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posite Buyers were willing to procure calves a little wee higher to fill their end-of-the week demands. Holstein heifers also sold sharply higher in the first really good offering in several weeks. Heifer supplies have been fairly low, with several fancy heifers on offer Thursday It was very clear that buyers welcomed the increase as prices once again broke through the 600 00 barrier. The supply included 370

head in the state graded sale, with around 90 per-cent of the graded run going back on feed VEALERS Standard and Good 85-115 lbs 25 00-30 00 Utility 40-110 lbs 11 00-20 00

RETURNED TO FARM Holstein bulls 95-125 os 110 00-119 00, 91 lbs 70 00, 87 lbs 57 00, 82 lbs 40.00 Plainer-type bulls 95-125 lbs 57.00-109.00. mostly 100 00-109 00. 90 lbs 40 00, 83 lbs 35 00, 77 lbs 30 00 Heifers 95-110 lbs 200 00-630 00, mostly 360 00-510 00, 90 lbs 200 00-540 00, 85 lbs 210 00-380 00, 80 lbs 200 00

SHEEP Compared to Monday, all classes sold mostly steady to firm SLAUGHTER LAMBS Choice and Prime 2-3

40-80 lbs 95 00-130 00, 90-120 lbs 75 00-85 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 Monday, all classes of goats sold mostly steady 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

Yearings 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

 b0-80 ins 30 00-40 00

 Does/Namnies 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;

 44 00-64.00, 100-140 lbs 54 00-66 00 Selection 3

 50-70 lbs 24 00-48.00,

 70-100 lbs 44 00-54 00;

 100 140 lbs 54 00-66 00 Selection 3

 50-70 lbs 24 00-48.00,

 70-100 lbs

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 00-150 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

Lancaster County Weekly Cattle New Holland, Pa.

Report Supplied By USDA Friday, October 25, 2002 CATTLF

CALVES

THIS WEEK	2567	1640
LAST WEEK	2705	1781
LAST YEAR	3201	1748
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steers sold mixed to kick off the week, although mostly steady However, late in the week is when the ride really began as bids opened Thursday's auction trending 50-1 00 higher, only to close the day with a lower undertone. Many producers thought that with the western feedyards moving their steers at mostly 67 00 this week that it would add some strength to the local market, and it didn't hurt that October live cattle contracts at the CME have been in the 69 00 range However, this is not the way the wheel turned late in the week as many of the buyers that send loads west were not carrying the orders to put any more money on their bids. To argue their point there was an increase in Yield Grade 4's, which they really shy away from, and when they pay a few dollars per head for their trucking, etc to get their steers to those Western kill floors, 65 00-68 00 Choice cattle soon turn into much mor than that The High Choice and Prime cattle held firm for the week as most of these cattle are sent to Kosher kills and are then sent on to the upscale East coast steakhouses, where as long as the economy stays on dry ground, consumers will continue to pay for the high quality dining experience Holstein steers were in relatively light supply this week, although demand remains good for the hard-fed stcers, which were hard to come by as most of the Holsteins this week were sent to the packing house with buyers praying for miracles, or they were put back on feed The fed heifer supply was very mixed, from very fancy, very fat, or very aged, therefore a

trend was not established on the light runs Lean slaughter cows sold steady to 1 00 lower to open the , trending 1 00 higher to close the trading period Breaking and Boning cows sold weak to 200 lower to kick off the week, trading fully 1 00 higher at week's end. The cow trade still balances on the usual supply and demand, but more importantly is buyer attendance When only a few buyers set out early in the week to tackle a supply made up of hundreds of cows, things get kind of ugly The same holds true late in the week when buyer attendance is improved, prices improve as well. Slaughter bull runs were very light early in the week, with a good run late in the week not tested due to those light early runs Local slaughter buils remain in very good demand, as most of the supply is made up of ome very fancy stock This week's supply included 37 percent steers, 8 percent heifers, 39 percent cows, 6 percent bulls, and 10 percent feeders

