

HOGS UP, CATTLE DOWN, IN SEE-SAW OF STOCK PRICES

By WILLIAM R. SANBORN.

With the price of hogs the highest in five months at all stock yard centers, last Saturday, cattle closed the week at a loss of 50 to 75 cents, compared with Monday, the highest day in the past two weeks. The action in cattle has not been broad, however, the weekly average prices varying but little, taking the past two weeks as a whole, the figures being \$13.80 per hundred weight for the 12 market days ending Saturday, March 13th.

The fact that the receipts at Chicago 154,800 hogs, were the largest in some weeks, and the heaviest weight at 237 pounds, the heaviest since last October, did not check the continuous advance.

There was no skyrocketing of prices, but there has been a consistent gain, the lighter weight stuff advancing the farthest. The better grades of 150 to 200 pound hogs were in greatest favor. In the west, these bringing \$16 on Saturday from both packers and shippers. The hog trade seems to be in healthy shape, at least for the feeders, however those who have been hopeful of cheaper pork chops may view this outlook.

The day's average at \$15.10 was the highest in months at Chicago, on Saturday, which may or may not be an indication of the real trend of future markets. Prime steers have been gradually weakening, the tips on Saturday being from \$15.40 to \$15.75 at Chicago, when not so many months ago the range was \$23.00 to \$24.00 for a short period, with porkers on the down grade, in that market. Hogs are now up \$2.50 from the low point of three weeks ago.

Market Map High Spots.
The high spot on hogs Saturday, were: St. Paul, \$17.15; Buffalo, \$16.90; Indianapolis, \$16.50; Cleveland, \$16.40, with St. Louis and Chicago tops standing at \$16.00, and all other market tops ranging below that figure, St. Paul's top being \$14.90.

The receipts at Indianapolis were the lightest of the year, and the 2,500 hogs were quickly cleaned up. Good heavies sold at \$14.75 to \$16.25 and prime lights struck \$16.50 amid considerable competition. There was no choice cattle in the pens on Saturday, the arrival of 33 head. These did not last long and prices were held firm at the Friday range.

There was very little doing in sheep or lambs, in fact there were no fresh arrivals to trade in. Medium veals sold at from \$13 to \$16, with heavy calves at \$8 to \$10. Best lambs sold up to \$19 at Indianapolis last week. Sheep and lambs have found a ready market at good prices everywhere, for some weeks, prime western lambs selling up to \$20 in Chicago and as high as \$19 in Omaha last week.

Corn Up With Hogs.
Looking back to Feb. 13 in a comparison of the price of May corn with the figures obtained on March 13, a decided advance is noted. On the February date May corn sold as low as \$1.92 1/2, against a close of \$1.48 on March 13th, and a high of \$1.50 or better during the past week. This advance of 20 cents was not caused by the advance in hogs, nor was the increase in hog values predicated on the bulge in corn.

The markets are manipulated by two different sets of men. They do not work in harmony. The bulls and bears in corn work to trim each other in the option market, and whether hogs can or do eat corn does not concern them. You remember the days of \$2 corn and up when hogs were on the toboggan, to the loss of a million farmers who were feeding instead of shipping their corn.

July corn advanced from \$1.26 1/2 to \$1.45 in the past four weeks. No number 2 corn is quoted in any western cash market, strange to state, nor have there been for some time. Number 3 mixed is bringing \$1.48 as far west as Kansas City and Omaha, and from \$1.53 to \$1.56 in Chicago, on track. Number 2 oats are worth from 88 cents to 93 cents in the west.

GLEN MILLER MARKET.
They had a fairly busy time and a lively market at Glen Miller last week. Including six cars of cattle on through billing, nearly 700 head of live stock were handled, and 115 farmers received checks, according to Rome Shurley's books. The stock handled comprised 363 hogs, 180 head of cattle, 103 veals and 33 sheep. "The market price was steady to strong on light hogs," said Mr. Shurley, "and these sold at \$15.50 on Saturday market. Heavy hogs weighing from 350 pounds up, were very dull, however, and brought but \$13.40 to \$14, with roughs selling at \$10 to \$12 per hundred. As to cattle, the market ruled dull and those lost all gain made in the previous week. Veals were steady at \$8 to \$15, as to quality."

