

LANCASTER COUNTY LIVESTOCK MARKET AUCTION

Lancaster Livestock

March 20, 2000

Report Supplied By PDA

CATTLE CALVES HOGS SHEEP GOATS

MONDAY	184	34	0	528	100
LAST WEEK	178	18	0	944	545
LAST YEAR	687	35	0	493	339

CATTLE Compared to Thursday, a modest run of slaughter steers, heifers and Holstein steers all sold mostly steady. Some weakness was evident during the trading, but price ranges were fairly consistent with late last week. A thin test of slaughter cows sold firm and slaughter bulls traded 50-100 higher. Supply included 47 percent slaughter steers and 13 percent slaughter cows.

SLAUGHTER STEERS Choice, few Prime 2-4 1160-1490 lbs 69.75-72.35, 1525-1675 lbs 64.75-68.60. Select and low Choice 2-3 1160-1525 lbs 66.00-70.00. Select 1-3 1080-1460 lbs 63.10-66.25.

HOLSTEIN STEERS Choice, few Prime 2-3 1185-1625 lbs 59.25-63.50. Couple high Select 2 1250-1270 lbs 56.00-56.50.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS Choice 2-3 1135-1410 lbs 68.25-68.75. Select and low Choice 2-3 1000-1280 lbs 65.10-68.25. Select 1-3 (lightweights) 700-995 lbs 56.00-67.50.

SLAUGHTER COWS Few Breakers 75-80 pct lean 40.50-43.00. Boners 80-85 pct lean 37.75-41.00, with low dressing down to 36.50. Lean 85-90 pct lean 36.25-41.50, low dressing down to 34.75.

SLAUGHTER BULLS Few Yield Grade 1 1240-1970 lbs 53.00-57.75. Yield Grade 2 1010-2195 lbs 45.00-53.00. Bullocks Individual Choice 3 1255 lbs 67.50. Couple Select 2 1015-1415 lbs 52.25-59.25.

SLAUGHTER CALVES Good and Choice 250-350 lbs 80.00-85.00, 350-500 lbs 78.00-82.00, 500-600 lbs 65.00-72.00.

SHEEP Compared to last week, slaughter lambs sold 3.00-5.00 lower and the slaughter ewes traded 2.00-8.00 lower as ethnic holiday demand has faded.

SLAUGHTER LAMBS Choice and Prime 2-3 75-85 lb consignment 110.00, 100-120 lbs 85.00-89.00, 120-135 lbs 80.00-87.00.

SLAUGHTER EWES Utility and Good 1-3 40.00-47.00. Ages bucks 185-220 lbs 38.00-42.00.

GOATS (All sold per head) Billies Medium and Large 90.00-125.00. Nannies Few Large 65.00. Yearlings Choice and Prime 75.00-82.00. Kids Choice and Prime 45.00-65.00.

Vintage Livestock

Vintage, Pa.

March 20-21, 2000

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CATTLE CALVES SHEEP GOATS

THIS WEEK	1156	700	1	0
LAST WEEK	879	788	0	9
LAST YEAR	587	752	0	0

CATTLE Compared to Thursday, a good offering of slaughter steers and heifers sold weak to 50 and instances 100 lower. The heaviest losses were quoted midway through the auction, as early and late sales were only slightly lower. Holstein steers sold mostly steady. Slaughter cows were very active and traded 50 to mostly 100 higher, while slaughter bull prices were 100 higher. Receipts included near 250 head of fresh feeder cattle for Monday afternoon's special. Weighing conditions were mostly in the buyer's favor and demand was very good for all classes of feeder cattle. Total supply was made up of 39 percent slaughter steers and 33 percent slaughter cows.

