

Toronto, Montreal, Buffalo, and Other Leading Markets

Week Ending January 9

Receipts and Market Tops

Dominion Department of Agriculture
Stock Branch, Markets Intelligence Division

CATTLE							CALVES						
(1,000-1,200)							Receipts			Top Price Good Calves			
	Week Ending Jan. 9	Same Week 1918	Week Ending Jan. 2	Week Ending Jan. 9	Same Week 1918	Week Ending Jan. 2	Week Ending Jan. 9	Same Week 1918	Week Ending Jan. 2	Week Ending Jan. 9	Same Week 1918	Week Ending Jan. 2	
Toronto (Union Stock Yards)	5,851	4,021	2,593	\$14.00	\$12.00	\$14.00	540	350	289	\$19.00	\$16.00	\$17.75	
Montreal (Pt. St. Charles)	1,015	305	598	13.50	11.25		252	115	168	14.00	16.50	14.00	
Montreal (East End)	1,018	400	950	13.50	11.25		96	47	135	14.00	16.50	14.00	
Winnipeg	2,695	461	1,184	14.00	11.00	13.00	46	23	6	10.50	10.00	9.00	
Calgary	2,464	871	554	14.00	10.10	13.50		26					
Edmonton	757	141	319	13.00	9.00	12.75	9	3	11		10.00	9.00	

HOGS							SHEEP						
Top Price Selects							Receipts			Top Price Good Lambs			
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Toronto (Union Stock Yards)	9,699	7,229	3,186	\$19.00	\$18.75	\$18.50	5,095	1,253	2,274	\$16.75	\$19.25	\$16.00	
Montreal (Pt. St. Charles)	1,697	441	1,142	19.15	19.30	18.60	712	965	1,051	14.00	16.50	14.00	
Montreal (East End)	600	605	659	19.15	19.30	18.60	366	360	626	14.00	16.50	14.00	
Winnipeg	12,588	2,394	2,048	18.00	17.75	18.00	199	169	430	18.00	17.75	15.25	
Calgary	5,173	2,604	1,279	17.75	17.60	17.40	106	213	276	13.00	15.75	13.50	
Edmonton	1,364	445	379	17.00	17.35	17.25	305		92	13.50	16.00	13.50	

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				STEERS										
				heavy finished.....										
				STEERS	good.....	168.....	\$13.41.....	\$13.00-\$13.75.....	\$14.00.....	6.....	\$12.75.....	\$12.00-\$13.50.....	\$13.50.....	
				1,000-1,200	common.....									
				STEERS	good.....	1,023.....	12.59.....	12.00- 13.00.....	13.50.....	68.....	11.75.....	11.00- 12.00.....	12.00.....	
				700-1,000	common.....	341.....	10.26.....	9.75- 11.00.....	11.50.....	58.....	9.25.....	8.50- 10.00.....	10.25.....	
				HEIFERS	good.....	1,072.....	12.82.....	12.25- 13.50.....	14.00.....	17.....	10.75.....	10.00- 11.00.....	11.00.....	
					fair.....	215.....	10.71.....	10.00- 11.00.....	11.00.....	32.....	9.50.....	8.50- 10.00.....	10.00.....	
					common.....	80.....	8.89.....	8.50- 9.50.....	10.00.....	78.....	7.25.....	6.50- 7.50.....	8.25.....	
				COWS	good.....	416.....	9.52.....	9.00- 10.00.....	11.00.....	48.....	10.00.....	9.00- 11.00.....	11.00.....	
					common.....	986.....	7.61.....	6.75- 8.25.....	8.50.....	143.....	8.00.....	7.00- 8.50.....	9.00.....	
				BULLS	good.....	91.....	9.53.....	9.00- 10.25.....	10.75.....	29.....	10.00.....	9.00- 12.00.....	12.00.....	
					common.....	68.....	7.48.....	6.75- 8.00.....	9.00.....	183.....	7.00.....	6.50- 8.00.....	8.50.....	
				CANNERS & CUTTERS.....		1,016.....	6.00.....	5.75- 6.25.....	6.50.....	324.....	5.80.....	5.50- 6.20.....	6.50.....	
				OXEN.....						4.....		7.50- 11.00.....	11.50.....	
				CALVES	veal.....	540.....	15.83.....	14.00- 18.00.....	19.00.....	215.....	13.50.....	12.00- 14.00.....	14.00.....	
					grass.....					37.....	5.75.....	5.00- 6.00.....	6.50.....	
				STOCKERS	good.....	62.....	9.36.....	8.75- 9.75.....	9.75.....					
					fair.....	247.....	8.08.....	7.50- 9.00.....	9.00.....					
FEEDERS	good.....	66.....	11.15.....	10.50- 11.75.....	11.75.....									
	fair.....													
HOGS (fed and watered)	selects.....	8,917.....	18.53.....	18.25- 19.00.....	19.00.....	1,402.....	18.85.....	18.75- 19.00.....	19.15.....					
	heavies.....	128.....	18.27.....	18.25- 18.75.....	18.75.....	18.....								
	lights.....	283.....	16.86.....	16.25- 17.50.....	17.75.....	204.....	16.85.....	16.75- 17.00.....	17.00.....					
	sows.....	362.....	16.33.....	15.25- 17.25.....	17.50.....	71.....	15.85.....	15.75- 16.00.....	16.00.....					
	stags.....	9.....	14.41.....	14.25- 14.75.....	14.75.....	2.....								
LAMBS	good.....	4,503.....	15.82.....	15.00- 16.75.....	16.75.....	257.....	14.00.....	14.00-.....	14.00.....					
	common.....	141.....	12.40.....	11.00- 15.00.....	15.00.....	382.....	13.25.....	13.00- 13.50.....	13.50.....					
SHEEP	heavy.....	109.....	9.58.....	9.00- 10.75.....	10.75.....									
	light.....	216.....	10.52.....	10.00- 11.50.....	11.50.....	67.....	9.00.....	9.00-.....	9.00.....					
	common.....	126.....	6.98.....	6.00- 9.00.....	9.00.....	60.....	8.00.....	7.00- 8.50.....	8.50.....					

