

LANCASTER COUNTY LIVESTOCK MARKET AUCTIONS

New Holland Livestock Auction

New Holland, Pa.
Report Supplied By USDA
Monday, November 11, 2002

| | Cattle | Calves | Sheep | Goats |
|-----------|--------|--------|-------|-------|
| MONDAY | 441 | 274 | 619 | 938 |
| LAST WEEK | 505 | 257 | 615 | 1091 |
| LAST YEAR | 420 | 219 | 1067 | 1217 |

CATTLE Compared to Thursday, lean slaughter cows sold 50-100 higher, with Breaking and Boning cows trading firm to as much as 100 higher. Buyer attendance and activity was good for the early week run. The only weakness noted in the sale was on a string of fed cows, which sold from 26.75-30.25, as buyers had very little interest in owning the fleshy group. The quality of the supply was made up of some better quality fletcher cows, with the lean cow run comprised of mostly average quality stock. On a fairly good run of slaughter bulls, prices trended 2.00-3.00 higher due to very good buyer interest.

Slaughter cows made up nearly 60 percent of the run.

SLAUGHTER COWS PERCENT LEAN WEIGHT BULK DRESSING Breakers 75-80 over 1400 lbs 36.50-41.50 33.00-36.50 Boners 80-85 over 1200 lbs 34.50-38.00 33.00-34.00 Lean (Hi-Yield) 85-88 over 1200 lbs 32.75-36.75 30.00-32.50 Lean 88-90 over 1000 lbs 29.50-34.00 26.00-29.25 Lean (Light-Wt) 85-90 750-1000 lbs 26.50-30.00 24.00-26.00

SLAUGHTER BULLS Yield Grade 1 1055-1720 lbs 46.50-52.50, high dressing individual 55.00 Yield Grade 2 1090-2165 lbs 41.00-43.25, low dressing 34.25-39.25

CALVES Compared to Thursday, veal calves sold steady to 500 higher on a light run. Holstein bull calves returning to the farm sold sharply higher as once again prices are brushing up against the 130.00 mark. Buyer interest was very good on the higher quality bulls, and about moderate on the plainer supply.

Holstein heifers trended with a firmer undertone, although the run was very light. There have not been enough large slaughter calves lately to fully test the market.

SLAUGHTER CALVES. Good and Choice 240-290 lbs 53.00-62.00, fancy 76.00; 330-380 lbs 55.00-61.00, fancy 78.00, 435-465 lbs 59.00-65.00, 500-550 lbs 41.00-43.00, 600-700 lbs 46.00-49.00; 785 lb individual 48.00.

VEALERS: Standard and Good 80-100 lbs 30.00-40.00, Utility 50-90 lbs 11.00-25.00. **RETURNED TO FARM:** Holstein bulls 95-120 lbs 100.00-129.00; 90 lbs 80.00-90.00; 80-85 lbs 30.00-55.00, few 75 lbs 30.00; few 65 lbs 50.00. Plainer-type bulls 95-120 lbs 42.00-95.00, mostly 60.00-90.00. Few Holstein heifers 105-115 lbs 380.00-400.00; 90 lbs 210.00-410.00, 80 lbs 200.00-300.00; 75 lbs 190.00-210.00.

SHEEP: Compared to Thursday, all classes 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

HOGS: Barrows and gilts firm to .50 higher with hogs weighing over 300 lbs 3.00 higher, sows 1.00 to 4.00 higher, boars 1.00 higher on a light run

BARROWS AND GILTS 49-54% lean 215-260 lbs 29.25-31.50, 300-325 lbs 34.00-35.50, 225-255 lbs 28.00-29.50, 290-330 lbs 29.00-32.25, 45-50% lean 235-275 lbs 27.25-28.25, 40-45% lean 230-275 lbs 26.00-27.75, 280-390 lbs 25.00-27.00, 410-415 lbs 22.00-24.75

SOWS 1-3 300-400 lbs 18.00-22.00, 400-500 lbs 22.00-25.00, 500-650 lbs 24.00-26.50

