

Toronto, Montreal, Buffalo, and Other Leading Markets

Comment on week ending July 22.
Quotations on last Monday's Markets.

Receipts and Market Tops.

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	CATTLE						CALVES					
	Receipts			Top Price Good Steers			Receipts			Top Price Good Calves		
	Week Ending July 22	Same Week 1919	Week Ending July 15	Week Ending July 22	Same Week 1919	Week Ending July 15	Week Ending July 22	Same Week 1919	Week Ending July 15	Week Ending July 22	Same Week 1919	Week Ending July 15
Toronto (U. S. Y.)	5,041	7,382	4,366	\$16.50	\$14.25	\$16.50	1,507	1,752	978	\$19.00	\$19.00	\$18.50
Montreal (Pt. St. Chas.)	833	1,061	721	14.50	13.25	14.50	1,338	3,190	1,157	14.00	16.00	15.00
Montreal (East End)	929	1,056	825	14.50	13.25	14.50	1,098	1,457	1,194	14.00	16.00	15.00
Winnipeg	2,821	4,100	1,935	14.00	13.00	13.50	532	528	354	15.00	16.00	16.00
Calgary	1,125	4,692	470	11.35	12.50	11.50	94	—	75	13.00	—	13.75
Edmonton	381	981	379	11.00	10.00	12.00	68	130	39	12.00	8.50	12.50

	HOGS						SHEEP					
	Receipts			Top Price Selects			Receipts			Top Price Good Lambs		
	Week Ending July 22	Same Week 1919	Week Ending July 15	Week Ending July 22	Same Week 1919	Week Ending July 15	Week Ending July 22	Same Week 1919	Week Ending July 15	Week Ending July 22	Same Week 1919	Week Ending July 15
Toronto (U. S. Y.)	4,343	6,342	5,455	\$21.00	\$24.75	\$21.00	4,347	3,449	3,213	\$17.00	\$21.00	\$18.00
Montreal (Pt. St. Chas.)	1,722	3,074	1,584	21.50	23.25	21.00	1,864	1,409	993	16.00	17.00	16.00
Montreal (East End)	1,690	3,040	1,179	21.50	23.25	21.00	1,198	1,132	925	16.00	17.00	16.00
Winnipeg	3,261	5,856	3,482	18.50	23.50	18.50	856	497	515	13.00	16.00	13.00
Calgary	350	999	453	18.25	22.25	18.15	133	569	197	13.50	12.50	13.50
Edmonton	391	278	596	18.00	22.75	17.75	227	116	83	14.00	13.50	—

Market Comments.

Toronto (Union Stock Yards.)

Although receipts, most contrary to all expectations, continued light there were nearly 1,000 more cattle received than during the previous week. With the exception of Wednesday morning, the market was dull throughout the week and the close found prices steady with Monday's opening, although Wednesday morning found good beef drawing strong bids and being 25 to 50 cents higher than day. The quality of the offerings was not on a par with the previous week due to lack of grain-fed beef. This is noticed more in the light butchers, there being only an odd individual selling over \$14.75. Top load of heavy steers for the week consisted of twenty steers averaging 1,240 pounds selling for \$16.35. Most of the heavy butchers sold from \$15.75 to \$16.50. The demand for medium butchers was good and offerings were picked up quickly at from \$14 to \$16 for the good kinds and \$12 to \$14 for the common. Light butchers sold well at prices from \$13.50 to \$14.75 for anything showing any finish, while the common kinds went slow at prices from \$10.50 to \$13. Good butchers were scarce and commanded steady prices from \$13.50 to \$14.75 for the better kinds. Butcher cows were active throughout the week, and packers paid good prices when quality offerings were obtainable. Most of the good cows sold from \$11 to \$13.50. The common cows sold mostly as canners and it was hard to obtain their value. With the farmers still in the midst of haying the stocker and feeder market was better than was expected. One choice load of breedy feeders averaging around 1,000 pounds sold at \$13.50. Most of the feeders sold from \$11.50 to \$12.75. Stockers were quieter but sold generally from \$9 to \$10 for breedy steers. With calf receipts still light, the market was good on quality veal. Tops sold at \$19, and the close found the market about steady with most of the calves selling from \$17 to \$18. The quality of calves is much better and offerings are being cleaned up. Many shipments were made to Buffalo during the week.

