

LANCASTER COUNTY LIVESTOCK MARKET AUCTION

LANCASTER LIVESTOCK AUCTION FOR MONDAY MARCH 2, 1998

Cattle Calves Hogs Sheep Goats

MONDAY'S AUCTION

	694	33	60	187
2	3	6		
LAST WEEK	770	29	91	389
LAST YEAR	800	35	63	255
	176			

CATTLE: Compared to Thursday, slaughter steers sold steady. This marks the first time in several weeks that slaughter steer prices opened the week without a price trend reversal. Slaughter cows sold mostly steady in a light test and bulls were fully steady. This week's supply was made up of around 58 percent slaughter steers and 14 percent slaughter cows.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: Few High Choice and Prime 2-4 1300-1450 lbs 63.75-65.00. Choice 2-3 1100-1475 lbs 60.75-64.25. Select and low Choice 2-3 1050-1500 lbs 58.00-61.00, 1550-1725 lbs 53.25-54.75. Select 2-3 1000-1550 lbs 54.50-59.00.

HOLSTEINS STEERS: Choice 2-3 1350-1665 lbs 53.60-55.85, individual Prime 3 1725 lbs 58.75. Select and low Choice 2-3 1285-1550 lbs 51.25-54.25. Select 1-2 1050-1600 lbs 48.00-51.75.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Choice, few Prime 2-4 1000-1390 lbs 59.75-63.50. Select and low Choice 2-3 950-1350 lbs 57.50-60.10, couple high dressing up to 62.00.

SLAUGHTER COWS: LOW DRESSING BULK HIGH DRESSING Brkg Utility/Commercial 2-3 35.75-37.75 38.00-42.50 up to 45.00 Cutter and Boning Utility 1-3 32.75-35.00 34.75-39.50 39.25-40.75 Canner and low Cutter 1-2 28.00-33.50 33.50-36.25

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield grade 1 1250-2110 lbs 46.00-55.00, individual 58.25. Few fancy fed bulls 1350-1700 lbs 62.50-64.50, high dressing individual 70.25. Few Yield grade 2 1000-2065 lbs 42.00-45.50. **BULLOCKS:** Few Select 1-3 900-1265 lbs 45.75-56.75.

CALVES: Compared to last Monday's auction, slaughter calves sold 3.00 to mostly 5.00 higher on a light offering.

SLAUGHTER CALVES: Few Good and Choice 300-400 lbs 68.00-78.00; few 400-500 lbs 65.00-70.00. Utility and Good 250-300 lbs 78.00-82.00.

SHEEP: Compared to last Monday's auction, wooled slaughter lambs sold steady to mostly 5.00 lower, new crop lambs were 5.00-10.00 lower in a light test. Slaughter ewes sold steady to 2.00 lower.

SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Choice 2-3 70-80 lbs 102.00-110.00; 80-100 lbs 89.00-90.00; few 100-120 lbs 78.00.

NEW CROP LAMBS: Choice 2-3 few 40-50 lbs 128.00; 50-60 lbs 115.00-121.00.

VINTAGE LIVESTOCK AUCTION TUESDAY MARCH 3, 1998

Cattle Calves Sheep Goats

TODAY

	644	840	0	2
LAST TUESDAY	612	812	0	0
LAST YEAR	668	807	1	0

CATTLE: Compared to Monday, slaughter steers sold steady to firm, demand was good for high dressing and fancy individuals. Slaughter heifers were not tested. Slaughter cows sold uneven, Canner and Cutter cows were steady while the fleshier Utility and Commercial cows sold .50-1.00 lower. There were not enough Yield grade 1 bulls sold for an adequate market test.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: High Choice and Prime 2-4 1225-1485 lbs 63.50-65.75, few high dressing 67.00-68.75. Choice 2-3 1175-1500 lbs 61.25-64.75, few high dressing Charolais X 1-2 1250-1410 lbs 64.00-66.75. Select and low Choice 2-3 1100-1525 lbs 57.25-61.75.

HOLSTEIN STEERS: Choice 2-3 1430-1625 lbs 54.50-57.00. Select 1-3 1345-1700 lbs 46.00-51.85.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Not tested. **FEEDER STEERS:** Medium and Large 1-2 (Black and thin) 13 head 534 lbs 81.00; 9 head 641 lbs 80.00.

SLAUGHTER COWS: LOW DRESSING BULK HIGH DRESSING Breaking Utility/Comm. 2-3 34.75-37.25

SLAUGHTER EWES: Utility and Good 1-3 35.00-40.00, few 1-2 48.00-54.00. **Aged Bucks:** 36.00-40.00.

GOATS: All goats sold by the head. **Billies:** Large 110.00-128.00. **Mutton:** Good and Choice 78.00-80.00.

Nannies: Large 58.00-65.00. **Medium** 45.00-55.00. **Yearlings:** Choice 65.00-78.00. **Kids:** Choice 50.00-58.00. **Utility** 38.00-48.00. **Good** 25.00-32.00.

Lancaster Livestock Auction

Wednesday's market report has been discontinued until further notice because of unsubstantial receipts.

37.00-42.00 up to 43.50 Cutter/Boning Utility 1-3 32.50-35.00 34.75-38.50 38.50-40.50 Canner/low Cutter 1-2 28.50-33.25 33.50-36.75

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Few Yield grade 2 1500-1880 lbs 39.75-45.25.

CALVES: Compared to last Tuesday, vealers sold steady to 2.00 lower and slaughter calves were steady in a light test. Holstein bulls returning to the farm were moderately active, but heifers were very active. Holstein bulls sold 5.00-8.00 lower and heifers traded steady to 5.00 higher. Supply included 690 head in the State graded auction and 78 percent of the total supply returned to feed.

