

# Stocks Move Erratically On Million-Share Market

## Rails Lead Early Upswing But Gains Are Reduced At Close

**MARKETS AT A GLANCE**  
**NEW YORK, Dec. 24.** — Stocks—Mixed; leaders trim losses. Bonds—Lower; Government drop. Cotton—Quiet; mill buying.

**CHICAGO**  
 Wheat—Easy; liquidation. Corn—Easy; shipping demand slow. Oats—Easy with other grains.

**Hogs**—50 cents to \$1 higher on lightweights; top \$29.  
**Cattle**—Active, strong to 50 cents up; top \$40.

**NEW YORK, Dec. 24.** — Stocks moved erratically in today's market and finished close to previous levels.

Rails led an early upswing that collapsed in the face of modest profit taking and trimming of accounts before the Christmas recess. Losses ranging to 2 points developed but many of these were trimmed or transferred into gains by the end of the day.

Much of the trading was concentrated in the morning hours as the traditional holiday activity limited later dealings. The market enjoyed its ninth successive million-share full session, however, with transfers of 1,180,000 shares compared with 1,360,000 Tuesday.

### NEW YORK PRODUCE

**NEW YORK, Dec. 24.** — Produce markets: Potatoes — (dollars per 100 lbs, unless otherwise indicated). Steady. Maine Green Mountains No. 1 3.35 asked, Long Island Green Mountains No. 1, 2.85-3.50; Green Mountains No. 1B, 1.50-.75; Green Mountains No. 1, — 50 lbs. North and South shore 1.50-.75; pick-outs 1.00 bid; Idaho Russets No. 1, 5.60-75; No. 1A, — 50 lbs. 2.75-90; Connecticut Green Mountains, No. 1, — 50 lbs. 1.70 asked; 15 lb. bags 50c; Idaho Russets, 10 lb. bags 59-64; Nebraska Red Bliss 50 lbs. No. 1A and No. 1B 3.00 asked.

Sweet potatoes — (bushel-baskets) steady. New Jersey, Golden, No. 1 2.50-3.50; New Jersey, Golden jumbo .75-1.00; New Jersey, Jersey type, processed 2.50-3.00; New Jersey, Jersey type, No. 1 2.00-3.75; New Jersey, Jersey type, mediums .65-1.00; Maryland Golden Wax No. 1 2.40-3.50; med. 1.00-25; choice .50-1.00; Jumbo and plain 1.00-2.00; Delaware Golden No. 1, 3.25; Pink Hearts No. 1, 2.50-3.50.

Live poultry: Quiet. Turkeys hens 65; toms 45-50; rabbits all grades 30-42; fowls 30-40; chickens 43; broilers 38-45; pigeons 45-75; pullets 45-52.

The Associated Press 60-Stock Composite finished unchanged from the previous day's 65.6. Of 1,053 issues appearing in the narrowest five-hour market since Dec. 12, there were 509 declines and 326 advances.

Commission houses said some nervousness developed after the Federal Reserve's apparent action lower; its support level for government bonds, with some quarters expressing concern over future moves. Some doubts persisted concerning future extent of the December rally.

New 1947 highs were touched by Gulf Oil, which finished unchanged at 76 1/8; Skelly Oil, up 3 1/2 at 116; Southern Pacific, ahead 3-8 at 49 7/8; Illinois Central, up 38 at 31 1/4; Van Raaite, up 3 at 46 and Westinghouse Electric, 5-8 higher at 31.4; Allied Chemical with a 4-point gain at 190, American Tobacco 'B', General Motors, Great Northern Preferred, Pennsylvania Railroad, American Can (after bounding from a 1947 low), Caterpillar Tractor, International Telephone (which announced settlement of a dispute between management and a stockholder group), Dow Chemical and Goodrich.



**MR. AND MRS. JOHN D. JORDAN**, of Bladenboro, who celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on Monday, December 22. The couple were married by the Rev. E. W. Wooten in Bladen township in 1897. They have five children, Mrs. Ruby Jelks Taylor of Washington, D. C., Mrs. Albert C. Call of Washington, D. C., Mr. Herbert Jordan of Washington, D. C., Mrs. Shirley R. Bishop of Laurensburg and Wilmington, N. C., and Mr. Durell Jordan of Fayetteville, N. C. They also have twelve grandchildren and one great-grandchild. The children, grandchildren and Mr. and Mrs. Louis C. Scott of Bladenboro were the guests at a dinner given in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Jordan. During the afternoon many friends called to congratulate the couple and many lovely gifts were received. The home was decorated with evergreen, poinsettias and gladioli. The dining room table was centered with a beautiful wedding cake trimmed in gold.

