

LANCASTER COUNTY LIVESTOCK MARKET AUCTIONS

New Holland Livestock Auction

New Holland, Pa.
Report Supplied By USDA
Monday, December 2, 2002

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Goats
MONDAY	271	214	947	1308
LAST WEEK	415	406	300	506
	1695			
LAST YEAR	348	260	949	1401

CATTLE Compared to Thursday's light run, slaughter cows sold 50-100 lower, with most of the decrease on the flesher cows. Buyer attendance and activity were only moderate early in the week, even with only a little over 150 head on hand. Boneless beef values were steady on Friday, with local packer buyers regrouping early in the week as their inventories are still pretty good. Slaughter bulls sold 100-300 lower, although the quality of the light supply was very good. Receipts for all classes of livestock at Monday's sale were reduced dramatically due in part to the opening day of deer season, as many hunters have been waiting for months to fill their freezers with venison and figure their stock can wait until later in the week. Slaughter cows made up nearly 60 percent of the run.

SLAUGHTER COWS PERCENT LEAN WEIGHT BULK LOW DRESSING Breakers 75-80 over 1400 lbs 39.00-43.50 35.50-39.00 Boners 80-85 over 1200 lbs 35.00-39.00 32.50-35.00 Lean (Hi-Yield) 85-88 over 1200 lbs 33.50-36.25 32.00-33.75 Lean 88-90 over 1000 lbs 30.50-33.75 26.75-31.00 Lean (Light-Wt) 85-90 750-1000 lbs 27.00-31.00 24.00-27.00

SLAUGHTER BULLS Yield Grade 1 1130-2240 lbs 45.00-53.50, couple high dressers 54.00-55.75, low dressing individual 44.00

CALVES Compared to Thursday, veal calves sold 5.00 higher on a very light test. Holstein bull calves returning to the farm sold 10.00 higher on continued good demand. Holstein heifers sold about steady on a very light run.

VEALERS Few Utility 65-105 lbs 20.00-25.00 RETURNED TO FARM Holstein bulls 95-125 lbs 105.00-129.00 few 90 lbs 90.00-105.00 few 80-85 lbs 82.00 Planer-type bulls 95-110 lbs 70.00-85.00 few 85 lbs 45.00 few 70 lbs 30.00 Few Holstein heifers 95-105 lbs 300.00-400.00 90 lbs 440.00 480.00 80 lbs

290.00, 70-75 lbs 180.00 60-65 lbs 110.00-160.00 **SHEEP** Compared to Thursday, slaughter lambs sold 5.00-20.00 higher in very active trading. Slaughter ewes sold about steady to firm. **SLAUGHTER LAMBS** Choice and Prime 2-3 50-70 lbs 120.00-150.00, 90-120 lbs 100.00-130.00

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, a trend was not fully established on the light kid supply, although a higher undertone was noted. A good run of Yearlings sold 6.00-14.00 higher. Buyer attendance was very good for the smaller goats, and trading was very active. Nannies sold 2.00-10.00 higher, as buyers continue to pursue the heavier stock. Billies sold sharply higher on a very attractive offering, with Wethers trading firm to 6.00 higher. The quality of the run was very mixed, although with very good demand for all classes and weights, buyers were not overly critical of the quality. All goats were sold on a per head basis, with estimated weights: Kids Selection 1 20-40 lbs 50.00-52.00, 40-60 lbs 62.00-64.00 Selection 2 20-40 lbs 30.00-36.00 Selection 3 20-40 lbs 20.00-24.00 Yearlings Selection 1 60-80 lbs 56.00-70.00, 80-100 lbs 70.00-84.00 Selection 2 60-80 lbs 54.00-58.00, few 80-100 lbs 68.00 Selection 3 60-80 lbs 46.00-48.00 Does/Nannies Selection 1 50-70 lbs 62.00-68.00, 70-100 lbs 68.00-78.00, 100-140 lbs 82.00-92.00 Selection 2 50-70 lbs 58.00-60.00, 70-100 lbs 58.00-68.00, 100-140 lbs 82.00-88.00 Selection 3 50-70 lbs 48.00-52.00, pkg 110 lbs 64.00 Wethers 50-70 lbs 62.00-78.00, 70-100 lbs 74.00-90.00, 100-200 lbs 100.00-112.00 Bucks/Billies Selection 1 70-100 lbs 68.00-84.00, fancy package late 94.00, 100-150 lbs 88.00-110.00, 150-250 lbs 118.00-164.00, fancy individual late 180.00 Selection 2 70-100 lbs 68.00-80.00, 100-150 lbs 80.00-88.00, 150-250 lbs 92.00-126.00 Selection 3 70-100 lbs 54.00-60.00, 100-150 lbs 68.00-80.00