VEALERS: Good and Choice 60-110 lbs 15.00-23.00, few to 25.00. **Standard** and **low Good** 60-80 lbs 10.00-15.00.

SLAUGHTER CALVES: Few Utility and Good 150-350 lbs 70.00-93.00.

RETURNED TO FARM: Holstein bulls 95-125 lbs 72.00-94.00; 85-100 lbs 42.00-75.00. **Small frame calves** 90-115 lbs 30.00-60.00. **Holstein heifers** 95-115 lbs 125.00-153.00. **Small frame calves** 75-105 lbs 40.00-65.00.

New Holland Livestock Auction

NEW HOLLAND, PA THU MARCH 5, 1998

Cattle Calves Sheep Goats

TODAY ESTIMATED

LAST WEEK

1194	692	216	170
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LAST YEAR

1275	642	190	199-
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CATTLE: Compared to Tuesday, slaughter steers sold steady to weak. Most of the weakness was noted on the light offering of High Choice and Prime cattle that sold only slightly higher than the bulk of Choice sales. Heavy weights, over 1450 lbs, continue under pressure. Slaughter heifers were steady to weak in a light test. Slaughter bulls steady.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: High Choice and Prime 2-4 1250-1450 lbs 63.00-65.75, package 1722 lbs 53.25. Choice 2-3 1150-1500 lbs 61.00-64.50, few high dressing X-bred 1-2 1130-1435 lbs 64.50-67.00; 1500-1705 lbs 55.00-61.50. **Select and low Choice** 2-3 1100-1500 lbs 56.75-62.50; 1500-1600 lbs 55.00-59.25. **Select** 2-3 1050-1500 lbs 53.00-60.75.

HOLSTEIN STEERS: Choice, few Prime 2-3 1170-1635 lbs 54.50-58.50, package 1773 lbs 52.10. **Select and low Choice** 2-3 1000-1680 lbs 50.00-54.75. **Select** 1-2 950-1360 lbs 46.50-51.00.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Choice, few Prime 2-4 1120-1375 lbs 58.75-63.00. **Few Select and low Choice** 2-3 1135-1350 lbs 54.50-60.00. **Heiferettes:** Commercial and **Standard** 2-4 975-1380 lbs 42.00-49.25.

SLAUGHTER COWS: LOW DRESSING BULK HIGH DRESSING Brkg Utility/Commercial 2-3 Cutter/Boning Utility 1-3 Canner/low Cutter 1-2

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield grade 1 1215-1945 lbs 46.75-53.00, individual 1525 lbs 57.00. **Yield grade 2** 1070-2360 lbs 40.00-46.00.

CALVES: Compared to Monday's auction, vealers sold 2.00-5.00 lower and slaughter calves were steady. Demand was

moderate, at best, for the 85 percent of supply that returned to the country with prices trending 10.00- 15.00 lower.

VEALERS: Few Good and Choice 80-110 lbs 15.00-24.00. **Standard and low Good** 65-80 lbs 11.00-15.00.

SLAUGHTER CALVES: Few Good and Choice 200-350 lbs 90.00-105.00. **Utility and Good** 200-350 lbs 70.00-90.00; 350-500 lbs 50.00-65.00.

RETURNED TO FARM: Holstein bulls 90-125 lbs 65.00-95.00, few up to 100.00. **Small frame calves** 70-95 lbs 45.00-60.00, few weaker calves 20.00-40.00. **Holstein heifers** 90-125 lbs 80.00-100.00, few outstanding up to 120.00. **Small frame calves** 70-90 lbs 45.00-70.00.

SHEEP: Compared to Monday's auction, slaughter lambs sold steady to 5.00 lower and slaughter ewes were fully steady.

SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Choice 2-3 80-100 lbs 70.00-85.00; 100-125 lbs 70.00-80.00.

NEW CROP LAMBS: Choice 2-3 30-60 lbs 150.00-200.00; 60-80 lbs 120.00-150.00. 80-100 lbs 90.00-105.00.

SLAUGHTER EWES: Good and Choice yearlings and 2 year-olds 50.00-70.00. **Utility and Good** 1-3 35.00-60.00.

GOATS: All goats sold by the head. **Billies:** Large 100.00-140.00. **Medium** 75.00-100.00.

Mutton: Good and Choice 80.00-110.00. **Nannies:** Large 60.00-80.00. **Medium** 45.00-60.00. **Kids:** Choice 60.00-90.00. **Good** 40.00-60.00. **Utility** 20.00-40.00.

Lancaster County Weekly NEW HOLLAND, PA FRIDAY MARCH 6, 1998

	CATTLE	CALVES
THIS WEEK	2615	1775
LAST WEEK	2576	1801
LAST YEAR	2743	1667

CATTLE: Compared to last week's closing prices, the slaughter steer market seemed to level out this week with good

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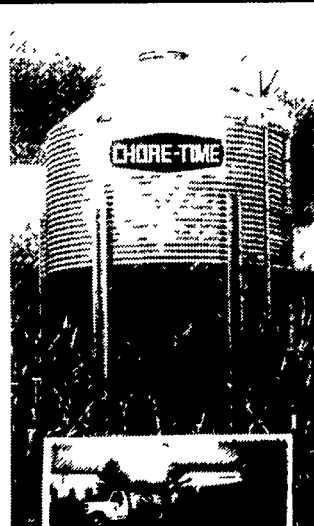
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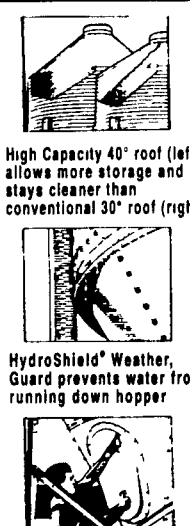
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