

LANCASTER COUNTY LIVESTOCK MARKET AUCTIONS

New Holland Livestock Auction

New Holland, Pa.
Report Supplied By USDA
Monday, October 21, 2002

	Cattle	Calves	Hogs	Sheep	Goats
MONDAY	411	246	0	1304	598
LAST WEEK	369	255	0	813	1225
LAST YEAR	278	239	0	583	1029

CATTLE: Compared to Thursday, lean slaughter cows sold mostly steady on a fairly good run. However, Breaking and Boning cows were few and far between, therefore a trend could not be established. The quality of the supply was very mixed, ranging from very full to fairly gaunt. Buyer attendance remains light for the Monday cow sale, although the few on hand took care of business by not letting the supply affect their demand. Demand continues to be held up by relatively bullish carcass cutouts; which have continued to hold firm for some time now. Slaughter bulls sold about steady on the stock that was comparable. The New Holland bull runs continue to be made up of some very fancy higher dressing type bulls, where as one can imagine bidding is very active. Slaughter cows made up nearly 48 percent of the run.

SLAUGHTER COWS: PERCENT LEAN
WEIGHT BULK LOW DRESSING Breakers 75-80 over 1400 lbs, Boners 80-85 over 1200 lbs 38.25-42.00 Lean (Hi-Yield) 85-88 over 1200 lbs 37.00-37.75 34.25-36.25 Lean 88-90 over 1000 lbs 32.75-37.75 28.50-32.50 Lean (Light-Wt) 85-90 750-1000 lbs 27.75-32.00 24.00-28.50
SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1 1130-1885 lbs 44.25-57.50, few higher dressing bulls 57.00-58.50, full 43.75-44.00. Yield Grade 2 1335-1980 lbs 43.50-45.00, few low dressing 35.75-42.00. Bullocks: Few Select 1-2 1125-1480 lbs 52.75-57.50.

CALVES: Compared to Thursday, veal calves sold steady to 5.00 lower on a fairly good run for a Monday. Holstein bull calves weighing from 95-125 lbs sold 2.00-12.00 lower, with lighter weight bulls trading with a firmer undertone on a light test. Due to the very light supply, Holstein heifers were not tested.

VEALERS: Few Utility 70-115 lbs 11.00-20.00. RETURNED TO FARM: Holstein bulls 95-125 lbs 80.00-112.00, mostly 90.00-105.00; 90 lbs 75.00; 85 lbs 55.00-70.00; 75 lbs 60.00. Few Holstein heifers 90 lbs 57.00; 80 lbs 25.00. Few beef-type bulls 100 lbs 145.00, 90 lbs 110.00; 85 lbs 55.00. Couple beef-type heifers 105 lbs 105.00; 85 lbs 100.00.

SHEEP: Compared to Thursday, slaughter lambs sold firm to 10.00 higher. This is the second week in a row that prices were sharply higher on the lamb supply. It is also interesting to note that this is also the second week that the bulk of the slaughter goat run sold lower, with this psychology failing to spill over into the sheep ring. The majority of the increase in the lamb market was noted on lighter weight 40-80 lb animals, as 90-120 pounders sold mostly steady. Slaughter ewes sold mostly steady to firm on continued good demand.

SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Choice and Prime 2-3 40-80 lbs 100.00-135.00, 90-120 lbs 90.00-100.00.

SLAUGHTER EWES: Good and Choice Yearlings and 2 year-olds 45.00-55.00 Utility and Good 1-3 30.00-45.00
GOATS: Compared

to last week, Kid goats sold firm to 4.00 higher on a light run. Yearlings sold very mixed in sporadic bidding, although the bulk of the run trended 3.00-4.00 lower on the Selection 1 and 2's; with prices slightly higher on the light run of Selection 3 Yearlings. Nannies also sold mixed with lighter weights trading 1.00-4.00 lower, and 100-140 pounders trending with a higher undertone. Wethers sold weak to 4.00 lower, with a good run of Billies trading firm to 4.00 higher, with instances of 10.00-12.00 higher on the lighter weights. It has been a few weeks since there have been some real fancy Billies on the market, and although there was no overflow, the quality was greatly improved as several highly muscled animals moved through the ring. Buyer attendance was fairly good early, with several buyers filling their needs quickly. However, bidding was fairly slow late as the bleachers were relatively empty; and with over 1300 goats on hand, demand was the biggest issue as many buyers already had already filled their orders. Kids: Selection 1 20-40 lbs 48.00-52.00; 40-60 lbs 55.00-60.00. Selection 2 20-40 lbs 28.00-36.00; 40-60 lbs 44.00-48.00. Selection 3 20-40 lbs 20.00-28.00 Yearlings: Selection 1 60-80 lbs 46.00-60.00; 80-100 lbs 62.00-75.00. Selection 2 60-80 lbs 44.00-50.00; 80-100 lbs 52.00-62.00. Selection 3 60-80 lbs 30.00-48.00. Does/Nannies: Selection 1 50-70 lbs 45.00-58.00; 70-100 lbs 56.00-66.00; 100-140 lbs 64.00-88.00. Selection 2 50-70 lbs 40.00-52.00; 70-100 lbs 50.00-52.00; 100-140 lbs 54.00-70.00. Selection 3 50-70 lbs 36.00-44.00. Wethers: 50-70 lbs 56.00-68.00; 70-100 lbs 68.00-88.00; 100-125 lbs 82.00-106.00. Bucks/Billies: Selection 1 70-100 lbs 54.00-82.00; 100-150 lbs 78.00-102.00; 150-250 lbs 102.00-122.00, couple very fancy individuals 148.00-150.00. Selection 2 70-100 lbs 50.00-70.00; 100-150 lbs 65.00-88.00 150-250 lbs 77.00-90.00.

