

LANCASTER COUNTY LIVESTOCK MARKET AUCTION

VINTAGE LIVESTOCK AUCTION
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1999

		CATTLE	CALVES
SHEEP	GOATS		
TUESDAY		532	845
0			
LAST TUESDAY			609
887	0		
1	1	606	796

CATTLE There was no price comparison for Monday due to the holiday. However, prices appeared to be near steady with late last week. The supply was light, but quality was outstanding. Slaughter cow trading was moderately active with the best demand for high yielding lean cows. Supply included 20 percent slaughter steers and 75 percent slaughter cows.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: High Choice and Prime 2-4 1180-1460 lbs 63.00-67.00. Choice 2-3 1195-1485 lbs 61.25-63.50, few high dressing 1-2 up to 65.75. Select and low Choice 2-3 1065-1480 lbs 57.50-61.25, individual 1500 lbs 54.75.

HOLSTEIN STEERS: Few high Select and Choice 2-3 1345-1370 lbs 53.50-54.25, couple 1625-1780 lbs 50.25-51.25.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Few low dressing Choice 3-5 1090-1205 lbs 56.50-59.25.

SLAUGHTER COWS: PERCENT LEAN WEIGHT BULK LOW DRESSING

Breakers 75-80 pct lean over-1400 lbs 38.75-41.75 35.50-39.00

Boners 80-85 pct lean over-1200 lbs 35.75-39.25 33.75-36.25

Lean (Hi-Yield) 85-88 pct lean over-1200 lbs 34.75-37.75 33.50-35.50

Lean 88-90 pct lean over-1000 lbs 33.25-35.75 30.00-33.75

Lean (Light-Wt) 85-90 pct lean 750-1000 lbs 31.00-33.75 28.50-31.50

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2 1025-2185 lbs 38.50-46.75. Bullocks Individual Select 2 1400 lbs 57.25.

CALVES: Compared to last Tuesday, demand was only moderate for vealers and prices were 3.00 lower. Holstein bulls returning to feed sold 20.00-25.00 lower, with fewer regional buyers on hand. Holstein heifer trading was only moderately active and prices

were unevenly steady to weak. Supply included 704 head in the State graded sale and 81 percent returned to the farm.

VEALERS: Good and Choice 70-110 lbs 20.00-26.00. Standard and low Good 60-90 lbs 10.00-20.00.

RETURNED TO FARM: Holstein bulls 95-125 lbs 100.00-121.00. Plainer-type bulls 85-115 lbs 48.00-106.00, pkg 80 lbs 25.00. Holstein heifers 90-115 lbs 180.00-225.00. Plainer heifers 80-105 lbs 140.00-170.00, few 70-75 lbs 40.00-55.00. Few beef-type bulls and heifers 90-115 lbs 90.00-112.00.

New Holland Livestock Auction NEW HOLLAND, PA THU FEBRUARY 18, 1999

CATTLE CALVES SHEEP GOATS			
THURSDAY			
1368	687	144	152
LAST WEEK			
1073	729	255	73
LAST YEAR			
1051	739	163	177

CATTLE: Compared to Tuesday, sales were spotty and prices were posted on both sides of steady, but as a whole the slaughter steer market was weak to .50 lower. The quality of supply was outstanding, featuring a few of the fanciest individuals of recent memory which stirred up activity and held the declines to a minimum. Demand for Holstein steers was only moderate with prices .50-1.00 lower and slaughter heifers were not well tested. Slaughter cows and bulls sold mostly steady. Supply included 38 percent slaughter steers and 37 percent slaughter cows.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: High Choice and Prime 2-4 1115-1430 lbs 62.75-65.50, couple ideal 1-2 1245-1440 lbs 74.25-74.50. Choice 2-3 1085-1470 lbs 60.50-63.25, couple high dressing Limousin X 1-2 1180-1355 lbs 70.00-71.75. Select and low Choice 2-3 1005-1480 lbs 56.25-61.25; 1500-1570 lbs 53.75-58.75.

Select 1-3 900-1355 lbs 53.00-57.75.

HOLSTEIN STEERS: High Choice and Prime 2-3 1360-1550 lbs 56.25-57.25; individual 1765 lbs 55.25. Choice 2-3 1345-1600 lbs 53.25-55.85; package 1645 lbs 52.75. Select and low Choice 2-3 1300-1455 lbs 51.75-53.85, few heifers 1100-1405 lbs 49.75-51.25. Select 1-2 1180-1455 lbs 47.25-51.25. Few Standard 1-2 900-1350 lbs 46.00-47.00.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Choice, few Prime 2-4 1020-1260 lbs 61.25-63.00. Select 1-3 1090-1260 lbs 53.00-56.75. Heiferettes: Few Choice 3-4 1135-1245 lbs 54.00-54.75. Commercial and Standard 2-4 1015-1505 lbs 42.25-50.00.

