

# Market News Reports

## At Lancaster Yards

Federal - State Market News  
Weekly Review  
Friday, May 25

**CATTLE** 3700 Compared with 3799 head last week supply includes 55 per cent slaughter steers and 40 per cent stockers and feeders. Trading slow. Slaughter steers grading Choice and better culls 50-100 lower. Good grade and below 50 lower. New sales after Monday fully 25 lower with the full decline. Cows 25 lower. Good grade bulls 50 lower, all others steady. Stockers and feeders steady.

Slaughter steers Choice grade 950-1350 lbs 25.50-27.50 few loads High Choice and Prime 1100-1300 lbs 27.75-28.00 load Choice and Prime 1132 lbs 28.25 Good to low Choice 23.75-25.75

Heifers Good and Choice 700-900 lb 23-25

Cows Culler and Utility 7.25-18.75. Canner and low Culler 16-17.25 Shelly canners down to 14

Bulls Utility and Commercial 20-22, few 22.50, Good grade 22-23, few 23.50.

Stockers and feeders Good and Choice 550-800 lb. stock steers 26-29.25, few lots 518-523 lbs 30-31, Good and Choice 800-1000 lb feeder 23.50-27.50

**CALVES** 750 Compared with 605 head last week. Vealers weighing over 120 lbs 20.00 lower, lighter weights steady. Trading moderately active. Good and Choice vealers 100-36.00 Choice and Prime 600-39.00 few at 10.00. Closures 15.00-18.00 Utility 26.00-28.00

**HOGS** 1125 Compared with 1150 head last week. Trading

moderately active. Barrows and culls steady with last weeks close. Sows steady.

Barrows and gilts US 1-2 190-220 lbs 18.00-18.50 No 1 190-220 lbs 18.50-19.00 1-3 190-230 lbs 17.50-18.00 few lots at 17.25 2-3 230-250 lbs 17.00-17.50

Sows US 1-3 mostly 2-3 300-600 lbs 11.50-13.50

**SHEEP** 650 Compared with 396 head last week. Trading moderately active. Spring slaughter limbs barely steady. Choice 50-85 lb spring lambs 23.50-25.00 Good 22.00-23.50 Cull Choice Shorn Slaughter ewes 10.00-7.00

## Chicago Cattle

### WEEKLY REVIEW

Cattle — Receipts 30,490 head compared to 33,700 a week ago and 37,300 a year ago. Slaughter steers grading high choice and prime 75-1.50 lower, high good to average choice 50-75 lower, average good and down steady to 50 lower. Prices for all slaughter steers now within narrowest range since around the first of the year, heifers grading high good and better 75-1.25 lower, lower grades steady to 50 lower. Cows at steady to mostly 50 higher. Bulls 50-1.00 higher. Vealers 1.00-3.00 lower. Feeders at steady to 50 lower.

Monday two loads prime 1350 and 1400 lb slaughter steers 29.00 and most prime 1250-1350 lbs 28.75-29.00. Wednesday four loads prime 1300-1400 lbs 28.00 most prime 1150-1350 lbs 27.25-27.75 choice 950-1400 lbs bulked 21.25-26.00 mixed good and choice 23.75-24.25

## Vintage Sale

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**CATTLE** 693 Compared with last Tuesday's market slaughter steers grading Choice 50-100 lower. Good grade and below 50 lower. High Culler and Better grade cows 50 lower. All others steady. Bulls weak to 25 lower.

Choice grade 950-1300 lb slaughter steers 25.50-27.00 several lots 27.10-27.50 Good to low Choice 23.75-25.75 Standard 21.00-23.50

Culler and Utility cows 17-25-18.00 few 18.50 Canner and low Culler 16.00-17.25 Shelly canner down to 14.00

Utility and Commercial bulls 20.00-22.00

**CALVES** 292 Standard and Good grade vealers 1.00 to mostly 2.00 lower. Utility steady.

Good grade vealers 32.00-36.50 Standard and low Good 30.00-33.00 Utility 28.00-31.00

**HOGS** 171 Barrows and gilts fully steady.

US 1-3 197-220 lb barrows and gilts 17.35-18.00 few lots of No 2 233-234 lbs 17.00

**SHEEP** 77 Spring slaughter lambs weak to 1.00 lower. Utility and Good 40-60 lb spring slaughter lambs 18.50-21.00

Few lots Utility to Choice shorn slaughter ewes 8.50-6.50

Early part of week couple loads prime 950 and 1000 lb heifers 26.00. Wednesday a load mixed choice and prime 1057 lbs 25.50 choice 21-25

Utility and commercial cows 15.50-17.50 utility Holsteins up to 17 canner and cutter 13.50-16.50 Utility and commercial

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## New Holland Auction

Federal-State Market News  
Thursday, May 24

**CATTLE** 1341 Compared with last Thursday's market slaughter steers 50 to mostly 100 lower. Cows barely steady.

Bulls steady to 25 lower. Choice grade slaughter steers 950-1300 lbs 25.00-26.75 several to 27.35 Good to low Choice 22.50-25.00 Standard 20.00-22.00, Utility 18.00-20.00 Culler and Utility cows 16.75-17.50 Canner and low Culler 15.50-16.75 Shelly canner down to 14.00

Utility and Commercial bulls 19.50-21.00

**CALVES** 250 Vealers weighing over 120 lbs highly uneven but generally 2.00 lower. Weights under 120 lbs steady. Good and Choice vealers 31.50-37.00, Utility and Standard 28.00-32.00

**SHEEP** 30 Several Utility and Good shorn slaughter ewes 3.00-6.00

130 while gelding ponies made \$10-115. Riding horses sold at \$130-300 and driving horses changed hands at \$130-200. Killers brought 8 1/2 cents per pound.

Hog prices were about steady to spots 50 higher at the May 21 auction as 101 head sold. Retail hogs to local butchers brought 18 to 19 when number 1 to 3 grade hogs to packers were 17.5 to 18.1 at hogs over 210 pounds sold at 16 to 17.

The 98 calves in the ring sold at about steady prices with the Lower grades showing some improvement. Choice and prime vealers were 35-40, good and low choice 30-35, standard and low good 22-30, and cull and common 20-22.

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New Holland reported top dairy cows down as much as \$50 at the May 23 auction. Other kinds were about steady as 135 cows, 14 stock bulls and 41 stock heifers sold.

Fresh Holstein cows made \$275-350, Guerneys \$175-235, and other breeds \$175-275. Stock bulls were \$110-185 and stock heifers made \$85-165.

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