

# LANCASTER COUNTY LIVESTOCK MARKET AUCTION

## Lancaster Livestock

December 6, 1999

Report Supplied By PDA

CATTLE CALVES HOGS SHEEP GOATS

MONDAY 195 55 102 635 576

LAST WEEK 95 15 0 328 165

LAST YEAR 535 60 0 355 393

**CATTLE** Compared to Thursday a light run of slaughter steers and a goodtest of slaughter heifers sold weak. Holstein steer prices were mostly steady. Slaughter cows were mostly 50 higher and slaughter bulls sold 100-200 higher with younger bullocks and stags selling sharply higher on increased holiday demand. Supply included 35 percent slaughter steers and 28 percent slaughter cows.

**SLAUGHTER STEERS** Choice 2-3 1100-1365 lbs 69.50-71.25, individual 75.00. Select and low Choice 2-3 1075-1345 lbs 65.00-69.75.

**HOLSTEIN STEERS** Choice and Prime 2-3 1340-1460 lbs 59.25-62.25. Select and low Choice 2-3 1170-1385 lbs 56.75-58.75. Few Select 1-2 1270-1415 lbs 50.75-52.25.

**SLAUGHTER HEIFERS** Choice 2-3 1085-1190 lbs 67.00-68.75, low dressing 3-5 1065-1220 lbs 61.50-64.75. Select and low Choice 2-3 985-1335 lbs 64.25-67.75. Select 1-3 820-1160 lbs 55.50-65.50.

**SLAUGHTER COWS** Breakers 75-80 pct lean 40.75-45.00, low dressing down to 36.75. Boners 80-85 pct lean 36.00-40.75, low dressing down to 34.00. Lean 85-90 pct lean 33.50-37.75. Low dressing down to 30.00.

**SLAUGHTER BULLS** Yield Grade 1 1195-1610 lbs 52.00-60.00. Couple outstanding 1305-1575 lbs 65.50-67.25. Few Yield Grade 2 1190-1505 lbs 47.25-48.50. Bullocks Choice 2-3 985-1305 lbs 56.00-65.25. Select 1-3 820-1250 lbs 49.00-58.50.

**SLAUGHTER CALVES** Good and Choice 220-300 lbs 90.00-96.00. 350-550 lbs 58.00-70.00. Standard 450-600 lbs 55.00-62.00.

**SHEEP** Compared to last week slaughter lambs sold firm to 8.00 higher and the slaughter ewes sold mostly steady.

**SLAUGHTER LAMBS** Choice and Prime 2-3 75-90 lbs 100.00-110.00. 90-120 lbs 85.00-91.00. 120-140 lbs 75.00. Good and Choice 1-3 65-70 lbs 90.00-100.00.

**SLAUGHTER EWES** Utility and Good 1-3 30.00-40.00. Aged Bucks 220-300 lbs 28.00-32.00.

**GOATS** All goats sold by the head. Billies Large 95.00-115.00. Mutton Choice and Prime few 80.00. Nannies Medium and Large 45.00-50.00. Thin

32.00-38.00 Yearlings Choice and Prime  
65.00-75.00 Kids Choice and Prime  
50.00-70.00 Good 45.00-55.00

## Vintage Livestock

Vintage, Pa.

December 6-7, 1999

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CATTLE CALVES SHEEP GOATS

THIS WEEK 915 828 3 0

LAST WEEK 867 906 8 0

LAST YEAR 562 744 1 0

**CATTLE** Compared to Thursday, slaughter steers and heifers sold 100 lower with late sales turning 150 lower. The mixed offering included several lots of heavy weight cattle (over 1475 lbs). Holstein steer prices held mostly steady. Slaughter cows sold 50-100 lower and slaughter bulls traded weak, but top quality bulls were not well tested. Supply included 44 percent slaughter steers and 49 percent slaughter cows.

**SLAUGHTER STEERS** High Choice and Prime 2-4 1235-1485 lbs 70.75-75.50. Choice 2-3 1140-1475 lbs 69.00-72.25. 1485-1575 lbs 65.75-68.50, couple 1635-1700 lbs 61.00-63.75. Select and low Choice 2-3 1125-1480 lbs 65.00-69.75. Select 1-3 1030-1405 lbs 63.25-65.75.

