

Toronto, Montreal, Buffalo, and Other Leading Markets

Week Ending October 3

Receipts and Market Tops.

Dominion Department of Agriculture, Live Stock Branch, Markets Intelligence Division

	CATTLE						CALVES					
	Receipts			Top Price Good Steers (1,000-1,200)			Receipts			Top Price Good Calves		
	Week Ending Oct. 3	Same Week 1917	Week Ending Sept. 26	Week Ending Oct. 3	Same Week 1917	Week Ending Sept. 26	Week Ending Oct. 3	Same Week 1917	Week Ending Sept. 26	Week Ending Oct. 3	Same Week 1917	Week Ending Sept. 26
Toronto (Union Stock Yards)	8,456	8,702	8,524	\$14.25	\$11.00	\$15.25	650	590	760	\$17.50	\$16.00	\$17.50
Montreal (Pt. St. Charles)	2,126	1,850	2,167	13.00	10.50	13.25	986	693	924	16.00	14.00	15.50
Montreal (East End)	2,603	2,466	2,462	13.00	10.50	13.25	655	557	1,240	16.00	14.00	15.50
Winnipeg	17,227	11,196	13,575	14.00	11.00	15.00	363	526	384	12.00	10.00	12.00
Calgary	6,131	2,972	3,817	14.00	10.25	13.50						
Edmonton	2,623	1,376	1,748	13.25	8.75	13.50	130	81	81	9.00	9.00	7.75

	HOGS						SHEEP					
	Receipts			Top Price Selects			Receipts			Top Price Good Lambs		
	Week Ending Oct. 3	Same Week 1917	Week Ending Sept. 26	Week Ending Oct. 3	Same Week 1917	Week Ending Sept. 26	Week Ending Oct. 3	Same Week 1917	Week Ending Sept. 26	Week Ending Oct. 3	Same Week 1917	Week Ending Sept. 26
Toronto (Union Stock Yards)	6,824	10,055	4,608	\$19.75	\$19.15	\$19.75	7,827	9,391	8,295	\$16.75	\$17.25	\$17.50
Montreal (Pt. St. Charles)	2,697	2,248	2,277	19.75	19.00	20.25	3,639	3,972	4,058	16.00	14.75	17.00
Montreal (East End)	1,506	1,054	1,372	19.75	19.00	20.25	2,469	2,620	3,536	16.00	14.75	17.00
Winnipeg	1,657	2,582	1,433	19.00	17.50	19.00	2,864	1,875	856	17.00	15.50	17.00
Calgary	1,326	1,080	1,130	19.50	17.25	19.25	825	351	1,438	14.00	15.50	14.00
Edmonton	440	386	354	18.75	17.25	18.75	789	36	48	17.00	12.50	13.00

Market Comments.

Toronto (Union Stock Yards).

