

LANCASTER COUN. LIVESTOCK MARKET AUCTION

LANCASTER LIVESTOCK AUCTION MONDAY MAY 24, 1999

	CATTLE	CALVES	HOG
SHEEP GOATS			
MONDAY	154	4	0
23 0			
LAST WEEK	773	35	0
313 201			
LAST YEAR	576	21	49
411 246			

CATTLE Compared to Thursday, slaughter steers sold 50-75 higher. Slaughter heifers were fully steady. Slaughter cows were not tested. Slaughter bulls and bullocks sold mostly steady.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: High Choice and Prime 2-4 1225-1435 lbs 65.50-66.85. Choice 2-3 1225-1485 lbs 63.00-66.00. Select and low Choice 2-3 1035-1290 lbs 58.25-62.00.

HOLSTEIN STEERS: Choice and Prime 2-3 1300-1550 lbs 54.25-56.25.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Choice and Prime 2-3 1000-1270 lbs 61.00-62.50. Few Choice 2-3 865-980 lbs 55.00-58.25.

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1 1400-2300 lbs 48.75-53.75, individual 2330 lbs 44.75. Bullocks: Choice 2-3 1090-1260 lbs 54.75-57.75. Few Select 1-3 800-1175 lbs 50.50-54.50.

SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Choice 50-60 lbs 90.00-100.00.

VINTAGE LIVESTOCK AUCTION TUESDAY MAY 25, 1999

	CATTLE	CALVES
SHEEP GOATS		
TUESDAY	973	645 132
12		
LAST WEEK	483	777 0
0		
LAST YEAR	607	714 5
0		

CATTLE Compared to Thursday, slaughter steer and heifer trading started the week mostly steady on a plain offering, but Tuesday's supply was much fancier and pushed prices to end mostly steady to 50 higher. Holstein steers sold steady to 1.00 lower. Slaughter cows ranged 1.00-1.50 lower than Thursday's active market. A good offering of slaughter bulls traded steady to 50 higher. Total supply included 46 percent slaughter steers and 37 percent slaughter cows. (Note price quotes from the two-day sale are combined, with the bulk of the slaughter steers sold on Monday and the bulk of the slaughter cows sold on Tuesday.)

SLAUGHTER STEERS: High Choice

and Prime 2-4 1080-1470 lbs 63.50-68.25. Choice 2-3 1060-1395 lbs 61.50-65.25, few high dressing 1-2 up to 68.00, few 1480-1540 lbs 59.75-61.25. Select and low Choice 2-3 1080-1515 lbs 57.00-62.50. Select 1-3 1120-1290 lbs 53.75-56.00, few returning to feed 940-1150 lbs 55.50-58.00.

HOLSTEIN STEERS: Choice, few Prime 2-3 1300-1600 lbs 53.25-56.00. Select and low Choice 2-3 1210-1535 lbs 50.75-54.60. Select 1-2 1050-1395 lbs 47.50-51.75, few returning to feed 1000-1160 lbs 46.00-47.10.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Choice, few Prime 2-4 1110-1310 lbs 60.75-53.75, low dressing 4-5 pkg 1040 lbs 56.10, pkg 1490 lbs 54.75. Few Select and low Choice 2-3 1005-1435 lbs 55.50-60.50. Heiferettes, few Commercial and Standard 2-4 1050-1200 lbs 43.00-50.00.

SLAUGHTER COWS: PERCENT LEAN WEIGHT BULK LOW DRESSING

Breakers 75-80 pct lean over-1400 lbs 40.75-43.50 38.00-41.50
Boners 80-85 pct lean over-1200 lbs 37.00-41.75 35.00-37.75
Lean (Hi-Yield) 85-88 pct lean over-1200 lbs 36.75-40.25 34.75-37.00
Lean 88-90 pct lean over-1000 lbs 35.00-38.50 32.50-35.50
Lean (Light-Wt) 85-90 pct lean 750-1000 lbs 31.00-35.00 28.50-32.00

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1 1015-2075 lbs 48.00-58.00, few outstanding up to 60.25. Yield Grade 2 905-2525 lbs 43.25-49.00. Bullocks: Select 1-3 740-1250 lbs 46.75-59.00.

FEEDER HEIFERS: Medium and Large 1-2 consignment (dark-nose Charolais) 600-675 lbs 61.25-63.10.

CALVES: Compared to last Tuesday, veal calf prices were mixed and ranged from 3.00 lower to 5.00 higher in uneven trading. Trading was less active for Holstein bull calves returning to feed and prices ranged 8.00-20.00 lower on Number 1 calves. The Holstein heifers

were also in lighter demand and trended 6.00-16.00 lower. Supply included 562 head in the State graded sale and 85 percent returned to the farm.

VEALERS: Good and Choice 70-110 lbs 22.00-37.00. Standard and low Good 60-90 lbs 10.00-24.00.

RETURNED TO FARM: Holstein bulls 95-125 lbs 105.00-131.00. Plainer-type bulls 90-115 lbs 60.00-108.00, 80-90 lbs 22.00-50.00. Holstein heifers 90-115 lbs 212.00-246.00. Plainer heifers 70-95 lbs 130.00-221.00. Few beef-type bulls and heifers 85-120 lbs 70.00-130.00.

SHEEP: No recent comparison. (Note: The bulk of the sheep and goats were sold by private treaty on Monday.)

SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Choice and Prime 2-3 few 45-50 lbs 92.00-95.00, 70-90 lbs 85.00-90.00; 100-110 lbs 90.00-95.00.

SLAUGHTER EWES: Utility and Good 1-3 22.00-35.00.

