LANCASTER COUNTY LIVESTOCK MARKET AUCTION

Lancaster Livestock

May 22, 2000

Report Supplied By PDA CATTLE CALVES HOGS SHEEP GOATS MONDAY

486 145 LAST WEEK 147 24 406 152 LAST YEAR

27 CATTLE Compared to Thursday, slaughter steers sold mostly steady to weak in a light test. An outstanding group of slaughter heifers sold 1 00-1 50 higher than last week' light comparison. A limited offering of Holstein steers sold firm Slaughter cows sold 1 00 lower in a thin test And a good offering of slaughter bulls sold firm Supply included 35 percent slaughter steers and 14 percent slaughter

SLAUGHTER STEERS Choice 2-3 1115-1465 lbs 72 00-74 50, individual 1365 lbs 76 25 Select and low Choice 2-3 1070-1405 lbs 68 25-72 35 Few Select 1-3 1140-1240 lbs 64 50-68 75

HOLSTEIN STEERS High Choice and Prime 2-3 1465-1540 lbs 66 50-68 00 Few Choice 2-3 1450-1495 lbs 63 00-64 50 Few Select 1-3 1350-1425 lbs 56 75-59 60

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS Choice. few Prime 2-4 1135-1350 lbs 70.75-74 00, low dressing 3-5 1020-1085 lbs 66 75-69 75 Select and low Choice 2-3 1030-1275 lbs 65 25-69 00 Herferettes Package Choice 3 1385 lbs 64 75

SLAUGHTER COWS Few Boners 80-85 pct lean 41 75-42 00, low dressing down to 37 00 Lean 85-90 pct lean 38 50-39 75, low dressing down to 33 75

SLAUGHTER BULLS Yield Grade 1 1320-1615 lbs 58 75-62 25, few heavy muscled up to 70 00, ideal Charolais 1660 lbs 77 50 Yield Grade 2 1145-1650 ibs 49 25-53 75. 10 head consignment aged Holsteins 1890-2365 lbs 49 00-54 00

Bullocks Select 1-3 980-1305 lbs 52 00-59 25

SHEEP Compared to last week, slaughter lambs sold weak to 10 00 lower and slaughter ewes traded steady to 400

SLAUGHTER LAMBS Choice and Prime 2-3 60-80 lbs 110 00-118 00, 80-120 lbs 110 00-115 00, few 120-140 lbs 80 00-88 00

SLAUGHTER EWES Utility and Good 1-3 23 00-35 00 Aged Bucks 185-220 lbs 32 00

GOATS (All sold per head) Billies Medium and Large 98-00-120 00 Mutton Few Choice and Prime 75 00-80 00 Few Medium 50 00 Kids Choice and Prime 45 00-70 00 Good 30 00-45 00

Vintage Livestock

Vintage, Pa. Tuesday, May 22-23, 2000 Report Supplied By PDA

CATTLE CALVES SHEEP GOATS THIS WEEK 717 LAST WEEK 663 751 LAST YEAR 973 640 132 12

CATTLE Compared to Thursday, the slaughter steer market was mostly 1 00 lower by the end of the two day sale The lower market was more evident on Tuesday, with a higher quality offering. A light test of Holstein steers sold 50-1 00 lower and slaughter heifers were only lightly tested A good run of slaughter cows were active and sold steady to 50 higher, instances 1 00 higher on the big Breaker cows (75-80 pct lean) Slaughter bulls traded steady to 1 00 lower Supply included 48 percent slaughter steers and 44 percent slaughter cows

SLAUGHTER STEERS High Choice and Prime 2-4 1145-1440 lbs 73 00-75 00, few fancy singles up to 77.75 Choice 2-3 1105-1490 lbs 71 25-74 00, few high dressing 1-2 up to 75 75 Select and low Choice 2-3 1045-1515 lbs 66 75-72 00 Select 1-3 1110-1355 lbs 62 50-67 50

HOLSTEIN STEERS Choice 2-3 1350-1470 lbs 62 00-64 10 Select and low Choice 2-3 1365-1630 lbs 57 75-62 35 Select 1-2 1005-1550 lbs. 55 00-57 00. returning to feed 1010-1110 lbs 55 25-

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS few Prime 2-4 1040-1250 lbs 69 50-72 75 Select and low Choice 2-3 1080-1265 lbs 65 00-68 75

SLAUGHTER COWS-PERCENT LEAN WEIGHT BULK LOW DRESSING Breakers 75-80 pct lean 43 50-48 25 over-1400 lbs 80-85 pct lean 41 25-44 25 Boners over-1200 lbs 42 00-45 50 38 25-42 75 Lean (H1-Y1eld) 85-88 pct lean over-1200 lbs 40 00-44 50 38 25-40 50 Lean 88-90 pct lean over-1000 lbs 38 25-42 00 35 00-38 75 Lean (Light-Wt) 85-90 pct lean 750 -1000 lbs 35 50-38 25 32 50-35 50

SLAUGHTER BULLS Individual Yield Grade 1 1695 lbs 56.25 Yield Grade 2 1405-2290 lbs 48 50-53 25 Bullocks Select 1-3 885-1165 lbs 52 25-57 75, individual 1190 lbs 63 75

CALVES Compared to last week, vealer demand was good and prices were fully steady on the lightweight calves that sold for immediate slaughter Trading turned very active for Holstein bulls suitable for special-fed veal barns with prices ranging 5 00-15 00 higher Holstein heifers traded firm to 5 00 higher Supply included 548 head in the State graded sale and 96 percent returned to feed

