Omaha Livestock

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SLAUGHTER CATTLE AND CALVES

Receipts of cattle for the four-day period this week have totaled approximately 26,538 head, as compared with an actual supply of 41,899 head the corresponding period last week and 25,829 head the corresponding period this week a year ago.

The bullish effect of dwindling receipts in vogue throughout the week was somewhat offset by the dull, dressed beef trade, due mainly to the approaching holidays. However, fed steers and yearlings are now selling 25c to 40c higher, better grades showing the most advance, fat she stock and canners and cutters steady to 15c higher, bologna bulls 25c to 50c higher, beef bulls steady, calves 50c to $1.00 lower. Killing quality of offerings continued to be very plain. A spread of $7.00 to $9.25 absorbed the bulk of fed steers and yearlings and comparatively few exceed the outside figure. One of the main features to be noted is the fact that buyers did not discriminate quite so severely against weighty steers as in the last few weeks. Orders for heavy bullocks were somewhat improved and with a moderate supply on hand, these kinds shared in the full advance tendered better grades of handyweight steers and yearlings. Numerous loads of shortfeds averaging 1,300 to 1,425 pounds, cashed at $8.75 to $9.25, with a three-load lot averaging 1,439 pounds at $9.65. Warmed up and shortfed kinds of less desirable quality and condition sold frequently at $7.25 to $8.50, and plain rough kinds cashed at $7.00 and below. Yearlings were in good demand at all times, especially the better grades, which were scarce. A short load of long yearlings commanded $11.00, but full loads failed to exceed $10.50. This prices was paid for a few loads averaging around 925 pounds. Western steers continued to arrive but the supply was meager and of quality and condition suitable for further finish. Bulk of offerings turned into fishers' hands at $5.50 to $7.00, or steady. Most sales of she stock reacted upward 15c to 25c during the early part of the week, due in part to a broad demand, especially for the better grades of cows and heifers, which showed the most advance. Weakness developed as the week progressed, however, and a large share of the advance was lost at the close. Heavy Kosher cows sold upward to $6.25 and fat heifers in odd lots cashed at $7.75 to $8.50, few however, exceeding the latter figure. Bulk of fat she stock comprised inbetween grades, a spread of $4.00 to $6.00 absorbing the bulk of closing session. Canners and cutters were fairly active throughout. A spread of $2.35 to $3.75 absorbed the bulk of canners and cutters with strongweight cutters selling frequently upward to $4.00.

Bulls were in light supply and good demand and, as a result, heavy bolognas were selling $3.50 to $4.50 at the close. Light and medium weight bolognas sold mostly at $2.75 to $3.50 and beef bulls sold upward to $5.00 and above. Vealers slumped off early in the week and failed to regain any price ground. Bulk of light vealers turned into packers' hands at $8.00 to $8.50, with outsiders paying upward to $9.00 on occasional fancy selection on closing sessions. Heavies and medium weights cashed at $4.00 to $6.00.

Today's quotations follow:

Steers—Heavyweight (1,300 lbs. up): prim, $12.00@12.25; choice, $10.85@12.00; good, $9.25@10.65; medium, $7.15@9.25; common, $5.25@7.15. Medium weight (1,100 to 1,300 lbs.): Prime, $12.25@12.50; choice, $10.85@12.25; good, $9.50@10.85; medium, $7.25@9.50; common, $5.25@7.25. Lightweight (1,100 lbs. down): Prime, $12.25@12.50; choice, $10.85@12.25; good, $9.50@10.85; medium, $7.25@9.50; common, $5.00@7.25; common and cutter, $3.00@5.00. Light yearlings, steers and heifers (800 lbs. down): Prime, $11.15@11.90; choice, $10.25@11.50; good, $8.85@10.25. Heifers (1,100 lbs. up): Good and choice, $7.15@10.25. All weights: common and medium, $4.00@7.15.

Cows—Good and choice, $4.85@6.50; common and medium, $3.75@4.85; canner and cutter, $2.25@3.75.

Bulls—Good and choice (beef yearlings excluded), $4.00@5.75; common and medium (bologna), $2.75@4.00; canner, $2.50@2.75.

CALVES—Light and handyweight (190 lbs., down): Fancy, $8.50@9.00; good and choice, $7.00@8.50; common and medium, $5.00@7.00; common and medium-weight (190 to 260 lbs.): Fancy, $8.25@8.75; good and choice, $5.50@8.25; common and medium, $5.00@5.50; cull, $3.50@5.00. Heavyweight (260 lbs. up): Good and choice, $5.50@7.00; common and medium, $3.25@5.50; cull, $2.50@3.25.

