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Holstein heifers 80-120 lbs 165.00-225.00. Plainer heifers 70-90 lbs 120.00-170.00.

SHEEP: Compared to Monday, slaughter lambs were not well tested on a very light offering, leading up to the large runs expected for the Easter buying season. Slaughter ewes sold steady to 5.00 lower.

SLAUGHTER LAMBS: New Crop: Choice and Prime 2-3 30-50 lbs 115.00-150.00; 50-70 lbs 115.00-130.00. Woolled: Choice and Prime 2-3 90-110 lbs 75.00-80.00.

SLAUGHTER EWES: Utility and Good 1-3 35.00-55.00.

GOATS: (All goats sold by the head) Billies: Medium and Large 75.00-100.00, few up to 125.00 Mutton: Choice and Prime 70.00-100.00. Nannies: Medium and Large 40.00-70.00. Yearlings: Choice and Prime 55.00-80.00. Kids: Choice and Prime 45.00-70.00 Good 25.00-45.00

Lancaster Co.

Weekly

NEW HOLLAND, PA
FRI MARCH 5, 1999

	CATTLE	CALVES
THIS WEEK	2280	1796
LAST WEEK	2430	1764
LAST YEAR	2615	1775

CATTLE: Compared to last week's closing prices, the slaughter steer and heifers market started out firm and then closed .50-1.00 higher on late-week gains. The market finally moved past the low that has kept average Choice cattle from breaking the 64.00 mark, since the beginning of the year. However our improvements were minor compared to the Western feedlot market that rose 1.00 to mostly 2.00, to close from 64.00-65.00 live and mostly 102.00 dressed. Local Holstein steers sold steady on a good offering. Slaughter cows ended the week uneven, demand was best for Lean cows (over 85 percent) and prices were fully steady, but fleshier cows closed mostly 1.00 lower. Slaughter bulls sold 1.00 higher. Supply included 44 percent slaughter steers, 6 percent slaughter heifers, 36 percent slaughter cows, 4 percent slaughter bulls, with the balance made up of feeder cattle.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: High Choice and Prime 2-4 1110-1450 lbs 63.00-66.25, few up to 68.00. Choice 2-3 1010-1495 lbs 60.50-64.50, late mostly 62.00-64.00; 1500-1550 lbs 58.25-60.75. Select and low Choice 2-3 1015-1495 lbs 56.75-61.75; 1505-1655 lbs 54.50-58.25. Select 1-3 1055-1420 lbs 54.25-59.25.

HOLSTEIN STEERS: High Choice and Prime 2-3 1340-1560 lbs 56.10-57.00. Choice 2-3 1260-1575 lbs 53.85-56.50; 1620-1755 lbs 51.00-53.75. Select and low Choice 2-3 1155-1570 lbs 51.50-54.00; package 1709 lbs 49.25. Select 1-2 1020-1470 lbs 46.75-51.25.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Few high Choice and Prime 2-4 1120-1200 lbs 64.25-66.25. Choice 2-4 1015-1435 lbs 59.75-63.00, 920-955 lbs 53.50-55.00.

Select and low Choice 2-3 1005-1390 lbs 55.75-60.25. Select 1-3 930-1175 lbs 52.00-56.25. Heiferettes: Choice 3-4 1160-1395 lbs 52.00-54.50. Few Commercial and Standard 2-4 1035-1350 lbs 43.50-47.00.

SLAUGHTER COWS: PERCENT LEAN WEIGHT BULK LOW DRESSING Breakers 75-80 pct lean over-1400 lbs 37.25-41.75 35.25-38.00 Boners 80-85 pct lean over-1200 lbs 35.00-38.75 32.50-36.00 Lean (Hi-Yield) 85-88 pct lean over-1200 lbs 35.00-38.75 33.50-36.00 Lean 88-90 pct lean over-1000 lbs 33.00-36.75 30.00-34.00 Lean (Light-Wt) 85-90 pct lean 750-1000 lbs 30.75-35.00 27.50-30.75

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1 1155-2020 lbs 46.50-57.00, up to 59.25. Yield Grade 2 1020-2365 lbs 39.00-47.00. Bullocks: Select 1-3 895-1505 lbs 47.00-57.75.

CALVES: Compared to last week, demand for veal calves continues to be very good and prices ended the week fully steady. Slaughter calves closed mostly steady, after trading higher earlier in the week. Number 1 Holstein bulls returning to feed sold 5.00-15.00 lower, but plainer bull prices held steady. The Holstein heifer market ended steady to 10.00 lower.

VEALERS: Good and Choice 150-210 lbs 82.00-94.00; 70-110 lbs 25.00-37.00, few up 40.00. Standard and low Good 60-90 lbs 12.00-30.00, few down to 10.00.

SLAUGHTER CALVES: Good and Choice 170-300 lbs 75.00-100.00; 300-550 lbs 52.00-77.00. Standard 300-600 lbs 47.00-65.00.

