

LANCASTER COUNTY LIVESTOCK MARKET AUCTIONS

New Holland Livestock Auction

New Holland, Pa.
Report Supplied By USDA
Monday, October 7, 2002

| | Cattle | Calves | Hogs | Sheep | Goats |
|-----------|--------|--------|------|-------|-------|
| MONDAY | 315 | 271 | 552 | 865 | 1356 |
| LAST WEEK | 372 | 268 | 442 | 748 | 918 |
| LAST YEAR | 273 | 204 | 803 | 504 | 1048 |

CATTLE Compared to Thursday, lean slaughter cows sold weak to 50 lower, with Breakers and Boners trading fully 100 lower. The supply was fairly light when compared to the last test, with the bulk of the cows coming through the ring in very full condition. Lean cow bids suffered somewhat on the light buyer attendance, however, the fleshier cows seem to really take a hit on the lighter runs and attendance. Slaughter bulls sold fully steady to firm on the light run. The bull supply included an increase of Bullocks, which sold with a higher undertone. Slaughter cows made up 57 percent of the run.

SLAUGHTER COWS, PERCENT LEAN WEIGHT BULK LOW DRESSING Breakers 75-80 over 1400 lbs 40.00-42.75, Boners 80-85 over 1200 lbs 37.00-40.25, 34.00-36.00 Lean (Hi-Yield) 85-88 over 1200 lbs 35.50-38.25, Lean 88-90 over 1000 lbs 31.50-37.25, 28.00-31.75 Lean (Light-Wt) 85-90 750-1000 lbs 28.00-31.50 24.00-28.00

SLAUGHTER BULLS, Yield Grade 1 1230-1475 lbs 45.75-50.50, high dressing individual 60.50, Yield Grade 2 1145-1960 lbs 44.50-47.00, low dressing 39.50-43.50 Bullocks. Few Choice 2 795-970 lbs 53.00-60.00 Few Select 1-2 855-860 lbs 44.00-50.00

CALVES Compared to Thursday, veal calves sold steady to 10.00 lower on a very light run and light buyer demand. Holstein bull calves going back to the farm sold 10.00-20.00 lower. Even though prices dipped somewhat Monday, bids are still well ahead of this time a few weeks ago. Buyer activity and attendance was much lighter than Thursday, even though the supply was much lighter. There were not enough Holstein heifers on hand for an adequate market test. There have not been enough large slaughter calves recently for a market comparison.

SLAUGHTER CALVES: Choice 365 lbs 74.00; 400-490 lbs 67.00-69.00. Good and Choice 290-300 lbs 40.00-46.00; individual 475 lbs 41.00. **VEALERS, Standard and Good** few 85-105 lbs 15.00-40.00. Utility few 65-85 lbs 11.00-15.00.

RETURNED TO FARM: Holstein bulls 95-125 lbs 97.00-152.00 mostly 105.00-145.00, 90 lbs 67.00-97.00; 85 lbs 65.00-80.00. Holstein heifers few 85-125 lbs 190.00-380.00

HOGS Barrows and gilts fully 2.00 to 3.00 higher, sows light and heavy firm to fully 1.00 higher, boars fully 1.00 to 2.00 higher on light run. **BARROWS AND GILTS, 49-54% lean** 210-255 lbs 33.00-36.00, 230-265 lbs 30.25-34.00, 45-50% lean 220-280 lbs 30.25-33.00, 40-45% lean 230-270 lbs 28.00-30.50, 270-350 lbs 25.50-28.00

SOWS 1-3 300-400 lbs 17.00-20.00, 400-500 lbs 20.00-24.00, 500-650 lbs 23.00-26.00.

BOARS: 300-700 lbs 7.00-8.00

SHEEP Compared to Thursday, slaughter lambs sold 5.00-8.00 higher on good buyer attendance and activity. Slaughter ewes sold about steady on the good run. **SLAUGHTER**

LAMBS: Choice and Prime 2-3 40-80 lbs 95.00-130.00; 90-120 lbs 75.00-90.00. **SLAUGHTER EWES:** Good and Choice Yearlings and 2 year-olds 35.00-50.00 Utility and Good 1-3 20.00-40.00.