STOCKER AND FEEDER CATTLE AND CALVES

It has been largely a two-day market on stockers and feeders during the week under review. Demand centered on better grades carrying considerable flesh. These kinds were in light supply and, as a result, advanced 10c to 15c. Other grades sold steady to 15c lower, light yearling stock steers showing the most decline. Choice corn-fed weighty steery feeders sold at $7.75 to $7.90. Bulk of feeders turned at $6.00 to $7.25. Most stockers sold at $5.25 to $6.75. Stock cows and heifers found a good active outlet at fully steady prices. Bulk stock cows cashed at $3.25 to $3.75 and stock heifers at $4.00 to $5.00.

Colby's quotations follow:

Steers—(750 lbs. up): Fancy, $8.00@8.15; good and choice, $6.75@8.00; common and medium, $5.00@6.75; inferior, $3.75@5.00. 750 lbs. down: Fancy, $8.00@8.15; good and choice, $6.25@8.00; common and medium, $4.35@6.25; inferior, $3.25@4.35.

Heifers—good and choice, $4.00@5.00; common and medium, $3.50@4.25.

Cows—Good and choice, $3.25@3.75; common and medium, $2.75@3.25; inferior, $2.50@2.75.

Calves—Good to fancy, $5.75@7.00; common and medium, $3.50@5.75.

HOGS

Receipts of hogs the first four days this week total approximately 58,200 head, as compared with an actual supply of 51,390 last week, and 49,744 the same period one year ago.

A good healthy undertone to the local market has prevailed throughout the seven-day period under review, and prices in the main are on a higher basis. The 25c boost to prices obtained at the close of last week and at the opening of this week was somewhat wiped out today when bulk of the day's transactions figured in a 10c to 15c lower market, leaving an advance for the week of around 5c to 15c on most hogs. Shipping demand has been a minor factor in the trade, while the packer outlet has displayed considerable breadth.

Weighty butchers are bringing a slight premium over the medium and light grades, and with the general run of hogs coming of better quality and finish the price spread in the bulk of sales is narrowing as a result.

Today's trade opened with early sales mostly to shippers 5c to 10c lower. Bulk of transactions to packers around 10c to 15c lower; bulk of all sales range from $6.40 to $6.70, early top, $6.80, late top, $6.70.

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Today's quotations follow:

Heavyweight (250 to 250 lbs.)—Medium, good and choice, $6.60@6.75.

Mediumweight (200 to 250 lbs.)—Good to choice, $6.60@6.75; common and medium, $6.55@6.65.

Lightweight (160 to 200 lbs.)—Good and choice, $6.50@6.65; common and medium, $6.00@6.60.

Packing hogs—Smooth, $6.35@6.50; rough, $6.25@6.35.

Feeder and Stocker Pigs (30 lbs., down)—Medium, good and choice, $4.50@5.50.

Boars—$2.50@5.00.

Stags (subject to dockage)—$4.50@5.25.

SLAUGHTER SHEEP AND LAMBS

Receipts locally for the four-day period total approximately 42,500 head, as compared with an actual supply for the four-day period last week, or 51,922 head and 39,772 the corresponding period a year ago. The seven principal western markets also show a falling off from a week ago, with a total this week of approximately 150,000 as against 209,700 the first four days last week.

Sharp fluctuations have featured the lamb trade this week, in some cases advances and declines about offsetting, but generally wooled lambs show an advance of 10 to 15c, with spots 25c higher. Good and choice light and handyweight wooled lambs have been in active demand from both shippers and packers, while fed clipped lambs have been more or less neglected and have met with a slow sale with a lower trend of prices, today's values ruling mostly 10c to 15c lower than a week ago.

Light and handyweight ewes continue in good demand with prices showing an upward tendency, today's prices ruling around 25c higher than a week ago.

Movement of desirable weight wooled lambs today to packers at prices ranging from $12.25 to $12.40. The day's top price of $12.50 was paid by shippers for six doubles of good to choice lambs. Good to choice fed clipped lambs cashed at $10.60, as against $10.75 a week ago for similar quality. Medium to good light and handyweight ewes turned at $7.10 to $7.25. Today's quotations follow:

Lambs—Light and handyweight, (84 pounds down,) choice and prime, $12.25@12.50; medium and good, $11.25@12.25; cull and common, $8.25@11.25; inferior, $7.00@8.25.

Yearling Wethers—Light and handyweight (95 pounds down,) choice and prime, $10.00@11.00; medium and good, $8.75@10.00.

Medium Weight—(95 to 105 pounds,)—Choice and prime, $9.50@10.50; medium and good, $8.50@9.50.

Yearling Wethers, Heavy Weight (105 pounds up,) choice and prime, $9.00@10.00; medium and good, $8.00@9.00.

