

Toronto, Montreal, Buffalo, and Other Leading Markets

Week Ending July 10.

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 July 10	Same Week 1918	Week Ending July 3	Week Ending July 10	Same Week 1918	Week Ending July 3	Week Ending July 10	Same Week 1918	Week Ending July 3	Week Ending July 10	Same Week 1918	Week Ending July 3		
Toronto (Union Stock Yards)	7,168	4,504	5,575	\$14.50	\$14.60	\$14.25	1,337	1,392	1,679	\$22.00	\$17.00	\$19.50	
Montreal (Pt. St. Charles)	837	821	582	14.00	14.00	13.75	1,694	3,216	2,061	16.50	15.50	14.50	
Montreal (East End)	828	1,091	662	14.00	14.00	13.75	1,132	1,573	1,279	16.50	15.50	14.50	
Winnipeg	2,252	2,794	998	12.50	15.00	14.50	287	243	179	16.00	15.50	14.50	
Calgary	388	2,080	2,637	11.25	12.25	11.25				9.50		10.50	
Edmonton	?	930	653	12.00	11.50	10.50	?	42	167	12.00	13.00	12.00	

HOGS							SHEEP						
Receipts			Top Price Selects				Receipts			Top Price Good Lambs			
Week Ending July 10	Same Week 1918	Week Ending July 3	Week Ending July 10	Same Week 1918	Week Ending July 3	Week Ending July 10	Same Week 1918	Week Ending July 3	Week Ending July 10	Same Week 1918	Week Ending July 3		
Toronto (Union Stock Yards)	7,297	6,463	5,035	\$24.40	\$18.50	\$23.25	2,207	1,709	1,582	\$22.00	\$23.75	\$22.00	
Montreal (Pt. St. Charles)	2,626	1,951	3,034	23.75	19.25	22.75	934	635	733	20.00	21.00	20.00	
Montreal (East End)	1,910	1,022	1,447	23.75	19.25	22.75	1,293	546	484	20.00	21.00	20.00	
Winnipeg	7,667	6,714	5,164	22.50	18.00	22.50	594	346	302	16.25	18.75	15.00	
Calgary	899	2,859	1,900	22.25	17.35	21.00	1,657	428	360	13.00	14.25	13.00	
Edmonton	1,895	846	637	21.75	16.85	21.75	1,184	84	324	13.50	16.00	13.25	

Market Comments.

Toronto (Union Stock Yards.)

There was a liberal movement of cattle during the week, receipts totalling over seven thousand head. The entire offering was moved at prices ruling fairly steady on all grades except choice butcher steers which were cleared at slightly higher figures, compared with the prevailing level of the previous week. The frozen meat supplies have now been fairly well cleared out of the cold storage plants and local abattoirs are bidding freely for cattle, while outside packers continue to operate, several car loads of stock being shipped to Montreal, several loads to an abattoir in the United States, and two or three loads of heavy bulls went to New Jersey. The quality of the stock offered was inferior to that on hand during the previous week, as Eastern Ontario farmers are apparently commencing to liquidate their holdings of light dairy cattle. A few heavy steers were on sale and were taken by the local trade at satisfactory prices, one load of steers averaging twelve hundred pounds selling at \$14.50 per hundred, and the general price ranging from \$14 to \$14.25. Steers within a range of ten hundred to twelve hundred pounds moved freely; a few head were sold at \$14.50, one or two loads at \$14.25, while most of the sales were made at from \$13.50 to \$14 per hundred. Handyweight butcher steers continue to be the feature of the cattle trade, and are readily taken at prices about equal to those paid for the heavier weights. Several small lots were weighed up at \$14.50 per hundred, one load of nine hundred and seventy-five pounds at \$14.25, several loads at \$14, while most of the sales were made from \$13.25 to \$13.75, medium quality handyweights met a demand at prices ranging from \$10.50 to \$11 per hundred, and common stock from \$8 to \$10. Cows and bulls sold at unchanged quotations, a few cows being weighed up at \$11.50, common cows from \$7.50 to \$8.50, the extra choice heavy bulls from \$11 to \$12, and those of medium quality from \$9 to \$10. Canners and cutters sold from \$4.50 to \$5.50 per hundred. Stockers and feeders met with a small inquiry, only a few loads being shipped out to Ontario points. Four loads of stockers from Southern Alberta were on the market. Calves were in strong demand and a record price of \$22 per hundred was paid for choice veal during the week; most of the unsorted calves moved from \$17 to \$19, and common stock from \$13 to \$15.

Lambs were a shade higher in price, a few selling at \$22, and the general run from \$19 to \$20.50 per hundred. Sheep were also a shade stronger, sales being made from \$8 to \$11, according to weight and quality.

