

WEEK HAS BEEN AN ACTIVE ONE IN THE CHICAGO STOCK MARKET; PRICES GO UP

CATTLE MAKE GOOD SHOWING WITH RECEIPTS LARGER THAN EXPECTED

PORKERS TAKE JUMP

Price Shows Advance of Ten to Fifteen Cents Over Last Week's Close; Heavy Bullocks Have Their Inning.

A very healthy market has been maintained throughout the week in all branches of live stock, with advances in hogs and sheep and lambs have held steady to strong, but the price changes are narrow. In hogs the movement has been greater than expected and the advance for the week at times has been 10 to 15c over the close last week.

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Butcher Stock Active. Butcher cattle has to a certain extent followed the advance for beef steers. Supplies have not been in excess of demand and a dime advance over last week has been scored. Medium stuff however holds on a steady basis with little change over last week.

Present beef costs, considering the decreases in killing percentages as compared with last month, necessitate a higher wholesale price for the carcasses and a consumer sentiment toward advancing retail cost must, of course, be considered as a strong factor in possible readjustment of prices to a little lower basis.

There are spots in the heifer class that are fully 10c over the previous week. There continues a relatively short quota of cows above \$6.75 though choice heavy corn fed are going at \$7.00.

The bull market has held steady through the six days and the demand from the east for big weight bullocks has been a feature. Best prices of the season are now in force for the fat beef andologna grades.

In the veal-calf trade the market appears top-heavy though prices have held steady. The top prices were again boosted to \$12 this week for the fancy lots though \$1.50 has stopped the bulk of this class. Higher prices east, due to a good Kasher demand has been a factor in the local market despite generous supplies. The closing price is below the Wednesday advance of \$1.12.

Stockers and Feeders Higher. In the stocker and feeder division prices have made a good showing this week and the basis compared with last week is fully 10c better, and 25c to 35c higher than two weeks ago. Common light stocker stuff has been less conspicuous in the run this week, and there is also a more marked scarcity of choicely bred steer yearlings and the most advance in the market within the last fortnight has been on the lighter classes, although there is increasing call for good fleshy feeders and everything is sharing in the gain.

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Good to prime steers quoted at \$8.90 to \$9.20 last Saturday brought a dime more this week but nothing arrived on the Friday market to sell at better than \$8.75; medium to good steers \$8.75 to \$9.00; closed unchanged; ordinary to fair, \$8.60 to \$7.75 a week ago against \$8.85 to \$8.10 yesterday; fat cows sold up to \$7.75 for prime stuff during the week as against \$7.25 for the best of the week at \$7.75 to \$4.65; good, \$4.70 to \$5.00; native bulls of select stock sold as good as \$8 on Monday, the majority brought \$7.40 and close last week at \$7.75; in the heifers division a few sales were recorded at \$9.15, but the average is nearer \$8.25 for the best grades; stockers and feeders, select, 500 to 1100 lbs, at \$8.25 to \$8.50; good to choice heavy calves selling at \$5.75 to \$7.15 last Saturday brought a quarter less Thursday and closed yesterday at \$6.75 to \$7.50; good to choice stock calves have had little change, being quoted at \$7.50 to \$8.25; medium weights are a little stronger, a quarter better on Wednesday and closed yesterday at \$4.50 to \$7.00; fair to good vealers last Saturday at an advance of 50c over last Saturday the tone on the close is not as strong; prime yearlings quoted at \$11.00 to \$11.50 which is a quarter better than a week ago, the final sales were at that price.

Total unofficial receipts this week, 55,500; against 55,000 estimated; compared with 50,671 the arrivals last week.

Porkers Strong. Last week's 20 to 25c advance in hog value has apparently inspired confidence in the ranks of the feeders as to the stability of prices. Another advance of 10c was tacked on this week, bringing the price back to \$8.50 a week ago. With the exception of Wednesday the market has held firm all week. Packers and shippers both have been in a scramble to buy and anything that looked like a small receipt was taken up. Small receipts east together with continued good demand for pork products abroad appears to be the underlying factor in the upward tendency of prices. The upward trend looked like a slump and shows an expanding aim. The western and river point market have followed Chicago in the advance. There appears to be a scarcity of hogs in Canada, Toronto and Montreal and Montreal \$9.25. Present hog market conditions are exactly the reverse of those existing a year ago, when feed was abundant and cheap. A year ago packers were closing their cutting operations with a view of making the maximum quantity of meats and throwing as little into the market as possible, but the chances are that efforts to make a profit in the order of \$100 a head in the Chicago buyers have stated that almost 50 per cent of the arrivals in the Chicago the past month have weighed less than 200 pounds.

Mixed hogs 170 to 250 pounds selling at \$7.95 to \$8.20 last Saturday were off a dime on Wednesday and closed today at \$8.15 to \$8.50; the best price of the week; medium weights with a 10c spread last Saturday at \$8.10 to \$8.20 were off 5c on Wednesday but Friday's closing brought them back to \$8.25 to \$8.30; light butchers and shippers down to \$7.95 to \$8.10 on Wednesday recovered this weakness and closed yesterday at \$8.15 to \$8.30; heavy butchers also off a dime on Wednesday but closed at \$8.25 to \$8.40 on Saturday; heavy packers down to \$7.95 to \$8.10 on Wednesday closed Friday at a net advance of 10c over the previous week's close at \$8.15 to \$8.30; rough heavies, while only a nickel Wednesday, this was regained yesterday and closed at their best at \$8.05 to \$8.15; fair to choice lights bringing \$7.95 to \$8.15; last Saturday closed at \$8.05 to \$8.25; recovery of 5c over the low spot Wednesday; those in the 135 to 155 pound class closed the week at their best, \$7.90 to \$8.15; pigs farred less fortunate this week, being \$8.25 to \$8.50 at Chicago on Wednesday's soft spot but choice is better at \$6.40 to \$7.00, or 10c to 25c below last Saturday.

Unofficial receipts this week, 190,000, against 185,000 estimated; compared with 120,247 last week.

RURAL CARRIER IS REMEMBERED

BLOOMFIELD MAN IS GREATLY SURPRISED BY HIS PATRONS ON DAVIS COUNTY ROUTE

William R. Spear, a mail carrier on rural route No. 1 out of Bloomfield, was very well remembered by his patrons during the recent holiday season. Both in provisions and fuel and feed for his horses the man was fairly swamped with gifts.

Some of the Ottumwa carriers say that they often receive gifts, but nothing to the extent of the following, which were given to the Davis county carrier: Thirteen and one-half pounds of beef, nineteen pounds of pork, five pounds of lard, five pounds of sausage, one pound of butter, six pounds of beans, two pounds of pop corn, twelve and one-half gallons of canned fruits, six bushels of oats, twelve bushels of corn, twelve and one-half bushels of apples, two bushels of potatoes, one pound of nuts, nine chickens, twenty-five cents in money, one load of wood and one ton each of baled hay and straw.

GRAIN, 31,000 POUNDS, BEAR DOWN ON MAN

Newton, Jan. 10.—A most remarkable accident took place at Davis City recently. Thos. Merrifield, employed in an elevator, found that the grain had stopped running