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Mon., Tues., Wed., Fri. 8 AM to 5 PM; Thurs. 7 AM to 5 PM

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31.00-32.00.

**CALVES:** Compared to Monday's auction, vealers sold steady to 1.00 lower and slaughter calves sold firm to 15.00 higher on very good holiday demand. Holstein bull calves returning to feed sold 12.00-15.00 higher, while the market for Holstein heifers remained fully steady with last week's test. Near 80 percent of supply returned to feed.

**VEALERS:** Good and Choice 70-110 lbs 17.00-23.00, few 130-200 lbs 57.00-90.00. Standard and low Good 60-90 lbs 11.00-20.00.

**SLAUGHTER CALVES:** Good and Choice 200-350 lbs 70.00-105.00; few 350-500 lbs 65.00-75.00. Standard 300-600 lbs 40.00-60.00.

**RETURNED TO FARM:** Holstein bulls 95-125 lbs 75.00-112.00. Plainer-type bulls 80-115 lbs 30.00-75.00. Holstein heifers 80-120 lbs 147.00-215.00, few up to 240.00. Plainer type heifers 70-90 lbs 100.00-140.00.

**SHEEP:** Compared to Monday, slaughter lambs over 100 lbs sold steady and lighter weights ranged steady to 10.00 higher. Fancy, new-crop lambs were sharply higher in active trading leading up to the holidays. Slaughter ewes and aged sheep sold mostly steady, as trading returned to normal following the unusually active trading on Monday.

**SLAUGHTER LAMBS:** New Crop: Choice and Prime 2-3 35-50 lbs 175.00-240.00, few up to 290.00; 50-90 lbs 100.00-125.00. Woolled: Choice and Prime 2-3 40-80 lbs 85.00-110.00; 80-100 lbs 65.00-80.00; 100-140 lbs 55.00-65.00. Good and Choice 1-3 40-80 lbs 70.00-85.00.

**SLAUGHTER EWES:** Good and Choice yearlings and 2 year-olds 40.00-60.00. Utility and Good 1-3 30.00-50.00.

**GOATS:** (All goats sold by the head) Billies: Large 100.00-150.00, few up to 190.00. Medium 75.00-100.00. Mutton: Choice and Prime 70.00-100.00. Nannies: Medium and Large 40.00-80.00. Yearlings: Choice and Prime 60.00-90.00. Kids: Choice and Prime 40.00-65.00. Good 20.00-40.00.

**Lancaster County Weekly**

Lancaster, Pa.  
Friday, Dec. 18, 1998

	Cattle	Calves
This Week	2412	1760
Last Week	2884	1783
Last Year	2604	1675

**CATTLE:** Compared to last week's closing prices, slaughter steers closed steady to mostly .50 lower. Demand remains fairly good and in the last two weeks local steers have lost only 1.00-1.50, while the Western direct markets have dropped 4.00-5.00 live and 6.00-7.00 dressed. Unbelievably low hog prices are taking their toll on beef demand as retailers are featuring pork specials in their meatcases. Local Holstein steers and slaughter heifers ended the week mostly 1.00 lower. Slaughter cow prices closed 1.00-1.50 higher as availability is certain to be low over the next two weeks in many areas. Slaughter bulls finished firm to 1.00 higher. Supply was made up of around 39 percent slaughter steers, 8 percent slaughter heifers, 39 percent slaughter cows, 5 percent bulls, with the balance feeders.

**SLAUGHTER STEERS:** High Choice and Prime 2-4 1160-1465 lbs 61.10-65.00. Choice 2-3 1095-1485 lbs 59.00-62.25, high dressing 1-2 up to 66.25 and low dressing 4-5 down to 57.50; 1490-1570 lbs 56.00-59.75. Select and low Choice 2-3 1040-1500 lbs 54.50-61.00; 1510-1635 lbs 50.25-55.25. Select 1-3 1010-1495 lbs 50.25-58.00.

**HOLSTEIN STEERS:** Individual Prime 3 1385 lbs 54.75. Choice 2-3 1390-1575 lbs 51.85-53.75; package 1710 lbs 49.10. Select and low Choice 2-3 1170-1580 lbs 49.75-52.25; 1680-1730 lbs 47.50-48.75. Select 1-2 1060-1620 lbs 46.75-51.00.

**SLAUGHTER HEIFERS:** Choice, few Prime 2-4 1030-1345 lbs 58.00-61.50, high dressing 1-2 up to 63.00 and low dressing 4-5 down to 55.00. Select and low Choice 2-3 1015-1305 lbs 53.75-59.50. Few Select 1-3 925-1165 lbs 47.25-53.50. Heiferettes: Commercial and Standard 2-4 990-1315 lbs 36.75-44.50.

**SLAUGHTER COWS:** PERCENT LEAN WEIGHT BULK LOW DRESSING Breakers 75-80 pct lean over-1400 lbs 35.75-40.25 32.25-36.50 Boners 80-85 pct lean over-1200 lbs 33.25-37.50 30.00-34.50 Lean (Hi-Yield) 85-88 pct lean over-1200 lbs 32.00-35.75 29.50-33.25 Lean 88-90 pct lean over-1000 lbs 28.75-33.25 26.50-30.50 Lean (Light-Wt) 85-90 pct lean 750 -1000 lbs 27.25-32.00 25.00-29.00

**SLAUGHTER BULLS:** Yield Grade 1 1005-1995 lbs 40.50-53.25, individual lean Holstein 1670 lbs 54.50. Yield Grade 2 1080-2030 lbs 35.75-43.25. Bullocks: Choice 2-3 1195-1365 lbs 54.25-61.50. Select 1-3 945-1565 lbs 44.00-53.00, few outstanding 64.50-68.00. Couple Oxen

2280-2360 lbs 31.00-32.00.

