

stocker cattle in the fall in relation to the prices of butcher cattle during the spring respectively succeeding. The months chosen for these studies have been September and April, and below are the findings. In these figures extremes have been avoided; for instance, some carloads of extra choice steers have each spring sold higher than the figures quoted. Also there have been lots that fell below the figures shown. In addition, there have been individual days, or even weeks, when cattle were either up or down unduly. The effort of the Department has been to avoid these extremes and strike a fair average.

It is always to be remembered that one can never know the grade of an animal simply by ascertaining its weight; yet there is a generally maintained relationship between grades and weights. "Stocker" cattle, as they are defined at the St. Boniface stock yards, are animals not yet ready to be put up for a period of finishing. Thus a steer of ordinary or thin flesh, 24 months old, and not likely to be finished for beef for the next twelve months, would still be spoken of by the cattle dealer as a "stocker" steer. This might include animals up to 800 or 850 pounds in weight. The class generally referred to as "feeders" will usually be above this weight, though the two classes merge one into the other, and good, well grown stocker cattle and "long feeders" would be very close to the same type.

	Sept. 1910 Price per Cwt.	Sept. 1911 Price per Cwt.	Sept. 1912 Price per Cwt.	Sept. 1913 Price per Cwt.	Sept. 1914 Price per Cwt.	Sept. 1915 Price per Cwt.	Sept. 1916 Price per Cwt.
Stockers	\$2.90-4.00	3.05-3.45	3.75-4.25	4.50-5.00	5.75-6.00	5.50-6.00	5.50-6.15
Good feeding steers	\$3.90-4.60	3.60-4.05	4.50-4.75	5.00-5.50	5.75-6.75	5.90-6.25	6.00-6.40
	April 1911 Price per Cwt.	April 1912 Price per Cwt.	April 1913 Price per Cwt.	April 1914 Price per Cwt.	April 1915 Price per Cwt.	April 1916 Price per Cwt.	
Common to medium butcher steers.....	\$4.00-4.50		5.25-5.75	5.75-6.15			
Fair to good butcher steers.	\$4.75-5.25	5.00-6.15	6.00-6.50	6.35-6.65	7.00-7.50	7.50-7.90	
Best butcher steers.....	\$5.50-6.05	6.30-6.65	6.50-7.25	6.65-7.65	7.50-8.25	8.00-8.50	

Study of the table goes to show that at the date of writing prices of stocker and feeder cattle on the St. Boniface market, though a trifle higher, are pretty well in line with the prices for the same classes of cattle during the corresponding month of the past two years.

The stocker and feeder steers at present going through the St. Boniface yards are nearly all being shipped into the United States, there being practically no enquiry whatever from any point in the prairie provinces. Some very fine feeder and stocker steers, that would be admirably suited for feeding at home, are being shipped out of the country just now to be fattened by the farmers of the United States