SLAUGHTER STEERS High Choice and Prime 2-4 1260-1490 lbs 66 00-70 75, few fancy singles 71 00-72 00, couple Yield Grade 5 61 00, few late in the week 65.00 Choice 2-3 1195-1480 lbs 63 35-69 50, late in the week 63 00-67 00, couple high dressing Yield Grade 1-2 70 00-71 00, heavy-weights 1505-1615 lbs 62 00-64 50 Select and low Choice 2-3 1140-1495 lbs 62 00-65 75, late in the week 63 00-66 50, heavyweights 1545-1670 lbs 55.50-62 50 Select 1-2 1085-1445 lbs 60 00-64 00, with a few going back on feed 65 00-66 00

HOLSTEIN STEERS Choice 2-3 1355-1575 lbs 54 00-58.50 Select and low Choice 1-3 1250-1545 lbs 48 50-53 85 Select 1-2 1250-1670 lbs 50 75-52 00, early in the week 48 00-49 75 Standard 1-2 or going back on feed 1250-1380 lbs 47 50-51.35

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Choice, few Prime 2-4 1080-1390 lbs 64 60-66 75 Choice 2-3 1150-1450 lbs 63 00-66.25, full 60 50 Select and low Choice 2-3 1180-1320 lbs 58 00-60 75 Heiferettes Commercial to Choice 2-4 910-1240 lbs 52 00- 57 25

SLAUGHTER COWS Breakers 75-80% lean over 1400 lbs 40 25-44 25, low dressing 38 00-40 00 Boners 80-85% lean over 1200 lbs 38 25-42 00, low dressing 35 25-38 00 Lean (Hi-Yield) 85-88% lean over 1200 lbs 36 00-37 75, low dressing 32 50-36 25 LeanWt) 85-90% lean 750-1000 lbs 27 75-32 00, low dressing 24 00-28 50

SLAUGHTER BULLS Few Yield grade 1 1130-2030 lbs 43 75-57 50, high dressing 57 00-58 50 Yield Grade 2 1335-1980 lbs 43 50-45 00, low dressing 35 75-42 00 Bullocks Few Select 1-2 1125-1480 lbs 52 75-57 50

CALVES Compared to last week, veal calves sold mostly steady, to instances 5.00 lower early in the week Holstein bulls suitable for special-fed barns sold as much as 1500 lower to kick off the week on light demand. However, bids were greatly improved late in the week as prices trended sharply higher Last week fancy buils struggled to hit the 100 00 mark, as this weeks supply broke the 120 00 barrier Compared to the prices of several weeks ago, this is a small victory for producers, although a larger victory if prices continue on their uptrend Much of the increase late in the week could be attributed to the usual end of the week rush to fill imme diate orders, although last week this rush never came Holstein heifers were not well tested early in the week, although by the time Thursday rolled around heifers were back to bringing over 600 00 for the fancy ones. It has been a while since prices have reached this level, with demand definitely picking back up.

VEALERS Standard and Good 85-115 lbs 25 00-35 00 Utility 45-85 lbs 11 00-25 00

RETURNED TO FARM Holstein Bulls 95-125 lbs 80 00-122 00, 90 lbs 75 00-117 00, 85 lbs 55 00-75 00, 75 lbs 60 00 Planer-type bulls 95-115 lbs 100 00-117 00, 90 lbs 40 00-70 00, 83-84 lbs 30 00-35.00, 77 lbs 30 00 Holstein heifers 95-125 lbs 485 00-510 00, 290 00-630 00 late in the week, 90 lbs 200.00-540 00, 84-85 lbs 210 00-380 00, 80 lbs 200 00 Plainer-type heifers 95-110 lbs 460 00-480 00, 83 lbs 280 00, 73 lbs 100.00 Beeftype buils 100-110 lbs 135.00-145 00, 90 lbs 110 00, 85 lbs 55 00 Beef-type heifers 95-125 lbs 125 00-150 00, 105 lbs 105 00, 85 lbs 100 00, fancy 80 lb 160 00

Pennsylvania **Livestock Auction** Waynesburg, Pa. Thursday, Oct. 24, 2002

Report Supplied By Auction

Cattle STOCK COWS 37 00-46 50 SLAUGH TER COWS Utility & Commercial 35 00-40 00, Canner & Boning Utility 33 00-37 50, Cutter & Utility 30 00-37 00, Canner & Low Cutter

30 00-34 50. Shells 30 00 & down BULLS YIELD GRADE 1 1500#-2000# 39 00-52 50. YIELD GRADE 2 1000#-1400# 38 00-55 00