BOARS 300-700 lbs 7.00-8.00

GOATS Compared to last week, Kid goats were not well tested, and a trend was not established. Yearlings under 70 lbs sold mostly 4.00-8.00 lower on a good test of Selection number ones Nannies under 70 lbs sold 2.00-3.00 lower, with those over 70 lbs trading 2.00-6.00 higher. The Nannie supply was very mixed, with buyer activity especially good on the higher quality lots. Wethers under 70 lbs sold steady to 5.00 lower, with heavier Wethers trading 4.00-12.00 higher as demand was very good. Billies sold very mixed, with Billies under 150 lbs trading mostly 10.00 lower, and heavy Billies trending 8.00 higher, to instances sharply higher. On all classes, bidding was very sporadic; and with over 2000 head on offer it is to be expected. Buyers were also very selective on the quality and the weight of the run due to the large offering. Kids Selection 1 20-40 lbs 36.00-50.00, few 40-60 lbs 54.00-58.00 Selection 2 20-40 lbs 30.00-36.00, 40-60 lbs 40.00-46.00 Selection 3 20-40 lbs 16.00-27.00 Yearlings Selection 1 60-80 lbs 46.00-54.00; 80-100 lbs 62.00-75.00 Selection 2 60-80 lbs 35.00-39.00, 80-100 lbs 50.00-56.00 Selection 3 60-80 lbs 23.00-26.00, few 34.00, Does/Nannies. Selection 1 50-70 lbs 44.00-50.00; 70-100 lbs 50.00-63.00, 100-140 lbs 66.00-78.00 Selection 2 50-70 lbs 35.00-44.00, 70-100 lbs 44.00-54.00, few 100-140 lbs 70.00 Selection 3 50-70 lbs 26.00-35.00; 70-100 lbs 44.00-48.00 Wethers. 50-70 lbs 56.00-67.00, 70-100 lbs 78.00-86.00, 100-150 lbs 90.00-104.00 Bucks/Billies: Selection 1 70-100 lbs 54.00-66.00; 100-150 lbs 68.00-94.00, Couple packages returning to service 98.00, 150-250 lbs 100.00-137.00, few fancy individuals 150.00-152.00 Selection 2 70-100 lbs 52.00-60.00, 100-150 lbs 58.00-62.00; 150-250 lbs 64.00-90.00, few up to 98.00. Selection 3 70-100 lbs 30.00-46.00; 100-150 lbs 52.00-58.00

Vintage Livestock Auction

Vintage, Pa.
November 12, 2002
Report Supplied By USDA

| | Cattle | Calves | Sheep | Goats |
|-----------|--------|--------|-------|-------|
| THIS WEEK | 826 | 761 | 2 | 4 |
| LAST WEEK | 943 | 748 | 0 | 0 |
| LAST YEAR | 812 | 818 | 1 | 1 |

CATTLE: Compared to Thursday, slaughter steers sold steady to weak. The quality of the run was average to plain, with not nearly the amount of fancy steers that usually make their way through the ring. Bidding was only moderate due to the quality, although very active when a higher quality steer would come through the door. Buyers did not seem to get very involved in Tuesday's run and prices were affected due to the light interest. The direct feed yards out West moved their low Choice steers at mostly 69.00 late last week, which would now be considered a slight premium to the local trade. A very light run of Holstein steers sold with a weaker undertone, with not enough slaughter heifers for a market test. A fairly good run of slaughter cows sold steady to firm. Fletcher cows were in fairly short supply, although the demand for good Breaking cows was definitely there. The run consisted of primarily lean cows, and buyers had there work cut out for them as they sorted through the various qualities. Slaughter bulls were in very light supply, and sold with a weaker undertone on the very light test. The supply included 47 percent steers, 9 percent heifers, 41 percent cows, 2 percent bulls, with the balance feeders. Note: Due to the Veterans Day Holiday on Monday, the Vintage slaughter cattle sale was not covered. Therefore, prices quoted in this report are on Tuesdays supply only.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: Few High Choice and Prime 2-4 1220-1420 lbs 68.25-71.00. Choice 2-3 1215-1475 lbs 66.00-68.50, late 63.85-65.00, few high dressing Charolais-X 71.00-73.00 Select and low

Market At A Glance

Lancaster County Livestock Auction Averages
(Price Per Hundredweight)
Week Ending Friday, November 15, 2002
Supplied By Market Staff

| | This Wk | Wk Ago | Yr Ago |
|--------------------------------|---------|--------|--------|
| Steers, Choice 2-3 | 68.50 | 67.35 | 64.00 |
| Heifers, Choice 2-3 | 65.75 | 65.25 | 62.50 |
| Cows, Breakers, 75-80% lean | 39.00 | 37.75 | 40.25 |
| Cows, Boners, 80-85% lean | 35.00 | 34.00 | 38.00 |
| Bulls, YG 1, Ltd. | 47.00 | 49.00 | 53.00 |
| Hogs, 49-54% lean, Monday | 29.75 | 29.10 | 36.00 |
| Lambs, Choice/Prime 80-110 lb. | 100.00 | 98.00 | 70.00 |