Wethers, (2-year old up,) choice and prime, $8.00@8.50; medium and good, $6.25@8.00.

Ewes, common to choice, $4.50@7.50; canner and cull, $1.50@4.50.

FEEDER AND STOCKER SHEEP AND LAMBS

The run of feeding lambs this week has been much heavier than a week ago, but despite the more liberal offerings improved demand over a week ago resulted in fairly good clearance being made on most days. Prices fluctuated moderately during the week in sympathy with trend of fat lamb prices, but show little change for the week. An occasional outstanding sale of desirable light lambs averaging around 55 pounds was noted at $12.25 to $12.45, while bulk of the offerings consisted of lambs averaging 60 pounds to 70 pounds, which cleared at $11.75 to $12.00, with medium quality on down to $11.25.

Small lots of feeding ewes sold mostly at $5.00, with occasional sales at $5.25 to $5.50. Today's quotations follow:

Feeder Lambs—(Range Stock)—medium to choice, $10.50@12.25; inferior to common, $7.50@$10.50.

Feeder Yearling Wether—(Range

Omaha Grain

Omaha, Dec. 22.

Total arrivals at Omaha were 235 cars against 149 cars last year. Total shipments were 153 cars against 206 cars a year ago.

Demand for cash wheat on the Omaha market was rather slow with prices 1 to 2c lower. Corn sold well at unchanged to 1c lower. Oats were unchanged to 1c lower. Rye and barley were quoted unchanged.

Liquidation continued in Chicago futures market and all grains reached low levels for this turn. There was moderate selling by houses with eastern connections and support came largely from local shorts with trade in the aggregate not large. Corn continues to give a good account of itself, but local sentiment rather inclined to the bear side. Country offerings are still small. Feeders taking the corn well above a shipping basis to terminal markets.

All grain exchanges will be closed next Tuesday, December 25th, account of Christmas. Chicago market will close at 11:30 a. m., Monday, December 24, but Omaha market will be open all day on that date.

Market News.

Wheat—Charles Sincere & Co. say: Cash wheat is not yet a drug on the market and we look for an increased demand after the turn of the year. The bears are looking only at the export trade and are disposed to slight the importance of domestic conditions that encourage a constructive position in the market. We expect a small movement from farms for the balance of the season.

Winnipeg wires: Considering selling here in way of undoing Chicago-Winnipeg May wheat spread. Covering of short wheat with idea of selling again on an upturn.

Kansas Wheat—Hessian fly probably never before as widespread in distribution or more numerous in autumn than this year, says the report of Edward C. Paxton, statistician for Kansas of the United States Department of Agriculture. It is present in the flaxseed stage in practically every county in the state and in alarming numbers in all except southwest counties. It did much damage in retarding full growth before the period of dormancy and offers very serious menace for next spring. Fields of early seeding in northcentral and northwest counties reveal as many as five and six files in flaxseed stage to the single stool.

Broomhall Liverpool cable says: Wheat dull with a holiday feeling prevailing. Spot situation still quiet, with trade very slow.

The trade in corn is not very active, but the tone remains steady to firm. Spot corn has been dull, with the tone a trifle easier.

Buenos Aires—Weather fine. Outlook for the growing crop of corn is generally favorable.

OMAHA CAR LOT SALES.

Wheat.

No. 2 dark hard: 1 car (special billing), $1.14.

No. 2 hard winter: 1 car, 99c; 1 car (live weevil), 98c.

No. 3 hard winter: 2 cars, 97c; 1 car, 96c.

No. 4 hard winter: 1 car, 90c; 1 car, 94½c; 1 car, 92c.

No. 5 hard winter: 1 car, 87c; 1 car (28 per cent head damage), 82c; 1 car (2.8 per cent musty), 82c; 1 car, 86c; 1 car (0.4 per cent heat damage), 83c; 1 car, 85c; 1 car, 87c; 1 car (musty), 87c.

Sample hard winter: 1 car, 80c; 1 car, 78c; 1 car, 79c.

No. 1 spring: 3 cars (special bill, dark), $1.19.

No. 2 spring: 1 car, $1.15.

No. 1 mixed: 1 car (special billing), $1.12.

No. 3 mixed: 1 (Durum), 85c.

No. 4 mixed: 1 car (Durum, 85c; 3-5 car (0.6 per cent heat damaged), 80c; 1 car (smutty), 93c.

No. 5 mixed: 2 cars, 82c.

No. 4 Durum: 1 car, 84c.

CORN.

No. 3 white: 3 cars, 62½c; 2 cars, 62c.

No. 4 white: 4 cars, 61c; 1 car 61½c.

No. 5 yellow: 2-5 cars, 64c.