FEEDER STEERS M & L 1 300-500# 80 00-93 00 250-280# 80 00-95 00, M 600-900# 55 00-85 00

HEIFERS M 1 & L 1 300-500# 70 00-78 00, L 1 400-650# 60 00-78 00

BULLS M & L 1 300-620# 70 00-94 00 CALVES Veal Prime 70 00-85 00, Choice 60 00-84 00, Good 35 00-70 00, Farm Calves #1 Holstein Bulls 90-120# Few 35 00-115 00, #2 Holstein Bulls 80-100# Few 10 00-50 00, Beef - Bull & Hfrs /Hd 50 00-34 00

HOGS Barrows & Gilts #1-2 210-255# 30 00-38 00, #2-1 255-280# 28 00-40 00, Sows #1-3 300-500# 17 00-35 00, Feeder Pigs 1-3 15-20# 5 00-17 00/Hd 1-3 25-35# 10 00-41 00/Hd

LAMBS High Choice 80-100# 60 00-87 00, Choice 40-75# 60 00-114 00. Feeder Lambs Good 50 00-95 00, Sheep 16 00-32 00; Fat Sheep 20 00 and

GOATS Large 45 00-125 00/Hd , Medium 30 00-70 00/Hd , Small 10 00-30 00/Hd

HORSES Horses 20 00-52 00, Ponies 20 00-48 00

Indiana

Livestock Auction Homer City, Pa. Thursday, October 24, 2002

Report Supplied By PDA CATTLE 159 STEERS STEADY COWS STEADY TO 3 00 LOWER

STEERS CHOICE 1-3 1190/1350 LBS 64 00.

66 50 SELECT 1-2 58 00, 62 00 HOLSTEIN STEERS CHOICE 2-3 1450/1560 LBS 52 50, 54 00

HEIFERS CHOICE 1-3 1050/1355 LBS, 62 25, 65 75 STANDARD 1-2 47 00, 55 00 COWS BREAKERS 75-80% LEAN 37 00, 43 25

ONE AT 45 50 BONERS 80-85% LEAN 32.25, 37 50 LEAN 85-90% LEAN 27 50, 33 00 SHELLS

27 00 AND DOWN BULLS YIELD GRADE 2 990/1680 LBS 37 00. 44 25

AT 75 00, 530/700, 64 00, 70 00 L-3 500/775, 38 00 47 50

HEIFERS M&L-1 - 495/560, 65 00, 68 00 M&L-

300/700, 47 50, 58 50 M&L-3 - 440/750, 35 00,

CALVES 79 STANDARD & GOOD 65/125 LBS 20 00, 37 50 UTILITY 50/60 LBS 10 00, 15 00

FARM CALVES HOLSTEIN BULLS STEADY TO 10 00 LOWER NO 1 90/125 LBS 75 00, 100 00 NO 2 90/115 LBS 50 00, 75 00 HOLSTEIN HEIFERS NO 1 85/90 LBS 420 00, 450 00 NO 2 80/115 LBS 200 00, 280 00 BEEF TYPE BULLS AND HEIFERS 80/115 LBS 100 00, 110 00, 130

AND HEIFERS 40/13 LBS 10/00, 10/00, 10/00, 12/00, 12/00, 10/00, 12/00, 1 LBS 19 00, 23 50 MEDIUM 275/295 LBS 9 50, 13 50, BOARS 300/545, 6 00, 13 00 FEEDER PIGS 30 1-2 80/90 LBS 23 00, 26 00 3

70/80 LBS 9 00, 15 00 PER HD/CWT SHEEP 10 CHOICE 90 LBS 2 AT 87 00 SLAUGHTER SHEEP 16 00, 28 00

Jersey Shore

Jersey Shore, Pa. Report Supplied By Auction

GOOD VEAL 30.00-69 00

CHOICE STEERS 64 00-65 00 SELECT STEERS 60 00-63 00

COMMERCIAL COWS

CANNERS/CUTTERS 25 00-31 00

CHOICE HEIFERS 62 00-64 00 SELECT HEIFERS 55 00-61 00 COMMON HEIFERS 44 00-54 00 GOOD FEEDERS 65 00-78 00

USDA Declares Disaster For 54 Counties

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) - Gov. Mark Schweiker applauded the USDA's decision to grant his request for a disaster declaration for 54 counties.

