

**GENERAL MARKET
MEAT CONDITIONS**

Heavier Receipts and Bigger Demand Shown for Beef on the Eastern Markets Last Week

The report of the Bureau of Markets, United States Department of Agriculture, on the meat trade conditions for the week ending November 9th, shows a heavier demand for beef on the Boston, New York, Philadelphia and Washington markets:

The beef situation was as follows: **Boston.**—A heavy increase in the demand for cows has been reflected in the total number of receipts throughout the entire week. Records show that the receipts covering the period of the first four days of the present week are seventy per cent of the total. This is an increase of about five per cent over the receipts of the previous week. The demand for better grade cows has been just about equal to the supply. The absence of any demand for medium grade steers has been a noticeable feature all week. A few odd lots of good to choice steers on different days were offered but the trade required only a small number. Prices on both of these grades today are about \$1.00 per cwt. lower than on Monday with the demand not quite so good. No activity whatever is noted in the market for bulls and prices remain unchanged. Supply of kosher beef has been liberal throughout with a demand and prices steady to strong. **New York.**—Steers sold at fairly steady prices, chucks and plates were

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in demand, but hindquarters were very hard to move. On all stuff below the good kind better prices could be obtained for the chucks and plates than for the hinds and ribs. The price of kosher chucks and plates declined somewhat from last Sunday's figure until now the bulk of them are selling at from \$18.00 to \$19.00. City dressed hinds and ribs have been accumulating; any reasonable bids have been accepted. The cow market has remained firm throughout the week, and the prices of Bologna bulls remained unchanged from last week's quotations.

Philadelphia.—One lot choice cattle composed of steers and heifers sold for \$23.50. The receipts of good steers were more than sufficient to supply demand as they were moved very slowly all week. Medium and common grades were in abundant supply, in fact, more than the demand would take without forcing sales. The spread in price is wide on these grades, due to the large range in quality, there being some light and common cattle sold. With a normal supply of kosher beef and a good demand the market held firm for the week. The small supply of good cows sold at \$13.50 to \$14.00 under a fair demand. Bologna bulls which comprised practically all of the light supply sold from \$11.00 to \$12.50 under a fair demand.

Washington.—Receipts were heavier than last week. The demand has been no better. Liberal offerings in common and medium grade steers and cows with the bulk on the line between the two grades have wanted for buyers. While price quotations have shown little variation from Monday of last week, the bulk of sales has been at prices 50c to \$1.00 lower. Medium steers closed at \$14.00 to 16.50 and medium cows at \$13.00 to \$14.00. Hindquarters have been slower than they were last week. Some common hinds were sacrificed as low as \$12.00. Forequarters have been in good demand at all times, selling at a wide range of prices from \$11.00 to \$15.00.

The Market closing showed: **Boston.**—A gradual movement to the freezer of medium grade steers and some cows has tended to keep the market practically clean of any surplus. The range of prices on all steers is full as wide as one week ago. More favorable weather has seemed to put some life into the trade.

New York.—The market is cleaning up slowly on beef since a good

the freezer to apply on government orders. Good veal is cleaning up. number of cattle have been sent to Heavy calves are still hanging. Fresh pock cuts are cleaning up well. Lambs and muttons are practically all sold except some late arrivals.

Philadelphia.—The supply on hand is practically cleaned up. Some cars due on this week's market have not been unloaded and will be carried over for next week's business.

Washington.—Some care are yet due. Present stocks of beef, pork and lambs are cleaned up well. At the close today beef was steady while pork was a little stronger. Lambs were steady to lower with some sacrificial sales made to clean up stock. Retailers report trade about the same as last week, very dull and draggy with a very noticeable decrease in the demand for lamb.

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