

# LANCASTER COUNTY LIVESTOCK MARKET AUCTION

## Lancaster Livestock Monday, April 3, 2000 Report Supplied By PDA

CATTLE CALVES	HOGS	SHEEP	GOATS
171	29	20	438
151	25	0	352
698	44	0	353

**CATTLE** Compared to Thursday, slaughter steers sold 100 lower in slow trading Demand opened the week much lighter than late last week A thin test of Holstein steers and slaughter heifers sold steady to weak Slaughter cows and bulls held mostly steady Supply included 47 percent slaughter steers and 28 percent slaughter cows

**SLAUGHTER STEERS** Choice, few Prime 2-3 1235-1445 lbs 69.00-71.85 Select and low Choice 2-3 1175-1470 lbs 65.00-68.25 Few Select 1-3 1245-1475 lbs 64.00-65.75

**HOLSTEIN STEERS** Choice 2-3 1450-1530 lbs 58.85-60.10 Few Select and low Choice 2-3 1305-1500 lbs 55.75-58.75 Individual Select 2 1350 lbs 53.00 Standard 1-2 1195-1430 lbs 46.25-51.25

**SLAUGHTER HEIFERS** Few Choice 2-4 1290-1460 lbs 69.25-69.75 Few Select and low Choice 2-3 1000-1355 lbs 66.50-67.75 Couple Select 2-3 995-1175 lbs 62.00-64.00

**SLAUGHTER COWS** Few Breakers 75-80 pct lean 41.00-45.00, low dressing down to 39.50 Boners 80-85 pct lean 38.75-41.75, low dressing down to 37.25 Lean 85-90 pct lean 35.00-41.00, low dressing down to 34.00

**SLAUGHTER BULLS** Yield Grade 1 1300-1815 lbs 50.75-57.75 Yield Grade 2 1055-1950 lbs 46.75-52.75 Bullocks Select 1-3 880-1200 lbs 48.00-56.00, individual high dressing 960 lbs 63.50

**FEEDER HEIFERS** Few Medium and Large 1 870-985 lbs 64.00-66.50

**SLAUGHTER CALVES** Good and Choice 250-300 lbs 85.00-100.00, 300-375 lbs 85.00-90.00, 450-550 lbs 70.00-78.00

**SHEEP** Compared to last week, slaughter lambs were mostly steady and the slaughter ewes sold 4.00-5.00 lower

**SLAUGHTER LAMBS** Choice and Prime 2-3 few 45-60 lbs 120.00-125.00 60-80 lbs 105.00-120.00, 80-110 lbs 90.00-110.00 110-130 lbs 90.00-95.00, 130-150 lbs 75.00-85.00

**SLAUGHTER EWES** Utility and Good 1-3 32.00-42.00 Aged bucks 220-240 lbs mostly 32.00

**GOATS** (All sold per head) Billies Medium and Large 95.00-125.00 Nannies Large 58.00-62.00 Medium 48.00-52.00 Kids Choice and Prime 50.00-65.00 Good 35.00-42.00

## Vintage Livestock Vintage, Pa. April 3-4, 2000 Report Supplied By PDA

CATTLE CALVES	SHEEP	GOATS
867	679	6
983	696	0
472	623	0

**CATTLE** Compared to Thursday, slaughter steers sold 100 lower Prices opened lower on Monday, but found stability and trading was active at the lower level on Tuesday A thin test of Holstein steers sold mostly steady, while slaughter heifers were scarce The slaughter cow market was mostly 50 lower and slaughter bull prices held mostly steady Supply included 52 percent slaughter steers and 34 percent slaughter cows

**SLAUGHTER STEERS** High Choice and Prime 2-4 1165-1465 lbs 71.50-73.60, fancy singles up to 76.75 Choice 2-3 1150-1485 lbs 68.75-72.00, few high dressing 1-2 up to 74.50, 1505-1650 lbs 67.25-70.25 Select and low Choice 2-3 1080-1490 lbs 66.00-69.75 Select 1-3 1115-1400 lbs 62.00-66.75