"These counties have been struck hard by the ongoing drought in Pennsylvania," Schweiker said. "This disaster declaration will provide much needed help for Pennsylvania farmers.'

In addition, the 11 surrounding counties may be eligible for assistance as a result of the declaration.

To qualify for federal disaster assistance, farmers must have realized at least a 30 percent loss for a single crop. These farmers are eligible to apply for low-interest loans from USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA). Livestock farmers in the disaster area also are eligible to apply for USDA livestock payments.

"Pennsylvania agriculture suffered an average of 46 percent crop loss statewide — a huge economic hit for our farmers," said Agriculture Secre-tary Sam Hayes. "With this disaster declaration, our farmers can get much needed financial assistance to help us get to the next cropping season."

In August, FSA conducted a statewide assessment of crop losses, which determined that there was at least 30 percent damage to at least one crop in 54 counties. Based on these results, Schweiker requested that the USDA declare a disaster in September.

Assistance also is available to farmers through the Pennsylvania Crop Insurance Program.

"Millions of dollars will go to participating farmers this year due to appropriations made by the governor and state lawmakers," said Hayes. "In just a few years, the number of crop insurance policies has increased from 6,000 to approximately 15,000 this year. We'll continue this risk management program on behalf of participating farmers."

In the next year, Hayes estimates that the Department of Agriculture will offer more than \$200 million in protection over the next year.

Most of Pennsylvania has been under a drought warning or drought emergency since early in 2002. This was caused by lack of adequate rainfall over the previous 12 months. For many producers, this is the second severe drought in four years.

For more information on drought, visit the PA PowerPort at www.state.pa.us, PA Keyword: "drought."

Following are the counties listed under the disaster declaration:

Disaster counties: Adams, Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Bedford, Berks, Blair, Bradford, Bucks, Butler, Cambria, Cameron, Carbon, Centre, Chester, Clearfield, Clinton, Columbia, Cumberland, Dauphin, Elk, Forest, Franklin, Fulton, Huntingdon, Indiana, Juniata, Lackawanna, Lancaster, Lawrence, Lebanon, Lehigh, Luzerne, Lycoming, McKean, Mifflin, Monroe, Montgomery, Montour, Northamption, Perry, Pike, Potter, Schuylkill, Snyder, Somerset, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Union, Venango, Wayne, Wyoming, and York.

Contiguous disaster counties: Clarion, Crawford, Delaware, Fayette, Jefferson, Mercer, Philadelphia, Tioga, Warren, Washington, and Westmoreland.

Greenbrier Valley, W.Va. **Feeder Cattle Sale** Charleston, W. Va. October 23, 2002

Report Supplied By USDA GREFNBRIER VALLY SPECIAL FEEDFR CATTLE SAIE, Oct 21 -539 head

STEERS 322 head Med/Lge 1 300-400 lb 85-94 00, 400-500 lb 85-89 00, 500-600 lb 75-81 00, 600-700 lb 74 75-76 00, 700-800 lb 77 00, 800-900 lb 73 50 Med/Lge 2 300-400 lb 80-94 00, 400-500 lb 86 00, 500-600 lb 59-60 00, 600-700 lb 71 00, 700-800 lb 71 00, Small 1-2, 300-400 lb 81-85 00

HEIFERS 217 head Med/Lge 1 300-400 lb 71 50, 400-500 lb 71-73 75, 500-600 lb 64 50-70 75, 600-700 lb 65 00, 700-800 lb 70 75, 800-900 lb 68 00 Med /Lge 2 300-400 lb 65 00, 400-500 lb 70 50-72 50, 500-600 lb 65-67 00, 600-700 lb 63 00



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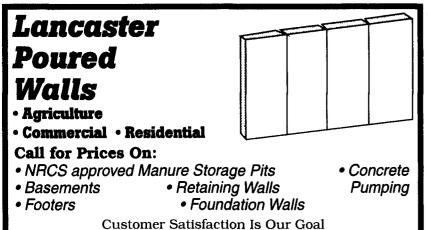
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BULLS 38 00-44 50

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