### CHICAGO LIVESTOCK

**CHICAGO, Dec. 24.** — (U.S. DA)—Salable hogs 5,500; total 9,000; active, uneven, with most unevenness on weights over 250 lbs. Market 50 cents to 1.00 higher with most advance on weights under 250 lbs.; top 29.00; bulk good and choice 170-240 lbs. 28.50-29.00; 250-280 lbs., 28.00-28.50; a few loads 280-310 lbs., 27.75-28.00; sows around 25 cents higher, most good and choice sows under 500 lbs., 24.00-25.00; a few 25.25.

Salable cattle 4,500; total 4,700; salable calves 500, total 500; strictly good and choice fed steers active, strong to 50 cents higher; lower grades uneven, about steady. Heifers steady, cows scarce, strong to 25 cents higher; bulls steady, top \$40 for two loads high choice 1182 and 1250 lb. steers; bulk good and choice steers 29.00-39.00; medium to low good grades 24.00-28.50; choice heifers absent; medium and good beef cows 18.00-22.00; canners and cutters 12.50-15.00; medium and good bulls 20.00-21.50; vealers steady, good and choice 27.50-30.00; top 30.00.

### CHICAGO PRODUCE

**CHICAGO, Dec. 24.** — (U.S. DA)—Produce: poultry: 14 trucks; firm; no price change.

Cheese: twins 44 1/2 45 1/2; single daisies 46 1/2 48; Swiss 73-77.

Butter: 483,720 lbs; steady; 93 score 84 1/2; 92 score 84 1/2; 90 score 84 1/2; 89 score 75 1/2. Carrots: 90 score 87 1/2; 89 score 76 1/2.

Eggs: 15,956 cases; unsettled; extras 1, 55; extras 2, 54; 3 and 4, 52-53; standards 1 and 2, 50-52; 3 and 4, 49-50; current receipts 47, 48; dirties 38; checks 37.

### CHICAGO GRAIN

**CHICAGO, Dec. 24.** — (U.S. DA)—Persistent liquidation sent grains down several cents on the Board of Trade today with corn leading the decline. Trading was fairly active after a quiet start.

Wheat closed 2 1/4 4/4 lower. May \$2.93 1/2, corn was 3 1/2 3/4 lower, May \$2.50 1/2, 2.49 1/4, oats were 1 to 2 1/2 lower, May \$1.15 1/4, and soybeans were 2 cents lower, March \$3.96.

**Open High Low Close**  
 May 2.97 1/2 2.97 1/2 2.93 2.93 1/2  
 July 2.65 1/2 2.65 1/2 2.60 2.61  
 Sep 2.58 2.58 2.53 1/2 2.53 1/2

### CORN

**Open High Low Close**  
 May 2.54 2.54 2.49 1/2 2.50 1/4  
 July 2.43 1/2 2.44 1/2 2.40 1/2 2.40 1/4  
 Sep 2.82 1/2 2.29 2.25 2.25

### OATS

**Open High Low Close**  
 May 1.17 1.17 1.15 1/4 1.15 1/4  
 July 1.02 1/2 1.93 1.00 1/2 1.00 1/2  
 Sep 94 94 92 92 1/2

### SOYBEANS

**Open High Low Close**  
 Mar 3.97 3.97 3.95 1/2 3.96  
 May 3.92 3.92 3.89 1/2 3.91 1/2

### LARD

**Open High Low Close**  
 Jan 26.30 26.40 26.30 26.40  
 Mar 26.25 26.50 26.25 26.45  
 May 26.40 26.70 26.40 26.65  
 July 26.55 26.75 26.52 26.75