Hog sales during the week surpassed all previous records when \$24.40 was paid for a deck of fed and watered hogs. Prices at present appear to be very irregular; on Monday the quotation given out was \$23.50 per hundred; on Tuesday and Wednesday packers were undecided as to what they would pay although hogs were being freely bought f. o. b., country points at \$23.50 to

TORONTO (Union Stock Yards)					
CLASSIFICATION	No.	Avg. Price	Price Range	Bulk Sales	Top Price
STEERS heavy finished.....	379.....	\$14. 01.....	\$13. 75-\$14. 50.....		\$14. 50.....
STEERS good.....	810.....	13. 75.....	13. 25- 14. 00.....		14. 50.....
1,000-1,200 common.....	101.....	12. 34.....	11. 75- 13. 00.....		13. 00.....
STEERS good.....	713.....	13. 26.....	12. 75- 14. 00.....		14. 25.....
700-1,000 common.....	225.....	11. 09.....	10. 50- 12. 00.....		12. 50.....
HEIFERS good.....	803.....	12. 83.....	12. 25- 13. 25.....		13. 50.....
fair.....	460.....	10. 94.....	10. 00- 11. 50.....		11. 50.....
common.....	141.....	9. 00.....	8. 50- 9. 50.....		9. 50.....
COWS good.....	532.....	10. 27.....	10. 00- 11. 00.....		11. 50.....
common.....	1,282.....	8. 47.....	8. 00- 9. 50.....		9. 50.....
BULLS good.....	96.....	10. 37.....	9. 75- 11. 25.....		11. 50.....
common.....	86.....	9. 30.....	8. 25- 9. 50.....		10. 00.....
CANNERS & CUTTERS.....	56.....	5. 00.....	4. 50- 5. 50.....		5. 50.....
OXEN.....					
CALVES veal.....	1,332.....	17. 38.....	16. 00- 19. 00.....		22. 00.....
grass.....	5.....				
STOCKERS good.....	451.....	11. 25.....	10. 50- 11. 50.....		11. 75.....
450-800 fair.....	377.....	9. 90.....	9. 25- 10. 50.....		11. 00.....
FEEDERS good.....	531.....	12. 46.....	12. 00- 12. 75.....		12. 75.....
800-1,100 fair.....	122.....	11. 75.....	11. 50- 12. 00.....		12. 00.....
HOGS selects.....	6,614.....	23. 92.....	23. 25- 24. 25.....		24. 40.....
fed and heavies.....	3.....				24. 25.....
watered) lights.....	351.....	21. 62.....	21. 25- 22. 25.....		22. 25.....
sows.....	310.....	20. 73.....	20. 25- 21. 25.....		21. 25.....
stags.....	19.....	18. 76.....	18. 25- 19. 25.....		19. 25.....
LAMBS good.....	1,255.....	20. 15.....	19. 00- 21. 00.....		22. 00.....
common.....	114.....	18. 00.....	17. 00- 19. 00.....		19. 00.....
SHEEP heavy.....	242.....	9. 01.....	8. 50- 9. 50.....		10. 00.....
light.....	416.....	10. 39.....	9. 50- 11. 50.....		11. 50.....
common.....	180.....	7. 00.....	6. 00- 8. 00.....		8. 00.....

\$23.90, while on Thursday \$24 was stated as being the general price for fed and watered hogs with a few decks at higher levels.

Of the disposition from the Yards for the week ending July 3rd, Canadian packing houses purchased 573 calves, 4,240 butcher cattle, 6,991 hogs and 894 lambs. Local butchers purchased 693 calves, 426 butcher cattle, 228 hogs and 596 lambs. Canadian shipments were made up of 14 calves, 33 milch cows, 104 stockers, 98 feeders and 70 sheep. Shipments to United States points consisted of 428 calves, 48 bulls, 177 butcher cattle and 134 stockers.

The total receipts from January 1st to July 3rd, inclusive, were 150,412 cattle, 36,073 calves, 180,880 hogs and 39,610 sheep; compared with 129,974 cattle, 35,932 calves, 194,827 hogs and 17,704 sheep, received during the corresponding period of 1918.

Montreal.

There was a considerable increase in the volume of stock offered for sale. The demand was good and prices paid were equal to, or better than, those paid

during the previous week. The most noticeable feature of the cattle trade was the percentage of fat cows offered; these sold in most cases at \$11.50 per hundred. Some good well-finished steers were on sale and realized from \$13.75 to \$14 per hundred. Included in one sale of steers at \$13.75, were three or four choice heifers that were priced at the same figure. In sharp contrast with these prices was the sale of some small lots of poor steers at \$8.10 to \$8.25, and \$8.50 per hundred. Medium to good cows sold at \$10.50, fair cows around \$9, and common cows about \$8. A cow would need to be very poor to sell for less than \$6. A number of young light heifers were on the market and sold from \$7 to \$9; medium heifers sold from \$10 to \$11. Good bulls sold in most cases at \$10.50, while the majority of the bulls of fair quality sold from \$8 to \$8.50, and some very common light bulls from \$6.50 to \$7. The best calves on sale came from Huntingdon County, Quebec, and vicinity, and were sold generally from \$16 to \$16.50. Calves from Eastern Ontario sold from \$13 to \$15, and those from Eastern Quebec from \$8 to \$9 per hundred.

The receipts of lambs are increasing rapidly, and there are indications that there will be comparatively large numbers of sheep and lambs offered during the Fall. Spring lambs sold from \$18 to \$20 per hundred, and sheep from \$9 to \$10.

Select hogs, particularly those suitable for the local fresh meat trade, sold at \$24 per hundred, weighed off cars. Nearly all the lots offered contained a large percentage of sows, heavies and roughs; these lots were sold in many instances without grading at prices calculated on a basis of \$24 per hundred for selects, \$22 for extra heavies, \$21 for heavies, \$19 for sows and \$17 for stags.

Pt. St. Charles.—Of the disposition from the Yards for the week ending July 3rd, Canadian packing houses and local butchers purchased 1,966 calves, 36 canners and cutters, 67 bulls, 365 butcher cattle, 2,863 hogs and 563 lambs. Canadian shipments were made up of 25 milch cows. Shipments to United States points consisted of 95 calves. The total receipts from January 1st to July 3rd, inclusive, were: 15,402

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