

# Livestock market and auction news

## Lebanon Valley Auction

**Tuesday, November 25**  
Report supplied by PDA  
CATTLE 190. Compared with last week's market, slaughter cows \$2.50-\$3 higher. Few loads Average Choice 1050-1350 lbs. 2-4, slaughter steers 67.00-69.00, few Good 61.25-65.85, few Standard 51.85-57.75. Few Choice slaughter heifers 60.25-66.60, few Good 58.75-62.75. Utility and Commercial slaughter cows 46.50-51.50, few 52.85, one 54.00, Cutters 44.00-48.50, Canner and Low Cutters 39.00-43.50, Shells down to 37.75. Few Choice slaughter bullocks 60.00-61.75, few Good 54.85-57.25. Few Yield Grade #1, 1085-1650 lbs. slaughter bulls 55.00-61.75.  
CALVES 250. Few Choice vealers 78.00-93, few Good 70.00-80, Standard and Good 70-95 lbs. 64.00-72, Utility 50-100 lbs. 55.00-65.00. Farm Calves: Hol. Bulls 80-125 lbs. 72.00-104; Hol. Heifers 80-120 lbs. 83.00-140.00.  
HOGS 240. Barrows and gilts 75 cents-\$1 lower. US No. 1-2-240 lbs. barrows and gilts 46.75-47.25, No. 1-3 190-245 lbs. 45.50-46.75, lot No. 1-3 145 lbs. at 41.00. US No. 1-3 350-590 lbs. sows 39.00-42.00, couple 43.00, few No. 2-3 4550 lbs. 35.00-39.50. Few Boars 25.00-35.00.  
FEEDER PIGS 43. US No. 1-3 35-55 lbs. feeder pigs

43.00-56.50 per hundredweight.  
SHEEP 8. Few High Good to Low Choice 65-85 lbs. wooled slaughter lambs 54.00-56.00.

## Pa. Auction Summary

**Friday, November 28**  
Report supplied by PDA  
CATTLE: 3456. Compared with 4935 head last week, and 4157 head a year ago. Compared with last week's market: Slaughter steers grading Choice & Prime strong to 3.00 higher, Standard & Good 1.00-2.00 lower; Sl. heifers & bulls unevenly steady; Sl. cows strong to 2.00 higher. Sl. steers: few Prime 69.60-75.85; Choice 63.00-72.00; Good 59.00-66.00; Standard 50.00-60.00; Sl. heifers: Choice 60.00-66.50; Good 56.00-63.00; few Standard 46.00-56.00. Sl. cows: Utility & Commercial 46.00-52.00; Cutters 43.50-49.00; Canner & L. Cutter 38.00-45.00; Shells down to 33.25. Sl. bullocks: few Choice 64.75-70.50; few Good 54.00-64.00. Sl. bulls: Yield Grade No. 1, 1100-2100 lbs 52.00-62.00; Yield Grade No. 2, 800-1400 lbs. 48.00-56.00.  
FEEDER CATTLE: Steers, Medium Frame No. 1, 300-700 lbs 60.00-75.00. Heifers, Medium Frame No. 1, 300-640 lbs. 50.00-60.50; Feeder Bulls, Medium

Frame No. 1, 400-750 lbs. 50.00-67.00.

CALVES: 2191. Compared with 3769 head last week and 3052 head a year ago. Vealers steady to 3.00 lower. Few Prime 95.00-110.00; Choice 85.00-100.00; Good 75.00-90.00; 90-110 lbs. 58.00-73.00; 70-90 lbs. 50.00-66.00; Choice 50-90 lbs. 30.00-60.00.  
FARM CALVES: Hol. Bulls 90-125 lbs. 70.00-104.00; Hol. Heifers 90-130 lbs. 85.00-

155.00.  
HOGS: 7140. Compared with 7255 head last week and 5994 head a year ago. Barrows and gilts steady to 1.50 lower. US No. 1-2 200-240 lbs. 47.00-50.50, No. 1-3 195-250 lbs. 45.50-49.00; few No. 2-3 240-280 lbs. 42.00-47.00; few No. 1-3 140-190 lbs. 37.00-45.00. Sows steady to 2.00 lower. US No. 1-3 300-600 lbs. 38.00-45.00; No. 2-3 400-700 lbs. 32.00-40.00. Boars 25.00-37.00.