RETURNED TO FARM: Holstein bulls 95-125 lbs 72.00-117.00, few up to 120.00. Plainer type bulls 80-115 lbs 38.00-105.00, late mostly 60.00-100.00; 65-85 lbs 22.00-60.00. Holstein heifers 80-120 lbs 130.00-225.00. Plainer heifers 70-100 lbs 90.00-170.00.

Valley Stockyards

Athens, Pa.
March 1, 1999

Report Supplied By Auction
HOLSTEIN HEIFER CALVES: 95.00-227.50.

BACK TO FARM CALVES: 95-120 LBS. 55.00-125.00, 70-95 LBS. 40.00-75.00.

SLAUGHTER CALVES: 11.00-26.00.

GRASSERS AND STARTED CALVES: 37.50-61.00.

FEEDERS: 40.00-82.50.

LAMBS: NONE.

SHEEP: NONE.

HOGS: 200-250 LBS., 25.00-42.00.

SOWS: 15.00-21.00.

BOARS: 06.

PIGS: EACH, NONE

HEIFERS: 40.00-44.00.

STEERS: 39.00-45.50.

BULLS: 36.00-47.00.

COWS GOOD: 34.75-39.00.

COWS MEDIUM: 30.00-35.50.

More Producers Sought For Farmers' Markets

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — On behalf of Gov. Tom Ridge, Agriculture Secretary Samuel E. Hayes Jr. recently announced that the Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (FMNP) is seeking additional producers for markets in Southeastern Pennsylvania.

They include two Chester Farmers' Markets in Delaware County, the Norristown Community Farmers' Market in Montgomery County and the Philadelphia Growers' Markets.

"These farmers' markets have shown to be ideal locations to purchase fresh, locally produced fruits and vegetables," Hayes said. "The Nutrition Program would like to build upon our success in helping needy families to obtain nutritious produce by inviting additional growers to participate."

The Farmers' Market Nutrition Program provides fresh fruits and vegetables to families enrolled in Pennsylvania's Women, Infants Children (WIC) program.

In 1998, more than 437,000 Farmers' Market Nutrition checks valued at \$5 each were issued to eligible women and children under the program.

Nearly 434 growers participated in the program at 330 market sites across Pennsylvania last year.

The Chester Farmers' Markets operate on Tuesdays at the Chester Senior Center, and Thursdays in the parking lot of Trinity United Methodist Church, 9th and Kerlin streets, Chester.

In 1998, the program issued \$52,000 in checks to WIC participants and seniors to purchase produce at the markets.

Opened in August, the Norristown Community Farmers' Market operates on Saturdays. It is in a county-owned parking lot at Marshall and DeKalb streets in Norristown. In 1998, FMNP issued approximately \$20,000 in checks to WIC participants through the market in Norristown.

The Philadelphia Growers' Markets, operated by the Farmers' Market Trust, has several sites in Philadelphia. Currently, nine growers participate in these markets.

For more information, contact Sharon Fulginiti, FMNP administrator, at 1-800-468-2433.

Pennsylvania Absolutely Ayrshires March 13

DELTA (York Co.) — The Pennsylvania Ayrshire Breeders Association has announced that its annual meeting and convention is to be held March 12-13 at the Holiday Inn Holidome and Conference Center, York.

All Ayrshire enthusiasts are invited to participate.

Youth are encouraged to attend and participate in a swimming party, miniature golf and other activities.

Included is a noon, March 13 "Absolutely Ayrshires" convention sale of young Ayrshire heifers.

A deadline for registration was not specified in a news release. However, they can be made by contacting Teresa Pomraning, 491 Slab Road, Delta, PA 17314, (717) 862-3280 in the evenings, 1-800-551-6567 during the day.

Reservations need to be made for a Friday, March 12, evening banquet, as well as for a March 13, awards breakfast.

For both meals, tickets are \$33 per person. For the evening banquet only, the price is \$25. For breakfast only, the cost is \$9 per person.

Room reservations need to be made directly with the hotel at 1-800-HOLIDAY. Indicate that the reservations are being made in conjunction with the Ayrshire convention.

Planned activities for the March 12 evening banquet include the crowning of the 1999 Pennsylvania Ayrshire princess and her court, the presentation of the state Junior Ayrshire production awards, and presenting an award recognizing the association's outstanding Ayrshire supporter.

State and local dairy promotion royalty are to be on hand for a social hour at 6 p.m., followed by a buffet banquet featuring turkey and london broil.

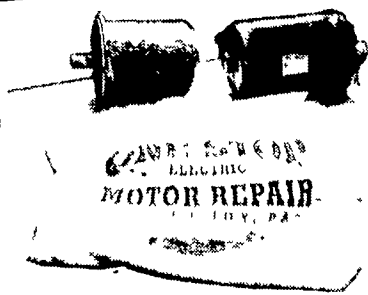
On March 13, a breakfast buffet is to be followed at 9 a.m. by the organization's annual business meeting.

While the business meeting is being conducted, a quiz bowl team practice is to be held, and animals are to be readied for the sale.

The "Absolutely Ayrshires" spring sale is to feature consignments from across the state, to be sold starting noon by Martin Heaps of Susquehanna Auction Service and Derek Hopkins.

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