GOATS: Compared to last week, Kid goats sold weak to 5.00 lower on a light test. Yearlings sold mixed, however the bulk of the supply trended with a lower undertone. Nannies were in fairly good supply, with the bulk of the supply trading weak to 2.00 lower. Billies were in very light supply, especially the top quality stock, therefore prices were not fully comparable. However, the bulk of the supply sold with a lower undertone. On a light test, Wethers sold mostly steady to firm. This week's supply was nearly 500 head larger than last Monday's; which led to the supply outweighing the demand. Kids Selection 1 20-40 lbs 48.00-53.00, 60-80 lbs pkg 56.00 Selection 2 20-40 lbs 27.00-40.00; 60-80 lbs pkg 45.00. Selection 3 20-40 lbs 17.00-30.00. Yearlings. Selection 1 60-80 lbs 50.00-64.00; 80-100 lbs 66.00-80.00. Selection 2 60-80 lbs 48.00-55.00, 80-100 lbs 58.00-60.00 Selection 3 60-80 lbs 30.00-46.00. Does/Nannies: Selection 1 50-70 lbs 46.00-68.00, 70-100 lbs 62.00-74.00, 100-140 lbs 76.00-92.00. Selection 2 50-70 lbs 44.00-52.00; 70-100 lbs 44.00-64.00; 100-140 lbs 54.00-66.00. Selection 3 50-70 lbs 24.00-48.00; 70-100 lbs 45.00-48.00, 100-140 lbs couple 65.00. Wethers: 50-70 lbs 54.00-80.00; 70-100 lbs 74.00-102.00; 100-125 lbs 96.00-110.00. Bucks/Billies: Selection 1 70-100 lbs 57.00-72.00, 100-150 lbs 74.00-102.00; 150-250 lbs 110.00-130.00. Selection 2 70-100 lbs 58.00-68.00; 100-150 lbs 68.00-80.00; 150-250 lbs 94.00-110.00. Selection 3 70-100 lbs 46.00-61.00; 150-250 lbs 78.00-80.00.

Vintage Livestock Auction

Vintage, Pa.
October 7-8, 2002
Report Supplied By USDA

| | Cattle | Calves | Sheep | Goats |
|-----------|--------|--------|-------|-------|
| THIS WEEK | 839 | 785 | 6 | 0 |
| LAST WEEK | 781 | 750 | 7 | 0 |
| LAST YEAR | 832 | 688 | 6 | 0 |

Compared to Thursday, slaughter steers sold firm to nearly 1.00 higher. Most of the increase was on Tuesday's bids, as Monday's bids were mostly steady. The increase in bids came on an increase in quality and buyer activity. Buyers were especially active in procuring the top-end high Choice and Prime fats, with the bulk of the Choice steers trading steady to firm. The supply was mixed, however, the fancy steers and the heavyweights definitely stuck out. Buyers were not necessarily in dire need of the high quality steers, but knew better than to let the powerhouses featured in Tuesday's supply pass them by. On the same note, buyers were somewhat reluctant in procuring the heavyweight steers; which were discounted fairly severely due to the increase in the supply of heavies. There has definitely been an increase in heavy cattle over the past couple of weeks, even though most feeders should know by now that the majority of the steers weighing above the 1500 lb range are going to be docked. Holstein steers were in very short supply, and sold with a steady undertone on the light run. The slaughter heifer supply remains very light, with the bulk of the run either over-finished or Heiferettes. Compared to Monday, lean slaughter cows sold fully steady to firm. Breakers and boners were in short supply, with demand lacking on the few on offer. A

Market At A Glance

Lancaster County Livestock Auction Averages
(Price Per Hundredweight)
Week Ending Friday, October 11, 2002