GOATS: (All goats sold per head) Nannies: Medium and Large 48.00-52.00. Kids: Good and Choice 25.00-41.00.

New Holland Livestock

NEW HOLLAND, PA
THU MAY 27, 1999

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Goats
THURSDAY	1228	695	598	367
LAST WEEK	1474	701	346	205
LAST YEAR	1446	612	216	134

CATTLE: Compared to Tuesday, slaughter steers and heifers sold steady to end the week steady to 50 higher. Prices held up fairly well but failed to gain ground as most expected, after Wednesday's higher market indicators. Holstein steers sold steady to 1.00 higher. Slaughter cows traded .50-1.00 lower, but slaughter bull

prices were steady to .50 higher. Supply included 53 percent slaughter steers and 31 percent slaughter cows.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: High Choice and Prime 2-4 1110-1440 lbs 64.00-67.25. Choice 2-3 1065-1455 lbs 62.75-65.50, couple high dressing 1-2 up to 67.50. Select and low Choice 2-3 1010-1515 lbs 58.00-63.10; few 1550-1630 lbs 54.75-56.65. Select 1-3 945-1445 lbs 55.50-59.25, few returning to feed 1130-1155 lbs 62.00-62.85.

HOLSTEIN STEERS: Few high Choice and Prime 2-3 1205-1550 lbs 55.25-58.00. Choice 2-3 1200-1650 lbs 53.50-56.50. Select and low Choice 2-3 1085-1620 lbs 52.00-54.50. Select 1-2 1035-1530 lbs 47.50-51.50. Few Standard 1-2 1240-1565 lbs 45.25-47.00.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Choice, few Prime 2-4 1055-1200 lbs 61.60-63.25. Select and low Choice 2-3 1135-1355 lbs 57.75-60.25. Few Select 1-3 1040-1140 lbs 53.50-56.00. Heiferettes: Choice 3-5 1075-1525 lbs 50.75-54.00.

SLAUGHTER COWS: PERCENT LEAN WEIGHT BULK LOW DRESSING Breakers 75-80 pct lean over-1400 lbs 40.00-44.25 37.00-40.75. Boners 80-85 pct lean over-1200 lbs 36.50-40.50 34.50-37.00. Lean (Hi-Yield) 85-88 pct lean over-1200 lbs 36.50-39.50 34.00-36.50. Lean 88-90 pct lean over-1000 lbs 34.50-37.75 32.00-34.25. Lean (Light-Wt) 85-90 pct lean 750-1000 lbs 31.00-34.75 28.00-31.50.

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1 1000-2135 lbs 49.50-58.50. Yield Grade 2 1070-2120 lbs 43.75-49.50. Bullocks: Select 1-3 870-1410 lbs 47.00-56.50.

CALVES: Compared to Monday's auction, vealers sold steady to 2.00 higher and slaughter calves were not fully tested. Demand was very good for Holstein calves returning to feed, with bulls selling 25.00-30.00 higher and heifers trading sharply higher than Monday's light offering and fully steady with last Thursday's active market. Supply included 441 head in the State graded sale and around 94 percent

of the supply returned to feed.

VEALERS: Good and Choice 70-110 lbs 20.00-30.00. Standard and low Good 60-90 lbs 11.00-20.00.

SLAUGHTER CALVES: Few Good and Choice 200-350 lbs 75.00-90.00.

RETURNED TO FARM: Holstein bulls 95-125 lbs 101.00-131.00. Plainer-type bulls 80-125 lbs 50.00-102.00, few weaker calves down to 33.00. Holstein heifers 80-120 lbs 240.00-330.00. Plainer heifers 70-100 lbs 150.00-250.00.

SHEEP: Compared to Monday, slaughter lambs under 100 lbs sold steady, while the heavier weights traded mostly 10.00 higher. Slaughter ewes and aged sheep sold 2.00-5.00 lower.

SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Choice and Prime 2-3 40-60 lbs 90.00-110.00; 60-100 lbs 92.00-105.00; 100-130 lbs 75.00-95.00.

SLAUGHTER EWES: Good and Choice yearlings and 2 year-olds 40.00-65.00. Utility and Good 1-3 25.00-40.00.

GOATS: (All goats sold by the head) Billies: Large 100.00-130.00. Medium 75.00-100.00. Mutton: Choice and Prime 60.00-90.00. Nannies: Medium and Large 35.00-60.00. Yearlings: Choice and Prime 60.00-90.00. Kids: Choice and Prime 40.00-60.00. Good 20.00-40.00.

Lancaster Co. Weekly NEW HOLLAND, PA FRI MAY 28, 1999

	CATTLE	CALVES
THIS WEEK	2382	1543
LAST WEEK	2730	1730
LAST YEAR	2800	1517

CATTLE: Compared to last week's closing prices, slaughter steers and heifers sold from steady to .50 higher. The market opened the week with mild strength, but late-week sales failed to capitalize on the higher futures market and the strongest dressed beef values in recent memory. Western feedlots were able to take advantage of the increased demand, by selling fat cattle 1.00 higher at 66.00 live and 102.00-104.00 dressed. Local Holstein

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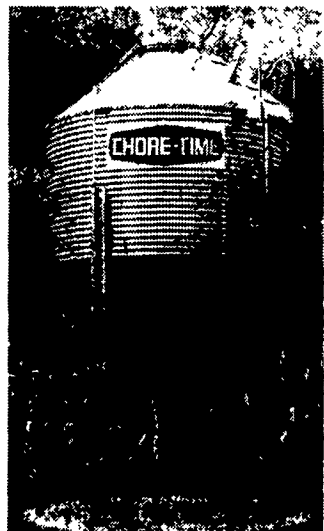
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