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At Lancaster Yards

Weekly Review
Friday, Feb. 14

CATTLE 1900 Compared with 1692 head last week. Supply includes 60 percent slaughter steers and 20 percent feeder steers. Trading slow. Compared with last weeks close, slaughter steers weighing under 1200 lbs. steady to 25 lower; weights over 1200 lbs. generally 50 lower, instances 100 lower. Cows grading canner and cutter 25 higher, Utility steady. Bulls 50 lower. Feeder steers about steady on few sales.

Slaughter steers: Choice 950-1200 lbs 22.25-23.50, Choice 1200-1350 lbs 20.00-21.75, Load High Choice 1300 lbs 22.50, Several loads Mixed Good and Choice mostly Choice 1300-1400 lbs 19.25-20.25, Good to low Choice 950-1300 lbs 20.00-22.25, Few Good 1300-1350 lbs 18.50-19.25.

Cows: Cutter and Utility 14.00-15.50, Canner and low Cutter 12.75-14.00, Shelly canner down to 11.00.

Bulls: Utility and Commercial 19.50-21.50, Several 18.50-19.00, Good grade 21.50-22.50.

Feeder steers: Lot Choice and Fanev 535 lbs 26.25, few lots Choice 432-594 lbs 23.00-24.50, Choice 759-940 lbs 21.30-22.00, Medium and Good 601-910 lbs 18.50-20.50.

CALVES 450 Compared with 514 head last week. Vealers fully steady. Trading moderately active. Choice and Prime 36.00-40.00, few to 42.00, Good 31.00-36.00, Standard 28.00-31.00, Utility 24.00-28.00.

HOGS 1375 Compared with 1085 head last week. Barrows, gilts and sows steady. Trading fairly active. Barrows and gilts U S 1-2, 190-230 lbs 16.75-17.50, No 1, 190-225 lbs 17.50-18.00, U S 1-3, 190-240 lbs 16.25-16.75, U S 2-3, 230-260 lbs 15.50-16.00.

U S grade Sows 1-3, 300-450 lbs 12.00-13.00, U S 2-3, 450-600 lbs 11.00-12.00.

SHEEP 400 Compared with 277 head last week. Trading moderately active. Wooled slaughter lambs steady. Choice 70-100 lb 22.00-23.50, few lots Choice and Prime 23.50-24.00, Good 19.00-22.00, few lots Choice 70-80 lb fahl slaughter lambs 28.00-29.00.

Stockyards Volume Dips By 20 Per Cent

Livestock sales at the Lancaster Union Stock Yards in 1963 showed a 20 per cent decline from the previous year.

In a report issued by the Lancaster Livestock Exchange Wednesday showed a total dollar volume of \$44,059,049 at the local terminal market.

Compared to the \$55,059,578 in 1962, the current year's volume was down some \$11,000,529.

One of the major contributing factors, according to exchange officials, was a smaller feeder steer volume resulting from shortages of feed in the second year of drought conditions.

Lower fat cattle prices, as well as feeder steers and hogs also contributed to the decline.

Along with the dollar volume decline the exchange reported a five per cent drop in receipts.

Total receipts last year amounted to 349,167 head of (Continued on Page 3)

Chicago Cattle

WEEKLY REVIEW

Cattle — Receipts for the four days 26,400 compared with 25,000 last week, 25,600 a year ago.

Slaughter steers 25-50 lower, slaughter heifers steady to 25 lower, cows 25-75 higher, bulls steady, small supply of feeders weak.

Slaughter steers: Several loads Choice and Prime 1000-1185 lbs 22.50-23.00, three loads 1000-1050 lbs. 23.00, bulk High Choice and Prime 1200-1400 lbs 21.50-22.25, Loadlots Prime 1200-1375 lbs 22.00-22.25, three loads 1200-1250 lbs 22.50 on Monday, this the lowest top on Prime over 1200 lbs since October, 1946, Choice 900-1150 lbs 21.75-22.50, Bulk Choice 1100-1300 lbs 20.75-21.50, mostly Good 900-1200 lbs 19.50-21.00, load Good 950 lbs 21.75, Standard and Low Good 16.50-19.00, Utility and Standard Holsteins 15.00-16.50.