No. 3 yellow: 6 cars, 62½c; 1 car, 63c.

No. 4 yellow: 10 cars, 61; 2 cars (special billing), 61c; 2 cars, 61½c.

No. 5 yellow: 4 cars, 58c; 1 car 58½c; 1 car, 57c.

No. 3 mixed: 1 car, 62c; 5 cars, 61½c.

No. 4 mixed: 1 car (special billing), 60½c; 3 cars, 60c; 2 cars (special billing), 61c.

No. 5 mixed: 1 car, 57½c.

No. 6 mixed: 1 car (special billing), 56c.

OATS.

No. 2 white: 5 cars, 41¼c.

No. 3 white: 1 car (heavy) 41c; 4 cars, 40¾c; 1 car (choice), 40¾c; 4 cars, 40½c; 1 car (0.8 per cent heat damage), 40½c.

No. 4 white: 4 cars, 40c; 1 car, 40¼c; 1 car (4 per cent heat damage), 40c; 1 car, 39¾c.

Sample white: 1 car (12 per cent heat damage), 38½c.

RYE.

No. 2: 2-5 car, 58c.

No. 3: 2 cars, 60c; 3-5 car, 59c.

No. 4: 1 car, 59c.

Sample: 1 car (live weevil, heating, sour), 58c.

BARLEY.

No. 3: 1 car 57c.

No. 4: 2 cars, 54c.

OMAHA RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS. (Carlots.)

Receipts—	Today.	Week. Ago.	Year. Ago.
Wheat	54	89	65
Corn	139	108	67
Oats	38	41	15
Rye	3	1	..
Barley	1	1	..
Shipments—	**Today.**	**Week. Ago.**	**Year. Ago.**
Wheat	29	64	131
Corn	77	88	61
Oats	21	26	16
Rye	1	1	2
Barley	5	3	6

PRIMARY RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS. (Bushels.)

Receipts—	Today.	Week. Ago.	Year. Ago.
Wheat	468,000	1,275,000	1,864,000
Corn	418,000	1,334,000	1,782,000
Oats	805,000	872,000	655,900
Shipments—	**Today.**	**Week. Ago.**	**Year. Ago.**
Wheat	463,000	558,000	645,000
Corn	706,000	712,000	654,000
Oats	636,000	548,000	602,000

CHICAGO RECEIPTS.

Carlots—	Today	Wk. Ago.	Yr. Ago.
Wheat	30	15	65
Corn	285	201	456
Oats	125	75	103

KANSAS CITY RECEIPTS.

Carlots—	Today	Wk. Ago.	Yr. Ago.
Wheat	116	169	394
Corn	95	71	68
Oats	28	34	27

ST. LOUIS RECEIPTS.

Carlots—	Today	Wk. Ago.	Yr. Ago.
Wheat	50	44	122
Corn	137	60	98
Oats	37	80	58

NORTHWESTERN WHEAT RECEIPTS.

Carlots—	Today	Wk. Ago.	Yr. Ago.
Minneapolis	324	317	510
Duluth	62	48	113
Winnipeg	1,167	1,499	689

Kansas City Grain.

Kansas City, Dec. 22.—Wheat—No. 2 hard, 99c@$1.15; No. 2 red, $1.07@1.07½; December, 96½c asked (no trading); May, $1.09⅝ asked; July, 98⅝c asked.

Corn—No. 2 white, 64½@65c; No. 2 yellow, 66½@67c; No. 2 yellow, 65@65½c; No. 2 mixed, 66c; December, 66¼c; May, 69c asked; July, 69⅝c.

Hay—Market unchanged to $1.00 lower; prairie No. 1, $14.00@15.00; alfalfa, choice, $26.00@27.00.

Minneapolis Grain.

Minneapolis, Dec. 22.—Wheat—Cash: No. 1 northern, $1.06⅝@1.09⅝; No. 1 dark northern spring, choice to fancy, $1.13⅝@1.17⅝; good to choice, $1.09⅝@1.12⅝; ordinary to good, $1.07⅝@1.09⅝; December, $1.05; May, $1.08⅝; July, $1.09⅝.

Corn—No. 3 yellow, 63½@63½c.

Oats—No. 3 white, 38⅝@38⅝c.

Barley—47@60c.

Rye—No. 2, 63⅝c.

Flax—No. 1, $2.41⅝@2.44⅝.

St. Louis Grain.

St. Louis, Dec. 22.—Wheat—Close: Wheat, $1.03¼; May, $1.07⅝.

Corn—December, 73c; May, 73⅝c.

Oats—December, 43¼c; May, 46¼c.

Minneapolis Flour.

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 22.—Flour—Unchanged.