Vintage Livestock Auction

Vintage, Pa.
October 22, 2002
Report Supplied By USDA

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Goats
THIS WEEK	817	752	0	2
LAST WEEK	703	880	8	5
LAST YEAR	629	830	2	0

CATTLE: Compared to Thursday, slaughter steers sold with a firmer undertone on Monday; with Tuesday's supply trading steady to weak. Monday's supply included some very nice fats, and bidding was active due in part to the above average quality stock on offer. On Tuesday the supply was comprised of a lot of over-finished and heavy steers; which buyers were fairly hesitant to procure. A higher close on CME finished steer prices lent support to the producer to kick off the week, with contracts 60 to 122 points higher on Monday and 20 to 62 points higher on Tuesday; also, boxed beef cutout values were nearly 2.00 higher the first two days of the week. Combine climbing futures prices and cutout values, with the Western feedyards moving their fats at mostly 66.00 late last week, and it was definitely setup to benefit the producer. However, due to the very mixed supply over the two day sale, buyers were not sure which direction to take as some of the very fancy Prime steers hit 72.00; while at the same time the bulk of the Choice steers were trading with a weaker

Market At A Glance

Lancaster County Livestock Auction Averages
(Price Per Hundredweight)
Week Ending Friday, October 25, 2002
Supplied By Market Staff

	This Wk	Wk Ago	Yr Ago
Steers, Choice 2-3	66.50	66.25	66.25
Heifers, Choice 2-3	64.60	64.85	65.85
Cows, Breakers, 75-80% lean	43.00	43.50	40.00
Cows, Boners, 80-85% lean	39.50	39.50	38.00
Bulls, YG 1, Ltd.	49.00	49.00	56.50
Hogs, 49-54% lean, Monday	33.25	35.00	35.65
Lambs, Choice/Prime 80-110 lb.	90.00	85.00	70.00

undertone. Holstein steers were in very short supply, with the bulk of the run trading about steady. The slaughter heifer run was also fairly light, with the few on hand trending near steady. Lean slaughter cows sold weak to fully 1.00 lower on an increase in supply, with Breaking and Boning cows trading weak to nearly 2.00 lower on a light test. The supply continues to be flooded with lean cows, with the fleshier types still pretty light. Demand remains fairly good, although when you combine large runs with light buyer attendance, the supply over-takes the demand. The slaughter bull supply was very light, and was not comparable with Thursday's fancy run. The supply included 44 percent steers, 1 percent heifers, 43 percent cows, 17 percent bulls, with the balance feeders.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: High Choice and Prime 2-4 1305-1490 lbs 66.00-70.25, few fancy singles 71.00-72.00. Choice 2-3 1195-1480 lbs 63.35-68.75, mostly 63.50-67.50, heavyweights 1505-1615 lbs 62.75-63.75. Select and low Choice 2-3 1360-1495 lb 63.00-65.75, heavyweights 1545-1670 lbs 55.50-62.50. Select 1-3 1085-1445 lbs 61.25-63.00.

HOLSTEIN STEERS: Few Choice 2-3 1355-1500 lbs 54.00-58.00. Few Select and low Choice 2-3 1250-1545 lbs 48.50-53.75. Few Select 1-2 1250-1305 lbs few 48.00-49.75.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Choice few Prime 2-4 1080-1390 lbs 64.60-66.75. Couple Choice 2-3 1390-1450 lbs 62.00. Select and low Choice 2-3 1180-1320 lbs 58.00-60.75. Heiferettes: Few Commercial to Choice 2-4 845-1350 lbs 54.25-57.25.

SLAUGHTER COWS: PERCENT LEAN

WEIGHT BULK LOW DRESSING Breakers 75-80 Over 1400 lbs 40.25-44.25 38.00-40.00 Boners 80-85 Over 1200 lbs 38.75-41.50 35.25-38.00 Lean (Hi-Yield) 85-88 Over 1200 lbs 36.00-37.75 32.50-36.00 Lean 88-90 Over 1000 lbs 31.75-36.75 27.00-32.00 Lean (Light-Wt) 85-90 750-1000 lbs 27.75-31.50 24.50-27.50

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Few Yield grade 1 1345-2030 lbs 43.75-48.00, couple high dressing 51.75-57.50, few low dressing 42.00.

