

Toronto, Montreal, Buffalo, and Other Leading Markets

Week Ending April 17.

Receipts and Market Tops

Dominion Department of Agriculture
Stock Branch, Markets Intelligence, Division

CATTLE												CALVES					
Receipts			Top Price Good Steers (1,000-1,200)			Receipts			Top Price Good Calves								
Week Ending Apr. 17	Same Week 1918	Week Ending Apr. 10	Week Ending Apr. 17	Same Week 1918	Week Ending Apr. 10	Week Ending Apr. 17	Same Week 1918	Week Ending Apr. 10	Week Ending Apr. 17	Same Week 1918	Week Ending Apr. 10						
Toronto (Union Stock Yards)	4,047	5,857	7,676	\$15.50	\$13.25	\$15.75	1,858	2,141	1,793	\$17.00	\$16.50						
Montreal (Pt. St. Charles)	547	788	488	15.75	13.25	16.00	3,737	3,083	2,932	14.00	12.00						
Montreal (East End)	750	610	614	15.75	13.25	16.00	1,750	2,484	2,478	14.00	12.00						
Winnipeg	2,546	1,406	2,700	15.00	14.00	15.00	66	63	83	15.00	15.00						
Calgary	1,663	1,122	1,601	14.50	12.25	14.00	14	27	65	10.50	10.25						
Edmonton	496	240	562	13.00	11.45	13.00											
HOGS												SHEEP					
Receipts			Top Price Selects			Receipts			Top Price Good Lambs								
Week Ending Apr. 17	Same Week 1918	Week Ending Apr. 10	Week Ending Apr. 17	Same Week 1918	Week Ending Apr. 10	Week Ending Apr. 17	Same Week 1918	Week Ending Apr. 10	Week Ending Apr. 17	Same Week 1918	Week Ending Apr. 10						
Toronto (Union Stock Yards)	7,552	5,830	7,870	\$21.50	\$20.50	\$21.25	423	78	579	\$22.00	\$21.00						
Montreal (Pt. St. Charles)	2,018	1,274	1,223	21.25	21.00	21.00	127	28	88	16.00	*14.00						
Montreal (East End)	875	777	896	21.25	21.00	21.00	100	25	83	16.00	*14.00						
Winnipeg	2,906	4,406	5,283	20.50	19.75	20.25	20	8	356		15.50						
Calgary	1,502	2,492	1,880	19.75	20.50	20.50	370	100	432	13.00	13.00						
Edmonton	860	734	726	20.50	20.00	20.50	78		104	13.00	13.00						
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Market Comments.

Toronto (Union Stock Yards).

Cattle trading was very slow during the week, and prices received a setback, ranging from 50 cents to \$1 per hundred. Receipts were twenty-five hundred head less than those of a week ago, and although buying was very slow at the decline, most of the stock was moved to the scales before the close of the week. The weakness on the American markets, together with the proximity of the Jewish and Easter holidays, was responsible for the decline in price. No choice, heavy cattle were on sale, and quotations for the majority of the weights offered had a range of \$14.50 to \$15 per hundred. Of steers weighing from ten to twelve hundred pounds, a few head averaging eleven hundred and fifty pounds sold at \$15 per hundred, which was the top of the market for that class of stock. Other sales of extra good stock were made from \$14.75 to \$14.95 per hundred, and included a straight load of ten hundred and fifty pounds average, weighed up at \$14.60 per hundred. Most of the sales of good quality steers were made from \$14 to \$14.50 per hundred, while steers of medium quality within these weights sold from \$13 to \$13.75. Handy-weight steers and heifers of ten hundred pounds and under were in better demand than other classes of stock, and were not subject to as severe cuts as were some of the other grades. A few head of nine hundred and fifty pounds average sold at \$14.50 per hundred, which was about equal to the top prices of last week, while several loads, weighing from nine hundred and fifty to nine hundred and eight pounds per animal, sold at \$14.25; most of the sales were however, made from \$13 to \$13.75. Cows were in fair demand, but bulls moved slowly. A number of fat cows were sold at prices ranging from \$12 to \$13 per hundred, one cow realized \$14.50, while the majority of the good cows moved from \$11.25 to \$12 per hundred. A few choice bulls sold at \$11.50 per hundred, and the majority at \$11, and under. There was a fair movement in stockers and feeders, and several hundred head were shipped to country points during the week. For breeder feeders weighing nine hundred pounds and up, \$13.50 per hundred was paid, while choice breeder stockers sold up to \$12.50. Calf receipts were heavy and the quality of the offering was good. As the Jewish buyers were not operating, the market for calves declined \$1 to \$1.50 per hundred early in the week. The greater part of this decline was, however, recovered on Tuesday and Wednesday, when choice calves moved within a range of \$15 to \$17 per hundred, and medium stock from \$12 to \$14.

The lamb and sheep market was unchanged, although there was a strong undertone to trading all week. Choice yearlings sold as high as \$22 per hundred, choice light sheep up to \$15, while spring lambs met a good inquiry at a range of \$5 to \$15 each.

The hog market advanced another 25 cents during the week. Hog prices are now the highest in the history of the Toronto trade. Sales were made at \$20.50 f.o.b., which is equal to \$21.50, fed and watered.

