

# LANCASTER COUNTY LIVESTOCK MARKET AUCTIONS

## New Holland Livestock Auction

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

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Goats
MONDAY	394	256	1040	1188
LAST WEEK	411	247	598	1274
LAST YEAR	376	221	1193	1022

**CATTLE:** Compared to Thursday, lean slaughter cows sold mostly steady on a fairly good run. Breaking and Boning cows sold mostly steady to weak, with instances of 1.00 lower. Fleshy cow receipts were fairly light, although those on hand were in very good condition. Bidding was moderate to active on all classes, and bids may have been higher on the Breaking cows had there been a stronger run. Buyer attendance was higher when compared to last Monday, which caused prices to hold fairly steady; considering bids have been several dollars lower to begin the week over the past few Mondays. Slaughter bulls sold mostly steady to weak on continued attractive runs. Slaughter cows made up nearly 53 percent of the run.

**SLAUGHTER COWS: PERCENT LEAN WEIGHT BULK LOW DRESSING** Breakers 75-80 over 1400 lbs 41.25-44.25 38.00-41.50 Boners 80-85 over 1200 lbs 38.50-41.25 36.00-38.00 Lean (Hi-Yield) 85-88 over 1200 lbs 36.25-38.50 32.00-35.75 Lean 88-90 over 1000 lbs 32.25-37.50 29.50-32.00 Lean (Light-Wt) 85-90 750-1000 lbs 29.50-32.00 24.50-29.00 **SLAUGHTER BULLS:** Yield Grade 1 1255-2140 lbs 45.00-51.50, couple high dressers 58.50-60.00, few low dressing 42.00-43.50. Yield Grade 2 1025-2010 lbs 44.00-46.00. Bullocks: Few low Select 1-2 900-1390 lbs 44.75-49.00.

**CALVES:** Compared to Thursday, veal calves sold steady to weak on a very light run. Holstein bull calves sold with a weaker undertone on only moderate bidding. Buyers were in good attendance, but seemed only mildly interested in procuring calves early in the week. The bull run was made up of primarily average type stock, with bidding very sporadic at times due to the quality. Receipts were very light on the heifer supply; therefore a trend was not established. However, the light run trended with a lower undertone. There has not been enough large slaughter calves over the past few weeks to ensure an adequate market test. However, the supply was comprised of some fairly good calves, with bidding active even though buyer attendance was light.

**LARGE CALVES:** Good and Choice 200-300 lbs 67.00-79.00; 300-400 lbs 59.00-69.00; 400-500 lbs 56.00-63.00, fancy individual 78.00; 650-700 lbs 50.00-58.00.

**VEALERS:** Few Utility 70-115 lbs 11.00-17.00. **RETURNED TO FARM:** Holstein bulls 95-125 lbs 85.00-117.00, mostly 100.00-115.00; 90 lbs 70.00-92.00; 80-85 lbs 35.00-90.00, mostly 40.00-65.00; few 75 lbs 30.00-80.00. Few Holstein heifers 95-115 lbs 265.00-595.00. **SHEEP:** Compared to Thursday, all classes of sheep sold mostly steady on an increase in receipts. Buyers did not seem to be bothered by the higher numbers as bidding was fairly active.

**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 were not tested due to a light run made up of mostly 20-40 pounders. Yearlings sold 2.00 to as much as 10.00 higher on a very good run. The yearling supply was made up of some very nice stock, especially early; where bidding was very active as buyers welcomed the increase in both quality and receipts. Nannies sold very mixed, although mostly weaker on a fairly plain run; however, due to the light Nanny supply, the top was never tested. Wethers sold steady to 11.00 higher on a very good run. Early in the sale a very fancy consignment of Wethers drew a lot of attention, and bidding was very active throughout the sale the heavier muscled supply. Billies drew energy from the Wether supply trending sharply higher. The Billie run was above average, and it was apparent buyers are still willing to pay top dollar for the heavy muscled stock. Kids: Selection 1 20-40 lbs 44.00-50.00. Selection 2 20-40 lbs 31.00-44.00. Selection 3 20-40 lbs 20.00-31.00. Yearlings: Selection 1 60-80 lbs 56.00-66.00; 80-100 lbs few 60.00-64.00. Selection 2 60-80 lbs 50.00-64.00. Selection 3 60-80 lbs 36.00-50.00. Does/Nannies: Selection 1 50-70 lbs 45.00-58.00; 70-100 lbs 51.00-64.00; 100-140 lbs 68.00-74.00, fat 58.00. Selection 2 50-70 lbs 40.00-45.00; 70-100 lbs 43.00-56.00; 100-140 lbs few 54.00-60.00. Selection 3 50-70 lbs 34.00-48.00, thin 24.00; 70-100 lbs 36.00-50.00. Wethers: 50-70 lbs 56.00-79.00; 70-100 lbs 76.00-92.00; 100-125 lbs 90.00-105.00, full 64.00. Bucks/Billies: Selection 1 70-100 lbs 61.00-84.00; 100-150 lbs 84.00-118.00; 150-250 lbs 110.00-144.00, few individuals 160.00-162.00. Selection 2 70-100 lbs few 64.00-66.00; 100-150 lbs 64.00-78.00; 150-250 lbs 78.00-116.00. Selection 3 70-100 lbs 42.00-60.00.

