

# LANCASTER COUNTY LIVESTOCK MARKET AUCTIONS

## New Holland Livestock Auction

New Holland, Pa.  
Report Supplied By USDA  
Monday, November 18, 2002

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Goats
MONDAY	415	237	690	1272
LAST WEEK	441	274	619	938
LAST YEAR	346	264	908	1016
	1444			

**CATTLE:** Compared to Thursday, slaughter cows sold steady to firm. Buyer attendance was fairly light, although the few buyers on hand kept the bidding relatively active. Cow carcass cutout values were over 3.00 higher early last week, which in turn has left some spark in the market to kick off the week. Slaughter bulls sold with a lower undertone on a light test. The quality of the bull run was a lot lower when compared to the past few weeks, with bidding moderate to weak due to the decrease. Slaughter cows made up nearly 52 percent of the run.

**SLAUGHTER COWS: PERCENT LEAN WEIGHT BULK LOW DRESSING** Breakers 75-80 over 1400 lbs 37.75-42.25 32.25-37.75 Boners 80-85 over 1200 lbs 34.75-38.75 31.00-34.50 Lean (Hi-Yield) 85-88 over 1200 lbs 32.75-36.75 31.00-32.75 Lean 88-90 over 1000 lbs 29.75-33.75 26.00-30.25 Lean (Light-Wt) 85-90 750-1000 lbs 25.50-30.00 22.00-25.50

**SLAUGHTER BULLS:** Yield Grade 1 1120-2090 lbs 44.50-47.50. Yield Grade 2 1155-1950 lbs 42.00-44.25, low dressing 41.00-42.50.

**CALVES:** Compared to Thursday, veal calves sold mostly 5.00 higher. The kill calf run was fairly light, which led to buyers putting a little more on their bids. Holstein bull calves returning to the farm sold sharply lower after Thursday's increase in bids. There were not a lot of number one bulls over 100.00 as the bulk of the run sold in the upper 90.00 range. There were not enough Holstein heifers for a market test.

**VEALERS:** Standard and Good 80-100 lbs 25.00-30.00. Utility 50-90 lbs 15.00-25.00, few weaker types 11.00 RETURNED TO FARM Holstein bulls 95-120 lbs 92.00-107.00, mostly 92.00-97.00, 90 lbs 70.00-80.00 Plainer-type bulls 95-120 lbs 50.00-85.00, mostly 52.00-77.00, 90 lbs 40.00-55.00, few Holstein heifers 100 lbs 46.00, 90 lbs 210.00-245.00, 80 lbs 190.00

**HOGS:** Barrows and gilts mostly steady to weak with fancier 220-270 lbs hogs 2.00 lower BARROWS AND GILTS 49-54% lean 220-270 lbs 28.00-29.50, 45-50% lean 235-285 lbs 27.00-29.00, 40-45% lean 230-270 lbs 25.75-28.00, 280-370 lbs 25.50-27.25, 400-445 lbs 27.25-28.75.

**SHEEP:** Compared to Thursday, slaughter lambs sold steady to weak; with the bulk of the slaughter ewes trading about steady. There were a few individuals in both classes that sold with a firmer undertone, although the majority of the larger groups trended weaker.

**SLAUGHTER LAMBS:** Choice and Prime 2-3 50-70 lbs 110.00-125.00; 90-120 lbs 87.00-95.00. **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 steady to 4.00 lower. Yearlings sold 2.00-4.00 higher on the bulk of the good run, with instances sharply higher on some fancy individuals. A good test of Selection 1 Nannies sold 10.00-15.00 higher on a very attractive offering, with buyers especially active in their pursuits of the stock weighing over 100 lbs; with Selection 2 and 3 Nannies in fairly light supply. The bulk of the Billies sold firm to 5.00 higher, with Number 1 Billies weighing over 150 lbs trending sharply higher. Wethers sold steady to 3.00 higher on the 50-100 lb supply, with heavy Wethers trending sharply higher. Note: On Monday November 25, a special consignment of 25 registered Boer Nannies and Billies will be sold with their papers. Kids: Selection 1 20-40 lbs 39.00-49.00; 40-60 lbs 50.00-58.00. Selection 2 20-40 lbs 25.00-32.00; 40-60 lbs 34.00-44.00. Selection 3 20-40 lbs 20.00-28.00, weak 12.00-16.00. Yearlings: Selection 1 60-80 lbs 48.00-58.00; 80-100 lbs 60.00-74.00. Selection 2 60-80 lbs 38.00-48.00; pkg 90 lbs 50.00. Selection 3 few 60-80 lbs 36.00-40.00. Does/Nannies: Selection 1 50-70 lbs 50.00-64.00; 70-100 lbs 62.00-80.00; 100-140 lbs 78.00-86.00, individual 92.00. Selection 2 50-70 lbs 40.00-44.00; 70-100 lbs 44.00-54.00; pkg 110 lbs 72.00. Wethers: 50-70 lbs 58.00-70.00; 70-100 lbs 70.00-86.00; 100-150 lbs 92.00-126.00. Bucks/Billies: Selection 1 70-100 lbs 53.00-68.00; 100-150 lbs 62.00-96.00; 150-250 lbs 108.

