

Toronto, Montreal, Buffalo, and Other Leading Markets

Week Ending May 20.

Receipts and Market Tops.

Dominion Department of Agriculture, Live Stock Branch, Markets Intelligence Division

CATTLE							CALVES						
Receipts			Top Price Good Steers				Receipts			Top Price Good Calves			
Week Ending	Same Week	Week Ending	Week Ending	Same Week	Week Ending		Week Ending	Same Week	Week Ending	Week Ending	Same Week	Week Ending	
May 20	1919	May 13	May 20	1919	May 13		May 20	1919	May 13	May 20	1919	May 13	
Toronto (U. S. Y.)	6,628	7,164	6,191	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.50	2,312	2,485	3,679	\$18.00	\$17.00	\$18.00	
Montreal (Pt. St. Chas.)	682	895	696	15.90	16.00	15.50	2,010	1,892	5,335	15.00	14.50	13.00	
Montreal (East End)	449	627	542	15.90	16.00	15.50	1,757	1,815	3,771	15.00	14.50	13.00	
Winnipeg	1,402	1,755	1,140	17.00	14.00	16.00	333	101	184	18.00	15.00	17.00	
Calgary	428	1,414	565	15.75	14.50	15.35	17		19	15.00		14.00	
Edmonton	259	580	409	15.50	16.00	15.25	45	119	89	17.00	14.50	17.00	

HOGS							SHEEP						
Receipts			Top Price Selects				Receipts			Top Price Good Lambs			
Week Ending	Same Week	Week Ending	Week Ending	Same Week	Week Ending		Week Ending	Same Week	Week Ending	Week Ending	Same Week	Week Ending	
May 20	1919	May 13	May 20	1919	May 13		May 20	1919	May 13	May 20	1919	May 13	
Toronto (U. S. Y.)	8,133	5,729	4,920	\$20.60	\$23.00	\$20.25	595	417	636	\$14.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	
Montreal (Pt. St. Chas.)	1,137	1,516	1,428	21.50	22.25	21.00	220	208	232	14.00		14.00	
Montreal (East End)	667	814	1,095	21.50	22.25	21.00	138	218	120	14.00		14.00	
Winnipeg	2,613	4,240	2,161	22.00	20.50	21.50	34	247	45			14.00	
Calgary	418	2,255	570	22.00	20.25	21.25		3,748	381		15.00	9.00	
Edmonton	579	614	654	21.50	20.00	21.00							

Market Comments.

Toronto (Union Stock Yards.)

Cattle values received a slight setback on the earlier markets of the week, when trading was inclined to be a little slow with prices 40 cents to 50 cents per hundred lower on the heavier grades of cattle. Handy-weight steers and heifers depreciated to the extent of 25 cents per hundred. On Wednesday trading became more active, and earlier losses were partly recovered on that day. The market closed with a quiet undertone on Thursday. Total receipts for the week amounted to approximately sixty-eight hundred, and the offering was readily absorbed at prevailing values. Local abattoirs purchased liberally, and outside packers handled a few shipments, while graziers, encouraged by the warm weather, took advantage of the weakness in the market to stock up with grass cattle. Fairly-heavy shipments were made to country points last week. The quality was generally good and the supply of heavy cattle, fortunately, rather light, only a few, choice in quality, being on sale. One steer of 1,240 pounds sold on Wednesday at \$16 per hundred, a load of twenty head averaging 1,228 pounds sold on Monday at \$15.50; this price was duplicated in a few instances on Wednesday, and a load of twenty-three head averaging 1,200 pounds moved at \$15.40; most of the heavy cattle sold from \$14.25 to \$15.25. Steers of 1,000 pounds to 1,200 pounds had a satisfactory market although the heavy weights did not share equally with the lighter grades in the demand; representative sales in this class included eighteen head averaging 1,180 pounds at \$15; twenty-three head averaging 1,116 pounds at \$14.80, and twenty-one head averaging 1,073 pounds at \$14.75, and twenty-one head averaging 1,137 pounds at \$14.50, while nearly all the steers in these weights sold above \$14 per hundred. Handy-weight butcher grades weighing under 1,000 pounds had a good trade and suffered a depreciation in value not exceeding 25 cents per hundred. Cows and bulls had a ready sale and a few choice cows sold up to \$13.50 per hundred, with most of the good cows from \$11 to \$12.50 per hundred, and medium cows from \$9 to \$10.50. A few choice bulls sold at \$13, with good smooth bulls from \$11.50 to \$12.50, and heavy coarse bulls from \$9 to \$10.50. The stocker and feeder trade was quite active, and numerous loads of feeding steers were taken back to the country at prices ranging from \$12 to \$13 per hundred, with heavier weights and better quality from \$13 to \$13.50, and stocker cattle from \$10.50 to \$12 per hundred. Milch cows had a steady trade; very few of choice quality were on sale, and most of the transactions occurred at \$100 to \$130 per head, with good quality selling up to \$165 and common cows at \$80 to \$100. Calf receipts are decreasing. The calf market gained strength during the early part of the week, but was easier on Thursday's trading. A few calves sold at \$18, numerous sales were made at \$17, and the majority moved from \$14 to \$16.50; this represented an advance of \$2 over the close of the previous week. Part of the advance was lost on Thursday's market.