VEALERS Standard and Good 70-95 lbs 50 00-60 00 Utility 55-70 lbs 35 00-50 00

RETURN TO FARM. Holstein bulls 95-115 lbs 217 00-236 00; 120-125 lbs 190 00-191 00 Plainer-type bulls 95-115 lbs 175 00-212.00; 80-95 lbs 130 00-179 00, weaker calves 70-100 lbs 62.00-87 00 Holstein heifers 80-120 295 00-332 00 Plainer Heifers 80-110 lbs 282 00-315 00, 65-75 lbs 60 00-

Beef-type bulls and heifers 70-95 lbs

New Holland Livestock Auction

New Holland, Pa. Report Supplied By USDA Thursday, May 25, 2000

Cattle Calves Sheep Goats **THURSDAY** 1159 604 202 217 LAST WEEK 1165 651 430 140 LAST YEAR 1228 695 598 367

CATTLE: Compared to Tuesday, slaughter steers sold steady to .50 lower. Sales started out mostly steady, but the market never found bottom side support and slowly faded to end the week 1.00-1.50 lower. Holstein steer prices were .50-1.00 lower and slaughter heifers sold 1.50-2.00 lower than the last good test, which was a week ago. Slaughter cows sold 1.50-2.00 lower as packers work on a reduced holiday schedule. Slaughter bulls traded steady.

Supply included 46 percent slaughter steers and 32 percent slaughter cows.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: High Choice and Prime 2-4 1170-1450 lbs 72.60-75.25. Choice 2-3 1120-1455 lbs 71.00-73.75; 1475-1580 lbs 67.75-70.50. Select and low Choice 2-3 1060-1490 lbs 66.25-71.50; 1540-1580 lbs 64.50-66.75. Select 1-3 1040-1470 lbs 63.75-68.00, package returning to feed 1045 lbs 71.10.

HOLSTEIN STEERS: High Choice and Prime 2-3 1320-1546 lbs 63.50-67.25. Choice 2-3 1175-1590 lbs 61.00-64.25; few 1605-1690 lbs 55.00-58.50. Select and low Choice 2-3 1120-1345 lbs 56.75-61.50. Select 1-2 1080-1320 lbs 53.00-

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: High Choice and Prime 2-4 1130-1200 lbs 70.00-71.35. Choice 2-4 1020-1260 lbs 68.00-70.25. Select and low Choice 2-3 1015-1370 lbs 64.00-68.75. Select 1-3 910-1195 lb 61.25-67.25.

SLAUGHTER COWS: PERCENT LEAN WEIGHT BULK LOW DRESS-ING Breakers 75-80 pct lean over-1400 lbs 42.50-46.75 39.50-42.75 Boners 80-85 pct lean over-1200 ibs 39.75-44.00 38.00-41.25 Lean (Hi-Yield) 85-88 pct lean over-1200 ibs 38.75-43.00 36.75-39.50 Lean 88-90 pct lean over-1000 lbs 36.75-40.00 34.00-37.75 Lean (Light-Wt) 85-90 pct lean 750 -1000 lbs 33.50-36.50 31.50-34.00.

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Couple Yield Grade 1 1250-1450 lbs 53.50, Limousin 1535 lbs 64.75. Yield Grade 2 970-2345 ibs 46.75-54.00. Bullocks: Select and low Choice 1-3 1060-1325 lbs 53.50-62.25.

CALVES: Compared to Monday's auction, the vealer market was active but there was not a comparison from Monday's light calf run. Slaughter calves sold unevenly steady. Buyers aggressively bid on Holstein bulls to return to feed and prices improved 35.00-40.00. The Holstein heifer market continued steady. Supply included 334 head in the state graded sale and 93 pct returned to feed.

VEALERS: Standard and Good 70-100 lbs 43.00-60.00, few up to 70.00. Utility 60-85 lbs 35.00-45.00.

SLAUGHTER CALVES: Good and Choice 185-350 lbs 81.00-117.00; 350-500 lbs 62.00-89.00.

SHEEP: There were not enough slaughter lambs or aged sheep to test prices.

Lancaster County Weekly New Holland, Pa.

Report Supplied By USDA Friday, May 26, 2000

THIS WEEK

LAST WEEK

LAST YEAR

CATTLE

2178

2063

2878

CALVES

1432

1473

1543

CATTLE: Compared to last week's closing prices, slaughter steers closed 1.00- 1.50 lower. Losses came progressively over the week, with the lightest demand on Thursday. A reduced holiday schedule for packers weighed heavily on all slaughter classes late in the week. Limited Western trade through Friday morning was mostly 2.00 lower at 69.00-69.50 live and as much as 4.00 lower dressed from 110.00-111.00. Postholiday beef demand will tell whether the cattle market is merely correcting itself or if we are in for much lower prices for the summer. Many analysts project the latter; but feedlots are very current and with the start of barbecue season, consumer demand for beef is the best it has been for 20 years. Local Hoistein steers ended the week 1.00-2.00 lower and heifers closed 1.50-2.00 lower. Slaughter cows finished mostly 1.50 lower with late-week losses and slaughter bulis ended steady to 1.00 lower. Supply included 46 percent slaughter steers, 7 percent slaughter heifers, 35 percent slaughter cows, 5 percent slaughter bulls, with the balance feeders.

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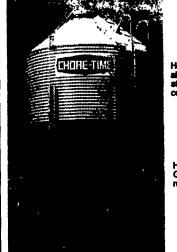
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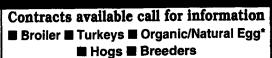


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