

LANCASTER COUNTY LIVESTOCK MARKET AUCTIONS

New Holland Livestock Auction

New Holland, Pa.
Report Supplied By USDA
Monday, November 4, 2002

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Goats
MONDAY	505	257	1091	1776
LAST WEEK	394	256	1040	1188
LAST YEAR	307	222	646	1014

CATTLE: Compared to Thursday, lean slaughter cows sold steady to firm on a mixed supply. Conditions ranged from empty to full, with the recent colder weather definitely starting to show on the weaker cows. Flesher cows sold mostly weaker, with instances of 100 lower on the Breaking cow supply. Buyer attendance was very light, as it has been over the past month. There remains a steady flow of slaughter cows coming to town, with cow cutout values trending around steady, and demand remain about steady as well. Slaughter bulls sold steady to weak. The bull run was made up of mostly average quality stock, with the usual high dressers trading at a premium to the bulk. Slaughter cows made up nearly 42 percent of the run.

SLAUGHTER COWS: PERCENT LEAN WEIGHT BULK LOW DRESSING Breakers 75-80 over 1200 lbs 34.50-39.00 31.00-34.50 Lean (HI-Yield) 85-88 over 1200 lbs 32.50-36.25 28.00-32.50 Lean 88-90 over 1000 lbs 28.00-33.00 25.00-28.00 Lean (Light-Wt) 85-90 750-1000 lbs 25.50-29.00 22.00-25.00 **SLAUGHTER BULLS:** Yield Grade 1 1055-1805 lbs 43.00-51.00, high dressing individual 53.50, few low dressing 42.00-43.00 Yield Grade 2 1060-1950 lbs 41.50-43.50, low dressing and lightweight 35.50-41.75. Bullocks: Few Select 2 820-1045 lbs 45.75-50.50, individual 52.00

CALVES: Compared to Thursday, veal calves sold steady to weak on a light test Holstein bull calves returning to the farm sold with a lower undertone. Bidding was only moderate to kick off the week, with buyers being very selective on the quality of the supply available. There were not enough Holstein heifers on offer for a market test.

SLAUGHTER CALVES: Good and Choice fancy 365 lb individual 80.00; 400-500 lbs 62.00-67.00, plain-quality 53.00-54.00; 500-550 lbs 44.00-48.00.

VEALERS: Few Utility 70-95 lbs 11.00-20.00 **RETURNED TO FARM:** Holstein bulls 95-125 lbs 90.00-107.00; 90 lbs 60.00-65.00; 80-85 lbs 35.00-70.00, mostly 35.00-42.00, few 80 lbs 27.00. Plain-type bulls 95-110 lbs 60.00-80.00, mostly 65.00-77.00 Few Holstein heifers 115 lbs 300.00; 80 lbs 210.00; 70 lbs 70.00.

SHEEP: Compared to Thursday, 50-70 lb slaughter lambs sold mixed, although a lower undertone was noted. Heavier 90-120 lb lambs sold 5.00-10.00 higher in active bidding. Slaughter ewes sold mostly steady on a very good run.

SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Choice and Prime 2-3 50-70 lbs 110.00-125.00; 90-120 lbs 95.00-105.00.

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 5.00-10.00 lower. Lighter weight Yearlings sold weaker, with 80-100 lb Yearlings trading with a higher undertone. A very large consignment of Yearlings late in the sale sold from 71.00-79.00 in very active bidding; and goes to show that there is still something to be said about raising higher quality goats. Nannies sold mostly 3.00-6.00 lower on a very plain supply. Wethers sold 4.00-10.00 lower, with Billies trading sharply lower. A few highly muscled Billies sold higher than last week's run as buyers are still interested in owning the good ones. However, the quality of Monday's run was very mixed, with most of the goats very plain. Also, with nearly 1800 head on offer, the supply definitely outweighed the demand on all classes. Kids: Selection 1 20-40 lbs 36.00-44.00; pkg 55 lbs 62.00 Selection 2 20-40 lbs 26.00-34.00; package 50 lbs 42.00. Yearlings: Selection 1 60-80 lbs 54.00-68.00; 80-100 lbs

69.00-78.00. Selection 2 60-80 lbs 46.00-58.00. Selection 3 70-100 lbs 45.00-53.00. Selection 4 70-100 lbs 42.00-50.00. Selection 5 70-100 lbs 40.00-48.00. Selection 6 70-100 lbs 38.00-46.00. Selection 7 70-100 lbs 36.00-44.00. Selection 8 70-100 lbs 34.00-42.00. Wethers: 50-70 lbs 56.00-72.00; 70-100 lbs 72.00-82.00; 100-125 lbs 82.00-92.00, early 66.00-74.00. Bucks/Billies: Selection 1 70-100 lbs 64.00-76.00; 100-150 lbs 80.00-92.00; 150-250 lbs 92.00-112.00, couple 142.00, with a very fancy individual at 185.00. Selection 2 70-100 lbs 60.00-64.00; 100-150 lbs 64.00-78.00; few 150-250 lbs 77.00-92.00. Selection 3 70-100 lbs 40.00-54.00.

