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Large 35.00-60.00. Yearlings: Choice and Prime 60.00-80.00. Kids: Choice and Prime 35.00-55.00. Good 20.00-35.00.

Lancaster Co. Weekly
NEW HOLLAND, PA
FRI JULY 30, 1999

	CATTLE	CALVES
THIS WEEK	2599	1836
LAST WEEK	2917	1755
LAST YEAR	2652	1965

CATTLE: Compared to last week's closing prices, slaughter steers and heifers closed .50 higher. Fed cattle trading started the week rather uneven across Lancaster County, but by midweek strength had prevailed and continued through Thursday's good offering. This summer's strong cattle market offers some solace to local farmers, who continue to struggle with hot and dry weather beating down on their corn crops. In addition, the projected bumper crop in the Midwest continues to pressure harvest-time prices. Major feedlot areas sold cattle steady at 65.00 live and 102.00-103.00 in the beef. Local Holstein steers ended mostly steady to weak. The slaughter cow market rebounded some from last week's sharp drop and closed 1.00-1.50 higher. A large offering of slaughter bulls sold weak to 1.00 lower. Supply included 48 percent slaughter steers, 5 percent slaughter heifers, 35 percent slaughter cows, 7 percent slaughter bulls, with the balance made up of feeder cattle.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: High Choice and Prime 2-4 1130-1460 lbs 64.00-68.75, few up to 71.50. Choice 2-3 1065-1500 lbs 61.75-66.25, late mostly 63.00-66.00; few high dressing 1-2 up to 67.50. Select and low Choice 2-3 1025-1515 lbs 56.25-64.10. Select 1-3 980-1355 lbs 53.75-61.50, couple loads of blacks returning to feed 1045-1260 lbs 61.00-62.35.

HOLSTEIN STEERS: Few high Choice and Prime 2-3 1330-1445 lbs 56.00-58.50.

Choice 2-3 1265-1570 lbs 54.85-57.60; package 1735 lbs 53.00. Select and low Choice 2-3 1185-1600 lbs 52.00-55.00. Select 1-2 1105-1575 lbs 47.75-53.25.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Choice, few Prime 2-4 1030-1275 lbs 59.85-64.25. Select and low Choice 2-3 1080-1345 lbs 56.00-60.25. Few Select 1-3 975-1145 lbs 51.00-57.35. Heiferettes: Commercial and Standard 3-4 945-1380 lbs 47.50-55.35.

SLAUGHTER COWS: PERCENT LEAN WEIGHT BULK LOW DRESSING Breakers 75-80 pct lean over-1400 lbs 38.00-42.75 35.50-39.00 Boners 80-85 pct lean over-1200 lbs 36.25-39.50 33.75-37.50 Lean (Hi-Yield) 85-88 pct lean over-1200 lbs 35.00-38.75 33.50-35.75 Lean 88-90 pct lean over-1000 lbs 32.50-35.25 30.00-34.00 Lean (Light-W) 85-90 pct lean 750-1000 lbs 29.75-33.75 27.50-30.50

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1 960-2105 lbs 47.75-57.75, couple outstanding Limousin X 1445-1600 lbs 62.50-67.50. Yield Grade 2 930-2230 lbs 40.00-48.75. **Bullocks:** Select 1-3 850-1320 lbs 45.00-56.50, few high dressing up to 58.50. Couple large consignments of fleshy grain-fed bulls 1135-1665 lbs 43.00-51.75.

CALVES: Compared to last week, vealers sold fully steady and slaughter calf prices were firm to 4.00 higher in a light test. Holstein bulls returning to special veal barns ended the week steady to 5.00 lower. The Holstein heifer market turned sharply higher again this week and closed 20.00-40.00 higher.

VEALERS: Good and Choice 70-110 lbs 15.00-32.00, late mostly 20.00-26.00. Standard and low Good 60-90 lbs 10.00-22.00.

SLAUGHTER CALVES: Good and Choice 200-350 lbs 70.00-90.00; 350-550 lbs 55.00-70.00. Standard 300-600 lbs 50.00-60.00.

RETURNED TO FARM: Holstein bulls 95-125 lbs 80.00-115.00. Plainer type bulls 80-115 lbs 55.00-95.00, weaker calves down to 21.00. Holstein heifers 80-120 lbs 235.00-320.00, late mostly 250.00-320.00. Plainer heifers 70-100 lbs 160.00-240.00. Few beef type bulls and heifers 70-115 lbs 50.00-130.00.

PASA Producer-Only Farmers' Market Debuts

MILLHEIM (Centre Co.) — The outdoor plaza at the historic Broad Street Market in Harrisburg was the site for the grand opening of a new producer-only farmers' market established by Pennsylvania Association for Sustainable Agriculture (PASA) in conjunction with Broad Street Market.

The recent kickoff event was opened by Mark Bradford, president of Broad Street Market, who introduced the assembled dignitaries — Secretary of Agriculture Sam Hayes, PASA Executive Director Tim Bowser, State Senator Jeff Piccola, and State Rep. Ron Buxton.

"Economic viability is a crucial component of sustainable agriculture," noted Bowser. "In today's uncertain farm economy, more farmers are exploring opportunities to add value to their products. Producer-only markets are one such value-added strategy that allows producers to keep more of the consumer dollar in their pocket."

Bowser went on to add that community involvement is an important aspect of sustainable agriculture.

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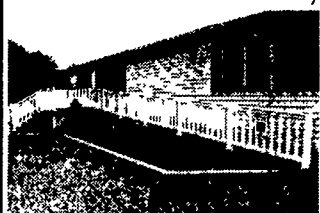
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Kristen Markley, community food systems coordinator for PASA, organized the outdoor farmers' market at Broad Street.

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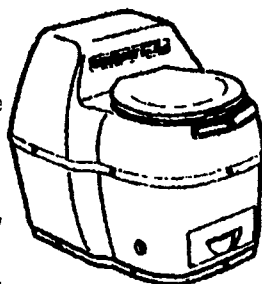
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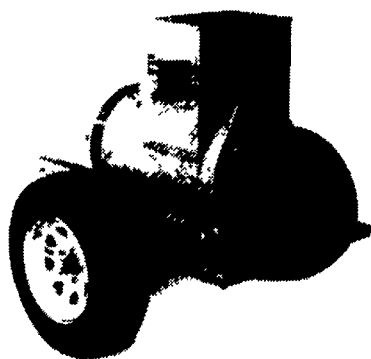
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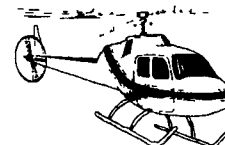
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