

MARKET NEWS REPORT

At Lancaster Yards

Weekly Review

December 31, 1969

CATTLE 1200 — Slaughter steers uneven. Choice 950-1150 lb steady to 50 lower, other weights and grades 50-100 lower, instance 150 lower on mixed Good and Choice over 1350 lb. Cows steady to 25 higher, most advance on Canner and Cutter. Bulls fully steady. Supply included 50 percent slaughter steers with balance mainly cows and bulls.

SLAUGHTER STEERS — Few high Choice and Prime 1050-1225 lb 29 50-30 10. Choice 1000-1100 lb 28 85-29 85, 1100-1325 lb 28 35-29 25, high Good and low Choice 950-1200 lb 27 60-28 85, 1200-1350 lb 27 35-28 35, several 1375-1450 lb 26 10-27 25, Good 26 00-28 25.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS — Choice 850-1075 lb 26 00-27 50, Good 24 75-26 00, Standard 22 00-24 75.

COWS — Utility and high dressing Cutter 20 75-22 50, Cutter 19 50-21 50, Canner and low Cutter 17 50-19 75.

BULLS — Choice 28 75-29 00, Good 26 10-28 00, Utility and Commercial 26 75-28 25, Cutter and low Utility 24 25-25 00.

CALVES 500 — Vealers mostly steady, although Cull and Utility 1 00-3 00 lower.

VEALERS — Choice 49 00-52 50, few 53 00-54 00, Good 48 00-49 00, Standard 40 00-45 00, Utility 31 00-40 00, Cull 24 00-30 00.

HOGS 1100 — Barrows and gilts closed the weak 100-150 lower.

BARROWS AND GILTS — Closing sales, US 2-3 200-240 lb 27 35-27 60, US 1 one lot 220 lb 29 25, US 3-4 245-265 lb 26 60-27 10.

SHEEP 200 — Woolled lambs 50-100 higher, ewes scarce.

WOOLED LAMBS — Choice 65 95 lb 29 00-31 00, Good 25 00-29 00.

Roman Festival

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CATTLE 599 — Slaughter steers uneven, Choice 950-1150 lb steady to 50 lower, other weights and grades 50-100 lower, instance 150 lower on mixed Good and Choice over 1350 lb; cows mostly steady; bulls fully steady.

SLAUGHTER STEERS — Few High Choice and Prime 150-1225 lb 29 50-30 10; Choice 1000-1100 lb 28 85-29 85, Choice 1100-1325 lb 28 35-29 25, mixed Good and low Choice 950-1200 lb 27 60-28 85, 1200-1350 lb 27 35-28 35, several 1375-1450 lb 26 10-27 25, Good 26 25-28 00.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS — Choice 850-1075 lb 26 00-27 50; Good 24 75-26 00, Standard 22 00-24 75.

COWS — Utility and high-dressing Cutter 20 75-22 25, Cutter 19 75-21 50, Canner and low Cutter 18 25-19 75.

BULLS — Choice 28 75-29 00, Good 26 10-28 00, Utility and Commercial 26 75-28 25, Cutter and low Utility 24 25-25 00.

CALVES 134 — Vealers mostly steady, although Cull and Utility 1 00-3 00 lower.

VEALERS — Choice 49 00-52 50, few 53 00-54 00, Good 48 00-49 00, Standard 40 00-46 00, Utility 31 00-40 00, Cull 24 00-30 00.

HOGS 200 — Barrows and gilts 150-200 lower.

BARROWS AND GILTS — US 2-3 200-240 lb 27 35-27 60, US 1 one lot 220 lb 29 25, US 3-4 245-265 lb 26 60-27 10, US 2 one lot 187 lb 26 50.

SHEEP 7 — Insufficient volume for a market test, one lot Choice 95 lb 29 00.

FUTURES TRADING

(Closing bids as of Wednesday, December 31, 1969)

	Chicago Cattle	Chicago Hogs	New York Maine Potatoes	New York Fresh Eggs
January				51.30
February	29.35	27.25		45.25
March			3.35	43.80
April	29.95	26.30	3.55	39.40
May			4.21	38.00
June	30.10	26.90		
July		26.75		
August	30.35			
September				39.95
October	29.75			
December	29.80			

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Trend: Cattle are lower; Hogs are lower; Potatoes are higher and Eggs are lower.

Vintage Auction

December 30, 1969

CATTLE 564 — Slaughter steers 50-100 lower, instance 150 lower on high Choice and Prime and weights over 1200 lb; cows uneven. Utility steady to 50 higher. Canner and Cutter 50-100 higher; bulls scarce, small supply steady to strong. Supply included 40 percent cows.

