

Markets

Department of Agriculture, Live
Stocks Intelligence Division

Price Good Calves

Same Week 1917	Week Ending Oct. 17
\$15.50	\$17.50
15.00	15.00
15.00	15.00
10.00	11.00
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Price Good Lambs

Same Week 1917	Week Ending Oct. 17
\$16.75	\$16.25
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Although there was a weak tone to the market for butcher cattle in the early hours of the opening day, trading eventually developed considerable activity, and the market closed steady at the week end. Compared with receipts of the previous week, the volume of sales was less, but the billed through cattle were more by approximately twenty-three hundred head. The quality of the run was of a poor average. The demand for stockers and feeders was much stronger compared with the previous week's inquiry. A considerable number of heavy feeders were shipped south while Western shipments were of large proportions. Quite a number of breeding heifers and breeding ewes went West off the market. Quotations remain steady to stronger. During the week two trains of Hereford steers went through the Yards en route for Chicago. These trains contained eleven hundred and ninety-three head. In addition many good steers passed through to Toronto packing houses. Prospects indicate steady markets if the runs remain normal. Of the disposition from the Yards for the week ending October 17, Canadian packing houses purchased 169 calves, 5,474 butcher cattle, 1,987 hogs and 992 sheep. Local butchers purchased 835 butcher cattle, 72 hogs and 867 sheep. Canadian shipments consisted of 64 calves, 1,734 stockers, 186 feeders, 46 hogs and 324 sheep. Shipments to United States points were 66 calves, 689 canners and cutters, 5 bulls, 514 butcher cattle, 1,186 feeders and 30 oxen.

Buffalo.

Cattle.—Cattle prices generally showed a decline at Buffalo last week on the medium and common grades, choice grades and shipping steers generally selling at strong to a quarter higher. There were around forty cars of shipping steers offered during the week, bulk being out of Canada, running from the medium and fair kinds and selling mainly on a range of from \$12.75 to \$15. Native shipping steers sold up to \$16.50, with choice handy butchering steers ranging up to \$15.75. On fat heifers best here reached \$11.50, being Canadians. Bulls of all classes sold about steady, stocker and feeder trade was practically unchanged, the range being generally from \$9.50 to \$11.25, some common, knotty grades of stockers down to \$6.50. Milk cows and springers brought about steady prices. Offerings for the week totaled 6,100 head, as against 7,050 head for the previous week, and as compared with 8,500 head for the corresponding week a year ago. Quotations:

Shipping Steers, Natives.—Choice to prime, \$17 to \$17.50; fair to good, \$15.50 to \$16.50; plain and medium, \$11.75 to \$12.25; coarse and common, \$10.50 to \$11.

Shipping Steers, Canadians.—Best heavy, \$15 to \$15.50; fair to good, \$12.50 to \$13.50; medium weight, \$11.50 to \$12; common and plain, \$10.50 to \$10.75.

Butchering Steers.—Choice heavy, \$15.25 to \$16; fair to good, \$14 to \$14.50; best handy, \$13.50 to \$14; fair to good, \$11 to \$12; light and common, \$9 to \$10; yearlings, choice to prime, \$15 to \$16; fair to good, \$12 to \$13.

Cows and Heifers.—Best heavy heifers, \$12 to \$12.50; fair to good, \$10.50 to \$11.50; good butchering heifers, \$11 to \$11.50; fair butchering heifers, \$9 to \$10; light, common, \$8 to \$8.50; very fancy fat

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Toronto Produce.

Live-stock receipts at Union Stock Yards, Toronto, on Monday, October 28, consisted of 22 cars; 3,593 cattle; 220 calves; 2,243 hogs, and 3,194 sheep and lambs. Good butchers' steers and heifers, strong and 25 cents higher; common steers steady; cows and bulls steady; stockers and feeders active; choice veal calves steady, others slow; sheep steady; lambs fifteen to fifteen-fifty, a few at fifteen seventy-five. Hogs steady.

Breadstuffs.

Wheat.—Ontario, (F. O. B. shipping point.) No. 2, winter per car lot, \$2.11; to \$2.19; No. 3, winter, per car lot, \$2.07 to \$2.15; No. 2 spring, \$2.06 to \$2.14; No. 3, spring, \$2.02 to \$2.10; Manitoba wheat, in store Ft. William—not (including tax)—No. 1 northern, \$2.24½; No. 2 northern, \$2.21½; No. 3 northern, \$2.17½; No. 4 wheat, \$2.11½.