The sheep market throughout the week was active and trading keen. Good yearlings were most in demand and sold from \$11 to \$13, and at a top of \$14. Lambs were 25 to 50 cents easier at the close, but they sold readily at prices \$16.50 to \$17.75 for choice killers.

The hog market opened unsteady at \$20.75, but on Tuesday there was a gain in value due to lack of receipts and the market closed 50 cents stronger for selects, fed and watered.

The total receipts from January 1 to July 15, inclusive, were: 156,957 cattle, 51,987 calves, 184,469 hogs and 35,536 sheep; compared with 166,234 cattle, 39,069 calves, 200,898 hogs and 38,802 sheep, received during the corresponding period of 1919.

Montreal.

There was a very fair tone to the market for cattle throughout the week and all offerings were sold each day. Despite the fact that good cattle sold quite freely, there is an uncertain undertone to the market for common cattle. There is a pretty general impression

TORONTO					MONTREAL (Both Yards)				
CLASSIFICATION	No.	Avg. Price	Price Range Bulk Sales	Top Price	No.	Avg. Price	Price Range Bulk Sales	Top Price	
STEERS heavy finished	254	\$16.25	\$15.75-\$16.50	\$16.50	9	—	—	—	
STEERS good	372	15.00	14.00-16.00	16.50	125	\$14.25	\$14.00-\$14.50	\$14.50	
1,000-1,200 common	28	13.00	12.00-14.00	14.00	—	—	—	—	
STEERS good	749	14.00	13.50-14.75	15.00	160	13.50	12.50-14.00	14.50	
700-1,000 common	156	12.00	10.50-13.00	13.25	190	10.50	8.25-11.00	12.50	
HEIFERS good	663	14.00	13.50-14.75	15.50	6	13.00	12.00-13.50	14.00	
fair	310	12.00	11.00-13.00	13.50	77	10.75	10.00-11.00	12.00	
common	107	9.75	8.00-10.50	10.50	145	8.00	6.00-9.00	9.00	
COWS good	530	11.75	11.00-13.50	14.50	152	10.75	10.00-11.00	12.00	
common	1,081	9.50	8.00-10.50	10.75	460	8.25	7.00-9.50	10.00	
BULLS good	115	11.00	10.50-12.50	13.50	8	—	—	—	
common	75	8.25	7.75-9.50	10.00	154	6.75	6.00-7.50	9.00	
CANNERS & CUTTERS	204	5.00	3.50-6.00	6.00	92	4.75	4.00-5.50	5.50	
OXEN	14	—	—	—	8	11.00	11.00	11.00	
CALVES veal	1,507	17.50	17.00-18.00	19.00	1,715	10.00	7.00-12.50	14.00	
grass	—	—	—	—	332	7.00	7.00	7.50	
STOCKERS good	167	9.50	9.00-10.00	10.00	—	—	—	—	
fair	76	8.50	8.00-9.00	9.75	—	—	—	—	
FEEDERS good	133	12.25	11.50-12.75	13.25	—	—	—	—	
fair	7	10.00	9.50-10.50	11.00	—	—	—	—	
HOGS selects	3,777	21.00	20.75-21.25	21.25	1,303	21.00	21.00	21.50	
heavy	3	20.00	19.75-20.25	20.25	380	—	17.50-19.50	19.50	
lights	346	19.00	18.95-19.25	19.25	177	—	—	—	
watered	206	17.00	16.25-18.25	18.25	500	17.00	17.00	17.00	
sows	11	—	—	—	35	14.00	14.00	14.00	
stags	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
LAMBS good	3,164	17.00	16.50-17.50	18.00	834	15.00	15.00	16.00	
common	46	15.00	14.00-15.50	16.25	1,281	13.75	14.00-14.00	14.00	
SHEEP heavy	863	9.00	8.00-10.00	10.00	88	8.50	8.50	9.00	
light	274	7.00	6.00-8.00	8.00	487	7.50	7.00-8.00	8.00	
common	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	

