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roman candle into a dud. Last week, fat cattle prices continued their advance and feeder buyers were busy filling empty pens for an optimistic fall market. Several factors came together to extinguish the fireworks that some thought might carry us through the summer.

Last Friday's cattle-on-feed report seemed to start the downward slide, although numbers were 3 percent less than last year. This week, corn futures opened the week sharply higher on reports of scorching hot weather across the Midwest and that fear of higher feed costs pressured yearling prices. Beef sales slowed as we approach the holiday week and outlets have already stocked their inventories for the expected grilling demand. Also, cattle feeders were forced to take less money and orders for feedlot replacements were hard to come by.

Several areas continue to be extremely dry and now the near 100 degree temperatures have set-in to make conditions worse. Timing was less than ideal for Superior Video to conduct a four-day auction with over 150,000 head on offer. Many of these cattle are for fall delivery and may set the tone for several months. Many producers in Colorado, Wyoming, and across South Dakota continue to have both their feeder cattle and replacements forced off pasture due to drought. The Independence Day celebrations in these areas won't include bottle rockets, but hopefully these folks can find other ways to display their patriotism. All of us here at USDA Livestock & Grain Market News wish all of you a Happy 4th of July (maybe just a little more special this year).

**Lancaster County Weekly Cattle**

New Holland, Pa.  
Report Supplied By USDA  
Friday, July 5, 2002

	CATTLE	CALVES
THIS WEEK	1718	1145
LAST WEEK	2122	1747
LAST YEAR	1808	1728

**CATTLE:** Compared to last weeks closing prices slaughter steers sold mostly steady to .50 lower. Trading opened mixed for the week with prices expressing some strength but as the 4th of July holiday came closer demand was light. Hot weather conditions during the week was no help at all for farmers trying to send cattle to local markets. Holstein steers traded steady to firm. Slaughter heifers have no comparison, but a higher undertone noted on a few sales of very attractive lots and singles. Feedlots mostly in the Northern Plains reported live cattle mostly steady at 63.00-63.50 and dressed sales were 2.00 lower mostly 99.00 as of Wednesday afternoon. Lean slaughter cows took a down fall 2.00-5.00 lower for the week as southern plants have a short week of slaughter. Breaker and Boner cows steady to 1.00 lower. Slaughter bulls were unevenly steady. Supply included 40 percent slaughter steers, 4 percent slaughter heifers, 42 percent cows, 5 percent bulls, with the balance feeders.

**SLAUGHTER STEERS:** High Choice and Prime 2-4 1230-1415 lbs 67.60-70.75. Choice 2-3 1140-1460 lbs 65.25-68.75; few 1500-1625 lbs 63.25-65.25. Select and low Choice 2-3 1115-1465 lbs 63.75-66.75. Select 1-3 1075-1495 lbs 61.25-65.50; few 1510-1675 lbs 58.50-63.75.

**HOLSTEIN STEERS:** Choice 2-3 1310-1580 lbs 56.50-58.25; few 1610-1700 lbs 55.25- 56.85. Select and low Choice 2-3 1265-1615 lbs 53.50-55.10. Select 1-2 few 1266 lbs 51.75.

**SLAUGHTER HEIFERS:** High Choice and Prime 2-3 1275-1385 lbs 68.50-70.00, individual up to 71.00. Choice 2-3 1165-1295 lbs 66.00-68.25; few 960 lbs 61.75- 63.00. Select 1-3 few 1195-1365 lbs 61.65-62.25.

**SLAUGHTER COWS:** PERCENT LEAN WEIGHT BULK LOW DRESSING Breakers 75-80 over-1400 lbs 46.00-49.75 41.00-46.00 Boners 80-85 over-1200 lbs 43.00-46.00 39.00-45.25 Lean (Hi-Yield) 85-88 over-1200 lbs 36.00-42.75 34.00-39.00 Lean 88-90 over-1000 lbs 35.00-42.00 33.00-38.00 Lean (Light-Wt) 85-90 750 -1000 lbs

31.75-39.50 **SLAUGHTER BULLS:** Yield Grade 1 few 1035-1970 lbs 59.75-66.75, high dressing 1530-2315 lbs 69.50-72.00. Yield grade 2 1075-1890 lbs 48.00-58.50. Bullocks: Select 1-3 individual 1245 lbs 58.50.

