

Toronto, Montreal, Buffalo, and Other Leading Markets

Week Ending August 29.

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
	Aug. 29	1917	Aug. 22	Aug. 29	1917	Aug. 22	Aug. 29	1917	Aug. 22	Aug. 29	1917	Aug. 22
Toronto (Union Stock Yards)	5,663	7,544	5,032	\$15.50	\$11.00	\$14.50	722	813	594	\$17.50	\$15.00	\$17.50
Montreal (Pt. St. Charles)	1,553	1,409	2,292	13.00	9.50	13.00	907	546	1,130	15.00	13.00	14.00
Montreal (East End)	1,445	2,146	1,904	13.00	9.50	13.00	474	274	607	15.00	13.00	14.00
Winnipeg	7,993	9,491	11,824	15.00	10.50	15.50	339	267	451	12.00	9.50	13.50
Calgary	3,970	1,446	4,779	13.00	8.75	14.00				9.00	10.00	
Edmonton	1,387	419	1,379	14.00	8.25	13.50	107	20	111	8.50	10.00	

	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
	Aug. 29	1917	Aug. 22	Aug. 29	1917	Aug. 22	Aug. 29	1917	Aug. 22	Aug. 29	1917	Aug. 22
Toronto (Union Stock Yards)	3,418	7,040	3,580	\$19.75	\$19.50	\$20.25	4,883	4,690	3,625	\$10.00	\$15.75	\$21.50
Montreal (Pt. St. Charles)	1,630	3,360	1,481	20.00	17.50	20.25	4,281	3,077	2,685	18.00	14.50	19.00
Montreal (East End)	904	1,270	967	20.00	17.50	20.25	1,669	1,614	1,453	18.00	14.50	19.00
Winnipeg	3,733	2,809	5,689	19.00	18.00	19.75	1,670	1,235	1,054	17.00	13.00	17.50
Calgary	46	2,222	1,498	18.75	16.00	19.65	700	108	804	14.00	12.50	16.00
Edmonton	457	346	462	18.25	16.00	18.25	94	3	28	12.50	12.00	

Market Comments.

The quality of the cattle offered for sale was, on the whole, considerably better than for some weeks past. Most of the good loads of stock were on the Monday market, on which day a total of thirty-eight hundred cattle were on sale. Demand was somewhat better, and for anything possessing quality prices ruled a trifle higher compared with prices of the previous week; some dealers estimated the advance at 25 cents per hundred. All of Monday's receipts were weighed up by early afternoon, and the inquiry remained firm with prices steady during the balance of the week. Buffalo quotations continue to be attractive, and several loads of good cattle were shipped to that point on speculation. Among the best sale of heavy cattle was a load, averaging twelve hundred and thirty pounds, that sold on Monday at \$15.70 per hundred; other sales of heavy steers of good quality, were made from \$14.50 to \$15.50, while those of medium grading realized from \$13.50 to \$14. Of steers from ten hundred pounds to twelve hundred pounds, twenty-one head averaging eleven hundred and forty-five pounds sold on Wednesday at \$15.50 per hundred. Eighteen head of eleven hundred and sixty-five pounds sold at \$15; twenty-two head of eleven hundred and ninety pounds at \$14.85, and several loads from \$14 to \$14.50. Medium quality stock within these weights sold from \$13 to \$13.75, and common grades from \$10.50 to \$11.50. The demand for cattle of lighter weights showed slight improvement, \$13.25 per hundred being about the top price for anything running under ten hundred pounds. Large numbers of good quality cattle weighing less than ten hundred pounds, sold from \$12 to \$12.75 per hundred, while those of medium grading were weighed up from \$10 to \$11, and those of common grading from \$8.50 to \$9.50. Choice bulls and cows sold up to \$10.50 per hundred; stock of good quality realized from \$9.25 to \$9.75, and common grades sold at prices ranging from \$7 to \$8.50 per hundred. The demand for stockers and feeders showed some improvement, and from six to seven hundred head went out to country points. Good quality feeders weighing around nine hundred pounds were sold from \$10.50 to \$11 per hundred, lighter weights realized from \$9.50 to \$10.25, and common stockers from \$8 to \$9. Calves were in active demand; choice veal sold up to \$17.50 per hundred, most of the best quality stock from \$15 to \$17; medium veal from \$13 to \$14.50, and common veal from \$10 to \$12.