Bran—$25.50@27.00.

New York Sugar.

New York, Dec. 22.—The sugar market was quiet in all departments today. There were no sales of raws and spot prices were unchanged at 5⅝c for Cuban, cost and freight, equal to 7.41c for centrifugal. Most of the business in raw sugar futures was done in the evening up character and prices moved within a narrow range. The opening was unchanged to 2 points lower and final prices were 1 point higher to 1 point lower. January, 5.35c; March, 4.68c; July, 4.79c.

There was only a limited inquiry for refined sugar and prices were unchanged at 8.60c for 100 lbs. for fine granulated.

Refined futures nominal.

Sugar futures closed quiet; approximate sales, 3,300 tons: January, 5.35c; March, 4.68c; May, 4.73c; July, 4.79c.

New York Coffee.

New York, Dec. 22.—The market for coffee futures was very quiet today and after opening at a decline of 4 to 7 points, ruled within a point or 2 of the initial quotations. The close was 3 to 8 points net lower. Sales were estimated at about 5,000 bags. December, 10.36c; March, 9.54c; May, 8.90c; July, 8.66c; September, 8.45c; October, 8.43c; December, 1924, 8.36c.

Spot coffee was nominally unchanged at 10⅝c to 10⅞c for Rio 7s and at 14⅝c to 15¼c for Santos 7s.

Turpentine and Rosin.

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 22.—Turpentine, firm, 85½; sales, 80 barrels; receipts, 315 barrels; shipments, 155 barrels, stock, 15,469 barrels.

Rosin; Steady; sales 1,114 casks; receipts, 1,854 casks; shipments, 1 cask; stock, 134,962 casks.

Quote: B, D, E, F, G, $4.35; H, $4.37½; I, $4.40; K, $4.75; M, $4.95; N, $4.25; WG, $5.85; WWX, $6.05.

Chicago Grain

By CHARLES J. LEYDEN.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—Wheat sold down to the lowest levels since August early today and then staged a rally which carried the market back to the previous closing prices. Liquidation was less in evidence, also northwest hedging, and shorts developed a disposition to even up for over the week end. News counted for nothing.

Wheat closed unchanged to ⅝c lower, corn was ⅝c lower to ⅝c higher, oats were ¼c higher to ¼c lower, and rye ruled ¼c higher to ¼c lower.

Eastern buying was noted around $1.06 for the May. The pit had the idea that a prominent operator was buying wheat for a turn. Sentiment generally in the grain trade has become uniformly bearish the last few days. There is no such occasions that a recovery takes place when opinions on the market get one-sided.

December corn looked like it was ready for a fade out. Stop loss selling carried it down to a 3½c discount under the May, compared with a 3c premium a few months back. The bulls, who had been expecting December corn to repeat the performance of September and July corn before it, are apparently converted.

Oats manifested a firm undertone, but the close was irregular. Cash houses took December and sold May at 3½c difference.

Trade in rye was slow. The better export demand for this grain fails to stir much interest. Some selling in the pit disclosed continuous export sales.

Pit Notes.

Trade ideas on wheat are greatly mixed. Few doubt that the world's situation is bearish, and also that the wheat situation in the United States, compared with other surplus countries, is relatively bullish. Wheat being a world commodity, it would seem, must bow to world conditions.

Powerful interests have been stabilizing the market for several months, with fair success. The object of this, as the trade sees it, is to keep prices on as close a plane as possible which represents the general prosperity now existing in this country. Many claim that the big buyers in the east are taking hold because of political ideas.

The winter wheat crop has been cut 12.6 per cent, compared with last year, and the chances are that the spring wheat crop will be reduced more than that proportionately. Reports today had it that Missouri wheat would be cut 25 per cent, that many farmers in the southern part of the state are planting cotton instead of wheat.

The milling trade in this country is seasonably dull, but after the turn of the year more activity is expected. A prominent local miller said recently that visible supply stocks would probably be resorted to by mills early in 1924.

CHICAGO MARKETS.

By Updike Grain Co. AT. 6312. Dec. 22.