"With the annual cleanup before spring work begins, which generally takes place in the latter part of March, it is predicted that the present price of hogs will not hold long," said Shurley, on Monday. "The seven cars of stuff shipped last week to the eastern markets netted our farmers \$13,963.30; the veals alone costing us \$2,586.15. Otto Rich made the largest delivery of the week, 67 light hogs, for which he collected \$1,670."

Feeders in Market.
Among those who delivered live stock at the Glen last week, were: F. G. Brown, O. F. Bales, Harry Worch, D. Conway, J. W. Davis, Bert Hodgins, Bruce Herbert, Orville Stoker, Fred Hatt, Abner Bulla, Floyd Bogam, Fred Brown, John Fowble, E. V. Stambach, Charles Hill, Austin Focht, Charles Strader, Joseph McKee, Charles Wickett, J. W. Collins, C. D. Morrow, Ben Behen, Joseph Parker, H. Osborn, John Weldenbach, E. V. Gard, Cheney Williamson, John King, J. Burkhardt, O. Morris, Ed. Eubank, Chase Bonbow, Bryan Niekie, B. Isenberger, Ott Cranor, Floyd Hunt, Charles Showalter, C. B. Markley, A. Hullinger, C. L. Martin, John Money, Ed. Weiss, E. R. Huddleston, John Patterson, Fred Varnau, W. Pickett, E. A. Petry, Herschel Brown, W. D. Rich, Tom Sullivan, William Gregg, F. C. Roberts, Park Elwood, George Kircher, William McCoy, Emmett Baker, Chester Hill, Frank White, Harry Thomas, George Skinner, Fred Davis, P. Moorman, Frank Mitchell, Earl Stevens, Dan Miller and Frank Williams.

A widow always tries to console herself with the belief that she can't do any worse the next time.

The Farm and The Farmer

By William R. Sanborn

"We have been losing both lambs and sheep over our way lately," said H. R. Harley, of Darke county, Ohio. "The ewes sicken a few days before lambing. The lambs come either weak or dead and, as a rule the ewes don't linger long. No one seems to know the cause or to have been able to save but a few of the sick sheep."

Mr. Harley lives in Liberty township and cites the case of a neighbor who has also lost a lot of young pigs; in fact, six entire litters recently. He says, too, that many fall pigs did not survive the cold and that the pig crop has been cut down a lot for next summer's feeding, citing cases where but two or three youngsters have lived out of large broods. Mr. Harley insists that purebred hogs are the easiest to handle, will mature faster, and are in all ways most profitable, even as a purely feeding proposition.

"Farmers are credited with making a lot of money," he said, and many of them have done a big gross business, because of high prices. But that doesn't always mean a big net profit. The outlay to produce may well eat up most of the income, and too often does."

Will Feed the Land.
"We shall cultivate a small acreage this year," said Perry Krom, the Big Type Poland China hog man. "You see it's this way. For the past three years we have exerted ourselves to the utmost to feed humanity. There isn't much need of large production now. Europe must be getting pretty well along toward feeding itself, at least should be by next harvest, at least to the same degree about as before the war. The thing to do now is to feed the land so that it will be kept in shape to continue to feed us."

As to the hog crop, we have wintered a number of sows and have saved 50 thrifty youngsters so far from 13 brood sows. Yes, we lost a few piglets, not many, as we are fixed to care for them and have an anthracite stove in the warm farrowing house, but there is usually a fractional loss, especially in bad winter weather.