Choice 2-3 1135-1420 lbs 63.75-65.75, few high dressing up to 66.75 Select 1-3 1140-1410 lbs 61.00-63.00, few going back on feed 62.75-64.00

HOLSTEIN STEERS Choice 2-3 1420-1500 lbs 56.10-57.50, few 1500-1630 lbs 48.00-52.25 Few Select 1-2 1360-1475 lbs 50.00-51.50

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Few Heiferettes Commercial to Choice 2-4 995-1250 lbs 54.50-59.50

SLAUGHTER COWS: PERCENT LEAN WEIGHT BULK LOW DRESSING Breakers 75-80 Over 1400 lbs 36.00-40.75 31.50-35.50 Boners 80-85 Over 1200 lbs 33.50-36.25 30.00-33.25 Lean (Hi-Yield) 85-88 Over 1200 lbs 31.00-35.25 28.50-30.50 Lean 88-90 Over 1000 lbs 29.00-33.50 25.00-29.75 Lean (Light-Wt) 85-90 750-1000 lbs 25.75-28.00 22.25-25.00

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Few Yield Grade 1 1410-1815 lbs 44.75-50.00. Individual Yield Grade 2 1550 lbs 42.25, couple low dressers 1155-1910 lbs 35.00-37.50. Fancy 1050 lb Choice Bullocks 1050 lbs 53.50.

CALVES: Compared to last Tuesday, veal calves sold steady to firm on a good run and buyer interest. Holstein bull calves suitable for special-fed veal barns sold sharply higher in very active bidding. Prices on the 95-125 lb bull supply in the graded sale were quick to break the 130.00 barrier, and not long after that the 145.00 mark. For several weeks in a row, Holstein heifers have traded lower after their brothers sold higher. Heifer prices continue to struggle to keep above the 400.00 mark, as the cold rains seemed to have cooled off the bullish attitudes. Heifer buyer's exhibited only a few short months ago. The supply included 622 head in the state graded sale, with around 87 percent of the graded supply returned to feed.

VEALERS: Standard and Good 90-125 lbs 25.00-35.00, few 40.00. Utility 45-90 lbs 15.00-25.00, lightweight 10.00-15.00. **RETURNED TO FARM:** Hol-

stein Bulls 95-125 lbs 120.00-145.00; 90 lbs 120.00-122.00, 85 lbs 80.00; 80 lbs 80.00. Plainer-type bulls 95-120 lbs 90.00-130.00, mostly 117.00-125.00, 91 lbs 85.00; 90 lbs 100.00; 81-85 lbs 45.00-55.00. Weaker bulls 95-110 lbs 45.00-85.00; few 80-90 lbs 45.00. Beef-type bulls 95-115 lbs 110.00-135.00 85 lbs 135.00; 75 lbs 130.00 Holstein heifers 93-110 lbs 370.00-410.00; 83 lbs 275.00. Plainer-type heifers 91-105 lbs 300.00-340.00, 82 lbs 260.00; 74 lbs 130.00 Beef-type heifers 95-115 lbs 135.00-145.00.

New Holland Livestock Auction

New Holland, Pa.
Thursday, November 14, 2002
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| | Cattle | Calves | Sheep | Goats |
|-----------|--------|--------|-------|-------|
| THURSDAY | 1437 | 591 | 277 | 387 |
| LAST WEEK | 1321 | 671 | 282 | 375 |
| LAST YEAR | 1530 | 646 | 394 | 308 |