FEEDER PIGS 2017. Compared with 1508 head last week and 709 a year ago. Feeder Pigs steady to strong. US No. 1-3 25-35 lbs. 10.00-21.00 per head; No. 1-3 35-50 lbs. 15.00-31.00; few No. 1-3 50-75 lbs. 24.00-35.50.

GRADED FEEDER PIGS: 3756. Compared with 3171 head last week and 2893 head a year ago. All sales by CWT. Feeder Pigs strong to 20.00 higher with some 30-50 lbs. 20.00-30.00 higher; US

No. 1-2 30-40 lbs. 60.00-110.00, mostly 90.00-105.00; 40-50 lbs. 65.00-107.00; 50-80 lbs. 60.00-93.00; US No. 1-3 25-40 lbs. 85.00-110.00; 40-50 lbs. 70.00-100.00; 50-60 lbs. 69.00-86.00; US No. 3 60-75 lbs. 54.00-63.00.

SHEEP: 270. Compared with 496 head last week and 249 head a year ago. Wooled sl. lambs unevenly steady. Choice 60-115 lbs. 54.00-64.50; few Good 50-100 lbs. 50.00-67.00. Sl. ewes: 10.00-28.00.

## Rhododendrons need care

FLEMINGTON, N.J. — Rhododendrons have been especially hard hit by the prolonged drought this summer. Their shallow root systems were damaged by a combination of high soil temperatures and extremely dry soil. The roots of some plants were also injured this spring when excessive rains caused rotting from lack of air in the soil.

Since rhododendrons will continue to lose moisture from their evergreen leaves throughout the winter, a few precautions now will help

them withstand winter winds and sun.

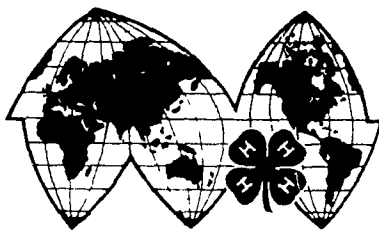
If water is restricted in your community, use waste water from the bathtub, dishpan, or rinse cycle of the clothes washer. Some detergent will not harm the plants, providing the soil can be scratched lightly for aeration. Water plants until the ground freezes.

A coarse mulch of wood chips, bark chips, licorice root, or oak leaves several inches deep will help keep soil moist and at an even

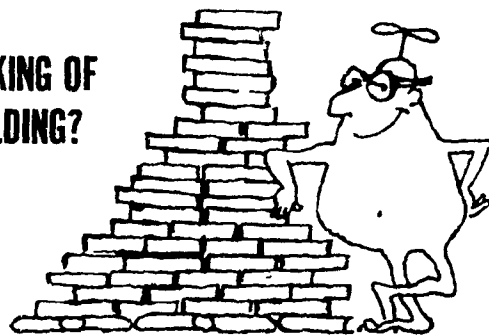
temperature. Keep the mulch a few inches away from the base to allow the bark to harden before winter. A windbreak of burlap will reduce moisture loss from bright sun or high winds. Stakes may be set in place now and burlap added about mid-December when

the ground freezes. If this is an annual problem, move your rhododendrons to a more sheltered location next spring.

Flower buds have already formed on rhododendrons and should open normally next spring as a reward for these precautions taken now.



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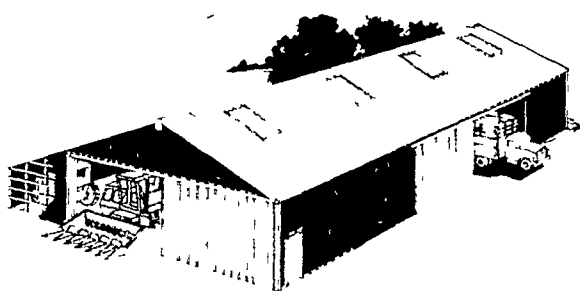
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