Vintage Livestock Auction

Vintage, Pa.
November 5, 2002
Report Supplied By USDA

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Goats
THIS WEEK	930	752	0	0
LAST WEEK	908	752	0	0
LAST YEAR	926	732	16	1

Compared to Thursday, slaughter steers sold firm to .50 higher, with the bottom end of the Choice cattle trending as much as 1.00 higher. Tuesday's supply included several consignments of very well finished steers, with the finish on Monday's supply about average. Bidding was relatively active on the bulk of the run, and very active on the higher quality stock. However, there is still room for improvement as the Western direct market moved 35-65 percent Choice steers at mostly 68.00 late last week. Which is important, as most local feeders are accustomed to a 2.00-3.00 premium when compared to the Western market; and rightfully so as the bulk of the Eastern-fed cattle stay on feed for greater periods than do the cattle in the larger feeding operations of the Midwest, which turns out a better finished product. Holstein steers sold steady to firm, as several hard-fed Holsteins drew very good buyer interest. The slaughter heifer supply was fairly light, although the few on hand sold steady to firm. Lean slaughter cows sold with a lower undertone, with Breaking and Boning cows trading sharply lower. Buyer attendance was light, with the few on hand struggling to keep up with the 400 head supply. The flesher cows suffered much worse than the lean cows, as bids were 2.00-4.00 lower. Slaughter bulls also trended lower on a very light run. The supply included 40 percent steers, 8 percent heifers, 46 percent cows 23 percent bulls, with the balance feeders.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: High Choice and Prime 2-4 1230-1450 lbs 66.10-69.50, few 71.00-72.75. Choice 2-3 1240-1470 lbs 65.00-68.25, few up to 69.25, full 63.00, few Yield Grade 5 58.00, heavyweights 1500-1610 lbs 58.00-60.75. Select and low Choice 2-3 1230-1439 lbs 63.00-65.10, 65.25-66.00 late, heavyweights 1470-1595 lbs 58.00-63.75. Few Select 1-3 1170-1250 lbs 61.50-63.10.

HOLSTEIN STEERS: High Choice and Prime 2-3 1440-1510 lbs 57.25-58.85, couple cross-breeds 60.25. Choice 2-3 1350-1600 lbs 54.00-57.75. Select and low Choice 2-3 1450-1590 lbs 51.50-53.00. Select 1-2 1250-1500 lbs 50.00-52.00.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Choice few Prime 2-4 1045-1360 lbs 63.50-65.25, couple yield grade 4 60.25-60.50. Select and low Choice 2-3 1030-1240 lbs 58.00-59.00. Select 1-3 1270-1490 lbs 52.75-57.25 Heiferettes: Commercial to Choice 2-4 1050-1225 lbs 53.75-54.00.

SLAUGHTER COWS: PERCENT LEAN WEIGHT BULK LOW DRESSING Breakers 75-80 Over 1400 lbs 34.00-38.00 32.75-34.00 Boners 80-85 Over 1200 lbs 33.00-35.00 31.00-33.00 Lean (HI-Yield)

Market At A Glance

Lancaster County Livestock Auction Averages
(Price Per Hundredweight)
Week Ending Friday, November 8, 2002
Supplied By Market Staff

	This Wk	Wk Ago	Yr Ago
Steers, Choice 2-3	67.35	65.75	65.00
Heifers, Choice 2-3	65.25	62.50	64.25
Cows, Breakers, 75-80% lean	37.75	39.00	42.00
Cows, Boners, 80-85% lean	34.00	36.00	38.50
Bulls, YG 1, Ltd.	47.00	48.25	55.50
Hogs, 49-54% lean, Monday	29.10	26.86	36.35
Lambs, Choice/Prime 80-110 lb.	98.00	95.00	69.00

New Holland Livestock Auction

New Holland, Pa.
Thursday, November 7, 2002
Report Supplied By USDA

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Goats
THURSDAY	1321	671	282	375
LAST WEEK	1507	684	282	375
LAST YEAR	1303	651	286	402

CATTLE: Compared to Tuesday, slaughter steers sold fully 1.00-2.00 higher. Bidding was extremely active early, tapering off slightly towards the end of the light run as quality tended to be lower. Buyers came in with their guns blazing, as bids matched the fancy supply blow for blow. Demand could have been supported by the lighter run, as Thursday's supply was over 200 head lighter than last week. However, with the direct feed yards moving their low Choice fats at 68.00, these longer and harder-fed eastern cattle should hold a premium to the Western market; this thinking was farmer supportive, and it doesn't hurt that the December live cattle contract at the CME is above 73.00, with the February contract sitting above 76.00. Slaughter heifer buyers also joined in as prices trended 1.00-2.00 higher on the attractive offering. It has been a while since a good run of fat heifers went through the ring, and it was a welcome change to see some well finished stock. Holstein steers sold firm to 1.00 higher as spillover from the colored cattle lent support. Holstein numbers were also higher, and with the increase there was also a noticeable increase in quality. Holstein weights were not extremely heavy, as they have been over the last few runs; and buyers took notice as they have a lot more use for the lighter carcasses. Lean slaughter cows sold firm to instances .50 higher, with Breaking and Boning cows trending up to 2.00 higher. Buyer attendance was very good, with bidding fairly active on the

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