Cattle prices received a rather severe set back at the Yards during the week, and the ten thousand head on sale met with a slow demand at prices ruling lower on all grades of cattle. Attracted by the high prices paid for choice cattle the previous week, the week's offerings included many loads of good heavy steers; these proved to be very slow sellers. The quotations were perhaps about 50 cents lower on Monday followed by a further decline of 25 cents on Tuesday and Wednesday, and many loads of heavy cattle that were in the pens Monday remained unsold until Wednesday and Thursday. One load for which \$14.50 was the top bid on Monday secured a bid of only \$13.50 on Thursday, while another load for which \$13.50 was bid on Monday sold on Thursday at \$12.50; these sales are a fair indication of the extent of the decline in prices. Medium cattle suffered more severely than did choice killers and with Buffalo prices also ruling lower export outlet was closed and drovers had no alternative but to accept the reduction. The hopeful war situation undoubtedly affected the prices adversely and this coupled with heavy deliveries of cattle from Western Canada to local abattoirs sent the prices tumbling downward. Further heavy shipments of western cattle are anticipated during the next few weeks, and it is doubtful if prices will recover much before next December. The best sales of heavy cattle were made on Monday when two extra good loads of thirteen hundred pounds average sold at \$14.50, a few head at \$15.25, and other loads from \$14 to \$14.75. In the class for steers from ten hundred to twelve hundred pounds, one load averaging eleven hundred pounds each sold on Monday at \$14.25, another load of eleven hundred and twenty-five pounds at \$14.10, while other sales were made at \$13.25 to \$14. For choice light steers and heifers under ten hundred pounds weight, \$12.50 was about the top price paid on Monday, while from \$11 to \$12 was the range for the balance of the week; medium butchers within these weights sold from \$9.50 to \$10, and common from \$8 to \$9. Cows and bulls ruled lower in price in sympathy with the reductions on other grades of cattle, those of choice quality realizing from \$9.50 to \$10.25, and a few selling at \$10.50, while medium cows sold from \$8 to \$8.75, and common from \$6.50 to \$7.50. Bologna bulls were in fair demand from \$7 to \$8. Stockers and feeders were in good demand, and total shipments to Ontario farmers for the week will probably reach eighteen hundred head or within two hundred of the previous week's shipments. Good feeders sold from \$10 to \$11, and good stockers at \$9 to \$9.25. A nice load of western yearling heifers of about seven hundred pounds each sold at \$8.90 per hundred. Common eastern stockers were selling from \$7.50 to \$8.50 per hundred. Canners and cutters were in demand at \$5.25 to 6.25 per hundred. Calves were about steady with the exception of those of heavy and of coarse quality which were ruling a little lower. Lambs suffered a decline about equal to that of cattle, and with the exception of a few lambs that sold on Monday

TORONTO (Union Stock Yards)					MONTREAL (Pt. St. Charles)				
Classification	No.	Avg. Price	Price Range Bulk Sales	Top Price	No.	Avg. Price	Price Range Bulk Sales	Top Price	
STEERS									
heavy finished	269	\$14.21	\$13.50-\$14.75	\$15.50	98	\$12.25	\$12.00-\$13.00	\$13.00	
STEERS good	646	13.75	12.75-14.00	14.25					
1,000-1,200 common	103	12.00	11.00-12.50	12.50					
STEERS good	638	12.06	11.25-12.50	12.75	162	11.00	10.50-12.50	12.50	
700-1,000 common	1,149	9.25	8.75-9.75	10.50	236	8.75	7.75-10.00	10.00	
STEERS good	636	12.24	11.00-12.75	13.00	17	10.00	9.50-11.00	11.00	
HEIFERS fair	319	9.80	9.00-10.25	10.50	70	9.00	8.50-9.50	9.50	
common	325	8.25	7.75-8.75	9.00	295	7.75	7.00-8.50	8.50	
Cows good	638	9.74	9.00-10.25	10.50	56	9.25	9.00-10.25	10.25	
common	1,073	7.70	7.00-8.00	8.50	205	7.75	7.00-8.25	8.50	
BULLS good	63	9.63	9.00-10.25	10.50	2	9.00	9.00-	9.00	
common	293	7.51	7.00-8.25	9.50	631	7.00	6.40-7.50	8.50	
CANNERS & CUTTERS	537	5.74	5.25-6.25	6.25	306	5.75	5.00-6.50	6.50	
OXEN	13				8	12.50	10.00-14.00	14.00	
CALVES veal	637	15.00	14.00-16.50	17.50	161	12.50	12.00-16.00	16.00	
grass	13	8.00	7.00-9.00	9.00	825	6.75	6.00-7.50	7.50	
STOCKERS good	872	9.53	9.00-10.00	10.00					
450-800 fair	724	8.84	7.50-9.00	9.25					
FEEDERS good	133	11.00	10.75-11.50	11.50					
800-1,000 fair	25	10.50	10.00-10.75	10.75					
HOGS selects	6,099	19.45	19.25-19.75	19.75	1,164	19.60	19.50-19.75	19.75	
(fed and watered) heavies					394	19.00	18.00-19.50	19.50	
lights	508	18.33	17.25-19.50	19.50	89	16.60	16.50-16.75	16.75	
sows	211	17.82	17.00-19.50	19.50	8				
stags	6	15.50	15.50-	15.50					
LAMBS good	6,693	16.32	16.00-16.75	16.75	1,346	15.50	15.00-16.00	16.00	
common	495	14.88	14.00-15.50	15.50	1,822	14.00	13.75-14.50	14.50	
heavy	148	12.38	11.00-13.50	13.50					
light	349	14.27	13.00-15.50	16.50	141	12.25	12.00-12.50	12.50	
SHEEP common	142	10.12	8.00-12.00	12.00	330	10.50	10.50-	11.00	

morning at \$17 to \$17.25. The top price for the week was about \$16.50 on straight lots or a decline of about \$1 from the previous week's prices. The market closed on Thursday with quotation steady at this level. Breeding sheep are selling from \$14.50 to \$16.50 per hundred or almost equal to the lambs. They are meeting a fair inquiry at this range.