Art.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yes.
Wheat					
Dec.	1.01⅝	1.02	1.00⅝	1.01¼	1.01⅞
	1.02	.....	.....	1.01⅝	1.02
May	1.06¾	1.06⅝	1.05⅞	1.06¼	1.06⅛
	1.06⅝	.....	.....	1.06⅝	1.06⅝
July	1.05⅛	1.05⅛	1.04⅝	1.05	1.05
	1.05⅝	.....	.....	1.05⅛	1.05⅛
Rye.					
Dec.	.67	.67⅝	.67	.67⅝	.67¼
May	.73¼	.73⅝	.72⅝	.73⅛	.73
July	.73	.73	.73	.73	.73⅛
Corn					
Dec.	.70⅛	.70⅝	.69⅝	.69⅞	.70¼
		.....	.....	.69⅝	.....
May	.72⅝	.73¼	.72⅝	.73¼	.72⅝
	.72⅝	.....	.....	.....	.....
July	.74	.74⅝	.73⅞	.74⅝	.74
	.74⅛	.....	.....	.....	.....
Oats					
Dec.	.41⅛	.41⅛	.41	.41⅛	.41⅛
May	.44⅝	.44⅝	.44½	.44⅝	.44⅝
July	.42½	.42½	.42¼	.42⅝	.42⅝
Lard					
Jan.	12.05	12.07	12.05	12.07	12.05
May	12.07	12.10	12.07	12.10	12.07
Ribs					
Jan.	9.60	9.60	9.60	9.60	9.57
May	9.75	9.75	9.75	9.75	9.75

Chicago Livestock.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—Cattle—Receipts, 1,000 head; compared with week ago: Good and choice weighty beef steers, 25c to 50c higher; lower grades numerously weighty yearlings, draggy, unevenly lower; choice yearlings, very scarce; top yearlings, $12.60; best numerously weighty steers, $11.25; big weighty kind, $11.90; fat cows, 25c lower; beef heifers, 50 to 75c off; canners, 15 to 25c higher; bulls, steady to weak; vealers, 25 to 50c higher; stockers and feeders, uneven, about steady. Week's bulk prices follow: Beef steers, $7.50@10.00; stockers and feeders, $5.25@7.00; fat she stock, $3.00@6.50; canners and cutters, $2.50@3.25; veal calves, $8.75@9.50.

Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 2,000 head; today's market generally steady; top lambs decks choice fed western lambs, $13.00; compared with week ago: Slaughter lambs and yearlings, strong to around 25c higher; sheep, strong; feeding lambs, weak to 25c lower; top lambs for week, $12.10; bulk prices follow: Fat lambs, $12.50@13.00; yearling wethers, $10.50@11.00; wethers, $7.50@8.25; fat ewes, $6.20@7.25; feeding lambs, $11.00@11.75.

Hogs—Receipts, 11,000 head; Market steady to 10c higher, mostly around 5c higher; bulk strongweight butchers, $6.95@7.05; few selected kind, $7.05; 180 to 225-pound averages, mostly $6.70@6.95; 150 to 170-pound averages, mostly $6.55@6.65; bulk packing sows, mostly $6.25@6.50; strong-weight pigs, mostly around $5.75; plain kind downward to $5.25 and below; estimated holdover, 5,000; heavyweight hogs, $6.85@7.05; medium, $6.75@7.05; light, $6.40@6.85; light light, $6.20@6.60; packing sows, smooth, $6.25@6.40; packing sows, rough, $6.15@6.35; slaughter pigs, $6.25@6.60.

Kansas City Livestock.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 22.—(United States Department of Agriculture.)—Cattle—Receipts, 100 head; calves, 100 head. Market for week: Desirable steers and weight fed steers and yearlings steady; heavy fed steers and plainer short fed steers 15@25c lower; lower type steers steady; better grade beef cows 10@15c lower; in between grades and medium heifers 25@50c lower; canners and cutters strong to 15c higher; bulls steady; vealers 25@50c lower; heavy and medium weight calves 50@75c lower; better grade stockers and feeders steady; plainer grades 25@40c lower; week's top, $10.25, on yearlings; heavy steers, $9.50. Bulk prices: Heavy fed steers, $7.25@9.00; yearlings, $7.00@9.50; beef cows, $3.50@6.00; vealers, $8.00@8.50; medium and heavy, $4.50@6.00; stockers and feeders, $5.00@7.50.

Hogs—Receipts, 3,500 head; market strong to 10c higher; mostly to packers; top, $6.70; bulk of sales, $6.30@6.60; bulk 180 to 230-pound butchers, $6.40@6.60; packing sows mostly $6.20.

Sheep—Receipts, 500 head. Market for week: Lambs steady to 25c lower; top Colorado lambs, $12.45; other fed lots largely $11.75@12.15; sheep 10@15c higher; fat ewes, $6.50@6.75; shorn wethers, $7.25.

St. Louis Livestock.

East St. Louis, Dec. 22.—Hogs—Receipts 8,000 head; market strong to 10@15c higher; advance mostly on light hogs; $6.75@7.00 taking good and choice 180- to 200-pound averages; no medium weight or heavy butchers sold; pigs strong; bulk 110 to 130-pound kinds, $5.75@6.25; large part of run still due to arrive.