Lamb receipts were considerably heavier than during the previous week, five thousand head being on sale. As a result, prices continued on the decline throughout the week. On Monday, \$19 per hundred was the top price; by Wednesday the top was \$18.25 to \$18.50, and late on the following day unbroken lots were offered from \$16 to \$17, while \$18 was the top bid. Sheep were about steady; a demand is developing for breeding stock, and one load was shipped out under the terms of the Free Freight Policy of the Live Stock Branch.

Hog prices were unchanged from the previous week's closing quotations. The packing houses bought hogs all week at \$19.50 per hundred, while a few decks

TORONTO (Union Stock Yards)					MONTREAL (Pt. St. Charles)				
CLASSIFICATION	No.	Avg. Price	Price Range Bulk Sales	Top Price	No.	Avg. Price	Price Range Bulk Sales	Top Price	
STEERS									
heavy finished.....	248.....	\$14.52.....	\$14.00-\$15.00.....	\$15.75	45.....	\$12.50.....	\$12.00-\$13.00.....	\$13.00	
STEERS good.....	760.....	14.24.....	13.75- 15.00.....	15.50					
1,000-1,200 common.....	75.....	12.74.....	12.00- 13.50.....	13.50	174.....	11.25.....	10.00- 12.50.....	12.50	
STEERS good.....	886.....	12.47.....	12.00- 13.00.....	13.50	148.....	9.00.....	8.50- 9.50.....	10.00	
700-1,000 common.....	419.....	9.69.....	9.00- 10.50.....	11.25					
HEIFERS									
good.....	468.....	12.73.....	12.00- 13.00.....	13.75	39.....	9.00.....	8.00- 9.50.....	10.50	
fair.....	186.....	10.58.....	9.75- 11.00.....	12.25	150.....	7.50.....	7.00- 8.00.....	9.50	
common.....	148.....	8.88.....	8.00- 9.50.....	9.75					
COWS									
good.....	520.....	9.56.....	9.00- 10.00.....	10.50	63.....	9.50.....	9.00- 10.50.....	10.50	
common.....	545.....	7.82.....	7.25- 8.50.....	8.75	96.....	7.75.....	7.50- 8.25.....	8.50	
BULLS									
good.....	34.....	9.60.....	9.00- 10.25.....	10.50	4.....	9.25.....	9.00- 9.50.....	9.50	
common.....	245.....	7.86.....	7.50- 8.50.....	9.75	742.....	7.00.....	6.50- 7.50.....	8.50	
CANNERS & CUTTERS.....	134.....	6.23.....	5.75- 6.50.....	6.75	73.....	5.50.....	5.00- 6.50.....	6.50	
OXEN.....					4.....				
CALVES									
veal.....	720.....	14.50.....	14.00- 16.50.....	17.50	244.....	9.50.....	7.00- 15.00.....	15.00	
grass.....	2.....	8.00.....		9.00	663.....	6.75.....	6.50- 7.00.....	7.00	
STOCKERS									
good.....	438.....	9.80.....	9.50- 10.25.....	10.50					
450-800 fair.....	218.....	8.53.....	8.00- 9.50.....	9.75					
FEEDERS									
good.....	280.....	10.94.....	10.50- 11.50.....	11.50					
800-1,000 fair.....	59.....	10.36.....	10.00- 10.75.....	9.75					
HOGS									
(fed and watered)									
selects.....	3,130.....	19.56.....	19.50- 19.75.....	19.75	1,269.....	20.00.....	20.00-.....	20.00	
heavies.....	2.....			19.75					
lights.....	177.....	18.05.....	17.50- 18.75.....	18.75	201.....	20.00.....	20.00-.....	20.00	
sows.....	106.....	17.00.....	16.50- 17.50.....	17.50	150.....	17.00.....	17.00-.....	17.00	
stags.....	3.....	14.50.....	14.50- 15.50.....	15.50	10.....	15.50.....	15.00- 16.00.....	16.00	
LAMBS									
good.....	4,103.....	18.18.....	16.00- 19.00.....	19.00	1,423.....	16.00.....	16.00-.....	18.00	
common.....	327.....	16.42.....	15.00- 17.50.....	18.00	2,534.....	15.50.....	15.00- 16.00.....	16.00	
SHEEP									
heavy.....	113.....	11.62.....	11.00- 13.00.....	13.00	150.....	12.25.....	12.00-.....	13.50	
light.....	231.....	13.87.....	12.00- 15.00.....	15.00	174.....	11.50.....	11.00- 12.00.....	12.00	
common.....	109.....	9.00.....	8.00- 10.00.....	10.00					

were sold to local butchers at \$19.75. Hog receipts continue very light.

