

LANCASTER COUNTY LIVESTOCK MARKET AUCTION

Some markets
not available due
to the holiday

Lancaster Livestock

February 21, 2000

Report Supplied By USDA

CATTLE	CALVES	HOGS	SHEEP	GOATS
268	117	0	191	297
137	42	0	522	367
684	62	0	126	276

Monday
Last Week
Last Year
Auction not covered, Federal Holiday

Vintage Livestock

Vintage, Pa.

February 21-22, 2000

Report Supplied By PDA

CATTLE	CALVES	SHEEP	GOATS
853	765	1	4
954	822	2	0
549	820	0	0

This Week
Last Week
Last Year

CATTLE Compared to Thursday, slaughter steers sold weak to 50 lower. Buyerdemand was only moderate, but Tuesday's sale was fast-paced and the market picked up steam. Holstein steers continue to hold their ground and sold fully steady, while slaughter heifers were not well tested. Slaughter cow prices were mostly steady and slaughter bulls traded mostly 1.00 lower. Supply included 44 percent slaughter steers and 46 percent slaughter cows.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: High Choice and Prime 2-4 1245-1485 lbs 68.10-70.10, numerous singles up to 74.00. Choice 2-3 1170-1480 lbs 66.75-69.00, few high dressing 1-2 up to 70.00. Select and low Choice 2-3 1090-1535 lbs 63.75-67.75. Few Select 1-3 1210-1450 lbs 60.50-66.50, returning to feed 950-1220 lbs 60.75-65.10.

HOLSTEIN STEERS: Choice 2-3 1340-1625 lbs 58.35-60.75, pkg 1680 lbs 57.85. Select and low Choice 2-3 1135-1610 lbs 54.75-58.75, few 1635-1660 lbs 53.25-53.50. Select 1-2 980-1210 lbs 51.60-55.00, few calf-fed 945-1065 lbs 56.50-59.00.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Few Select and low Choice 2-3 1090-1255 lbs 60.00-65.50.

SLAUGHTER COWS: PERCENT LEAN WEIGHT BULK

Breakers 75-80 pct lean over-1400 lbs 38.25-43.25 36.50-39.75
Boners 80-85 pct lean over-1200 lbs 36.75-39.75 34.50-37.50
Lean (Hi-Yield) 85-88 pct lean over-1200 lbs 36.00-39.00 34.00-36.75
Lean 88-90 pct lean over-1000 lbs 33.25-37.00 31.00-34.00
Lean (Light-Wt) 85-90 pct lean 750-1000 lbs 31.00-35.00 27.00-30.75

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Individual Yield Grade 1 1690 lbs 55.00. Yield Grade 2 1265-2180 lbs 42.00-50.00. Bullocks: Few Select 1-3 855-1280 lbs 48.00-55.00.

CALVES: Compared to last week, vealers sold as much as 30.00 higher with increased buying interest for lightweight slaughter calves. Number 1 quality Holstein bull calves returning to feed sold from 8.00-22.00 higher in active trading, but the plainer bulls were only slightly higher. Holstein heifers traded 3.00-7.00 higher, with the Number 2 heifers as much as 20.00 higher. Supply included 637 head in the State graded sale and around 94 percent returned to feed.

VEALERS: Good and Choice 70-115 lbs 20.00-55.00. Standard and low Good 60-90 lbs 10.00-30.00.

RETURN TO FARM: Holstein bulls 90-125 lbs 130.00-162.00. Plainer-type bulls 80-115 lbs 90.00-130.00, weaker calves 80-105 lbs 20.00-30.00. Holstein heifers 80-115 lbs 220.00-305.00. Plainer heifers 80-105 lbs 200.00-280.00, few 60-75 lbs 75.00-115.00. Few beef-type bulls and heifers 90-115 lbs 80.00-150.00.

New Holland Livestock Auction

New Holland, Pa.

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Thursday, Feb. 24, 2000

CATTLE	CALVES	SHEEP	GOATS
1070	720	226	166
980	693	123	121
1197	705	250	100

Thursday
Last Week
Last Year

CATTLE: Compared to Tuesday, an attractive offering of slaughter steers and heifers sold mostly steady to weak. Thursday's market followed its recent routine of trading slightly higher early on fancy cattle, only to fade well below steady by the end of the supply. Holstein steer demand was lighter and prices trended steady to 1.00 lower. Slaughter cows sold mostly steady, instances 1.00 higher on the good lean cows over 1200 lbs. Slaughter bulls traded fully steady. Supply included 38 percent slaughter steers and 39 percent slaughter cows.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: High Choice and Prime 2-4 1160-1490 lbs 68.00-71.00, few up to 71.75. Choice 2-3 1200-1480 lbs 66.60-69.00; 1500-1600 lbs 63.00-67.75. Select and low Choice 2-3 1105-1535 lbs 62.50-67.50; 1535-1810 lbs 56.00-62.75. Select 1-3 1125-1385 lbs 58.50-65.00.