**HOLSTEIN STEERS** Choice, few Prime 2-3 1245-1585 lbs 59.00-60.50, package 1670 lbs 55.25. Select and low Choice 2-3 1155-1570 lbs 53.75-58.25, few heifers 1225-1555 lbs 51.50-55.00. Individual Select 2 1350 lbs 51.25.

**SLAUGHTER HEIFERS** Choice, few Prime 2-4 1185-1350 lbs 65.25-70.00. Couple Select 1-3 925-1005 lbs 60.75.

**SLAUGHTER COWS** PERCENT LEAN WEIGHT BULK LOW DRESSING

Breakers 75-80 pct lean over-1400 lbs 38.50-41.00. 36.00-38.75.

Boners 80-85 pct lean over 1200 lbs 35.75-39.75. 33.00-36.75.

Lean (Hi Yield) 85-88 pct lean over 1200 lbs 34.75-38.75. 32.50-36.00.

Lean 88-90 pct lean over-1000 lbs 32.00-36.00. 30.00-32.75.

Lean (Light Wt) 85-90 pct lean 750-1000 lbs 29.00-33.25. 27.50-30.00.

**SLAUGHTER BULLS** Few Yield Grade 1 1245-1550 lbs 47.75-52.00. Yield Grade 2 1480-1895 lbs 42.00-45.00. Bullocks Select 1-3 915-1145 lbs 46.50-51.75.

**FEEDER STEERS** Medium 1-2 725-800 lbs 73.75-75.50. Pkg Large 2 (Holsteins) 900 lbs 54.10.

**CALVES** Compared to last week veal calves sold firm to 5.00 higher. Trading was very active for Holstein bull

calves returning to feed with Number 1 quality calves setting new highs for the year, again this week. Holstein bulls sold 10.00-20.00 higher. Holstein heifers were also in high demand and prices ranged 30.00-40.00 higher than last week. Supply included 652 head in the State graded sale and 91 percent returned to feed.

**VEALERS** Good and Choice 70-110 lbs 15.00-30.00, few up to 35.00. Standard and low Good 60-90 lbs 10.00-22.00.

**RETURNED TO FARM** Holstein bulls 95-125 lbs 168.00-179.00. Plainer type bulls 90-115 lbs 86.00-157.00. 80-90 lbs 65.00-93.00, weaker calves 70-85 lbs 22.00-26.00. Holstein heifers 80-120 lbs 282.00-339.00. Plainer heifers 80-110 lbs 237.00-312.00, 60-75 lbs 80.00-125.00.

## New Holland Livestock

NEW HOLLAND, PA

THU DECEMBER 9, 1999

CATTLE CALVES SHEEP GOATS

THURSDAY 1422 693 678 288

LAST WEEK 1338 882 354 152

LAST YEAR 1289 753 719 636

**CATTLE** Compared to Tuesday, the slaughter steer and heifer market was uneven. Top quality high Choice and Prime cattle sold fully 1.00 higher with good demand. Average or common quality steers and heifers traded steady to only .50 higher with late sales fading. Overall, the market rebounded from a midweek slump but still ended the week .50-1.00 lower. A good run of Holstein steers sold fully steady. Slaughter cows sold mostly steady to .50 lower and slaughter bulls were active, but 1.00-2.00 lower than Monday's active market. Supply included 32 percent slaughter steers and 41 percent slaughter cows.

**SLAUGHTER STEERS:** High Choice and Prime 2-4 1120-1465 lbs 72.00-75.25, couple outstanding 76.25-78.25. Choice 2-3 1125-1485 lbs 68.75-73.00, low dressing 4-5 66.10-68.25; 1515-1665 lbs 66.00-68.85. Select and low Choice 2-3 1185-1480 lbs 65.25-69.75; 1500-1630 lbs 57.50-65.25. Select 1-3 1070-1485 lbs 59.50-67.00, few returning to feed 1100-1230 lbs 59.25-63.00.

**HOLSTEIN STEERS:** Choice 2-3 1310-1590 lbs 58.85-61.50. Select and low Choice 2-3 1320-1615 lbs 55.00-59.00. Select 1-2 1225-1460 lbs 52.00-55.75.

**SLAUGHTER HEIFERS:** Package high Choice and Prime 2-4 1272 lbs 71.85. Choice 2-4 1090-1330 lbs 66.00-70.00. Select and low Choice 2-3 1040-1210 lbs 62.75-64.85. Select 1-3 1015-1360 lbs 57.50-62.00. Heiferettes: Commercial and Standard 2-4 925-1330 lbs 45.00-55.00.