Slaughter Heifers: Choice 800-1100 lbs 20.75-22.00, Bulk 21.00-21.50, High Choice and Prime 850-1025 lbs 22.00-22.25, few loads High Choice and Prime 1060-1100 lbs 21.50-21.75, Good under 1000 lbs 19.50-20.50, Standard and Low Good 16.00-19.50.

Cows: Utility and Commercial 12.50-14.00, Canner and Cutter 11.50-13.50.

Bulls: Utility and Commercial 18.00-20.00.

Vintage Sale

Tuesday, Feb. 11

CATTLE: 441. Supply includes 25 percent cows. Compared with last Tuesday's market, slaughter steers grading Average Choice and Better 1.00 lower, all others steady to 25 lower. Cows grading Canner and Cutter 50 higher, Utility grade steady. Bulls 50 lower.

Slaughter steers: Choice 950-1250 lbs. 22.00-23.35, several down to 21.50, Good to low Choice 20.25-22.25, Standard 18.50-20.50.

Cows: Cutter and Utility 14.00-15.35, Canner and low Cutter 13.00-14.00, Shelly canner down to 11.50.

Utility and Commercial bulls 19.00-21.00.

CALVES 240. Choice grade vealers weak. Standard and Good steady. Utility strong. Choice 35.00-39.50, Good 31.00-35.00, Standard 27.00-31.00, Utility 24.50-28.00, cull down to 18.00.

HOGS 120 Barrows and gilts steady U S 1-3 204-223 lbs 16.00-16.60, No 1 168-191 lbs 15.85-16.25, Medium 130-164 lbs 14.25-14.60.

SHEEP 1 Not enough on sale to establish a market.

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New Holland Auction

Thursday, Feb. 13

CATTLE: 600. Supply includes 35 percent cows. Compared with last Thursday's market, slaughter steers steady to strong, cows grading Utility steady; Canner and Cutter 25 to -fully 50 higher. Bulls strong.

Choice 950-1275 lb. slaughter steers 22.00-23.50, few to 23.85, Good to low Choice 20.25-22.00, Standard 19.25-20.25.

Heifers: Good and Choice 750-900 lbs. 19.75-21.85, Utility and Standard 16.50-19.50.

Cows: Cutter and Utility 14.00-15.25, Canner and low Cutter 12.50-14.00, Shelly canner down to 11.00.

CALVES: 340 Vealers strong to 2.00 higher. Choice and Prime 36.00-42.00, few to 44.00, Good 33.00-36.00, Standard 29.00-32.00, Utility 24.50-29.00, cull 19.00-24.00.

SHEEP 0 Nothing on offer.

Dairy cows were slow and barely steady at the February 12 auction. Receipts included 114 cows and seven stock heifers.

Fresh Holstein cows brought

\$275-360; Guernseys \$150-225 and other breeds \$150-250. Stock heifers sold for \$45-165.

At the Feb. 10 auction of horses, ponies and mules, the 264 head sold about steady. Mules by the pair brought \$300-470, and \$130-210 singly. Riding horses sold for \$110-250, and driving horses brought \$110-270. Pony mares were \$40-80, and geldings \$30-80. Killer horses continued at 6 to 6½ cents a pound.

Hogs were 25 higher as 529 head crossed the block at the Feb. 10 auction. Retail hogs to local butchers brought 17.50-18.25, while grades 1 to 3 went to the packers at 16.25 to 17. Heavy hogs brought 15.50-16. The 15 shoats sold for \$10.50 to \$30 per head.

Calves sold steady to strong at the Feb. 10 auction as 135 head changed hands. Choice and prime vealers brought \$6-42, good and low choice \$4-36, standard \$3-34, and cull and common \$2-26.

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