Cattle—Receipts 200 head; compared with week ago, beef steers, best light yearlings and heifers and stocker steers, steady; low prices feeders, 25c lower; beef cows and bologna bulls, 10@15c higher; canners, 25@35c higher; light vealers, 75c lower; tops for week: beef steers, $10.00; mixed yearlings, $9.60; bulks for week: beef steers, $6.50@8.25; yearlings, $6.50@9.00; cows, $3.75@5.00; canners, $2.15@2.50; bologna bulls, $3.50@4.25.

Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 150 head; for week, fat lambs and yearlings, 25c to 50c lower; best grades showing least decline; week's top, $12.75, paid late; bulk of week's supply, $12.00@12.50; few medium to good kinds, $11.50@12.00; culls, $8.50@9.00; yearlings, $9.50@10.25; medium quality aged wethers, $6.75; mutton ewes, $4.00@6.50.

Sioux City Livestock

Sioux City, Dec. 22.—Cattle—Receipts, 500 head; market compared with a week ago: fat steers and yearlings steady; 25c higher; bulk $7.00@9.50; top yearlings, $11.75; fat cows and heifers strong; canners and cutters, 10@15c lower; grass cows and heifers steady; top, $10.00; bulls 25c lower; feeders steady; 25c higher; top, $7.50; stockers strong; stock yearlings and calves strong; feeding cows and heifers steady.

Hogs—Receipts, 7,000 head; market 5 to 10c higher; top, $6.70; bulk of sales, $6.40@6.65; light-lights, $6.00@6.40; butchers, $6.55@6.70; heavy mixed, $6.35@6.50; heavy packers, $6.25@6.50.

Sheep—Receipts, 100 head; market compared with week ago: Lambs, 25 to 50c higher; top lambs, $12.45; ewes, 25c higher; top ewes, $7.25.

St. Joseph Livestock.

St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 22.—Cattle—Receipts, 100 head; market nominal; steers, $6.25@12.00; cows and heifers, $3.50@10.00; calves, $4.00@8.00; stockers and feeders, $4.75@7.75.

Hogs—Receipts, 7,000 head; market steady to 10c higher; top, $6.75; bulk of sales, $6.40@6.70.

Sheep—Receipts, 500 head; market steady; lambs, $11.75@12.50; ewes, $6.50@7.25.

Cotton Futures.

New York Cotton Exchange quotations furnished by J. S. Bache and company, 224 Omaha Nat'l bank bldg. JA. 5187-88-89.

	Open	High	Low	Close	Yest'y Close
Dec.	36.25	36.25	35.96	36.02	36.10
Jan.	34.98	34.97	34.72	34.77	34.82
Mar.	35.30	35.36	35.09	35.14	35.23
May	35.42	35.47	35.16	35.24	35.33
July	34.53	34.60	34.36	34.42	34.45
Sep.	29.40	28.40	28.45	29.20	29.40
Oct.	28.64	28.45	28.27	28.45	28.53

New York Metals.

New York, Dec. 22.—The copper market has shown the usual pre-holiday dullness and second hands have shown a little more disposition to sell but no change has been reported in the asking prices of producers. Quotations for electrolytic range from about 13¼ to 13¼c, but the outside price is more or less nominal so far as spot and nearby metal is concerned.

Iron firm.

New York Cotton.

New York, Dec. 22.—The general cotton market closed barely steady at net declines of 3 to 9 points.

Omaha Livestock

Omaha, Dec. 22, 1923.

Receipts were: Cattle, Hogs, Sheep.

Official Monday	10,138	12,790	14,433
Official Tuesday	5,481	12,797	12,316
Official Wednesday	6,719	18,637	6,272
Official Thursday	4,493	15,268	7,332
Official Friday	1,685	15,407	8,787
Estimate Saturday	200	9,000	....
Six days this week	28,621	83,899	49,141
Same days last wk.	44,164	73,704	55,192
Same two wks ago	35,935	64,281	50,915
Same three wks ago	25,065	39,920	38,347
Same days year ago	28,681	71,151	45,388

Cattle—Receipts, 200 head. Under the influence of lighter supplies steer and yearling prices this week recovered part of last week's big slump, values advancing 25@40c. Average quality was not very good. Top for the week was $11.00. She stock showed some gain on the opening, but later reacted. On good, fleshy feeders the market was active and strong to 25c higher, but all others ruled rather dragging and dull. Some steady sales of classes of cattle were nominally unchanged today, offerings being too small to test values.