## Vintage Livestock Auction

Vintage, Pa.  
November 18-19, 2002  
Report Supplied By USDA

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Goats
THIS WEEK	1098	871	0	4
LAST WEEK	827	759	2	4
LAST YEAR	534	928	0	0

Compared to Thursday's very active market, slaughter steers sold mostly steady on Monday, trending with a higher undertone on the bulk of the Choice and Prime steers on Tuesday. Bidding was very active Tuesday on the high Select and low Choice steers, along with the higher dressing stock, as prices trended as much as 2.00 higher. The quality of Monday's run was about average, with a lot more Select and over-finished steers on hand than normal. However, Tuesday's supply was made up of some fancier type fats, with several high dressers on hand bringing as much as 72.75. A good portion of Tuesday's run sold in the 70's, although there were only around 120 on offer; therefore the demand definitely outweighed the supply, which could have been one of the largest reasons prices were higher. Although it makes sense that packer demand is picking up as the February live cattle contract at the CME is pushing 78.00; therefore, many buyers are willing to give in the lower 70.00 range now, knowing in a few short months there is a possibility those same

## Market At A Glance

Lancaster County Livestock Auction Averages  
(Price Per Hundredweight)  
Week Ending Friday, November 22, 2002  
Supplied By Market Staff

	This Wk	Wk Ago	Yr Ago
Steers, Choice 2-3	70.25	68.50	64.10
Heifers, Choice 2-3	67.25	65.75	63.25
Cows, Breakers, 75-80% lean	41.75	39.00	41.75
Cows, Boners, 80-85% lean	36.75	35.00	39.85
Bulls, YG 1, ltd.	46.00	49.00	54.00
Hogs, 49-54% lean, Monday	28.75	29.75	34.25
Lambs, Choice/Prime 80-110 lb.	91.00	100.00	71.00

cattle will be in the upper 70.00 range. Slaughter Holsteins sold steady to firm in a light test. A fairly good run of slaughter heifers on Monday sold with a firmer undertone, with Tuesday's supply very light. Lean slaughter cows sold firm to .50 higher, with Breakers and Boners trading firm to 1.00 higher. There were not enough slaughter bulls on offer for a market test. The supply included 28 percent steers, 6 percent heifers, 35 percent cows, 1 percent bulls, with the balance feeders.

**SLAUGHTER STEERS:** High Choice and Prime 2-4 1295-1475 lbs 70.50-72.00, fancy single 73.00, few Monday 66.85-70.50. Choice 2-3 1230-1465 lbs 68.00-71.00, several high dressing Charolais and Limousin crosses 70.25-72.75, yield grade 4-5 64.00-66.25, heavy 1515-1535 lbs 61.50-65.25. Select and low Choice 2-3 1170-1495 lbs 65.25-67.75, few up to 69.00, 61.00-65.00 Monday. Select 1-3 1130-1480 lbs 61.00-65.35.

**HOLSTEIN STEERS:** Few Choice 2-3 1450-1590 lbs 54.10-58.25. Few Select and low Choice 2-3 1180-1265 lbs 51.50-53.50.

**SLAUGHTER HEIFERS:** Choice, few Prime 2-4 1160-1435 lbs 67.76-79.76. Select and low Choice 2-3 1130-1265 lbs 63.75-65.75. Few heavy Select 1-3 1505-1515 lbs 53.25-55.75.

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**CALVES:** Compared to last Tuesday, veal calves sold 5.00-10.00 higher in very good buyer interest. Holstein bulls suitable for special-fed veal barns sold sharply lower. Bulls this week failed to hit 120.00 after trading a high as 145.00 last week; also, there is a very noticeable price spread between the number 1 and number two bulls as buyers are being very selective of the quality. A light test of Holstein heifers sold with a higher undertone after several weeks of lower prices. The supply included 711 in the state graded sale, with around 87 percent of the graded supply returning to feed.