## Vintage Livestock Auction

Vintage, Pa.  
October 29, 2002  
Report Supplied By USDA

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Goats
THIS WEEK	897	916	0	1
LAST WEEK	817	775	0	2
LAST YEAR	777	806	2	1

Compared to Thursday, slaughter steers sold mostly steady on Monday, only to trade with a lower undertone on Tuesday. The supply was very mixed over the two day sale which caused buying activity to be very sporadic. Buyers did show some interest in owning the High Choice and Prime stock, the only problem was the fancy types were in light supply. Although, there was an increase in receipts as nearly 400 head of steers went through the ring. Holstein steers were in relatively light supply, with most of the supply not comparable to Thursday. Fat Holstein buyers are becoming fairly rare, which is leading to uncertain demand. Slaughter heifers were in very light supply, with the few comparable groups trending with a lower undertone. Lean slaughter cows sold fully 1.00 lower on an uneven supply, with Breaking and Boning cows trending 1.00-2.00 lower. There was a good run of fletcher cows, although buyer activity was light. Due to the very light run of slaughter bulls, a trend was not established. The supply included 42 percent steers, 13 percent

## Market At A Glance

Lancaster County Livestock Auction Averages  
(Price Per Hundredweight)  
Week Ending Friday, November 1, 2002  
Supplied By Market Staff

	This Wk	Wk Ago	Yr Ago
Steers, Choice 2-3	65.75	66.50	66.25
Heifers, Choice 2-3	62.50	64.60	65.10
Cows, Breakers, 75-80% lean	39.00	43.00	40.75
Cows, Boners, 80-85% lean	36.00	39.50	38.25
Bulls, YG 1, ltd.	48.25	49.00	54.75
Hogs, 49-54% lean, Monday	26.85	33.25	35.00
Lambs, Choice/Prime 80-110 lb.	95.00	90.00	68.00

heifers, 43 percent cows, 2 percent bulls, with the balance feeders.

**SLAUGHTER STEERS:** High Choice and Prime 2-4 1215-1495 lbs 66.00-70.00. Choice 2-3 1185-1480 lbs 63.50-68.25, few high dressing Charlois-X 68.50-70.25. Select and low Choice 2-3 1125-1460 lbs 63.58-65.75, full 62.00; heavyweights 1500-1605 lbs 57.75-61.50. Select 1-3 1310-1435 lbs 61.25-63.75; heavyweights 1510-1665 lbs 57.00-62.00.

**HOLSTEIN STEERS:** Few Choice 2-3 1355-1545 lbs 54.75-55.75. Select and low Choice 2-3 1120-1405 lbs 52.00-54.00. Select 1-2 1415-1615 lbs 48.25-49.25.

**SLAUGHTER HEIFERS:** Choice 2-3 1165-1480 lbs 61.75-63.60. Select and low Choice 2-3 1120-1405 lbs 59.75-62.25. Heifettes: Commercial to Choice 2-4 1165-1579 lbs 54.00-57.75.

**SLAUGHTER COWS: PERCENT LEAN WEIGHT BULK LOW DRESSING** Breakers 75-80 Over 1400 lbs 37.75-41.50 34.50-37.50 Boners 80-85 Over 1200 lbs 36.00-39.75 30.75-36.00 Lean (Hi-Yield) 85-88 Over 1200 lbs 33.00-36.25 29.50-32.75 Lean 88-90 Over 1000 lbs 31.00-35.00 26.50-31.00 Lean (Light-Wt) 85-90 750-1000 lbs 27.75-31.75 23.00-28.50 **SLAUGHTER BULLS:** Yield grade 1 1345-1995 lbs 44.50-46.50, couple high dressing 53.50-54.25, full 41.75.

**CALVES:** Compared to last Tuesday, veal calves sold steady to 5.00 higher on good buyer interest and an increase in receipts. Holstein bull calves suitable for special-fed veal barns sold sharply lower in inactive bidding. Buyer interest remains very light for bulls for the second week in a row. Holstein heifers sold steady to

firm on a very light test. It is apparent that buyers are willing to procure heifers in the 600.00 range, although demand continues to vary due to the wavering supply. The supply included 697 head in the state graded sale, with around 96 percent of the supply returned to feed.