Is Feeding 65 Head.
"We haven't lost a hog this winter, little or big, and have 65 on feed just now, also nine brood sows soon due to farrow," said Wm. C. Jefferies, living on the Middleboro pike. "Have not heard any who are planning to reduce their tillage, though it may be some will. For myself, will say that I intend to put in about 53 acres of corn this spring, which is more than I commonly plant; having secured some extra corn ground last fall."

"The hog and cattle feeders are all in the dark as to the probable outcome of their labor and investments. On the basis of corn and tankage hogs are too low, even after the recent advances, and same is true of cattle. No one can say."

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If Hogs Struck \$10
"My stock hogs and brood sows are all right; haven't lost any this winter; but can't say that as to the pigs," said A. L. Hodgins, "for we have lost a few, as most every farmer has, it seems. This happens every winter, but I understand that these losses have been heavier this year, in some sections. There is no complaint that I know of as to sick hogs, and I guess, too, that most of us will raise hogs as in the past and take our chances on future prices."

"Some have talked \$10 hogs for next summer or fall, but if that happens we might as well throw up our hands and get rid of our stock at whatever we can get. No \$10 hog will let any of us out without a big loss, no matter what we buy to feed them. Can't say that I am expecting to see hogs that low, but am no prophet. Hope those who are looking for higher prices are good guessers."

Of Interest to Farmers.
The central offices of the Farm Bureau Federation are to be located at Chicago and J. W. Coverdale, secretary of the Iowa state bureau, has been elected secretary. The services of the bureau are offered to the department of agriculture, whenever such services may be useful, and there is promise that the department and bureau will work in close harmony for the general good.

Iowa and Nebraska farmers reported 75,000,000 bushels more of corn on March 1 this year than on the same date in 1919, Nebraska having 76 and Iowa 166,000,000 bushels in farm crops.

At the Illinois Holstein Breeders' sale at Chicago on March 11 and 12, two queens of the dairy world who are producing 90 to 100 pounds of milk per day, sold for \$5,325. Senator Medill McCormick, owner of Rock River farm, near Byron, Ill., received \$2,525 for Flora Cornucopia. The Holstein show and sale lasted four days and hundreds of gallons of milk was given away to the poor of the vicinity daily, the children standing in line with jars and pails at milking hours.

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FARM WORK MOVES SLOWLY; OUTLOOK FOR WHEAT BAD

The semi-monthly crop report of George C. Bryant, field agent of the co-operative crop reporting service for Indiana, follows:

"Farm work has been at a stand still for the past two weeks. Freezing weather, with snow and rain, practically put a stop to all outdoor work. Roads are in bad condition and grain is moving to market very slowly. Car shortage is also a factor."

"The condition of winter wheat can not yet be determined. Weather for the past two weeks has been very unfavorable and some farmers are considering the advisability of sowing oats in their wheat fields. Generally, the prospect looks very gloomy, and the crop has only started to 'green up' in the extreme southern counties where the late sown now looks better than that sown earlier."

"A few of the counties in the northern part of the state are making inquiry regarding spring wheat seed, but it is not thought much will be planted this season."

"Rye continues to look fairly good, but has been pastured quite extensively and can not make a full crop."

Many Sugar Crops Closed.
"The shortage of farm labor has caused some farmers not to open their maple sugar camps this year. Weather conditions also have been unfavorable to a successful season."

"The high prices asked for all grass and clover seeds as well as soy beans and cow peas, are causing many farmers to abandon their plans to get more of their land back to these crops. It now looks as if considerably more than usual of the land will lie idle this year."

"Fruit prospects at this time are exceptionally bright. There was practi-

cally no winter killing, and the early spring weather has been favorable. "The supply and demand for farm labor are about normal at this time. "All classes of live stock are in good condition. No diseases are prevalent in any part of the state."

Farm Sale Calendar

Tuesday, March 16
Charles G. Townsend, administrator general sale on the late Jesse E. Townsend farm, located two and one half miles southwest of Whitewater and two and one-half miles northwest of Middleboro, at 10 o'clock.

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