SLAUGHTER STEERS High Choice and Prime 2-4 1240-1510 lbs 71.00-73.60, few fancy singles up to 75.00. Choice 2-3 1180-1475 lbs 69.10-72.10, few high dressing 1-2 up to 74.00, 1515-1810 lbs 63.00-68.25. Select and low Choice 2-3 1165-1510 lbs 65.00-69.50. Select 1-3 1190-1430 lbs 62.50-64.75.

HOLSTEIN STEERS High Choice and Prime 2-3 1500-1605 lbs 61.25-65.25. Choice 2-3 1320-1625 lbs 59.50-62.35. Select and low Choice 2-3 1200-1350 lbs 55.75-59.35. Select 1-2 1060-1250 lbs 52.75-56.00.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS Choice, few Prime 2-4 1125-1270 lbs 68.75-69.75, indiv 73.35. Select and low Choice 2-3 1020-1435 lbs 64.50-68.50. Select 1-3 1150-1350 lbs 58.00-62.75.

SLAUGHTER COWS PERCENT LEAN WEIGHT BULK LOW DRESSING Breakers 75-80 pct lean over-1400 lbs 42.25-45.50. 38.75-42.50 Boners 80-85 pct lean over-1200 lbs 39.00-43.00. 36.75-40.50 Lean (Hi-Yield) 85-88 pct lean over-1200 lbs 39.50-44.50. 36.50-40.50 Lean 88-90 pct lean over-1000 lbs 37.25-40.75. 33.75-37.75 Lean (Light-Wt) 85-90 pct lean 750-1000 lbs 33.75-39.50. 30.00-34.75.

SLAUGHTER BULLS Few Yield Grade 1 1295-2205 lbs 54.25-57.75. Yield Grade 2 1115-2165 lbs 47.25-53.00.

FEEDER STEERS Medium and Large 1-2 couple 427 lbs 104.00, 500-600 lbs 96.00-105.00, 600-700 lbs 81.50-94.50, 750-800 lbs 79.00-80.50, 800-900

lbs 77.25-77.50, 900-950 lbs 73.00-74.75. Small and Medium 2 pkg 382 lbs 92.00.

FEEDER HEIFERS Medium and Large 1-2 350-500 lbs 89.00-93.50, 500-600 lbs 82.00-86.00, 600-700 lbs 70.50-79.00. 700-800 lbs 78.50-80.75, few 800-825 lbs 69.50-73.50. Small and Medium 2 pkg 393 lbs 86.50, pkg 482 lbs 75.50.

FEEDER BULLS Medium 1-2 400-450 lbs 100.00-106.00, pkg 588 lbs 94.50, 25 hd consignment of fancy blacks 900-1035 lbs 60.00-66.75.

CALVES Compared to last week, vealers were not tested as most all the light weight calves returned to feed. Holstein bulls suitable for special-fed veal barns turned very active, selling 13.00-20.00 higher. Demand was very good, even though most calves were wet as rain fell hard all day. Holstein heifer prices were 25.00-50.00 higher than last week. Supply included 610 head in the State graded sale and 96 percent returned to feed.

VEALERS Few Good and Choice 70-115 lbs 25.00-37.50. Few Standard and low Good 60-90 lbs 10.00-20.00.

RETURN TO FARM Holstein bulls 95-120 lbs 141.00-160.00, few 120-125 lbs 112.00. Plainer-type bulls 75-115 lbs 97.00-122.00, weaker calves 75-110 lbs 22.00-50.00. Holstein heifers 80-115 lbs 295.00-352.00. Plainer heifers 70-100 lbs 230.00-342.00. Few beef-type bulls and heifers 85-95 lbs 82.00-145.00.

New Holland Livestock Auction

New Holland, Pa.