**SLAUGHTER COWS:** PERCENT LEAN WEIGHT BULK LOW DRESSING Breakers 75-80 pct lean over-1400 lbs 38.00-42.50. 36.00-39.00. Boners 80-85 pct lean over-1200 lbs 35.50-39.25. 33.00-36.50. Lean (Hi-Yield) 85-88 pct lean over-1200 lbs 34.50-38.75. 32.00-35.75. Lean 88-90 pct lean over-1000 lbs 31.75-35.50. 29.50-32.50. Lean (Light-Wt) 85-90 pct lean 750-1000 lbs 28.50-32.25. 26.00-30.00.

**SLAUGHTER BULLS:** Yield Grade 1 1180-2210 lbs 47.00-56.50. Yield Grade 2 1060-2310 lbs 41.00-48.50. Bullocks: Choice 2-3 1040-1435 lbs 52.00-60.00. Select 1-3 920-1380 lbs 44.50-52.50.

**CALVES:** Compared to Monday's auction, vealers sold 5.00-12.00 higher. Slaughter calves were active but still sold 10.00-15.00 lower than Monday. Holstein bull calves returning to special-fed veal barns hit new highs for the year, yet again. Number 1 bulls sold mostly 50.00 higher than Monday in very active trading. Holstein heifers sold 20.00-30.00 higher. Supply included 381 head in the State graded sale with around 93 percent returning to feed.

**VEALERS:** Good and Choice 70-110 lbs 20.00-30.00, few up to 35.00. Standard and low Good 60-90 lbs 11.00-20.00.

**SLAUGHTER CALVES:** Good and Choice 200-350 lbs 85.00-103.00; 350-550 lbs 60.00-75.00.

**RETURNED TO FARM:** Holstein bulls 95-125 lbs 165.00-190.00. Plainer-type bulls 90-125 lbs 120.00-152.00; 80-90 lbs 30.00-92.00. Holstein heifers 80-120 lbs 270.00-345.00. Plainer heifers 70-100 lbs 140.00-280.00.

**SHEEP:** Compared to Monday's auction, slaughter lambs sold steady on good demand. Slaughter ewes and aged sheep were also steady.

**SLAUGHTER LAMBS:** New Crop: Choice and Prime 2-3 25-50 lbs 125.00-175.00, few fancy up to 200.00; 50-80 lbs 115.00-130.00; 80-100 lbs 90.00-105.00. Wooled: Choice and Prime 2-3 50-85 lbs 95.00-120.00; 85-110 lbs 85.00-100.00; 110-140 lbs 70.00-85.00.

**SLAUGHTER EWES:** Good and Choice yearlings and 2 year-olds 45.00-60.00. Utility and Good 1-3 30.00-50.00. Aged Bucks 35.00-50.00.

**GOATS:** (All sold by the head) Billies: Large 130.00-150.00. Medium 100.00-130.00. Thin 75.00-100.00. Mutton: Not well tested. Nannies: Medium and Large 50.00-65.00. Yearlings: Choice and Prime 60.00-90.00. Kids: Choice and Prime 50.00-80.00. Good 30.00-50.00.

## Lancaster County Weekly

Weekly

NEW HOLLAND, PA

FRI DECEMBER 10, 1999

CATTLE CALVES

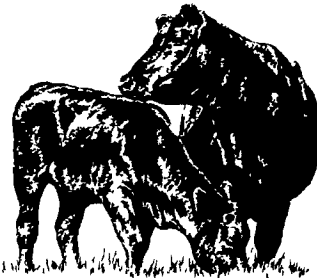
THIS WEEK 2532 1749

LAST WEEK 2300 1981

LAST YEAR 2884 1783

**CATTLE:** Compared to last week's closing prices, slaughter steers and heifers opened the week with sharp losses and then recovered a bit on Thursday to close only .50-1.00 lower. The best demand continues to be for high Choice and Prime quality cattle and losses on those types were only minimal. Local offerings continue to be mixed and receipts are still fairly light. This week there were a surprisingly large number of heavy cattle (over 1475 lbs) at the auctions. These cattle should have been marketed weeks ago and there is no sensible reason to incur heavyweight discounts, especially under such strong market condi-

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