**CALVES:** Compared to last week, vealers closed steady to 10.00 lower. Large slaughter calves not tested. Holstein bulls suitable for special-fed veal barns 10.00-37.00 higher, with good demand. Holstein heifers sold steady to as much as 100.00 lower for the week.

**VEALERS:** Standard and Good 85-105 lbs 40.00-50.00. Utility 60-115 lbs 10.00-42.00.

**SLAUGHTER CALVES:** Good and Choice few 270-345 lbs 83.00-100.00; 350-475 lbs 65.00-75.00.

**RETURNED TO FARM:** Holstein bulls 90-120 lbs 110.00-172.00; 85 lbs 127.00; 80 lbs 95.00. Plainer-type bulls 90-115 lbs 70.00-152.00; 80-85 lbs 40.00-105.00, weaker calves 85-105 lbs 25.00-30.00. Holstein heifers 93-110 lbs 535.00-560.00; 85 lbs 210.00. Plainer-type heifers 80-105 lbs 200.00-525.00; 82-83 lbs 220.00- 225.00; 74 lbs 150.00; 64 lbs 85.00. Beef-type bulls and heifers 75-130 lbs 110.00-185.00.

**New Holland Horses**

New Holland Sales Stables  
Report Supplied by Auction  
Monday, July 1, 2002

172 HEAD, MARKET LOWER.  
DRIVING HORSES 485.00-960.00.  
RIDING HORSES 450.00-1160.00.  
REGISTERED RIDING 975.00-1350.00.  
BETTER RIDING 1650.00-1725.00.  
PONIES 275.00-500.00.  
LARGE PONIES 550.00-610.00.

**Wolgemuth Hay**

Leola, Pa.  
Report Supplied by Auction  
Wednesday, July 3, 2002

Hay—Straw—Grain  
29 LOTS.  
ALFALFA: HIGH 185.00, AVG. 155.00.  
MIXED HAY: HIGH 150.00, AVG. 90.00.  
TIMOTHY: HIGH 160.00, AVG. 108.00.  
STRAW: HIGH 120.00, AVG. 112.00.  
CORN: HIGH 95.00, AVG. 94.00.

**Four States Livestock Wednesday Sale**

Hagerstown, Md.  
Report Supplied By Auction  
July 3, 2002

**SLAUGHTER COWS:** 56 HEAD, 2.00 LOWER. BREAKERS 39.00-44.25, BONERS 38.00-41.50, LEAN 36.00-39.00, THIN 36.00 DOWN.

**BULLS:** H DRESSING SIMMENTAL 1784 LBS. AT 62.75 YG+N1 1800-2050 LBS. AT 57.00.

**FED STEERS:** FEW OFFERED.  
**FED HEIFERS:** NONE.

**CALVES:** 125 HEAD, GOOD SLAUGHTER. 85-110 LBS. 40.00-55.00; HOLSTEIN BULLS RETURNING TO FARM +N1 10.00-20.00 HIGHER. LIGHT WEIGHTS LOWER. +N1 94-120 LBS. 110.00-125.00. ONE AT 135.00. 84-94 LBS. 70.00-87.00. +N2 94-120 LBS. 80.00-110.00, 80-92 LBS. 55.00-70.00; HOLSTEIN HEIFERS-WEEK DEMAND. FEW +N1 90-110 LBS. 275.00-310.00, 80-90 LBS. 150.00-275.00; BEEF X BULL 84 LBS. AT 132.00.

**DAIRY REPLACEMENTS:** 9 HEAD, PRICES LOWER. LARGE SPRINGERS 1050.00-1425.00; SMALL TO MEDIUM 650.00-950.00; FRESH COWS 635-810.00; BRED HEIFERS 500-615.00.  
**STOCK CATTLE:** 66 HEAD, STEERS 200-400 LBS. 79.00-90.00, 400-600 LBS. 72.00-78.00, 600-800 LBS. 64.00-67.00.

