

# LANCASTER COUNTY LIVESTOCK MARKET AUCTION

Some markets not available due to the holiday

## Lancaster Livestock

29 May 2000

Report Supplied By PDA

CATTLE CALVES SHEEP GOATS

MONDAY

59 21 0 617 304

LAST WEEK

147 15 0 485 145

LAST YEAR

169 8 0 3 0

Auction not covered, Federal holiday

## Vintage Livestock

Vintage, Pa.

29-30 May 2000

Report Supplied By PDA

CATTLE CALVES SHEEP GOATS

THIS WEEK

758 753 0 6

LAST WEEK

872 717 1 9

LAST YEAR

748 613 151 76

CATTLE Compared to Thursday, slaughter steers and heifers sold weak on Monday and then turned 50-100 lower by the end of Tuesday's auction. Buyers were determined to work prices lower and the plain offering did not offer any help. A light test of Holstein steers sold steady to 50 lower. Slaughter cows were uneven, lean cows sold 50-100 higher while the fleshier types (less than 85 pct lean) traded steady to 50 lower. Slaughter bulls sold fully steady. The supply included 38 percent slaughter steers and 49 percent slaughter cows.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: High Choice and Prime 2-4 1185-1440 lbs 71.75-74.50, few singles up to 76.00, late mostly 71.75-73.25. Choice 2-3 1130-1480 lbs 70.50-73.10, few 1490-1575 lbs 68.60-69.50. Select and low Choice 2-3 1000-1475 lbs 66.00-70.75. Select 1-3 945-1470 lbs 63.00-67.00.

HOLSTEIN STEERS: Choice 2-3 1365-1550 lbs 61.50-63.75, 1625-1825 lbs 57.00-60.00. Few Select and low Choice 2-3 1350-1480 lbs 58.75-61.50, calf-feds mostly returning to feed 940-1075 lbs 58.00-61.00.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: High Choice and Prime 2-4 1140-1295 lbs 69.00-71.75, Choice 2-4 1110-1250 lbs 67.75-69.50. Few Select and low Choice 2-3 1135-1445 lbs 65.50-67.75.

SLAUGHTER COWS: PERCENT LEAN WEIGHT BULK LOW DRESSING Breakers 75-80 pct lean over-1400 lbs 42.00-45.50, 39.00-42.50 Boners 80-85 pct lean over-1200 lbs 40.00-43.75, 37.50-40.50 Lean (Hi Yield) 85-88 pct lean over-1200 lbs 39.00-44.50, 36.25-40.50 Lean 88-90 pct lean over-1000 lbs 37.00-40.75, 34.25-37.75 Lean (Light-Wt) 85-90 pct lean 750-1000 lbs 35.50-38.00, 32.25-35.50.

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Few Yield Grade 1 1450-1765 lbs 53.00-58.00, Charolais 1765 lbs 64.00, Yield Grade 2 1310-2100 lbs 48.75-53.75. Bullocks Select 1-3 915-1395 lbs 48.00-57.00.

CALVES: Compared to last week, a light test of vealers sold 7.00-10.00 higher. Holstein bull farm calf trading was not quite as active as might have been expected. Top quality bulls sold 13.00-15.00 lower and Number 2 quality bulls sold as much as 60.00 lower. Considering quality, the best calf market was for the extremely lightweight crossbred calves that usually sell for veal. Holstein heifers sold steady to 5.00 higher in moderately active trading. Supply included 623 head in the State graded sale and over 97 percent were returned to feed.

VEALERS: Few Standard and Good 70-115 lbs 57.00-70.00, Utility 60-85 lbs 47.00-57.00.

RETURN TO FARM: Holstein bulls 90-125 lbs 175.00-223.00, Plainer-type bulls 80-120 lbs 130.00-152.00, weaker calves 60-105 lbs 69.00-92.00. Holstein heifers 80-115 lbs 291.00-331.00, Plainer Heifers 80-110 lbs 305.00-316.00, pkg 74 lbs 190.00. Beef-type bulls and heifers 70-95 lbs 110.00-190.00.

## New Holland Livestock Auction

New Holland, Pa.

Report Supplied By USDA

Thursday, June 1, 2000

Cattle Calves Sheep Goats

THURSDAY

823 445 198 277

LAST WEEK

1159 604 202 217

LAST YEAR

1317 660 436 247

CATTLE: Compared to Tuesday, slaughter steers and a thin test of slaughter heifers sold .50 to mostly 1.00 higher with late sales as much as 1.50 higher. Prices ended the week firm to 1.00 higher than last Thursday. Supply was fairly light, but very high in quality and enabled the market to recover from early week losses. Holstein steer prices remained mostly steady. The slaughter cows sold weak to 1.00 lower and an outstanding run of slaughter bulls sold firm. Supply included 49 pct slaughter steers and 30 pct cows.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: High Choice and Prime 2-4 1190-1470 lbs 72.75-76.10, few singles up to 77.00. Choice 2-3 1120-1470 lbs 71.00-73.75; 1495-1560 lbs 68.00-70.60. Select and low Choice 2-3 1080-1500 lbs 66.75-71.35; 1540-1580 lbs 65.00-66.75. Select 1-3 1040-1495 lbs 63.00-67.75, couple packages returning

to feed 890-1000 lbs 64.00-72.00.