Hog prices remain somewhat irregular comparing fed and watered prices and "f. o. b." prices country points. The fed and watered quotation given out this week was \$19.25 while a few decks went to local butchers at \$19.50. Hogs continue to be bought "f. o. b." in the country at prices about equal to that of fed and watered stock. The buyers endeavor to overcome this in certain instances by buying loads at a flat figure, allowing sows and heavies to grade in with selects.

Of the disposition for the week ending September 26, Canadian packing houses purchased 405 calves, 3,200 heavy steers, 1,731 butcher cattle, 187 stockers, 103 feeders, 60 hogs, 104 sheep and 4,935 lambs. Local butchers purchased 375 calves, 250 steers, 200 butcher cattle, 527 hogs and 1,200 lambs. Canadian shipments consisted of 31 calves, 12 milch cows, 787 stockers, 686 feeders, 127 sheep and 510 lambs. Shipments to United States points were 29 calves, 21

canners and cutters, 126 butcher cattle, 490 stockers, 41 feeders, 4 hogs, 201 sheep and 635 lambs.

The total receipts from January 1 to September 26, inclusive were: 198,939 cattle, 46,588 calves, 247,800 hogs and 63,969 sheep; compared with 200,430 cattle, 38,792 calves, 342,759 hogs and 73,570 sheep, received during the corresponding period of 1917.

Montreal.

Under continued heavy receipts of stock the market for cattle of good quality remains quite firm. The best load offered during the week sold at \$13 per hundred. While the steers in this load averaged only about ten hundred and sixty pounds, the finish was choice. A number of loads of heavier weights, but not as well finished, sold from \$11.50 to \$12.50 per hundred. Quite a lot of common quality steers of light weights were offered. These weighed from six hundred to seven hundred and fifty pounds and sold from \$7.75 to \$8 per hundred; steers weighing from eight hundred to nine hundred and fifty pounds sold from \$9 to \$9.50 per hundred. Few good cows were offered; those on hand sold from \$9.25 to \$10.25, while most of the sales of cows of fair quality were made around \$9. Common grades of cows and light heifers

suffered a decline ranging from 25 cents to 50 cents per hundred. The average price of bulls of light weights and common quality was off 15 cents, compared with the previous week's prices, while the average prices on bulls of weights ranging from eight hundred pounds up were off from 25 cents to 50 cents per hundred, this class selling mostly at \$7.25. One choice ox sold at \$14, while other sales were made down to \$10 per hundred. Choice veal calves sold as high as \$16 per hundred and down to \$9. Grass calves were lower in value, those of common quality selling at \$6.50.

While the receipts of lambs were slightly over fourteen hundred head fewer than those of the previous week, the absence of outside buyers and the lower quotations from other markets, caused a decline in prices of 75 cents to \$1.25 per hundred on lambs and from 50 cents to 75 cents on sheep.

There were wide variations in the prices paid for hogs during the week, due to the varying percentages of light weight hogs in the loads offered. Straight loads of select hogs sold at \$20 per hundred off car weights. Short run and loads containing a sprinkling of light hogs sold at \$19.75, off car weights. Small lots of light hogs were hard to dispose of. Sows sold at \$3 below these prices.

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at the recent Ayrshire Que., September 25, \$10,310 at Old Home, sold averaged \$191. Over, averaged \$297; 15 average of \$111, and Only three bulls were being secured for Chief purchased by Hector. The highest priced selling to B. J. Taylor, early all of the animals Mr. Gordon, will re- The number of people considering the most which had been ex- us to the sale. The s, where the purchase

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