that as soon as the heavy runs begin, there will be a general lowering of prices especially if there is an improvement in the hide market. Some of the best informed commission firms are advising farmers to market any animal that they may have for sale as soon as it becomes fat, leaving other cattle or lambs until later in the season. There are numerous benefits to be derived from this source. An animal that is in good condition to market would likely bring higher prices than later in the season, while the stock left on the pasture would profit by the absence of the ones marketed. By a systematic method of marketing each lamb or beef as it becomes fit, the marketing season would be spread over a longer period and there would be less likelihood of heavy congestion during the late fall, and consequently less likelihood of violent price fluctuations. This system might also provide the trade with a more even supply from week to week and throughout the week. The top price for the week was paid for twenty-three cattle averaging 1,100 pounds, which were sold for \$14.50. Twenty-one steers, averaging 1,075 pounds brought \$14, and light steers weighed up with cows and heifers averaging in all slightly over 7,000 pounds brought \$8.25. Steers averaging around 800 pounds brought \$9, while \$11 was quite a common price

for medium light steers and fairly good heifers, either in separate or in mixed lots. A pair of choice cows weighing together 2,100 pounds brought \$12; a similar price was paid for part of a load of fat cows from Winnipeg. Good cows sold generally at a top of \$11 and fairly fat cows of dairy type from \$10 to \$10.50. Common cows were in better condition than those marketed during the previous week and a number of sales were made from \$8.50 to \$9. Canners were most generally quoted at \$4. Common bulls brought from \$5.50 to \$6, while light bulls and yearlings sold around \$7 for those weighing from eight hundred to ten hundred pounds, and \$8 to \$9 for fleshy bulls of butcher quality. Calves sold at a top of \$14 for choice milk-fed stock. The majority of the best calves were sold from \$13 to \$13.50 and good lots mixed with a few drinkers from \$12 to \$12.50, which was the most general price offered by the packers for fair lots.

Lambs were quoted at \$15 for good lots. Some sales were made up to \$16, chiefly on account of previous orders and a number of sales were made from \$15.25 and \$15.50. Very thin light lambs from the East were sold as low as \$12. Sheep moved from \$7 to \$8.50 for the majority, and extremes from \$6 to \$9.

There was a stronger market for hogs

on Monday and Tuesday when sales were made up of \$21.50. A slightly stronger tone was evident towards the close of the week.

PT. ST. CHARLES.—The total receipts from January 1 to July 15, inclusive, were: 16,649 cattle, 44,639 calves, 36,666 hogs and 11,832 sheep; compared with 17,377 cattle, 45,574 calves, 43,972 hogs and 11,074 sheep, received during the corresponding period of 1919.

EAST END.—The total receipts from January 1 to July 15, inclusive, were: 18,571 cattle, 36,088 calves, 24,648 hogs, and 10,755 sheep; compared with 19,646 cattle, 32,536 calves, 25,362 hogs and 11,600 sheep, received during the corresponding period of 1919.

Chicago.

Hogs.—Receipts, 5,000; desirable light and light butcher hogs steady; others weak, mostly 10 to 15 cents lower than yesterday's average; bulk of sales, \$14.10 to \$16.25; top, \$16.40; heavyweight, \$14.35 to \$15.85; medium weight, \$14 to \$16.50; light light, \$14.50 to \$15.90; heavy packing sows, smooth, \$13.85 to \$14.30; packing sows, rough, \$13 to \$13.75; pigs, \$13.75 to \$15.

Cattle.—Receipts, 1,500; compared with week ago, good to best yearling and