**HOLSTEIN STEERS** Choice, few Prime 2-3 1270-1450 lbs 59.00-62.85 Few Select and low Choice 2-3 1330-1540 lbs 57.75-58.75 Select 1-2 1000-1260 lbs 53.00-56.25, package returning to feed 1070 lbs 53.25

**SLAUGHTER HEIFERS** Few Choice 2-4 1205-1265 lbs 68.60-69.00 Select and low Choice 2-3 1030-1390 lbs 64.25-68.85

**SLAUGHTER COWS** PERCENT LEAN WEIGHT BULK LOW DRESSING Breakers 75-80 pct lean over-1400 lbs 40.00-43.25 37.75-40.50 Boners 80-85 pct lean over-1200 lbs 38.00-41.75 36.50-39.50 Lean (Hi-Yield) 85-88 pct lean over-1200 lbs 38.00-41.00 35.75-38.75 Lean 88-90 pct lean over-1000 lbs 35.50-38.75 33.75-36.25 Lean (Light-Wt) 85-90 pct lean 750-1000 lbs 33.75-36.00 30.00-34.50

**SLAUGHTER BULLS** Few Yield Grade 1 1625-2025 lbs 57.00-61.50 Yield Grade 2 1160-2045 lbs 44.75-50.75 fleshy red bull 2125 lbs 41.00 Bullocks Select 1-3 920-1535 lbs 48.50-55.00

**FEEDER STEERS** Medium and Large 1-2 pkg 475 lbs 95.00, pkg 525 lbs 85.50, 900-950 lbs 71.00-72.75

**FEEDER HEIFERS** Medium and Large 1-2 400-500 lbs 88.00-90.00, pkg 860 lbs 58.50

**CALVES** Compared to last week, veal prices were not well tested as packer demand is no match for feeder demand Buyers aggressively bid on Holstein bull

calves suitable for special-fed veal barns Prices climbed 20.00 to as much as 50.00 higher with good demand for all weights and grades Holstein heifers sold mostly 17.00 higher than last week Supply included 551 head in the State graded sale and over 99 percent returned to feed

**VEALERS** Few Standard and low Good 60-90 lbs 10.00-30.00

**RETURN TO FARM** Holstein bulls 95-120 lbs 182.00-197.00, pkg 121 lbs 148.00 Plainer-type bulls 80-115 lbs 141.00-177.00, weaker calves 75-105 lbs 40.00-80.00 Holstein heifers 80-115 lbs 297.00-342.00 Plainer heifers 80-105 lbs 280.00-315.00, few 70-75 lbs 100.00-120.00 Beef-type bulls and heifers 80-130 lbs 90.00-170.00

**SLAUGHTER LAMBS** Choice and Prime 2-3 few 20-40 lbs 120.00-140.00, individual 80 lbs 107.00

## New Holland Livestock Auction New Holland, Pa.

Report Supplied By USDA  
Thursday, April 6, 2000

CATTLE	CALVES	SHEEP	GOATS
1257	598	790	243
1034	642	468	219
1537	626	400	319

**CATTLE:** Compared to Tuesday, a good offering of slaughter steers and heifers sold steady to .50 higher. The sale started slow on mixed quality cattle, but trading turned active on the good bunches of well-finished cattle and ended on a strong note. A very attractive supply of Holstein steers traded firm to 1.00 higher. Slaughter cow trends were mixed, fleshy cows sold unevenly steady and the leaner types (over 85 pct lean) traded .50-1.00 and instances 2.00 higher. Slaughter bull prices were 1.00

lower. Supply included 47 percent slaughter steers and 30 percent slaughter cows.

**SLAUGHTER STEERS:** High Choice and Prime 2-4 1120-1460 lbs 71.25-74.25, few up to 75.25. Choice 2-3 1105-1490 lbs 68.75-72.50, few high dressing 1-2 up to 73.75; 1515-1595 lbs 67.00-70.25. Select and low Choice 2-3 1080-1500 lbs 65.00-70.00. Select 1-3 1055-1495 lbs 62.00-67.25, few returning to feed 955-1165 lbs 63.75-68.00.

