-15.00, canner 12.25-14.25. Utility and commercial bulls 19.50-21.50. Wasty fat bulls 18.00.

Load choice 975 lb feeder steers 24.25 and load good 960 lbs 23.50. 800 lb. holstein feeder steers 18.75. Two loads choice 788 lb feeder heifers 23.00.

New Holland Low Grades Feel Pressure

The better grade slaughter steers continued steady while those grading low food and below were only steady to 25 lower at the December 28 auction at New Holland Cows were 50 to 100 higher and bulls were steady. Receipts included 709 head of cattle.

The bulk of the choice slaughter steers weighing 950 to 1,350 pounds were 25.50 to 27 with a few to 27.10 and 27.35. Good to low choice brought 23-25.75. Standard brought 20.50-23-25.

Cutter and utility cows sold at 16.75 to 17.75 with a few to 18 to 18.25. Cannery and low cutters made 15.25 to 16.75 with shelly cannery down to 12.

Utility and commercial

bulls sold for 20.50-24. and good grade bulls sold up to 25.

Two lots of choice feeder steers at 840 to 844 pounds brought 24.35 to 26.

Calves 260 Vealers were 1.00 higher with good vealers changing hands at 30-37. Choice brought 37-42, with a few prime selling at 43 to 46.50. Standard and low good were 25-30 with utility bringing 20-26.

management practices, 4. And last but not least, keep constantly informed on the pros and cons of any proposed government action toward our industry.

If and when the time

Outlook

(From page 12)

Any predictions for 1962 can put me, six months from now, in the same position as a fish out of water.

Anyone who wants to make predictions should have some facts available upon which he can make some theoretical projections and draw some candid conclusions.

I think that allied industry — namely hatcheries, feed manufacturers, and poultry producers themselves must bear down on the marketing problem. We must somehow help create and make the market, and not just produce and take the market.

May I suggest that in 1962 all poultrymen keep currently advised on 1, The advances obtained in poultry breeding; 2, Achievements attained in feed and nutrition; 3, Research experiments and changes in



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comes for public discussion or debate, each one of us has a duty to himself and his industry to be informed and to draw his own conclusions and voice his own opinion.

May I wish for all a happy and zestful, healthful 1962

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