The lamb and sheep trade is showing an easier tendency and while spring lambs sold as high as \$18 each, the

undertone was weaker. Sheep and yearlings were 50 cents to \$1 per hundred off, sheep sold from \$15.50 down, and yearlings from \$15 to \$17.50.

The hog trade was stronger on the earlier markets of the week, but easier toward the close. On Monday and Tuesday most of the hogs sold at \$20.50 fed and watered. On Wednesday and Thursday hogs sold within a range of \$20 to \$20.60 per hundred, local butchers making purchases at \$20.25, \$20.50 and \$20.60 per hundred, with the majority going to the packers at \$20 per hundred. F. o. b. hogs are selling \$1 per hundred below these quotations.

The total receipts from January to May 13, inclusive, were: 108,077 cattle, 33,143 calves, 127,645 hogs and 16,750 sheep; compared with 115,188 cattle, 22,694 calves, 137,016 hogs and 27,362 sheep, received during the corresponding period of 1919.

Montreal.

While a few loads of cattle were sold at prices lower than those paid on the previous week, prices were generally steady with former quotations except for choice cattle. The top price for the week was \$15.90, and was paid for a load of steers averaging 1,115 pounds, sold on Saturday. There were no heavy steers, choice steers, and heifers of medium weight from Western Canada and the northern market brought from

\$14.25 to \$15.25. Steers from the East, well-fatted, but of poor breeding, brought \$13.25 to \$13.75. Nearly all steers sold at \$11 or over. A few very thin heifers were sold from \$7 to \$8.50. Good heifers were weighed up with other stock of equal value. Fat cows weighing around 1,100 pounds sold up to \$12.50, but there were very few cows of that kind, and the majority of the good cows were sold at \$12 or under. Rather common strippers were sold from \$8.50 to \$9.50, and canners and cutters from \$5 to \$7. Most of the sales of good bulls were made from \$11 to \$12, with an odd sale up to \$13. There were a few carloads of bulls from the East and these sold in most cases at \$10.25; there was not many bulls sold under \$9. The market for veal calves was stronger and a number of sales were made from \$14.50 to \$15 per hundred. The general range for medium grades was \$11 to \$13. Common calves brought \$8 and up, and some sales of culled calves were made as low as \$5. Inspectors are to be placed on the stock yards after the 25th of the month, and from that date on all calves seized upon arrival at the yards shall be arranged to receive a grade and a number of any immature calves to be placed in the market.

Under light receipts and a good demand from the local trade, the price of select hogs of fairly light weights advanced to \$21.50 off cars. Mixed lots containing an odd young sow, or hogs a little over weight, were sold around \$20.75. Any sows that were weighed out were disposed of at \$4 per hundred lower than the price of the lot they were shipped in. Stags were cut \$7 from the select prices.

PT. ST. CHARLES.—The total receipts from January 1 to May 13, inclusive, were: 10,513 cattle, 25,707 calves, 21,845 hogs and 5,357 sheep; compared with 12,028 cattle, 27,741 calves, 25,007 hogs and 5,912 sheep, received during the corresponding period of 1919.

EAST END.—The total receipts from January 1 to May 13, inclusive, were: 12,357 cattle, 22,252 calves, 14,741 hogs and 4,456 sheep; compared with 14,379 cattle, 19,333 calves, 13,739 hogs and 6,233 sheep, received during the corresponding period of 1919.

Cheese Markets.

New York, State, whole milk, flats, specials, white and colored, 31c. to 32c.; State, whole milk, flats, current make, specials, white and colored, 28½c. to 29c.; average run, 27c. to 28c.; St. Hyacinthe, Que., 28c.; Belleville, 28½c.; Victoriaville, Que., 28½c.; Cornwall, 29c.

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