CATTLE: Compared to Tuesday, slaughter steers sold 1.00 to mostly 2.00 higher; with instances of 3.00 higher. The sale kicked off with several high dressing Charolais cross steers, which sold from 70.00-72.75, which really got the good crowd that was on hand and the buyers involved in the sale; and it wasn't long after that when the bulk of the Choice steers were trading in the 70.00 range with the high dressers trading up to 74.00. Bidding was very active as buyers welcomed both the increase in quality and the increase in receipts; as this week's run included nearly 200 head more than last week's. Buyers were also very interested in procuring steers that weighed from 1000-1200 lbs to go back on feed. Granted, a few of these lighter steers may have graded Select, but give them a couple more

months on feed, and in turn a couple hundred more pounds and they will be Choice or Prime. This speculation may pay off, as the February live cattle contract at the CME is nearly to the 77.00 mark, with many analysts expecting an increase in live cattle prices this winter. There were a few slaughter heifers on offer, although with hardly any on Tuesday's market, a trend was not established. Holstein steers were also compared to a light run on Tuesday, with the Choice supply trending mostly steady. There were several high Choice and Prime steers in the mix as well, with prices quickly breaking the 60.00 barrier as buyers actively bid on the fancy supply. A good run of slaughter cows sold 1.00-2.00 higher. Buyer attendance and activity was very good, and the quality of the run was pretty good as well. Slaughter bulls sold 1.00-2.00 higher on a very good test. The bull run included some higher quality bulls and even the heavy and lower dressing bulls sold with a firmer undertone. The supply included 41 percent steers, 6 percent heifers, 33 percent cows, 7 percent bulls, with the balance feeders.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: High Choice and Prime 2-4 1195-1485 lbs 70.00-72.85 Choice 2-3 1230-1450 lbs 67.50-71.50, mostly 68.00-70.00, several high dressing Charolais-X 70.00-74.00, Yield Grade 3-4 65.25-68.00, heavy 1505-1550 lbs 61.25-64.75, with a few 1550-1620 lbs 58.00-62.25 Select and low Choice 2-3 1205-1435 lbs 64.00-67.50, mostly 65.75-66.75. Few Select 1-3 1290-1475 lbs 62.00-65.25, with several 920-1190 lbs going back on feed 68.00-71.60.

HOLSTEIN STEERS: High Choice and Prime 2-3 1400-1590 lbs 57.25-60.25, up to 61.50 on a few fancy lots. Choice 2-3 1255-1500 lbs 54.00-57.50, couple heavy 1620-1625 lbs 52.60-53.35 Select and low Choice 2-3 1390-1530 lbs 52.00-53.25

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Couple Prime 3-4 1085-1290 lbs 69.50-70.75 Choice 2-3 1120-1335 lbs 64.25-67.25, pkg Yield Grade 4 62.50

SLAUGHTER COWS: Breakers 75-80 percent lean Over 1400 lbs 37.75-42.00, low dressing 32.75-37.75 Boners 80-85 percent lean Over 1200 lbs 34.50-38.75, low dressing 32.00-34.25 Lean (Hi-Yield) 85-88 percent lean Over 1200 lbs 32.50-36.50, low dressing 30.00-32.00 Lean 88-90 percent lean Over 1000 lbs 30.00-33.75, low dressing 26.00-30.00. Lean (Light-Wt) 85-90 percent lean 750-1000 lbs 25.50-29.50, low dressing 23.00-25.50.

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1 1125-1650 lbs 45.75-53.50, couple 2105-2155 lbs 46.00, high dressing up to 59.50, low dressing 43.50-44.50. Yield grade 2 1320-2020 lbs 42.00-46.00, low dressing Jersey 35.75.

CALVES: Compared to Monday, veal calves sold mostly steady. Holstein bull calves returning to the farm sold sharply lower in only moderate bidding. Buyer attendance and interest was good, although after giving up to 145.00 for bulls on Tuesday, most of the wind was out of their sales by the end of the week. A heifer trend was not fully established, although a firmer undertone was noted. The supply included 370 head in the state graded sale, with around 85 percent of the graded run going back on feed.

VEALERS: Utility 55-100 lbs 15.00-25.00, weaker 11.00-15.00.

RETURNED TO FARM: Holstein bulls 95-125 lbs 90.00-116.00, mostly 102.00-114.00; 91 lbs 100.00; 87 lbs 60.00; 82 lbs 70.00. Plainer-type bulls 95-125 lbs 45.00-65.00; 90 lbs 52.00, small pen 70.00; 83 lbs 52.00. Individual beef-type bull 95 lbs 105.00. Heifers 95-115 lbs 280.00-480.00, mostly 300.00-420.00; 90 lbs 220.00-330.00; 85 lbs 305.00-315.00; 80 lbs 170.00-200.00; couple 75 lbs 100.00.

SHEEP: Compared to Monday, all classes sold most-

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