### FINAL BOND QUOTATIONS:

AT&SF 4s 95 117  
 ACL 4 1/2s 64 100.  
 B&O 4X75A 82 1/2.  
 Can Pac 4 1/2s Perp 95 1/2.  
 C&E I Inc 97 35 1/2.  
 CGW 4s 88 77.  
 Cri & P R 4s 34 58 1/2.  
 Fla E C 5s 74 56 1/4.  
 H&M 5s 87 59 1/2.  
 ILL-Cent 4 1/2s 66 77 1/2.  
 Int GN 6s 52 22 1/4.  
 MK & T A J 5s 67 50 1/4.  
 NYC R 5s 2013 73 1/2.  
 Nor Pac 4 1/2s 2047 88 1/2.  
 Penn RR G 4 1/2s 65 100.  
 West Mid 4s 52 97 1/2.  
**FOREIGN BONDS**  
 Aust 5s 55 102.  
 Aust 3 1/2s 56 88 1/2.

### CHICAGO POTATOES

**CHICAGO, Dec. 24.** — (AP)—(USDA)—Potatoes: Total U. S. shipments 622; arrivals 71; on track 215; demand and trading light because of the holiday; market firm, especially on best large Russets. Colorado Red McClure, 4.15; Idaho Russet Burbanks \$4.90; utility, heavy to large, 3.85-3.90; Red River Valley Bliss Triumph, unwashed, 2.85; Cobblers, unwashed, 2.70; Washington Russett Burbanks 4.90.

### NEW YORK COTTON

**NEW YORK, Dec. 24.** — (AP)—Cotton futures closed 25 to 60 cents a bale higher in slow pre-holiday dealings today. Trading was suspended at noon.

Mill buying accounted for the principal support and met only limited offerings. There was little activity in textiles and spot cotton markets and traders were inclined to await further developments in government buying of cotton for Japan and Congressional action on the Marshall Plan.

Futures closed 25 to 60 cents a bale higher than the previous close.

**Open High Low Last**  
 Mch 35.72 35.76 35.67 35.74 up 10  
 May 35.47 35.55 35.44 35.53 up 12  
 July 34.32 34.43 34.32 34.36 up 8  
 Oct 31.32 31.42 31.30 31.38b up 8  
 Dec 30.80 30.83 30.76 30.78b up 5  
 Mch 30.45 30.53 30.45 30.50b up 5  
 Middling spot 36.55N up 9.  
 N-Nominal; B-Bid.

### RICHMOND LIVESTOCK

**RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 24.** — (AP)—(USDA)—Hogs—Wednesday's market steady on all weights. Top 26.25 for good and choice 180-240 lb. barrows & gilts; 90-100 lbs. 18.25; 100-120 lbs. 19.25; 120-140 lbs. 23.25; 140-160 lbs. 24.25; 160-180 lbs. 25.75; 240-300 lbs. 25.25; 300 lbs and up 23.75; good sows under 350 lbs. 23.25; 350-500 lbs. 20.75; over 500 lbs. 17.25. Good stags under 350 lbs. 20.25; over 350 lbs. 16.25.