**CALVES:** Compared to last week, demand for vealers was light and prices were steady to 1.00 lower. On the other hand, slaughter calf trading turned active late in the week with holiday demand and prices were 10.00-25.00 higher. Holstein bull farm calves closed steady to 8.00 lower and Holstein heifers ended fully steady.

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**Leesport Livestock**

Leesport, PA

Wednesday, Dec. 16 1998

Report Supplied by PDA

**CATTLE 277...SUPPLY INCLUDED** 61 SL. STEERS AND HEIFERS, 122 SL. COWS, 75 FEEDER CATTLE. SL. STEERS STEADY TO 1.00 LOWER, SL. COWS MOSTLY STEADY, SL. BULLS STEADY TO STRONG.

**SLAUGHTER STEERS:** CHOICE 2-4 1150-1470 LBS. 57.00-62.00, SELECT 1-3 52.50-56.75, STANDARD 1-2 44.25-52.50.

**HOLSTEIN STEERS:** FEW HIGH CHOICE AND PRIME 2-3 1420-1575 LBS. 54.50-54.75. CHOICE 2-3 1225-1595 LBS. 50.00-54.00, SELECT 1-2 44.75-51.50, FEW STANDARD 1-2 34.00-44.00.

**HEIFERS:** FEW STANDARD 1-2 38.75-45.75.

**COWS:** BREAKERS 75-80% LEAN 34.00-38.75, LOW DRESSING 31.25-32.50, BONERS 80-85% LEAN 32.25-36.00, LOW DRESSING 28.75-31.50, LEAN 85-90% LEAN 24.50-32.75. SHELLS DOWN TO 18.00.

**BULLS:** YIELD GRADE 1 1000-1800 LBS. 39.50-45.00, YIELD GRADE 2 1050-2555 LBS. 36.00-40.50.

**FEEDER CATTLE:** STEERS: FEW MEDIUM 1-2 575-755 LBS. 48.00-53.50, ONE 475 LBS. AT 65.00, LARGE 2 630-800 LBS. 48.00-52.00; HEIFERS: MEDIUM 1-2 250-400 LBS. 46.00-57.50, 500-775 LBS. 43.50-55.00; BULLS: MEDIUM 1-2 250-40 LBS. 46.00-57.50, 500-775 LBS. 43.50-55.00; BULLS: MEDIUM 1-2 200-300 LBS. 60.00-72.50, 400-540 LBS. 45.00-56.50.

**CALVES:** 166. VEALERS: GOOD AND CHOICE 160-280 LBS. 50.00-75.00, FEW GOOD 120-125 LBS. 42.50-50.00, STANDARD AND GOOD 75-105 LBS. 22.00-30.00, UTILITY 70-80 LBS. 17.00-22.00, 55-65 LBS. 5.00-17.50.

**FARM CALVES:** HOLSTEIN BULLS WEAK WITH SPOTS TO 10.00 LOWER: NO. 1 HOLSTEIN BULLS 90-125 LBS. 60.00-90.00, NO. 2 85-120 LBS. 30.00-60.00, NO. 2 85-120 LBS. 30.00-60.00, WITH A FEW DOWN TO 25.00; NO. 1 HOLSTEIN HEIFERS 80-130 LBS. 135.00-200.00, NO. 2 80-110 LBS. 55.00-125.00; FEW BEEF TYPE BULLS AND HEIFERS 115-150 LBS. 72.50-85.00.

**HOGS:** 100. BARROWS AND GILTS 2.00 TO 5.00 LOWER, SOWS 3.00-5.00 LOWER. BARROWS AND GILTS: 49-54% LEAN 225-250 LBS. 17.00-20.00, 45-50% 225-265 LBS. 11.50-16.00, 40-45% 270-330 LBS. 12.50-15.50.

**SOWS:** US 1-3 385-490 LBS. 4.50-8.50; 500-635 LBS. 5.50-6.50.

**BOARS:** 210-535 LBS. 3.00-4.50.

**FEEDER PIGS:** 67. US 1-3 20-45 LBS. 40.00-55.00 PER CWT.

**SHEEP 94:** SLAUGHTER LAMBE STEADY TO 10.00 HIGHER.

**SLAUGHTER LAMBS:** CHOICE 40-65 LBS. 82.00-97.00, 70-95 LBS. 62.50-90.00, ONE LOT AT 101.00, 100-150 LBS. 60.00-72.50.

**NEW CROP LAMBS:** CHOICE 40-55 LBS. 120.00-175.00, 60-70 LBS. 110.00-117.50.

**SLAUGHTER SHEEP:** FEW 25.00-34.00, YEARLINGS 40.00-47.50.

**GOATS 24:** FEW LARGE BILLIES 65.00-72.50, MEDIUM 42.00-57.50, FEW LARGE NANNIES 57.50-62.50, FEW MEDIUM 55.00-65.00, LARGE KIDS 50.00-80.00 PER HEAD.



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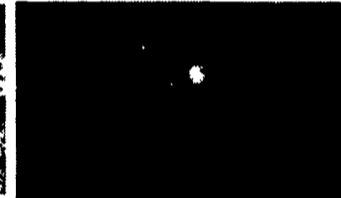
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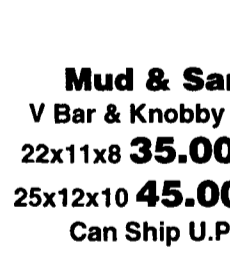


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