NOTE: Week ago averages adjusted to include all sales last week.
Supplied By Market Staff

| | This Wk | Wk Ago | Yr Ago |
|--------------------------------|---------|--------|--------|
| Steers, Choice 2-3 | 65.15 | 64.90 | 67.75 |
| Heifers, Choice 2-3 | 64.25 | 63.50 | 66.25 |
| Cows, Breakers, 75-80% lean | 42.00 | 42.50 | 42.50 |
| Cows, Boners, 80-85% lean | 38.50 | 38.00 | 39.75 |
| Bulls, YG 1, ltd. | 49.50 | 51.25 | 58.00 |
| Hogs, 49-54% lean, Monday | 33.00 | 31.00 | 42.75 |
| Lambs, Choice/Prime 80-110 lb. | 71.00 | 78.00 | 62.50 |

trend was not fully established on the fleshier cows, but a definite lower undertone was noted. Due to a very light run, a slaughter bull trend was not established. The supply included 27 percent steers, 6 percent heifers, 43 percent cows, 2 percent bulls, and 22 percent feeders.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: High Choice and Prime 2-4 1185-1465 lbs 66.00-68.50, few individuals 69.00-69.75. Choice 2-3 1125-1490 lbs 63.00-67.50, full 62.00-62.75, heavyweights 1505-1650 lbs 56.50-63.25. Select and low Choice 2-3 1140-1440 lbs 60.75-64.25, heavyweights 1500-1615 lbs 56.75-62.75. Select 1-3 1145-1540 lbs 58.75-62.00, with a few going back on feed 62.75-65.00.

HOLSTEIN STEERS: Choice, few Prime 2-4 1280-1545 lbs 53.10-56.50, individual 57.75. Select and low Choice 2-3 1485-1630 lbs 51.00-54.85. Few Standard 1-2 1550-1680 lbs 41.00-45.75.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Choice, few Prime 2-4 1155-1335 lbs 62.50-66.00. Select and low Choice 2-3 1355-1535 lbs 56.25-60.00. HEIFERETTES: Commercial to Choice 2-4 1325-1405 lbs 46.50-51.00, couple 58.00-58.25.

SLAUGHTER COWS, PERCENT LEAN WEIGHT BULK LOW DRESSING Breakers 75-80 Over 1400 lbs 39.50-40.75, Boners 80-85 Over 1200 lbs 37.75-40.25, 35.75-37.75 Lean (Hi-Yield) 85-88 Over 1200 lbs 36.50-38.00, 32.00-36.00 Lean 88-90 Over 1000 lbs 31.75-37.50, 29.50-32.00 Lean (Light-Wt) 85-90 750-1000 lbs 28.00-31.75, 24.25-28.25 **SLAUGHTER BULLS:** Few Yield grade 1 1610-1980 lbs 47.00-54.00. Few Yield Grade 2 1300-1630 lbs 44.75-45.25, couple low dressing 1535-1930 lbs 39.25-43.50.

CALVES: Compared to last Tuesday, veal calves sold steady to 5.00 lower. Holstein bull calves suitable for special-fed veal barns sold

sharply higher in very active trading as buyers aggressively tried to fill their immediate needs. Holstein heifers also sold with a higher undertone on a lighter run. The supply included 641 in the state graded sale, with around 95 percent of the supply returned to feed.

VEALERS: Standard and Good 85-115 lbs 20.00-30.00. Utility 45-85 lbs 15.00-20.00. **RETURNED TO FARM:** Holstein Bulls 95-125 lbs 114.00-155.00; 90 lbs 87.00; 85 lbs 80.00; 80 lbs 77.00. Plainer-type bulls 95-125 lbs 50.00-92.00; 90 lbs 42.00; 84 lbs 37.00; 83 lbs 62.00; 82 lbs 50.00. Holstein heifers 95-125 lbs 475.00-565.00; 84 lbs 340.00. Plainer-type heifers 95-105 lbs 520.00-530.00; 84 lbs 330.00; 75 lbs 190.00; 62 lbs 45.00. Beef-type bulls 100-125 lbs 70.00-150.00; 90 lbs 70.00; 75 lbs 60.00, fancy 65 lb individual 130.00.