SLAUGHTER STEERS — Small supply high Choice and Prime 1050-1175 lb 29 10-30 35, few 30 50-30 75; Choice 950-1250 lb 28 50-30 00, 1250-1400 lb 27 75-28 75; high Good and low Choice 950-1200 lb 27 75-29 00, 1200-1350 lb 26 60-28 00, Good 26 50-28 00.

COWS — Utility and high dressing Cutter 20 75-22 75, few 22 75-23 00, Cutter 19 75-22 00, Canner and low Cutter 18 50-20 00.

BULLS — Utility and Commercial 27 50-29 00.

CALVES 113 — Vealers mostly 1 00-3 00 lower, although Cull 5 00-6 00 lower.

VEALERS — Choice 48 00-51 50, Good 46 00-49 00, Standard 40 50-46 00, Utility 31 00-41 00, mainly 32 00-37 00, Cull 90-120 lb 24 00-30 00, 65-85 lb 22 00-26 00.

HOGS 186 — Barrows and gilts 50-100 lower.

BARROWS AND GILTS — US 1 210-240 lb 29 00-29 60, US 1-2 200-255 lb 28 25-28 75, US 2-3 200-255 lb 27 50-28 10, US 2 180-190 lb 25 85-27 00, US 2 155-170 lb 24 00-25 25.

SHEEP 22 — Insufficient volume to fully test trends, one lot Choice 40 lb, lambs 32 50.

New Holland Auction

The New Year's sale at New Holland was not reported this week, due to the holiday.

COWS

December 31, 1969

Receipts of 78 cows, 2 bulls and 3 heifers sold steady. Holstein 425 850; Other breeds 275-350; Bulls 305 380. Heifers 250-320.

Chicago Cattle

Weekly Review

CATTLE — Compared with last weeks close Slaughter steers 50-100 lower. Slaughter heifers 50-75 lower. Cows 50 higher. Bulls steady. Receipts 72 percent Slaughter steers with 25 percent heifers. Overall finish of steers around 17 percent Prime. 75 percent Choice this compared with 12 percent Prime and 78 percent Choice a year ago. Average cost and weight of Steers estimated at 28 60 and 1195 lbs as compared with 29 20 and 1147 lbs a year ago. Average weight of steers heaviest since April 1964. Rest same as early.

SLAUGHTER STEERS — Prime 1200-1400 lbs yield Grade 3 and 4 28 75-29 25, two loads at 29 25, High Choice and Prime 1100-1350 lbs 28 00-29 00, Choice 950-1150 lbs yield Grade 2 to 4 28 00-29 00, late 28 00-28 50 early, load high Choice around 1100 lbs 29 25, Choice 1150-1375 lbs 27 50-28 50, Mixed Good and Choice 27 00-28 00, Good 26 50-27 25, Standard and low Good 25 00-26 50.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS — High Choice and Prime 950-1130 lbs yield Grade 3 and 4 28 00-28 50, one load at 28 50. Choice 850-1050 lbs yield Grade 2 to 4 27 25-28 00, Good and Choice 26 75-27 25, Good 25 00-26 50.

COWS — Utility and Commercial 20 00-21 50, few High Dressing Cutter and Utility 21 50-22 00, Canner and Cutter 18 00-20 75.

BULLS — Utility and Commercial 24 00-26 50. Around 15 loads of Steers still in first hands.

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HORSES

December 29, 1969

Receipts of 112 horses sold steady. Work horses (single) 145-220; Riding horses 100-400; Driving horses 115-365; Ponies 10 25; Killers 6-7.

HOGS

December 29, 1969

Receipts of 1151 hogs sold 25 50 higher. Retail 29 75-30 50; Wholesale 29 25-29 75; Heavyweights 27 50-29.

CALVES

December 29, 1969

Receipts of 196 calves sold steady to 100 higher on Choice and Prime Choice and Prime 46 53; Good and L Choice 41 45 50, Standard 35 40 50; Common 20 34 50.

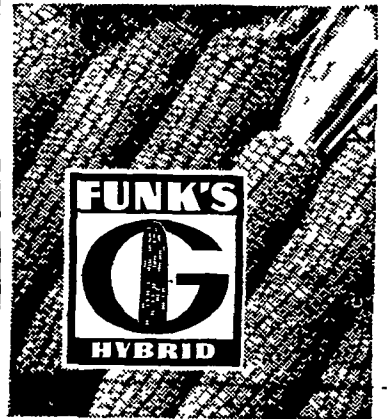
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