

MARKET NEWS REPORT

At Lancaster Yards

Weekly Review
December 24, 1969

CATTLE 1100 — Compared to last weeks close slaughter steers steady to 50 higher; cows fully steady; small supply bulls steady. Supply included 40 percent slaughter steers and 40 percent cows and bulls.

SLAUGHTER STEERS — Load High Choice and Prime 1320 lb 29.50 on Monday; Choice 975-1325 lb 29.00-30.35; high Good and low Choice 28-35-29.10; Good 27.25-28.50; Standard and low Good 25.75-27.25.

COWS — Utility and high dressing Cutter 20.50-22.00, few 22.25-22.85; Cutter 18.75-21.00, Canner and low Cutter 17.00-19.00.

BULLS — Choice 28.00-29.00; Good 26.50-28.00; Utility and Commercial 25.75-28.00, few to 29.00.

CALVES 350 — Vealers steady to 2.00 higher with closing sales showing most advance

VEALERS — Choice 48.00-

Home Economists Meet In Little Rock

The Home Economists Coordinating Committee met in early December in Little Rock, Arkansas to discuss the 1970 consumer education and promotion plans for the egg industry

This committee, now in its second year, was formed with the purpose of coordinating activities of home economists and marketing specialists on a state, regional and national basis

Pat Myles, Director of Home Economics for the Poultry and Egg National Board, outlined the national PENB promotions for the coming year. Suggestions were made on how each individual could tie-in with these promotions in their own areas

A luncheon was held and special invited guests were Dr. Ava Rogers, State Leader, Extension Home Economics, Miss Francille Kellion, Nutritionist Extension Service, and Miss Ruth Powell, Director, School Food Services

Co-hostesses for the Little Rock meeting were Bonnie Campbell and Pam Armstrong of the Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission, who were commended by the committee for the fine arrangements they had made

The committee will meet in the Spring in Washington, D. C. "The USDA home economists are arranging for an interesting tour of government facilities while we're there, so I hope we'll have a good turnout," said Pat Myles

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CATTLE 320 — Compared to Monday slaughter steers fully 50 higher; cows fully steady; bulls mostly steady.

SLAUGHTER STEERS — Choice 975-1325 lb. 29.10-30.35; high Good and low Choice 28.35-29.10. Good 27.25-28.50; Standard and low Good 26.25-27.25.

COWS — Utility and high dressing Cutter 20.50-22.00, few 22.25-22.85; Cutter 19.50-20.50; Canner and low Cutter 17.50-19.00.

BULLS — Choice 28.00-29.00; Good 26.50-28.00; Utility and Commercial 27.00-29.00.

CALVES 44 — Vealers 1.00-2.00 higher.

VEALERS — Few Choice 51-50-53.50, Good 48.00-51.00; Standard 42.00-45.00, Utility 34-00-40.00, Cull 27.00-31.00

HOGS 39 — Barrows and gilts 25-50 higher

BARROWS AND GILTS — US 1 190-205 lb 30.50. US 2-3 190-265 lb 29.00-29.25.

SHEEP — None.

52.00 few 52.50-53.50. Good 45-00-50.00; Standard 40.00-45.00; Utility 32.00-40.00, Cull 90-120 lb 28.00-32.00, 65-85 lb 25.00-29.00

HOGS 650 — Barrows and gilts 25-75 higher

BARROWS AND GILTS — Closing sales. US 1 190-205 lb. 30.50 US 2-3 — 190-265 lb. 29.00-29.25

SHEEP 150 — Woolled lambs steady, slaughter ewes scarce.

WOOLED LAMBS — Choice 70-85 lb 28.00-29.00, few lots 30.00, Good 65-85 lb 24.00-28.00.

Vintage Auction

December 23, 1969

CATTLE 501 — Compared to last Tuesday slaughter steers strong to 50 higher; cows uneven Utility steady, Canner and Cutter strong to 50 higher; bulls scarce. Supply included 35 percent cows.

SLAUGHTER STEERS — High Choice and Prime 1050-1200 lb. 31.00-31.60, three head 32.00-32.60; Choice 950-1350 lb 29.00-31.00; high-Good and low Choice 28.25-29.50; Good 26.25-28.75.

COWS — Utility and high dressing Cutter 20.50-22.00, several 22.10-23.00; Cutter 19.25-21.25; Canner and low Cutter 17.75-19.25.