Of the disposition from the Yards for the week ending August 22nd, Canadian packing houses purchased 316 calves, 3,436 butcher cattle, 3,632 hogs and 2,784 sheep. Local butchers purchased 244 calves, 342 butcher cattle, 352 hogs and 845 sheep. Canadian shipments consisted of 12 calves, 31 milch cows, 504 stockers, and 154 feeders. Shipments to United States points consisted of 201 butcher cattle, 26 stockers and 418 feeders.

The total receipts from January 1st to August 22nd, inclusive, were 163,341 cattle, 43,200 calves, 230,828 hogs and 34,264 sheep; compared with 156,161 cattle, 34,866 calves, 310,186 hogs and 29,292 sheep, received during the corresponding period of 1917.

Montreal.

Under continued heavy receipts of all classes of live stock, a further decline of 25 cents per hundred occurred on cattle, a similar decline on hogs, and a straight break of \$2 per hundred on lambs, and \$1 per hundred on sheep. As during previous weeks, the best cattle offered were of only fair finish and sales of this class of stock were made up to \$12.50 per hundred, the top price being secured on stock grading slightly higher than anything offered during the previous week.

Of two carloads of cattle from the same shipping point, one consisted of twenty-four steers averaging eleven hundred and twenty-five pounds which were weighed up at \$12.50 per hundred, and the other load was made up of mixed heifers and steers averaging nine hundred and sixty pounds, for which \$10.50 per hundred was paid. A larger percentage of the offerings than usual consisted of fairly fat cows which sold from \$9.25 to \$10 per hundred, the prices for this stock being somewhat steadier than during the previous week on account of purchases on outside account. Light bulls sold at \$6.50 per hundred compared with \$6.75 per hundred during the previous week, while bulls, two years old and up, not fat, sold at \$7. The best veal calves sold at \$15 per hundred, while light grass calves of poor quality sold at \$6.50. Fairly liberal shipments of calves were made to the States during the week.

Approximately six thousand sheep and lambs, principally the latter, were offered during the week, and those in touch with local conditions state that heavy runs may be expected during the autumn. While a good local demand exists for this class, the volume of receipts is sufficient to warrant considerable outside buying. The quality of the lambs is noticeably better than in former years. During the week, twenty-seven hundred sheep and

lambs were bought for shipment to outside points. Lambs of good quality sold at \$16, and sheep at \$12.

Select hogs sold at \$20.25 per hundred off cars. Spring-littered hogs are now commencing to arrive in fair numbers, and the average weight of the weekly receipts is lower as a consequence.

PT. ST. CHARLES.—Of the disposition from the Yards for the week ending August 22nd, Canadian packing houses and local butchers purchased 581 calves, 104 canners and cutters, 1,111 bulls, 1,052 butcher cattle, 1,481 hogs and 2,685 lambs. Canadian shipments consisted of 52 calves, 9 milch cows, 16 butcher cattle. Shipments to United States points were made up of 497 calves.

The total receipts from January 1st to August 22nd, inclusive, were 26,065 cattle, 51,640 calves, 42,788 hogs, and 16,994 sheep; compared with 24,838 cattle, 43,852 calves, 55,096 hogs, and 14,852 sheep, received during the corresponding period of 1917.

EAST END.—Of the disposition from the Yards for the week ending August 22nd, Canadian packing houses and local butchers purchased 607 calves, 1,749 butcher cattle, 964 hogs and 1,353 lambs. Canadian shipments consisted of 155 butcher cattle, 3 hogs and 100 lambs.

The total receipts from January 1st to August 22nd, inclusive, were 26,065 cattle, 51,640 calves, 42,788 hogs, and 16,994 sheep; compared with 24,838 cattle, 43,852 calves, 55,096 hogs, and 14,852 sheep, received during the corresponding period of 1917.

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