Quotations on cattle: Good to choice beeves, $9.00@9.75; fair to good beeves, $8.00@8.75; common to fair beeves, $7.25@8.00; trashy warmedup beeves, $6.50@7.25; choice to prime yearlings, $10.50@12.00; good to choice yearlings, $9.25@10.50; fair to good yearlings, $8.00@9.00; common to fair yearlings, $6.50@7.75; good to choice fed heifers, $6.75@8.00; fair to good fed heifers, $5.25@6.50; common to fair fed heifers, $4.00@5.00; good to choice fed cows, $5.00@6.50; fair to good fed cows, $4.00@5.00; common to fair fed cows, $2.00@3.50; good to choice feeders, $7.40@8.15; fair to good feeders, $6.50@7.25; common to fair feeders $5.50@6.50; good to choice stockers, $7.00@7.60; fair to good stockers, $6.00@7.00; common to fair stockers, $5.00@6.00; trashy stockers, $4.00@5.00; stock heifers, $3.75@5.00; stock cows, $2.75@3.65; stock calves, $4.00@5.00; veal calves, $3.50@9.00; bulls, stags, etc., $2.75@4.75.

Hogs—Receipts, 9,000 head. Shippers were in the market in a rather broad way this morning and with receipts not overly heavy the market developed a strong tone, prices looking 10@15c higher than Friday as movement began. With shippers furnishing considerable competition packers were forced to pay a moderate advance for their requirements, clearance to this branch of the trade being noted at 10@15c higher prices. Bulk of the sales was at $6.60@6.80, with top for the day at $6.85. While the market suffered a rather sharp setback the first sales the first two days of the week found prices staging a strong comeback with closing levels steady to 10c higher than last Saturday.

Sheep—Receipts, none. The market was nominally steady today. Liberal supplies, together with unfavorable advices from the east, gave killer lamb prices a sharp setback the first two days of the week. The remainder, however, found surrounding influences of a more bullish nature and prices started upward, closing around 25c higher than a week ago. Fleshy lambs dropped in sympathy with killers early in the week, but recovered the loss toward the last. The aged sheep trade was about the same, closing mostly 25c higher than last Saturday.

Quotations on sheep and lambs:

Fat lambs, good to choice....$11.75@12.50
Fat lambs, fair to good..... 10.75@11.50
Clipped lambs ..... 10.35@10.60
Feeder lambs ..... 11.25@12.25
Wethers ..... 6.00@ 8.00
Ewes ..... 5.00@10.00
Fat ewes ..... 6.25@ 7.25
Fat ewes, heavy ..... 4.25@ 6.00

Receipts and disposition of livestock at Union stockyards, Omaha, for 24 hours ending at 3 p. m. December 22.

RECEIPTS—CARS.

	Cattle.	Hogs.
Missouri Pacific	4	....
Union Pacific	1	29
C. & N. W., east	....	61
C. B. & Q., east	1	22
C. R. I. & P., east	....	5
C. B. & Q., west	....	1
C. R. I. & P., west	....	....
Illinois Central	1	1
Chicago Great Western	....	....
Total receipts	7	129

DISPOSITION—HEAD.

	Cattle.	Hogs.
Armour & Co.	....	1,903
Cudahy Packing Co.	....	2,185
Dold Packing Co.	....	1,334
Morris Packing Co.	....	1,380
Swift & Co.	....	987
Murphy, J. W.	....	895
Swartz & Co.	....	1,135
Hess	....	669
Swift, Denver	32	....
Total	32	10,488

Financial

Total stock sales, 392,700 shares.

Twenty industrials average 93.68; net gain, 1.11.

High 1923, 105.38; low, 85.76.

Twenty railroads averaged 82.40; net loss, .06.

High 1923, 90.51; low, 79.58.

By Associated Press.

New York, Dec. 22.—Speculative interest in today's stock market was at low ebb, the irregular fluctuations reflecting the evening up of accounts before the Christmas holiday. Many traders left town last night for extended weekend trips, so that little activity is expected on Monday.

Oil shares were again in good demand in further reflection of the steady decrease in the crude output. General Asiatic issues led the advance in that group, each closing more than a point higher on the day. Considerable activities also took place in Cosden and the California issues, which improved fractionally.

Most of the sugar shares yielded on profit-taking although Cuba Cane preferred established a new 1923 high during the session and Punta Alegre closed at a net gain of nearly a point. Baldwin closed unchanged at 124 but United States Steel, American Can and Studebaker all registered fractional recessions.

National Lead, was again the outstanding specialty, touching a new high record for the year at 139¾, or 4½ points above last night's close. American Locomotive also reached a new top price at 96¼, closing 1¼ higher at 95¾. Some of the other conspicuous strong spots were Willys-Overland preferred, American Agricultural Chemical preferred, Brooklyn Union Gas, Kelsey Wheel, Kelley Springfield, Generla Cigar and Famous Players, all up 1 to 3