TORONTO (Union Stock Yards)					MONTREAL (Pt. St. Charles)				
CLASSIFICATION	No.	Avg. Price	Price Range	Top Price	No.	Avg. Price	Price Range	Top Price	
STEERS									
heavy finished	73	\$15.50	\$15.00-\$16.00	\$16.00					
STEERS good	394	14.72	13.75-15.25	15.50					
1,000-1,200 common	46	12.76	12.50-13.50	14.00	32	15.25	14.50-15.50	15.75	
STEERS good	898	13.45	12.75-14.00	14.50	56	13.50	13.50-	14.50	
700-1,000 common	364	11.36	10.75-12.25	12.50	42	10.50	9.50-11.00	12.50	
HEIFERS good	698	13.46	13.00-14.00	14.50	31	13.00	10.00-13.50	14.00	
fair	189	12.14	11.25-12.50	12.50	31	10.25	10.00-11.50	11.50	
common	29	10.50	9.50-11.00	11.00	36	8.00	7.00-9.00	9.00	
COWS good	352	11.38	10.50-12.00	13.00	38	11.50	10.50-12.00	14.00	
common	506	9.67	8.50-10.25	10.50	105	8.25	7.00-10.00	11.00	
BULLS good	64	10.93	10.00-11.50	11.75	9	11.50		13.50	
common	55	9.44	8.50-10.00	10.50	54	8.50	7.50-9.00	10.00	
CANNERS & CUTTERS	117	6.50	6.00-7.00	7.00	105	6.00	5.00-7.00	7.00	
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CALVES veal	1,858	14.50	13.00-16.00	17.00	3,737	11.50	10.50-12.50	14.50	
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STOCKERS good	41	11.50	11.00-12.50	12.50					
fair	112	10.71	10.00-11.25	11.25					
FEEDERS good	88	13.25	12.75-13.50	13.50					
fair	21	12.57	12.00-13.00	13.00					
HOGS selects	7,122	21.42	21.00-21.50	21.50	1,727	21.00	20.75-21.25	21.25	
heavy	112	21.26	21.25-21.50	21.50	11	19.75	19.00-20.00	20.00	
(fed and lights	160	19.27	19.00-19.50	19.50	245	19.10	19.00-19.25	19.25	
watered	147	18.74	18.25-19.50	19.50	24	18.50	18.50-	18.50	
sows	11	16.29	16.25-17.50	17.50	11	15.75	15.25-16.00	16.50	
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LAMBS good	200	20.57	19.00-22.00	22.00	37	16.00	16.00	16.00	
common	41	16.84	15.50-18.00	18.00	13	15.00	15.00	15.00	
SHEEP heavy	102	10.85	10.00-12.00	12.00	57	13.00	13.00-	13.00	
light	71	13.50	12.00-15.00	15.00	20	11.50	11.00-12.00	12.00	
common	9	8.00	7.00-9.00	10.00					

Of the disposition from the Yards for the week ending April 10, Canadian packing houses purchased 837 calves, 4,906 butcher cattle, 7,960 hogs and 399 lambs. Local butchers purchased 681 calves, 543 butcher cattle, 60 stockers, 318 hogs and 193 lambs. Canadian shipments were made up of 37 calves, 85 canners and cutters, 209 stockers and 307 feeders. Shipments to United States points consisted of 214 calves, and 926 butcher cattle.

The total receipts from January 1 to April 10, inclusive, were 93,446 cattle, 12,351 calves, 101,970 hogs and 26,098 sheep; compared with 68,007 cattle, 13,229 calves, 114,431 hogs and 10,320 sheep, received during the corresponding period of 1918.

Montreal.

Owing to heavy purchases on the Yards during the previous week, and also to the nearness of the Easter season, all classes of killing cattle were practically ignored by the packing houses, and as a consequence, a large number of cattle remained unsold after a week of listless trading. While the market was off about 75 cents per hundred on cattle of butcher quality, sales prices do not wholly indicate that reduction. Cattle of finished quality, however, would not be moved at values

higher than those prevailing last week for cattle of only fair quality. There were a few loads of very good cattle offered, and of these, one load consisting of twenty-five head was weighed up at \$15.75 per hundred. Nine head averaging nine hundred and seventy-five pounds sold at \$14.50, and eight head averaging a little better than nine hundred and eighty sold at a similar figure. A few head weighing slightly over ten hundred pounds also sold at \$14.50. Choice butcher cows sold well, but milch cows were hard to move. A number of good killing cows sold from \$13.50 to \$14 per hundred, and good handling cows from \$10 to \$11.50. Common cows were slow sellers, within a range of \$7 to \$8 per hundred. One bull weighing fourteen hundred and ninety pounds sold at \$13.50 per hundred, one weighing ten hundred pounds at \$13, while most of the sales were made from \$7.50 to \$9. Calves sold remarkably well, despite the extremely heavy receipts, there being in the neighborhood of fifty-five hundred calves on the two markets. An odd sale was made at \$14 per hundred, a large number changed hands from \$10.50 to \$12.50, and very few sold below \$10. The quality of the offering was good.

Hardly enough sheep and lambs were

offered to make a market, and most of the sheep received were of breeding quality, and on through billing to points in Ontario. The market was quoted as steady to strong, with lambs selling from \$12 to \$15 per head, and sheep from \$11 to \$13 per hundred.

About twenty-one hundred hogs were on the two markets, a slight increase over the offerings during the previous week. Despite the bearish tone of the market at the previous week's close, trading was strong, and prices a shade higher during the week. Selects sold generally from \$21 to \$21.25 per hundred, off car weights, while quite a few sales were made at \$21.50. Demand was keen and the market closed very firm.

PT. ST. CHARLES.—Of the disposition from the Yards for the week ending April 10, Canadian packing houses and local butchers purchased 2,932 calves, 58 canners and cutters, 59 bulls, 355 butcher cattle, 1,223 hogs and 88 lambs. There were no shipments to United States points during the week.

The total receipts from January 1 to April 10, inclusive, were 9,881 cattle, 14,240 calves, 17,294 hogs and 5,196 sheep; compared with 8,971 cattle, 10,642 calves, 18,683 hogs and 5,065 sheep,

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