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Lambs and sheep responded to the general activity and a further advance of 75 cents was made during the week, numerous sales of lambs being made at \$16.75 per hundred. Choice light sheep sold at \$11.75 and heavy sheep and bucks from \$9.50 to \$10.50 per hundred.

Hog prices also shared in the movement

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to higher prices. Selects sold on the Monday market at \$18.25 to \$18.50 per hundred, fed and watered; by Wednesday no sales were recorded below \$18.75, while an odd deck or two sold at \$19 per hundred. The market closed on Thursday at a range of \$18.75 to \$19, with \$19.25 being asked in several instances. Eleven thousand hogs were on sale during the week.

Of the disposition from the yards for the week ending January 2, Canadian packing houses purchased 170 calves, 2,229 butcher cattle, 4,749 hogs and 1,853 sheep and lambs. Local butchers purchased 136 calves, 175 butcher cattle, 194 hogs and 157 sheep and lambs. Shipments back to country points were made up of 27 calves, 34 cannors and cutters, 120 stockers, 60 feeders and 4 sheep. Shipments to United States points, consisted of 142 butcher cattle and 51 feeders.

The total receipts at the yards for the year of 1918, exclusive of through shipments were 302,856 cattle, 55,737 calves, 363,524 hogs and 169,420 sheep; compared with 292,972 cattle, 46,746 calves, 445,312 hogs and 165,658 sheep, received during the year of 1917.

Montreal.

Although the larger per cent. of the cattle receipts were composed of cannors,

and common stock there was a larger percentage of good cattle on the market than for some time past. Cannors sold for \$5.50 per hundred, and cannor bulls from \$6 to \$6.50 per hundred, and up to \$7.50 for those of heavier weights. One good bull weighing eighteen hundred pounds sold at \$12, other bulls of about the same weight and good finish sold from \$10 to \$11 and some very fair bulls realized from \$9 to \$9.75. The best pair of steers on the market weighed twelve hundred pounds each and sold for \$13.50. Good steers and heifers averaging from nine hundred to ten hundred pounds each sold in a number of cases from \$11 to \$12. The heaviest lot in this class lacked finish but averaged about ten hundred pounds and sold for \$12 chiefly on account of weight. Steers and heifers weighing from eight hundred to nine hundred pounds sold in mixed lots at about \$10.50. Good heavy cows weighing twelve hundred and fifty pounds were sold at \$11, common butcher cows down to \$7, and cutters at \$6.20. Veal calves were more plentiful than usual, and the majority of these were sold from \$13.50 to \$14 per hundred.

Lambs grading from fair to good in quality sold mostly at \$14, while sheep of good grading were weighed up mostly at \$9 per hundred.

Hogs sold from \$10 to \$10.25 per hundred, weighed off cars, with one lot at \$19.40. Sows are still selling at prices \$3 per hundred below those for selects.

PT. ST. CHARLES.—Of the disposition from the yards for the week ending Jan. 2, Canadian packers and local butchers purchased 130 calves, 277 cannors and cutters, 81 bulls, 236 butcher cattle, 1,142 hogs and 327 lambs. Shipments to United States' points were made up of 37 calves, 724 lambs.

The total receipts at the yards for the year of 1918, were 68,108 cattle, 66,346 calves, 98,726 hogs and 70,460 sheep; compared with 57,198 cattle, 63,127 calves, 79,939 hogs and 73,603 sheep, received during the year of 1917.

EAST END.—Of the disposition from the yards for the week ending January 2, Canadian packers and local butchers purchased 135 calves, 928 butcher cattle, 659 hogs and 219 lambs. Shipments to United States' points consisted of 796 lambs.

The total receipts during the year 1918, were: 65,092 cattle, 48,874 calves, 53,047 hogs and 63,034 sheep; compared with 58,289 cattle, 40,773 calves, 48,816 hogs and 50,650 sheep, received during the year of 1917.

Other Market's Receipts During 1918. WINNIPEG.—The total receipts, ex-