**HEIFERS:** 200-400 LBS. 72.00-80.00, 400-600 LBS. 66.00-74.00, 700-900 LBS. 48.00-56.00.

**BULLS:** 200-400 LBS. 82.00-93.00, 400-600 LBS. 63.00-71.50.

**LAMBS:** CHOICE 60-80 LBS. 68.00-72.00.

**GOATS:** MEDIUM 40-60.00; SMALL 20.00-35.00.

**BUTCHER HOGS:** 12 HEAD, US 1 & 3 210-240 LBS. 34.00-35.25. FEW 300-325 LBS. 28.00-30.00.

**SOWS:** 30 HEAD, 300-500 LBS. 15.00-19.00. 500-675 LBS. 16.00-20.00. ONE AT 23.50.

**BOAR:** 12.00.

**Weaverland Hay**

New Holland, Pa.  
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Thursday, July 4, 2002

Hay—Straw—Grain  
ALFALFA: 95.00-130.00.  
TIMOTHY HAY: 90.00-127.00.  
ORCHARD GRASS: 170.00.  
MIXED HAY: 52.00-135.00.  
STRAW: 115.00-125.00.  
EAR CORN: 99.00.  
LONG LANE ROAD, NEW HOLLAND 17557, 717-355-0834.

**New Holland Feeder Pig Auction**

NEW HOLLAND, PA  
July 3, 2002

Report Supplied By USDA

**FEEDER PIGS:** WEDNESDAY 252, LAST WEEK 1203, LAST YEAR 235.

**TREND:** Compared to last week, feeder pigs have no comparison. Slaughter pigs not well tested. Demand moderate for feeder pigs and light for slaughter pigs due to the 4th of July holiday. Around 70 percent of the supply returned to feed. All pigs were weighed and graded on arrival and sold by the hundred weight.

**HEAD WEIGHT PRICE US 1-2 41 21-22 lbs 55.00-67.00 19 42 lbs 65.00**

**US 2 31 18 lbs 60.00 41 20-25 lbs 52.00-60.00 43 30-35 lbs. 55.00-67.00 11 41 lbs 55.00**

**SLAUGHTER 19 30-37 lbs 80.00-110.00**

**ALL PIGS CONSIGNED TO WEDNESDAY FEEDER PIG SALE MUST ORIGINATE FROM A QUALIFIED NEGATIVE OR MONITORED HERD.**

**New Holland Dairy Sale**

New Holland Sales Stables  
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Wednesday, July 3, 2002

132 DAIRY COWS, 159 HEIFERS, 12 BULLS. MARKET STEADY.

**LOCAL FRESH COWS 460.00-1600.00. FEW AT 1850.00-1875.00.**

**LOCAL SPRINGER 650.00-1425.00.**

**BETTER FRESH COWS 1850.00-2100.00.**

**LARGE HEIFERS 1550.00-1750.00.**

**SHORT BRED HEIFERS 750.00-1450.00.**

**OPEN BREEDING AGE HEIFERS 975.00-1250.00.**

**BULLS: 250.00-725.00, PUREBREDS 725.00-825.00. HERD: 450.00-1525.00. 1 AT 1750.**

**CANADIAN LOADS FRESH 575.00-1575.00. FEW AT 2050.00-2100.00.**

**FRESH HEIFERS 575.00-1450.00, 1 AT 1700.00.**

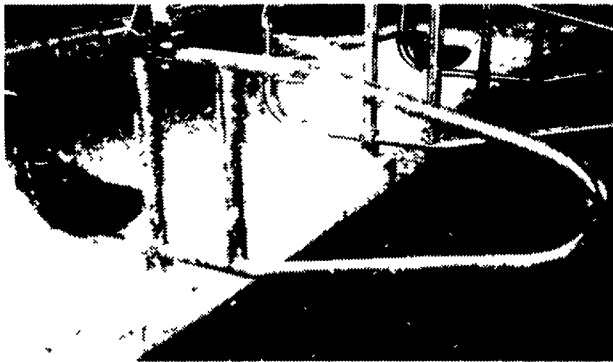
**REGISTERED HEIFERS 800.00-1725.00.**

**SMALL HEIFERS 785.00-1440.00.**

**SMALL OPEN HEIFERS 635.00-825.00.**

**SMALLER OPEN HEIFERS 260.00-475.00.**

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