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### Stock Market Quotations

Pre-Yes-vious terday Close	Yes-vious terday Close	Close
Alleghany	3 1/2	3 3/4
Al Chem and Dye	185 1/2	190
Allis Chal Mfg	40	40 1/2
Am Can	79	78 1/2
Am Car Fdy	42 1/2	42 1/2
Am Roll Mill	36 1/2	31 1/2
Am Smelt and Ref	57	56 1/2
A T and T	150 1/2	150 1/4
Am Tob B	69 1/2	68 1/4
Anaconda	34 1/4	34 1/2
Arm III	14	14 1/4
A C L	49 1/2	50 1/2
Atl Ref	36 1/2	39 1/2
Aviat Corp	5 1/2	4 1/2
Baldwin	15	14 1/2
B and O	12 1/2	12 3/4
Barnsdall	36 1/2	39
Bendix Aviat	29 1/4	30
Beth Stl	103 1/2	14
Boeing Airpl	22 1/2	23
Borden	42	41 1/2
Budd Mfg Co	10 1/4	10 1/2
Brul Mills	20 1/2	20 1/4
Bur Add Mach	15	14 1/4
Cannon Mills	44	—
Case J I	46 1/2	45 1/2
Caterpil Trac	59 1/4	58 1/4
Ches and O	42 1/4	42 1/2
Chrysler	63 1/2	63 1/2
Coca Cola	181	183
Coml Credit	42	41 1/4
Coml Soly	33 1/2	21 1/2
Comwith and Sou	23 1/2	21 1/2
Consol Edis	21 1/4	21 1/2
Cons Vultee	13	12 1/2
Cont Can	32 1/4	31 1/2
Corn Prod	65 1/2	64 1/2
Curt Wright	4 1/2	4 1/2
Curt Wright A	19	18 1/2
Doug Air	48	47 1/2
Dow Chem	38 1/2	39 1/2
DuPont	187	186 1/2
Eastman Kod	44 1/2	44 1/4
Firestone	49 1/2	49 1/4
Gen Elec	34 1/2	35 1/2
Gen Foods	34 1/2	34 1/2
Gen Mot	57 1/2	58
Goodrich	55 1/2	57 1/4
Good Year	44 1/2	44 1/2
Gt Nor Ry pf	38 1/2	40 1/2
Int Harv	87 1/2	88 1/4
Int T and T	12 1/2	12 1/2
Johns Man	41	40 1/2
Kennecott	47 1/2	48 1/2
Ligg and M	86 1/2	89
Loews	19 1/2	19 1/2
Lorillard	19 1/2	19 1/2
Mont Ward	55 1/2	55 1/2
Nash Kelv	17 1/2	18
Nat Bis	31	31
N Cash Reg	41 1/2	42 1/2
Nat Dist	21	21 1/2
N Y Cent	14 1/2	14 1/2
No Am Avia	9	8 1/2
Nor Pac	21 1/2	21 1/2
Packard	4 1/2	4 1/2
Param Pic	22	21 1/2
Penney J C	32 1/2	42 1/2
Penn R R	17 1/2	18 1/4
Pepsi Cola	24 1/2	23 1/2
Phill Pet	61 1/4	61 1/2
Pitt S and B	9 1/2	9 1/2
Pullman	53	52 1/2
Pure Oil	27 1/2	29 1/4
Radio	9 1/2	9 1/2
Rad K O	9	8 1/2
Rem Rand	12 1/2	13 1/2
Repub Stl	26 1/2	27 1/2
Reynolds B	40	40 1/4
Sears	37 1/2	36 1/2
Socony	13 1/2	16 1/2
Sou Pac	47 1/2	49 1/2
Sou Ry	38 1/2	40
Std Brands	26	26 1/2
Std Oil N J	76 1/2	79
Stevens J P	31 1/2	31 1/2
Stewart War	14 1/2	14 1/2
Swift	35 1/2	35 1/2
Tex Co	59 1/2	60 1/2
Un Carbide	101	101
Unit Airlines	16 1/2	16 1/2
Unit Aircraft	24 1/2	24
Unit Corp	2 1/2	2 1/2
Uni Fruit	54 1/2	54 1/2
Unit Gas Imp	21	21 1/2
U S Ind Chem	39	41
U S Rubber	46 1/2	46 1/2
U S Smelt and Ref	42 1/2	44
U S Steel	77 1/2	79 1/2
Vanadium	15 1/2	15 1/2
Vick Chem	28	—
Va Caro Chem	10	9 1/2
Warner Pic	13 1/2	13 1/2
West Un	20 1/2	20 1/2
West El	30 1/4	31
Woolworth	45 1/2	45 1/2
Can Marconi	1 1/2	1 1/2
Cities Service	38	39 1/4
Colon Dvmt	3 1/2	4 1/2
El Bond and Sh	11 1/4	11 1/2

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Colon Dvmt	3 1/2	4 1/2
El Bond and Sh	11 1/4	11 1/2

at a standstill. Slaughter steers are quotable steady at 23.50-25.50 for good grade; medium 18.50-20.50 and common down to 16-50. Cows are quotable steady with yesterday. Good beef cows 14.50-17, medium to good cows 13-14.50, medium dairy type 11-13, canners and cutters 9-11. Good heavy sausage bulls quotable steady at 14.50-16.00; medium 12-15.00; good beef bulls 17.00-18.00. Some demand for vealers, but receipts very light; market fully steady, mostly 28.00 down, choice quotable higher. Good and choice heavy calves 18.00-21.00; common and medium 13.00-17.00.

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