**VEALERS:** Standard and Good 85-115 lbs 25.00-40.00. Utility 45-85 lbs 15.00-25.00, lightweight 10.00-15.00. **RETURNED TO FARM:** Holstein Bulls 95-125 lbs 72.00-97.00; 90 lbs 50.00-75.00; 80-85 lbs 35.00. Plainer-type bulls 95-115 lbs 40.00-67.00; 90 lbs 35.00-47.00; 83-84 lbs 42.00-44.00. Weaker bulls 95-125 lbs 35.00-70.00, mostly 40.00-55.00; 90 lbs 40.00-45.00; 85 lbs 40.00; 80 lbs 45.00. Few beef-type bulls 95-105 lbs 100.00-120.00. Holstein heifers 95-115 lbs 485.00-530.00; 84 lbs 275.00. Plainer-type heifers 95-110 lbs 410.00-485.00; 82 lbs 240.00; 73 lbs 90.00; 63 lbs 55.00. Beef-type heifers 95-100 lbs 140.00; 90 lbs 120.00; 85 lbs 100.00; 80 lbs 80.00; fancy 75 lb individual 120.00.

## New Holland Livestock Auction

New Holland, Pa.  
Thursday, October 31, 2002  
Report Supplied By USDA

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Goats
THURSDAY	1507	684	248	308
LAST WEEK	1339	619	237	341
LAST YEAR	1218	627	271	118

**CATTLE:** Compared to Tuesday, slaughter steers mostly steady, although some closing sales .50-.75 lower. Holstein steers mostly steady. Slaughter heifers scarce, small supply steady to weak. Cows 1.00-2.00 lower. Bulls not fully tested. Supply included 42 percent slaughter steers and 35 percent cows.

**SLAUGHTER STEERS:** High Choice and Prime 2-4 1250-1400 lbs 66.25-68.00. Choice and Prime 2, few 3 1150-1425 lbs 67.25-69.00, three head 70.25-71.50. Choice 2-3, few 4 1135-1450 lbs 63.50-67.75, 3-4 1450-1500 lbs 62.75-63.85, few 1550-1575 lbs 56.75-60.00. Select and low Choice 2-3 1100-1450 lbs 61.50-64.50. Select 1-3 1100-1450 lbs 58.50-61.00.

**HOLSTEIN STEERS:** High Choice and Prime 2-3 1420-1525 lbs 57.00-58.75, few 1625-1750 lbs 47.75-50.75. Choice 2-3 1325-1550 lbs 54.00-57.00. Select and low Choice 2-3 1200-1450 lbs 51.00-54.50. Select 1-2 1200-1600 lbs 47.50-51.50.

**SLAUGHTER HEIFERS:** Few Choice 2-3 1135-1350 lbs 60.50-63.75. Select and low Choice 2-3 1100-1450 lbs 56.50-60.00. Select 1-3 1100-1350 lbs 50.00-54.50.

**SLAUGHTER COWS: PERCENT LEAN WEIGHT BULK LOW DRESSING** Breakers 75-80 Over 1400 lbs 35.50-42.00 33.00-35.00 Boners 80-85 Over 1200 lbs 34.00-40.00 32.00-34.00 Lean (Hi-Yield) 85-88 Over 1200 lbs 31.00-36.00 29.50-31.00 Lean 88-90 Over 1000 lbs 27.00-33.00 25.50-27.00 Lean (Light-Wt) 85-90 750-1000 lbs 25.50-29.00 22.00-29.00 **SLAUGHTER BULLS:** Yield Grade 1 1545-1975 lbs 44.00-49.50. Yield grade 2 1100-1845 lbs 42.00-45.00. Bullocks: Couple Choice 2-3 1200-1590 lbs 50.50-54.50.

**CALVES:** Compared to Monday, small supply veal calves sold 2.00-5.00 higher. Holstein bull calves returning to the farm sold mostly steady. Holstein heifers sold mostly steady. The supply included 411 head in the state graded sale, with around 87 percent of the graded run going back on feed.

**VEALERS:** Few Good and Choice 145-195 lbs 78.00-89.00. Standard and Good 85-115 lbs 25.00-40.00. Utility 55-100 lbs 15.00-20.00.

**RETURNED TO FARM:** Holstein bulls 90-125 lbs 97.00-111.00, 25 head 95 lbs 124.00; 80-90 lbs 85.00-100.00. Plainer-type bulls 90-115 lbs 52.00-70.00, 75-90 lbs 30.00-50.00. Small supply 90-100 lbs Heifers 410.00-575.00. Plainer-type Heifers 85-110 lbs 17.00-37.00; 70-80 lbs 80.00-140.00. **SHEEP:** Compared to Monday, all classes sold mostly steady. **SLAUGHTER LAMBS:** Choice and Prime 2-3 40-80 lbs 100.00-140.00; 90-120 lbs 85.00-100.00.

**SLAUGHTER EWES:** Good and Choice Yearlings and 2 year-olds 40.00-55.00. Utility and Good 1-3 30.00-45.00. **GOATS:** Compared

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