SLAUGHTER COWS: PERCENT LEAN WEIGHT BULK LOW DRESSING Breakers 75-80 pct lean over-1400 lbs 38.50-42.50 35.50-39.00 Boners 80-85 pct lean over-1200 lbs 35.50-39.25 33.25-36.00 Lean (Hi-Yield) 85-88 pct lean over-1200 lbs 34.75-37.50 33.25-35.50 Lean 88-90 pct lean over-1000 lbs 32.75-35.75 29.50-33.25 Lean (Light-Wt) 85-90 pct lean 750-1000 lbs 30.50-33.25 28.00-31.75

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1 910-2135 lbs 45.00-51.75. Yield Grade 2 1185-2065 lbs 41.00-46.75. Bullocks: Select 1-3 960-1490 lbs 49.50-57.00. Standard 1-2 975-1275 lbs 43.00-46.25.

CALVES: Compared to Monday's auction, veal calves sold steady to 2.00 higher and slaughter calves not well tested but had a higher undertone. Holstein bull calves returning to feed sold 2.00-12.00 lower in moderately active trading. Holstein heifers sold 15.00 higher with increased demand for the plainer and lighter weight heifers. Supply included 245 head in the State graded sale and around 78 percent returned to the farm.

VEALERS: Good and Choice 70-110 lbs 24.00-31.00, few up to 35.00. Standard and low Good 60-90 lbs 12.00-25.00.

SLAUGHTER CALVES: Few Good and Choice 200-300 lbs 80.00-105.00; few 300-500 lbs 60.00-75.00.

RETURNED TO FARM: Holstein bulls

95-125 lbs 87.00-120.00. Plainer-type bulls 85-115 lbs 40.00-92.00; 75-85 lbs 30.00-40.00. Holstein heifers 80-120 lbs 175.00-240.00. Plainer heifers 70-90 lbs 120.00-182.00.

SHEEP: Compared to Monday, a light offering of slaughter lambs sold mostly steady, while the slaughter ewes and aged sheep traded firm to 10.00 higher.

SLAUGHTER LAMBS: New Crop: Choice and Prime 2-3 40-60 lbs 130.00-175.00; 60-80 lbs 120.00-130.00. Woolled: Choice and Prime 2-3 80-100 lbs 85.00-105.00; 100-120 lbs 75.00-85.00.

SLAUGHTER EWES: Utility and Good 1-3 30.00-55.00.

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CATTLE CALVES	
THIS WEEK	2459 1794
LAST WEEK	2177 1913
LAST YEAR	2222 1817

CATTLE: Compared to last week's closing prices, slaughter steers closed weak to .50 lower. This week's steer offering was the largest in several months and a large portion of the local barns are said to be full of market-ready cattle. At the same time, most analysts are expecting a tightening of fat cattle supplies in the major feeding areas through the early Spring months. Western direct trade broke loose on Wednesday at mostly 63.00 live and 98.00-99.00 dressed, after waiting until late Friday to trade last week's showlists. Local Holstein steers ended the week .50-1.00 lower, after last week's advances, and slaughter heifers were not well tested. Slaughter cows and bulls sold steady. Supply was made up of around 39 percent slaughter steers, 5 percent slaughter heifers, 39 percent slaughter cows, 4 percent bulls, with the balance made up of feeder cattle.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: High Choice and Prime 2-4 1115-1460 lbs 62.75-67.00, few ideal up to 74.50. Choice 2-3

Some markets not available due to the holiday

1085-1485 lbs 60.50-63.50, few high dressing 1-2 up to 71.75. Select and low Choice 2-3 1005-1480 lbs 56.25-61.25; 1500-1570 lbs 53.75-58.75. Select 1-3 900-1355 lbs 53.00-57.75.

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CALVES: Compared to last week, veal calves sold firm to 2.00 higher and slaughter calves were as much as 20.00 higher on a strong veal market. Holstein bulls to feed sold steady to 15.00 lower with less demand from buyers further North. Holstein heifer prices ended weak to 35.00 lower, but the plainer heifers sold fairly well.

VEALERS: Good and Choice 70-110 lbs 20.00-31.00, few up to 35.00; late mostly 25.00-31.00. Standard and low Good 60-90 lbs 11.00-25.00.

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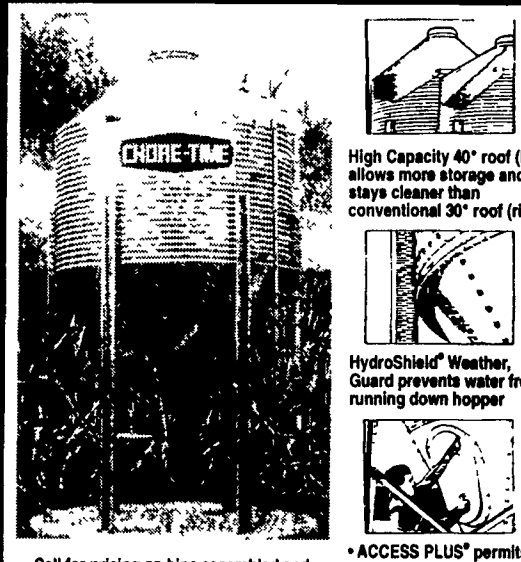
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