Beef-type heifers 100 lbs 135.00; 90 lbs 100.00-150.00; 85 lbs 120.00-170.00; 70-75 lbs 110.00-140.00

New Holland Livestock Auction

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Thursday, October 10, 2002
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| | Cattle | Calves | Sheep | Goats |
|-----------|--------|--------|-------|-------|
| THURSDAY | 1202 | 671 | 247 | 524 |
| LAST WEEK | 1365 | 693 | 322 | 380 |
| LAST YEAR | 1180 | 593 | 158 | 306 |

CATTLE: Compared to Tuesday, the bulk of the Choice slaughter steers sold mostly steady to instances weaker. However, bidding was spo-

radic on the Prime and Select steers; with high Choice and Prime steers trading weak to instances 50 lower, and Select steers showing a little firmness. Buyers did not seem to pursue the high quality stock near as aggressively as they have over the past few weeks. On the same note, buyers were noted as paying a little more for the Select and lower Choice stock to fill loads, especially late. Holstein steer receipts were a little higher when compared to the runs over the last few weeks. Also, there was an improvement in quality; and buyers took notice as the bulk of the run sold with a firmer undertone. Slaughter heifer runs remain light, with the supply continuing to be primarily Heiferettes. Lean slaughter cows sold mostly steady on a good run of mixed quality. Lean cows ranged from thin to full in condition, with buyers paying close attention to the weigh-ups. On an increase in supply, Breaking and Boning cows sold with a definite higher undertone on good buyer interest. There has not been a good run of fleshier cows for awhile; therefore prices were not fully comparable. Higher bids could definitely be attributed to better buyer presence. Compared to Tuesday's very light run, slaughter bulls sold weak to 2.00 lower. The supply included 45 percent steers, 7 percent heifers, 35 percent cows, 4 percent bulls, and 9 percent feeders.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: High Choice and Prime 2-4 1295-1440 lbs 65.60-68.00. Choice 2-3 1180-1450 lbs 63.00-67.25, few high dressing Yield Grade 1-2 67.00-70.00, Yield Grade 4 59.00-63.25. Select and low Choice 2-3 1160-1310 lbs 62.25-64.50, heavyweights 1550-1660 lbs 53.50-60.50. Select 1-2 1160-1380 lbs 61.00-63.50, with a few going back on feed 64.00-65.00.

HOLSTEIN STEERS: Few Prime 3 1455-1465 lbs 58.00, single crossbred 58.25. Choice 2-3 1405-1560 lbs 55.25-57.25, full 53.25-54.35. Select and low Choice 1-2 1380-1640 lbs 52.25-53.25. **SLAUGHTER HEIFERS:** Individual Choice 2 1265 lbs 61.75 Few Select and low Choice 2-3 1150-1315 lbs 60.75-61.50. Heiferettes: Commercial to Choice 2-4 1030-1325 lbs 47.50-53.50

SLAUGHTER COWS, PERCENT LEAN WEIGHT BULK LOW DRESSING Breakers 75-80 Over 1400 lbs 40.75-46.50, 38.00-40.50 Boners 80-85 Over 1200 lbs 38.00-41.00, 36.00-38.25 Lean (Hi-Yield) 85-88 Over 1200 lbs 37.00-38.00, 32.00-36.75 Lean 88-90 Over 1000 lbs 32.00-37.25, 29.00-32.00 Lean (Light-Wt) 85-90 750-1000 lbs 27.00-32.00, 24.00-27.00

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield grade 1 1500-1750 lbs 46.75-51.00. Yield grade 2 1300-1585 lbs 43.00-46.75, low dressing 1090-2225 lbs 42.00-43.25 **CALVES:** Compared to Monday, veal calves sold mostly steady to instances 10.00 higher. Holstein bull calves returning to the farm sold with a firmer undertone on the calves weighing less than 95 lbs. However, on the bigger lots of 95-125 pounders,

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