HOLSTEIN STEERS: Choice, few Prime 2-3 1340-1620 lbs 58.75-61.00. Select and low Choice 2-3 1220-1625 lbs 54.50-58.00. Select 1-2 1165-1530 lbs 49.50-54.50.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Few Choice 2-4 1230-1465 lbs 65.75-67.25, ind. 1395 lbs 68.50. Select and low Choice 2-3 1030-1495 lbs 60.75-65.25. Select 1-3 990-1465 lbs 56.00-61.00. Heiferettes: Commercial and Standard 2-4 915-1390 lbs 51.50-56.75.

SLAUGHTER COWS: PERCENT LEAN WEIGHT BULK LOW DRESSING Breakers 75-80 pct lean over-1400 lbs 38.25-44.75 36.50-39.75. Boners 80-85 pct lean over-1200 lbs 36.25-41.00 35.00-37.00. Lean 88-90 pct lean over-1000 lbs 33.50-37.00 30.00-34.00. Lean (Light-Wt) 85-90 pct lean 750-1000 lbs 31.00-35.00 27.50-32.00.

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1 1210-2055 lbs 50.50-54.75, black whiteface 2705 lbs 49.00. Yield Grade 2 1090-2435 lbs 43.50-51.00. Bullocks: Select 1-3 915-1255 lbs 47.50-54.50.

CALVES: Compared to Monday's auction, veal calf trading turned very active with prices trending 10.00-20.00 higher. Slaughter calves were only lightly tested. Demand was very good for Holstein calves returning to feed. Bulls sold mostly 25.00 higher and heifer calves were 10.00-20.00 higher. Supply included 462 head in the State graded sale and 90 percent returned to feed.

VEALERS: Good and Choice 70-110 lbs 30.00-48.00. Standard and low Good 60-90 lbs 13.00-30.00.

SLAUGHTER CALVES: Good and Choice 200-350 lbs 85.00-95.00; few 350-500 lbs 55.00-70.00.

RETURNED TO FARM: Holstein bulls 90-125 lbs 125.00-152.00. Plainer-

type bulls 80-125 lbs 90.00-142.00, pkg 75-80 lbs 67.00. Holstein heifers 80-120 lbs 220.00-305.00. Plainer heifers 75-100 lbs 150.00-235.00.

SHEEP: Compared to last week, slaughter lambs and ewes sold fully steady in a light test.

SLAUGHTER LAMBS: New Crop: Choice and Prime 2-3 30-45 lbs 130.00-160.00; 45-80 lbs 110.00-130.00; 80-100 lbs 100.00-110.00. Woolled: Choice and Prime 2-3 110-140 lbs 80.00-100.00.

SLAUGHTER EWES: Few Utility and Good 1-3 30.00-60.00.

GOATS: (All sold by the head) Billies: Large 100.00-130.00. Medium 75.00-100.00.

Nannies: Medium and Large 40.00-80.00.
Kids: Choice and Prime 40.00-65.00. Good 20.00-40.00.

spectable level on the open market, especially for the high Choice and Prime cattle that continue to be in short supply. Western feedlot prices opened the week slightly lower, but good dressed beef movement and an improving futures market helped prices end fully steady to firm at 68.00-68.50 live and mostly 108.00 dressed. Local Holstein steers finally succumbed to downward pressure and ended the week steady to 1.00 lower, while slaughter heifer prices closed weak on a thin test. The slaughter cow market ended mostly steady with some strength noted on the leaner types. Slaughter bulls finished steady to 1.00 lower. Supply included 41 percent slaughter steers, 7 percent slaughter heifers, 38 percent slaughter cows, 7 percent bulls, with the balance feeders.

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Lancaster County Weekly

New Holland, Pa.

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Friday, Feb. 25, 2000

CATTLE	CALVES
2191	1804
2071	1756
2430	1764

This Week
Last Week
Last Year

CATTLE: Compared to last week's closing prices, slaughter steers closed .50 lower. Finished steers made up a larger percentage of the total receipts than cows for the first time in months. Although the fat cattle market has slipped lower at the local auctions over the last few weeks, prices are still running well above the bids that major packer buyers are carrying in the country. Demand from smaller specialty butchers and Kosher plants has kept prices at a re-

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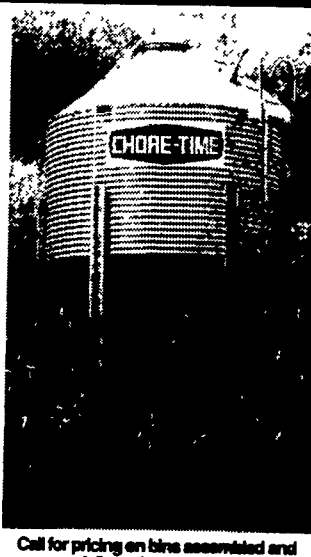
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