**VEALERS:** Standard and Good 85-115 lbs 30.00-44.00. Utility 45-85 lbs 20.00-30.00, weaker 10.00-20.00. RETURNED TO FARM: Holstein Bulls 95-125 lbs 95.00-115.00, mostly 100.00-112.00; couple pkgs 90 lbs 70.00; pkg 85 lbs 65.00; pkg 80 lbs 50.00. Plainer-type bulls 95-120 lbs 45.00-85.00; pkg 94 lbs 45.00, couple pkgs 90 lbs 40.00; three pkgs 84 lbs 40.00; pkg 82 lbs 40.00 Holstein heifers 95-120 lbs 41.00-44.00, couple 85 lbs 275.00 Plainer-type heifers 95-105 lbs 370.00-400.00; pkg 82 lbs 240.00; pkg 73 lbs 75.00.

## New Holland Livestock Auction

New Holland, Pa.  
Thursday, November 21, 2002  
Report Supplied By USDA

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Goats
THURSDAY	1282	624	205	333
LAST WEEK	1437	591	277	387
LAST YEAR	948	213	282	147

**CATTLE:** Compared to Tuesday, slaughter steers sold fully 1.00 to instances of 2.00 higher on a very attractive run. Both buyer attendance and activity were very good right from the beginning as there were nearly 400 head of steers on offer, although you would have thought there were only 100 as buyers were extremely aggressive, especially on the fancy ones. Holiday demand, coupled with a futures Board that is lined up to be very bullish this winter, have forced many buyers to either leave at the end of the day with an average of over 70.00, or to leave with an empty trailer. The slaughter heifer supply included over 100 head, which is a noticeable increase when compared to the last couple of months. When compared to Tuesday's light supply, heifers trended firm to fully 1.00 higher as buyers were quick to procure the well finished stock. Due to a very light test of Holstein steers on Tuesday, a full market comparison was not available; however a higher undertone was noted on Thursday's very nice run. On a very good run, Lean and Boning cows sold firm to 1.00 higher; with Breaking cows trending 1.00-3.00 higher. With over 500 cows on offer the demand and supply should have been very even, however buyers were very active in procuring their needs as the holiday season is quickly approaching. Cow carcass cutout values continue to climb, even in the face of the Thanksgiving holiday where turkey is the meat of choice. A slaughter bull trend was not established due to Tuesday's very light supply. The supply included 31 percent steers, 8 percent heifers, 40 percent cows, 7 percent bulls, with the balance feeders.

**SLAUGHTER STEERS:** High Choice and Prime 2-4 1300-1420 lbs 71.00-73.25, fancy single 74.00 Choice 2-3 1220-1495 lbs 69.00-71.75, high dressing Yield Grade 1-2 and Charolais-X 70.25-74.00, Yield Grade 4 65.75-68.00, few heavyweights 1505-1610 lbs 61.00-65.25. Select and low Choice 2-3 1290-1470 lbs 66.50-69.50, couple high dressing up to 69.75. Few Select 1-3 1155-1295 lbs 64.75-66.50, with several 1100-1200 lbs going back on feed 66.00-71.00.

**HOLSTEIN STEERS:** High Choice and Prime 2-3 1370-1580 lbs 59.75-62.10. Choice 2-3 1510-1560 lbs 55.50-56.75, package 1650 lbs 54.00 Select and low Choice 2-3 1410-1505 lbs 51.00-53.00, few 1675-1700 lbs 50.00-52.25 Package Select 1-2 1360 lbs 51.00

**SLAUGHTER HEIFERS:** High Choice and Prime 2-4 1120-1330 lbs 67.50-70.75, fancy 990 lb individual 71.00 Choice 2-3 1080-1360 lbs 65.50-68.25 Select and low Choice 2-3 1010-1365 lbs 63.50-64.75, high dressing individual 68.00. **SLAUGHTER COWS: PERCENT LEAN WEIGHT BULK LOW DRESSING** Breakers 75-80 Over 1400 lbs 39.50-45.00 35.25-39.00 Boners 80-85 Over 1200 lbs 35.50-39.50 34.00-36.00 Lean (Hi-Yield) 85-88 Over 1200 lbs 34.50-37.75 31.00-34.50 Lean 88-90 Over 1000 lbs 31.50-34.50 27.00-31.50 Lean (Light-Wt) 85-90 750-1000 lbs 27.00-31.50 24.00-27.00 **SLAUGHTER BULLS:** Yield Grade 1 1120-2070 lbs 43.50-48.50, several low dressing 38.50-42.75, high dressing individual 49.25. Yield grade 2 1725-1820 lbs 43.50-44.75, couple 2220-2710 lb low dressing individuals 39.50-43.00 Bullocks: Couple

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