Vintage Livestock Auction

Vintage, Pa.
December 2-3, 2002
Report Supplied By USDA

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Goats
THIS WEEK	674	978	5	0
LAST WEEK	700	904	7	1

Market At A Glance

Lancaster County Livestock Auction Averages
(Price Per Hundredweight)

Week Ending Friday, December 6, 2002

NOTE: Last week's averages adjusted to include Friday sales.
Supplied By Market Staff

	This Wk	Wk Ago	Yr Ago
Steers, Choice 2-3	73.35	72.35	67.50
Heifers, Choice 2-3, few Prime	71.75	71.00	66.75
Cows, Breakers, 75-80% lean	41.00	41.00	43.00
Cows, Boners, 80-85% lean	36.75	37.00	40.25
Bulls, YG 1, Ltd.	51.00	50.00	55.50
Hogs, 49-54% lean, Monday	30.15	29.10	36.10
Lambs, Choice/Prime 80-110 lb.	115.00	107.00	72.00

LAST YEAR

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Compared to Thursday, a fairly light run of slaughter steers sold steady to weak. Mondays run included around 100 head of fed steers, although Tuesdays supply tapered off to only around 80 head, and bids were definitely supported by the light numbers. Even though there were a few lots of fancy steers on offer, there was definitely a noticeable increase in over and under-finished stock. Local producers are about to get all of their finished steers cleaned out as another round of 5-6 weight feeders hit the barns, and historically this time of the year translates into lighter runs. However, it is very noticeable that some producers are keeping their steers too long, and others are shipping them to town too soon, to try and get in on the current hot market. And in some instances it is panning out if the finish is off, as some of the heavyweight stock is bringing upwards of 71.00, even the under-finished stock is in demand as some brave souls are willing to procure the 1100-1200 pounders to go back to feed with in hopes there is still some fire under the market this winter, with the February live cattle contract at the CME well above 78.00. Holstein steers and fed heifers were in very short supply, and a trend was not established. Lean slaughter cows sold firm to 1.00 higher with fletcher cows trending fully steady. A run of nearly 400 cows on Tuesday lent to a good selection and bidding was moderate to good throughout the sale with increased buyer attendance. Slaughter bulls sold with a lower undertone on a light run.

The supply included 27 percent steers, 10 percent heifers, 60 percent cows, 2 percent bulls, with the balance feeders. Note: The Vintage Sales Stables will be holding a special feeder cattle sale after the slaughter steer run on Monday December 9th, to begin around 12.30. There are already over 200 head consigned, which includes a couple loads of Charolais steers and heifers.

SLAUGHTER STEERS Few High Choice and Prime 2-4 1285-1480 lbs 74.00-77.00, individual 77.75 Choice 2-3 1180-1440 lbs 71.75-73.50, couple high dressing Charolais-X's up to 75.75, few full 69.75-71.00, several heavyweights 1505-1575 lbs 66.00-71.00, full and heavy 62.75-64.50 Few Select and low Choice 2-3 1220-1465 lbs 70.25-72.75 Few Select 1-3 1280-1340 lbs 70.75-71.25

HOLSTEIN STEERS Few Select 1-2 1365-1525 lbs 53.25-55.75, 1600 lb individual 48.00

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS Not tested

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SLAUGHTER BULLS Yield Grade 1 1465-2180 lbs 44.00-47.75 very fancy high dressing Charolais 61.75 Few Yield Grade 2 1735-2270 lbs 42.25-46.25 low dressing 2700 Hereford 35.25

New Holland Livestock Auction

New Holland, Pa.
Thursday, December 5, 2002
Report Supplied By USDA

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Goats
THURSDAY	954	317	263	101
LAST WEEK	909	213	74	95
LAST YEAR	1349	660	469	348

CATTLE Compared to Tuesday's very light run, the bulk of the Choice slaughter steers sold with a higher undertone, although it is a light comparison as Tuesday's run was under 80 head. Heavy snows moved into Lancaster County early Thursday morning and fell well into late afternoon, dumping several inches. However, over 500 head of fed steers made their way to town despite the wayward road conditions, as even the heavy snow could not keep producers from the current market. Bidding was fairly active throughout the sale, even though weigh ups were not ideal as cattle hit

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