HOLSTEIN STEERS: Couple packages high Choice and Prime 2-3 1555-1635 lbs 64.60-64.85. Choice 2-3 1255-1660 lbs 60.00-63.75. Select and low Choice 2-3 1210-1705 lbs 57.75-61.00. Couple Select 1-2 1255-1645 lbs 54.50-55.75.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Few high Choice and Prime 2-4 1235-1305 lbs 72.75-73.00. Couple Choice 2-3 1040-1120 lbs 68.75. Few Select 1-3 960-1480 lbs 60.00-65.00. Heiferettes: Commercial to Choice 3-5 1040-1125 lbs 62.00-66.00.

SLAUGHTER COWS: PERCENT LEAN WEIGHT BULK LOW DRESSING Breakers 75-80 pct lean over-1400 lbs 41.75-45.25, 38.00-41.75 Boners 80-85 pct lean over-1200 lbs 39.25-43.25, 37.00-39.75 Lean (Hi-Yield) 85-88 pct lean over-1200 lbs 38.50-42.75, 36.50-39.50 Lean 88-90 pct lean over-1000 lbs 36.50-40.25, 34.00-37.00 Lean (Light-Wt) 85-90 pct lean 750-1000 lbs 34.50-38.75, 31.75-35.00.

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1 1175-1955 lbs 53.75-61.25, few up to 65.50. Yield Grade 2 965-2435 lbs 46.75-54.00. Bullocks: Couple Select 2 790-1055 lbs 55.00-59.00.

CALVES: There was no comparison for veal prices from Monday's light run. The market for Holstein bulls returning to feed was slow and prices were sharply lower. Many local producers were not participating because of the religious holiday. Bull calves sold 50.00-60.00 lower than Monday's thin test, but Holstein heifers trended steady to 35.00 higher. Supply included 250 head in the state graded sale and 92 percent returned to feed.

VEALERS: Standard and Good 70-100 lbs 40.00-65.00. Utility 60-75 lbs 20.00-40.00.

RETURNED TO FARM: Holstein

bulls 80-125 lbs 140.00-170.00. Plainer-type bulls 75-125 lbs 100.00-160.00, weaker calves 70-110 lbs 72.00-85.00. Holstein heifers 80-120 lbs 275.00-380.00. Plainer heifers 75-125 lbs 190.00-280.00; 60-75 lbs 100.00-155.00. Beef-type bulls and heifers 75-105 lbs 100.00-180.00.

SHEEP: Compared to Monday, slaughter lambs sold mostly steady in a light test and slaughter ewes traded steady to 3.00 higher.

SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Choice and Prime 2-3 60-110 lbs 100.00-115.00. Good and Choice 1-3 80-120 lbs 90.00-100.00.

SLAUGHTER EWES: Utility and Good 1-3 30.00-45.00.

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

Mutton: Not well tested. Nannies: Large 50.00-80.00. Medium 35.00-50.00.

Yearlings: Choice and Prime 60.00-80.00.

Kids: Choice and Prime 40.00-70.00. Good 20.00-40.00.

## Lancaster County Weekly

New Holland, Pa.

Report Supplied By USDA

Friday, June 2, 2000

CATTLE CALVES

THIS WEEK 1640 1294

LAST WEEK 2178 1432

LAST YEAR 2234 1402

CATTLE: Compared to last week's closing prices, slaughter steers and heifers closed firm to 1.00 higher on a light week's test due to Memorial Day and As-

cension Day observance. The difference between early and late week market conditions was like night and day. Buyers wanted to continue the downward trend after last week's losses, but good demand on Thursday from the few small packers left in the area pushed prices well above last week's levels. The current local supply of finished cattle is too light to allow lower prices in the auction markets with both small and large packers competing for the same cattle. Western feeders managed to sell their cattle steady this week at 69.00-69.50 and 110.00-111.00. Local Holstein steer trading was fairly slow and prices ended steady to .50 lower. Slaughter cows closed steady to 1.00 lower, with the full decline on the fleshier types (less than 85 pct lean). A good test of slaughter bulls sold firm. Supply included 45 percent slaughter steers, 7 percent slaughter heifers, 38 percent slaughter cows, 6 percent slaughter bulls, with the balance feeders.

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