Report Supplied By USDA

Thursday, March 23, 2000

Cattle Calves Sheep Goats

THURSDAY	1098	626	176	302
LAST WEEK	1258	722	358	684
LAST YEAR	1499	783	2191	861

CATTLE: Compared to Tuesday, a very attractive supply of slaughter

steers sold fully 1.00 higher. The majority of the offering was made up of top quality cattle, which helped make for a good market but also caused premiums to be lighter. Holstein steers traded mostly .50 higher, and slaughter heifers were not well tested. Slaughter cows sold firm to .50 higher, while slaughter bull prices were 1.00-2.00 higher in active trading. Supply included 39 percent slaughter steers and 42 percent slaughter cows.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: High Choice and Prime 2-4 1140-1495 lbs 72.00-74.60, few up to 75.50. Choice 2-3 1150-1490 lbs 70.10-73.25; 1495-1630 lbs 66.75-69.25. Select and low Choice 2-3 1125-1495 lbs 65.75-70.25. Select 1-3 1010-1360 lbs 62.75-68.50.

HOLSTEIN STEERS: Few high Choice and Prime 2-3 1400-1605 lbs 63.00-63.85. Choice 2-3 1230-1570 lbs 59.75-63.00. Select and low Choice 2-3 1305-1560 lbs 57.00-59.75. Few Select 1-2 1170-1605 lbs 53.00-57.25.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Few Choice 2-3 1040-1270 lbs 70.00-71.50. Few Select and low Choice 2-3 1270-1480 lbs 66.25-67.50. Heiferettes: Commercial and Standard 2-4 1185-1520 lbs 55.00-60.25.

SLAUGHTER COWS: PERCENT LEAN WEIGHT BULK LOW DRESSING Breakers 75-80 pct lean over-1400 lbs 42.50-46.50. 39.00-43.25 Boners 80-85 pct lean over-1200 lbs 39.75-44.25. 37.75-41.00 Lean (Hi-Yield) 85-88 pct lean over-1200 lbs 40.00-44.50. 37.75-41.00 Lean 88-90 pct lean over-1000 lbs 37.25-41.00. 34.50-38.25 Lean (Light-Wt) 85-90 pct lean 750-1000 lbs 34.00-39.00. 31.00-35.25.

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1 1345-2065 lbs 53.00-59.00, outstanding Charolais 1705 lbs 62.50. Yield Grade 2 990-2080 lbs 45.50-54.00. Bullocks:

Couple Select 2 1110-1310 lbs 50.00-56.50.

CALVES: There were not enough veal calves sold during Monday's auction for a good comparison, but today's veal market was active and prices were the highest paid all week. Larger slaughter calves were scarce. The market for Holstein bull calves returning to feed was mostly steady, but has faded considerably from midweek. Holstein heifer calves traded 25.00-30.00 higher in active trading. Supply included 369 head in the State graded sale and 93 percent returned to feed.

VEALERS: Good and Choice 70-110 lbs 26.00-45.00. Standard and low Good 60-90 lbs 13.00-30.00.

SLAUGHTER CALVES: Few Good and Choice 200-350 lbs 80.00-100.00.

RETURNED TO FARM: Holstein bulls 85-125 lbs 127.00-139.00. Plainer-type bulls 80-125 lbs 87.00-125.00, weaker calves 70-110 lbs 26.00-66.00. Holstein heifers 80-120 lbs 305.00-365.00. Plainer heifers 70-100 lbs 240.00-285.00. Beef-type bulls and heifers 80-105 lbs 70.00-155.00.

SHEEP: Compared to Monday's auction; slaughter lamb prices were not fully tested with only a light run of light-weight lambs (under 80 lbs) selling sharply higher, heavier weights were scarce. Slaughter ewes sold steady to 5.00 lower in a light test.

SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Choice and Prime 2-3 30-40 lbs 160.00-200.00; 40-80 lbs 120.00-140.00.

SLAUGHTER EWES: Utility and Good 1-3 30.00-50.00.

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New Holland, Pa.

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Friday, March 24, 2000

CATTLE	CALVES
THIS WEEK	2435
LAST WEEK	2315
LAST YEAR	2773

CATTLE: Compared to last week's closing prices, slaughter steers closed

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