BULLS — Few Utility and Commercial 26.50-28.50

CALVES 335 — Vealers \$2.00 higher, instances \$4.00 higher on Cull.

VEALERS — Choice 51.00-53.50, ten head 54.00-55.50, Good 47.00-50.50; Standard 42.50-46.50, Utility 36.00-42.00, Cull 90-120 lb 29.50-35.00, 65-85 lb 27.50-31.50.

HOGS 378 — Barrows and gilts fully steady.

BARROWS AND GILTS — US 1 200-215 lbs. 29.50-30.00 US 1-2 200-240 lbs. 29.00-29.35. US 2-3 190-240 lbs. 28.50-28.85. US 3-4 350-255 lbs 27.25-27.75. US 2 175-180 lbs. 27.75-28.50.

SHEEP 15 — Insufficient volume for a market test.

FUTURES TRADING

(Closing bid as of Wednesday, December 24, 1969)

	Chicago Cattle	Chicago Hogs	New York Maine Potatoes	New York Fresh Eggs
December	30.22			
January '70				51.70
February	29.90	28.25		46.50
March			3.18	45.25
April	30.65	26.80	3.38	40.50
May			4.06	38.60
June	30.75	27.35		
July		27.45		
August	30.87			
October	30.20			

a-asked b-bid n-nominal

Trend Cattle are higher; Hogs are higher, Potatoes are higher and Eggs are lower

New Holland Auction

The New Holland Thursday sale was not held due to Christmas Holiday, so no report is given.

Chicago Cattle

Weekly Review

CATTLE — Compared with last weeks close. Slaughter steers 50-75 higher. Slaughter heifers 50 higher. Cows 50-75 higher and bulls 50 lower. Receipts 80 percent slaughter steers 17 percent heifers with the balance mostly cows. Overall finish of steers about the same as last week with 17 percent Prime and 72 percent Choice this compares with 16 percent Prime and 71 percent Choice last week and 12 percent Prime and 78 percent Choice a year ago. Average cost and weight of steers estimated at 28.85 and 1160 lbs this compared with 28.75 and 1155 lbs last week and 29.28 and 1152 lbs

A recent report from our Veterinary Science Department at Penn State reveals that outbreaks of hog cholera were nearly twice the number in 1969 as compared to 1968. Several states accounted for a large percentage of these outbreaks. Along the eastern seaboard we notice that South Carolina, North Carolina, and Maryland are mentioned. Every hog producer and livestock dealer should make every effort to eradicate this dreaded disease or swine. Pig traffic through public markets, and garbage feeding of hogs may have to be stopped entirely. Pennsylvania pig feeders should be very sure they know the exact source of all feeder pigs they buy, and pigs should never be fed any garbage unless it is thoroughly cooked. Strict sanitation practices and prompt reporting of sick animals are also very important

a year ago. Heifer supply mostly High Good to Prime weighing 850-1050 lbs.

SLAUGHTER STEERS — Prime 1200-1400 lbs. Yield Grade 3 and 4 29.50-30.00, eight loads at latter price. Mixed High Choice and Prime 1100-1400 lbs. 29.25-29.75, one load 1100 lbs. 30.00. Choice 950-1150 lbs. Yield Grade 2 to 4 28.75-29.75, Choice 1150-1350 lbs. Yield Grade 3 and 4 28.50-29.25. Mixed Good and Choice 28.00-28.75, Good 26.75-28.00. Standard and Low Good 25.00-26.75.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS — High Choice and Prime 900-1050 lbs 28.75-29.00, Five loads at 29.00, Choice 850-1025 lbs. Yield Grade 2 to 4 28.00-28.50, Mixed Good and Choice 27.00-27.75, Good 25.00-27.00.

COWS — Utility and Commercial 19.25-20.75, High Dressing Utility 21.00-21.25. Canner and Cutter 17.50-20.00.

How much wood should you get if you buy a "cord" for your stove or fireplace? This is often asked at this time of the year when there is considerable interest in getting the Winter's supply on hand. Our forester informs us that a cord of wood is defined as "the amount of wood contained in 128 cubic feet of space." This is a neatly piled rank of wood four feet high, four feet wide and eight feet long (from left to right) but may only be pieces 16 to 18 inches long, instead of the eight feet long; in this case the buyer is only getting about 1/2 of a cord of wood, because of the shorter pieces. Hardwoods in general make better fireplace wood and most wood should be dried for at least a year before it burns well without coaxing from other materials



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