Oats.—(According to freights outside) (new crops), Ontario, No. 2 white, 75c. to 78c.; No. 3 white, 74c. to 77c.; Manitoba oats, No. 2, C. W., 86¼c.; No. 3, C. W., 82¼c.; Extra No. 1 Feed, 82¼c.; No. 1 feed, 80¼c.

Barley.—(According to freight outside) malting, new crop, \$1 to \$1.05.

Peas.—According to freight outside, No. 2, nominal.

Corn.—American (track Toronto), No. 3 yellow, kiln dried, nominal; No. 4 yellow, kiln dried, nominal.

Buckwheat.—(According to freight outside), nominal.

Rye.—(According to freights outside), No. 2, nominal.

Flour.—Manitoba flour, (Toronto)—war quality, Old Crop, \$11.65. Ontario flour (prompt shipment), war quality, (old crop), \$10.75, Montreal and Toronto.

Hay and Millfeed.

Hay.—Track, Toronto, No. 1, \$22 to \$23; mixed, per ton, \$20 to \$21.50 per ton.

Straw.—Car lots, per ton, \$10 to \$10.50 track, Toronto.

Bran.—Per ton, \$37.25.

Shorts.—Per ton, \$42.25.

Hides and Skins.

Prices delivered, Toronto:

City Hides.—City butcher hides, green flat, 18c.; calf skins, green, flat, 45c.; veal kip, 30c.; horse hides, city take-off, \$6 to \$7; sheep, \$3.50 to \$5.50.

Country Markets.—Beef hides, flat, cured, 18c. to 20c.; green, 16c. to 17c.; deacons or bob calf, \$2.25 to \$2.75 each; horse hides, country take-off, No. 1, \$6 to \$7; No. 2, \$5 to \$6; No. 1 sheep skins, \$2.50 to \$5; horse hair, farmers' stock, \$25.

Tallow.—City rendered, solids, in barrels, 16c. to 17c.; country solids, in barrels, No. 1, 15c. to 16c.; cakes, No. 1, 18c. to 19c.

Wool.—Unwashed fleece wool, as to quality, fine, 60c. to 65c.; washed wool, fine, 80c. to 90c.

Farm Produce.

Butter.—Butter prices again advanced slightly, selling as follows, —wholesale: Creamery, 52c. to 53c. per lb.; dairy, 45c. to 46c. per lb.

Oleomargarine.—33c. to 35c. per lb.

Eggs.—Eggs also firmed in price during the past week, selling as follows, wholesale: Cold storage, 55c. per doz.; new laid, 65c. per doz.; new laid in cartons, 70c. per doz.

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Cheese.— Cheese followed the lead of butter and also advanced, new cheese selling at 28c. per lb., wholesale, and twins at 28½c. per lb.

Honey.—Five, 10 and 60-lb. pails, per lb., 27c. to 28c. Combs, 30c. to 40c. per section.

Poultry.—Prices kept practically stationary on most lines of poultry during the past week; Chickens and ducks showing a firming tendency. The following being paid for live-weight to the producer: Spring chickens, 25c. to 27c. per lb.; roosters, 18c. per lb.; fowl 4 lbs. and under, 20c. per lb.; over 4 lbs., 24c.; ducklings, per lb., 22c. to 24c. per lb.; turkeys, young, per lb., 35c.; turkeys, old per lb., 30c.

Wholesale Fruits and Vegetables.

Business has again been very dull and draggy on the Wholesales during the past week, Oranges and Lemons easily being the feature.

Oranges continued to be very scarce with a heavy demand, advancing to \$16 and \$17 per case.

Lemons also advanced, though receipts were much more heavy than the Oranges, selling at \$13 per case.

Apples.— Western boxed apples came in freely; McIntosh Reds selling at \$3 to \$3.50 per box; Jonathans at \$3.25 to \$3.50; Cox's Orange Pippin at \$2.75 to \$3; Ontario barrels at \$3 to \$6; boxes at \$2 to \$3.25 per box.

Grapes.— Domestic Grapes firmed slightly selling at 45c. to 55c. per 6 quart flat basket.

Grapefruit declined selling at \$5 to \$6.50 per case.

Pears.—Keiffer Pears were almost unsaleable ranging from 20c. to 60c. per 11 qt. basket; A very few of the better varieties selling at 75c. to \$1.25 per 11 qts.

Quinces.— were a very slow sale at 35c. to 50c. per 6 qts.

Tomatoes.— There are still small quantities outside grown tomatoes being shipped in; Some fairly good ones selling at 30c. to 50c. per 6 qts.; some poorer grades selling at 30c. to 50c. per 11 qts.; Hothouse bringing 20c. to 25c. per lb.

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