Livestock market and auction news

St. Louis Cattle Thursday, May 13 Report supplied by USDA

Receipts this week: 5,200
Week Ago: 4,700
Year Ago: 4,700

Compared with last weeks close, slaughter steers uneven, generally steady. Slaughter heifers firm to .50 higher. Cows mostly 1.00, instances 2.00 higher on boning utility. Bulls mostly 1.50 higher. Slaughter supply mainly Choice and Choice and Prime 1050-1200 lbs. steers, around 35% heifers and 10% cows.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: Mixed Choice and Prime 2-4 1050-1275 lbs. 69.50-73.00, part load early 74.00, closing 69.50-71.00. Choice 2-4 950-1275 lbs. 67.50-72.00, closing sales 67.50-69.50, several 68.00-69.50. Mixed Good and Choice 2-4 900-1225 lbs. 67.00-71.00. Good 2-3 900-1175 lbs. 65.00-69.00. Mostly Good 2-3 1050-1300 lbs. holsteins 56.00-65.00.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: Mixed Choice and Prime 2-4 875-1075 lbs. 68.00-70.00, part load early 70.50, closing sales 68.00-69.00. Few part loads high-Choice and Prime 2-4 1050-1100 lbs. 69.00-70.00 late.

Choice 2-4 850-1050 lbs. 66.00-69.50, closing week sales 66.00-68.00. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 800-1000 lbs. 64.00-68.00. Good 2-3 750-975 lbs. 61.00-66.00.

COWS: Closing week sales: Utility and Commercial 2-4 40.00-44.00. Boning Utility 1-2 44.00-46.00. Few High-Yielding Utility 46.00-47.00. Cutter 1-2 39.00-43.00. Canner and Low Cutter 1-2 34.00-39.00.

BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2 1050-1800 ibs. 48.00-54.00, closing sales 48.00-53.00. Yield Grade 1 1300-1700 ibs. 54.00-55.00 early, not tested late.

FEEDERS: (Including around 1,600 at the regular Thursday auction.) Feeder steers and heifers firm to 1.00 higher. Supply mainly Medium Frame 1 300-800 lbs. steers and 300-700 lbs. heifers. Overall quality improved over previous weeks.

STEERS: Medium Frame 1: 300-600 lbs. 67.00-71.50; 600-900 lbs. 64.00-68.00. Medium Frame 1-2: 300-700 lbs. 62.00-67.50. Large Frame 2 Holsteins: 475-650 lbs. 55.00-57.75.

FEEDER HEIFERS: Medium Frame 1: 300-700 lbs. 58.00-61.50. Medium Frame 1-2: 300-700 lbs. 55.00-58.00. Omaha Cattle
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Weekly 51 Cattle - through
midweek Slaughter Steers and
Heifers 1.50-2.00 higher. Cows
steady to .50 higher, advance on
Utility and Commercial. Bulls
steady.

Fed cattle prices advanced for the sixth consecutive week under a good demand from most interests. Aside from Monday, overall finish was ordinary, with many cattle falling into the top good to average choice range. This is a direct result of a willingness by Feeders to market cattle as soon as is practical. Some erosion present in dressed beef trade at midweek was not reflected in live price levels, as available Wednesday supply moderate and some buyers forced to fill immediate slaughter needs.

Steers made up 51 pct. of the week's receipts; Heifers 33 pct.; Cows 8 pct.; Feeders 6 pct. four day receipts 12145; last week 11384; year ago 13542.

STEERS: Earlier in week load Choice 2-3 1245 lbs. 75.25. At the close load Choice and Prime mostly 3 1275 lbs. 75.00. Choice 2-4 1075-1275 lbs. 73.00-73.75, few loads 74.00-74.50. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 1000-1200 lbs. 71.50-73.00. Few Good 68.00-71.50. Through the week, mixed Good and Choice 2-3 1200-1350 lb. Holsteins 64.00-65.75.

part loads Choice, few Prime mostly 3 1000-1050 lbs. 72.00 Load same grade 1000 lbs 71.75. Scattered loads and packages Choice 2-4 950-1075 lbs. 70 00-71.25, few 71 50 Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 900-1025 lbs. 69.00-70.00. Good 64.00-69 00.

Average of LS 214 detailed quotations for Choice 900-1100 lbs Steers 72.30, 1100-1300 lbs. 73.95. Average cost Steers 72.90 average weight 1136 lbs., as compared 70.20 and 1150 lbs a week ago Average

cost Heifers 69.61, average weight 1005 lbs as compared 67.56 and 1006 lbs. a week ago.

COWS: High Cutter, Utility and Commercial 1-3 41.50-44.00 Cutter 38.50-41.50. Canner and low Cutter 34.00-38.50.

BULLS. 1-2 1100-1800 lbs 48 00-51 00, individual 1 55 00.



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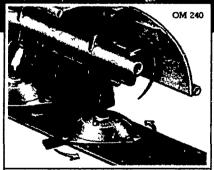
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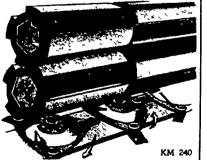


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