

BENEFIT OF FEEDING CATTLE IN TRANSIT

Reach Market in Better Condition,
Often in Better Time, and
Take on Better "Fill"

Many times shippers want to rush their stuff thru to market as quickly as possible after it has been loaded. In shipping short distances, this is undoubtedly the best thing to do. But experienced ranchmen have learned that in long hauls they can get their cattle to market in better condition, and often in better season, by feeding in transit, even where the distance is not so great as to be compelled to do so by state laws or the regulations of live stock sanitary boards.

The above we think is especially true of range cattle that are not used to being fed and watered in corrals and feed lots. By being unloaded, watered and fed in transit, they become accustomed to their new surroundings and to eating out of a manger and drinking out of a trough. They reach market in a rested condition and when unloaded begin to fill instead of lying down to rest.

The writer recently called on H. L. Carpenter, manager of the Lincoln Union Stock Yards, at the yards west of that city, and secured some information that we think will be of value to western Nebraska stockmen. These yards are splendidly equipped for feeding cattle in transit, and while not trying to flatter our friend Harry, we must say he is the right man to have charge of them. Brought up to the business of handling live stock, he knows how to do it to perfection, and is always accommodating and looking out for the interests of his patrons. Lincoln is within easy distance of South Omaha, St. Joseph and Sioux City, and for that reason makes an ideal feeding place for western Nebraska stockmen shipping over the Burlington railroad to either of those markets.

Mr. Carpenter has recently sent out the following letter which gives further information regarding the advisability of feeding at the Lincoln Union Stock Yards:

In shipping your cattle to market this Fall the problem of how to reach there with the least possible shrinkage will confront you. I wish to call your attention to the many advantages we can offer to those who feed here.

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and return.
8. Market trains daily to Omaha, Chicago, St. Joseph, and one three days each week to Kansas City.

9. If after reaching Lincoln the market to which you are billed does not appear to be the best one, you can change to any other point without extra charge.

What does the resting of your cattle for twelve to twenty-four hours at the Lincoln yards mean to you? It means that you have the advantage of the best feed yard facilities in the United States; that your cattle will be carefully unloaded, yarded, watered and fed and finally reloaded and forwarded at such a time as will insure arrival on the market at the proper hour, looking clean and fresh and in such condition as to fill properly and sell to the best possible advantage instead of being tired and worn out from standing in the cars from twenty-four to thirty-six hours.

You cannot properly "fill" cattle at the market when they arrive there from a long run, tired and foot sore, and your commission men will tell you so, and as a result your shipments will suffer excessive shrink. Cattle arriving on the market late have no chance to fill and are at the mercy of buyers who have probably taken their "pick" of the early offerings. We can get your cattle to any of the markets in good condition and at a reasonable time.

Respectfully,
H. L. CARPENTER,
Manager.

COMING UP ON HOGS

Swine Industry in Western Nebraska
Increasing, and Good Class
of Stuff Being Raised

Western Nebraska is a cattle country, preeminently, but as has been noted in this paper before, the raising of hogs is carried on profitably and the industry is on the increase in recent years.

There are a number of things particularly favorable in this part of the country and only one drawback worth mentioning, and that is being overcome.

The climate is favorable for the health of the brutes. The growing of alfalfa is on the increase and they thrive on the native grasses. Dairying is an important and growing industry and this tends to increase the raising of hogs. The large ranchmen, most of them, give no attention to the raising of hogs, but small ranchmen and farmers find they can add a nice bunch of money to their income each year by this means.

The only difficulty is in getting the corn needed, but then corn is not as exclusively necessary in raising hogs as it used to be, besides there is getting to be a good deal of corn grown in this part of the state. According to a bulletin issued by the Nebraska Department of Agriculture on the crops of last year, by counties,

the average yield of corn in the western part of the state, on cheap land and with less expense for cultivation, was only slightly below the eastern counties, and was above on all other cereals.

Of course, last year was an exceptionally good one for western Nebraska and poor for low, flat land farther east; but what was done last year in growing crops is an indication of what can be done, and is being done, to a considerable extent every year.

Another thing that is very gratifying in regard to the growing industry of raising hogs in this country is the fact that good quality stuff is being bred. The following item from the Daily Drivers Journal-Stockman of August 10th is but one instance of many that could be cited to prove this fact:

Dawes County Hogs Bring Top Price

C. W. Denton of Chadron was represented on the market today with a carload of hogs which averaged 193 pounds and brought the top price of the day, \$10.10.

Mr. Denton has been engaged in the cattle business for a number of years and is now branching out into hog raising. This is among the first of his hog shipments to the market here, although he is one of the old time cattle shippers. This bunch of hogs clearly showed that Mr. Denton is making a success of his new venture.

Corn-fed Cattle Scarce

The country's supply of corn-fed beefs at the present time is unusually small, and this explains why prices have been broadening of late between choice lots which have had plenty of corn and the superabundant supplies of grass-fed cattle. With corn selling in the country at 80 cents a bushel or higher, the average farmer is disposed to act cautiously about restocking his pastures and furnishing cattle plenty of corn, fearing that the prices for prime finished beefs may not be sufficiently high to allow fair profits. Cattle marketed include moderate numbers of short-feds of a desirable kind, the greater part not having had enough corn to make them fat, and they sell accordingly. Meanwhile grass cattle are moving freely from southwestern pastures, the principal share going to Missouri river markets, while the Chicago market is getting northern range cattle in increasing volume. Parts of the country around Chicago have not had good rain falls, and this is the case in parts of Wisconsin, where many cattle are on grass. Dry pastures and scarcity of corn in different sections have caused premature marketing of cattle. Where well-bred cattle are pastured and owners have enough corn, the best policy is to finish them carefully, as there is no danger of a surfeit of fat beefs in the next five months.



A Good Appearance Inspires Confidence

No man can afford to allow the condition of his teeth to detract from his appearance. Apart from the loss of efficiency caused by ill health directly traceable to neglected teeth, a man's confidence in himself is lessened when he knows that others are offended by his appearance.

WHY DELAY

A short examination will tell you just what ought to be done.

Dr. G. W. Todd

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