CALVES: Compared to last Tuesday, veal calves sold fully steady on good buyer attendance and fairly active bidding. Holstein bull calves suitable for special-fed veal barns sold sharply higher in active trading and very good buyer demand. After several weeks of lower prices, a few new buyers entered the market which led to rather active bidding. Holstein heifers sold with a weaker undertone on a very light run. Buyers are still actively pursuing heifers, although with the supply remaining very light, a good market test is hard to come by. The supply included 618 head in the state graded sale, with around 96 percent of the supply returned to feed.

VEALERS: Standard and Good 85-115 lbs 25.00-35.00. Utility 45-85 lbs 12.00-25.00. RETURNED TO FARM: Holstein bulls 95-125 lbs 100.00-122.00; 90 lbs 117.00; 85 lbs 75.00; 80 lbs 32.00. Plainer-type bulls 95-115 lbs 102.00-117.00; 90 lbs 70.00; 83-84 lbs 30.00. Few Holstein heifers 95-125 lbs 485.00-510.00; 84 lbs 325.00. Plainer-type heifers 95-110 lbs 460.00-480.00; 83 lbs 280.00; 73 lbs 100.00. Beef-type bulls 110 lbs 135.00; 95 lbs 45.00. Beef-type heifers 95-125 lbs 125.00-150.00; fancy 80 lb 160.00.

New Holland Livestock Auction
New Holland, Pa.
Thursday, October 24, 2002
Report Supplied By USDA

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Goats
THURSDAY	1339	619	237	341
LAST WEEK	1633	628	170	230
LAST YEAR	1562	679	192	226

CATTLE: Compared to Tuesday, High Choice and Prime slaughter steers sold steady to firm for the entirety of the auction. However, the bulk of the Choice steers sold firm to 50 higher early, with instances of nearly 1.00 higher, only to trade with a lower undertone late. Buyers were in good attendance, and bidding was very active in the early rounds, although the colder temperatures outside definitely cooled the action off inside the ring late. The supply was made up of a good selection of finished steers, and only a handful were over-finished, even the heavyweight stock sold with a higher undertone early. Remember that even with a weaker undertone late most loads still averaged from 65.00-67.00, which is very competitive with the direct market. Holstein steers were in very light supply, with the stock on hand either under-finished or going back on feed. Slaughter heifers were also hard to come by on Thursday, with most of the run too fat, or too old. A good run of slaughter cows sold fully 1.00 higher. A very good showing of Breaking and Boning cows really had buyers paying attention, as it has been a while since a good run of fleshy cows has on offer. The slaughter bull run was not comparable to Tuesdays' very light offering, although the general undertone was sharply higher on the thin test. The supply included 41 percent steers, 7 percent heifers, 33 percent cows, 7 percent bulls, with the balance feeders.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: High Choice and Prime 2-4 1260-1480 lbs 66.25-70.75, couple Yield Grade 5 61.00, few late 65.00 Choice 2-3 1200-1445 lbs 64.00-69.50, late 63.00-67.00, couple high dressing Yield Grade 1-2 70.00-71.00, heavyweights 1510-1605 lbs 62.00-64.50 Select and low Choice 2-3 1140-1455 lbs 60.00-64.00, early 63.00-66.50 Select 1-2 1130-1415 lbs 60.00-66.00, with a few going back on feed 65.00-66.00.

HOLSTEIN STEERS: Choice 2-3 1445-1575 lbs 56.10-58.50. Select and low Choice 1-3 1350-1600 lbs 52.00-53.85. Select 1-2 1250-1670 lbs 50.75-52.00 Standard 1-2 or going back on feed 1250-1380 lbs 47.50-51.35

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Choice 2-3 1150-1295 lbs 63.00-66.25, full 60.50 Heiferettes: Commercial to Choice 2-4 910-1240 lbs 52.00-55.00

SLAUGHTER COWS: Breakers 75-80 percent lean Over 1400 lbs 41.00-45.25, low dressing 38.50-41.50. Boners 80-85 percent lean Over 1200 lbs 39.50-42.00, low dressing 36.50-39.00. Lean (Hi-Yield) 85-88 percent lean Over 1200 lbs 36.75-38.25, low dressing 32.75-37.00. Lean 88-90 percent lean Over 1000 lbs 32.75-37.25, low dressing 29.00-33.00. Lean (Light-Wt) 85-90 percent lean 750-1000 lbs 29.00-32.75, low dressing 25.00-29.00.

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1 1365-1810 lbs 45.25-52.50, high dressers 52.00-59.50 Yield Grade 2 1225-1960 lbs 43.00-45.75, low dressers 42.00-44.00.

CALVES: Compared to Monday, veal calves sold about steady. Holstein bull calves returning to the farm sold sharply higher after opening the week just the op-

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