**HOLSTEIN STEERS:** High Choice and Prime 2-3 1250-1610 lbs 62.35-65.25. Choice 2-3 1275-1590 lbs 59.50-63.50; 1690-1760 lbs 56.75-60.25. Few Select and low Choice 2-3 1270-1480 lbs 57.25-58.00. Few Select 1-2 1030-1415 lbs 53.00-55.75.

**SLAUGHTER HEIFERS:** Choice, few Prime 2-4 1170-1410 lbs 67.25-71.75. Select and low Choice 2-3 1060-1350 lbs 64.25-67.75. Few Select 1-3 905-1355 lbs 60.00-64.00. Heiferettes: Few Choice 3-4 1250-1335 lbs 62.50-64.75. Commercial and Standard 2-4 1060-1290 lbs 47.00-53.75.

**SLAUGHTER COWS:** PERCENT LEAN WEIGHT BULK LOW DRESSING Breakers 75-80 pct lean over-1400 lbs 40.00-43.75 37.75-40.50 Boners 80-85 pct lean over-1200 lbs 38.00-42.00 35.50-39.50 Lean (Hi-Yield) 85-88 pct lean over-1200 lbs 38.50-43.00 36.00-39.50 Lean 88-90 pct lean over-1000 lbs 36.00-39.75 34.50-37.50 Lean (Light-Wt) 85-90 pct lean 750-1000 lbs 33.75-36.75 30.50-35.00.

**SLAUGHTER BULLS:** Yield Grade 1 1195-1580 lbs 49.75-55.50, outstanding Limousin 1780 lbs 62.00. Yield Grade 2 1260-2310 lbs 46.00-51.00. Bullocks: Select 1-3 1080-1485 lbs 49.00-54.00.

**CALVES:** Compared to Monday's auction, veal calf prices were not tested.

All attention was focused on Holstein bull farm calf prices, which blew the roof off of the short-leg auction barn at New Holland. Prices were as much as 100.00 higher with sales topping at 272.00 cwt. After going through records and talking to old-timers, I can confidently say these are the highest prices in Lancaster County history and most likely the highest prices paid for commercial Holstein baby bull farm calves anytime and anywhere. Holstein heifers were also active with prices firm to 10.00 higher. Supply included 308 head in the State graded sale and over 99 percent returned to feed.

**VEALERS:** Couple Standard and low Good 60-70 lbs 20.00.

**SLAUGHTER CALVES:** Few Good and Choice 200-350 lbs 80.00-100.00, few 350-550 lbs 60.00-75.00.

**RETURNED TO FARM:** Holstein bulls 80-125 lbs 172.00-272.00. Plainer-type bulls 80-125 lbs 175.00-212.00, weaker calves 60-110 lbs 26.00-100.00. Holstein heifers 80-120 lbs 290.00-380.00. Plainer heifers 65-130 lbs 200.00-285.00. Few beef-type bulls and heifers 70-95 lbs 130.00-180.00.

**SHEEP:** Compared to Monday, slaughter lambs sold mostly steady with some strength noted on weights under 50 lbs. Slaughter ewes and aged sheep traded weak to 5.00 lower. Goat prices were also weaker.

**SLAUGHTER LAMBS:** Choice and Prime 2-3 30-40 lbs 130.00-170.00; 40-60 lbs 110.00-130.00; 60-80 lbs 110.00-120.00; 80-110 lbs 95.00-110.00; 110-130 lbs 80.00-95.00.

**SLAUGHTER EWES:** Good and Choice yearlings and 2 year-olds 40.00-70.00.

Utility and Good 1-3 25.00-50.00.  
**GOATS:** (All sold by the head) Billies: Large 100.00-125.00. Medium 75.00-100.00.

Nannies: Medium and Large 40.00-70.00.

Kids: Choice and Prime 40.00-60.00, few up to 75.00. Good 20.00-50.00.

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