

LANCASTER COUNTY LIVESTOCK MARKET AUCTIONS

New Holland Livestock Auction

New Holland, Pa.
Report Supplied By USDA
Monday, December 9, 2002

Monday hogs 750, last week 483, last year 1209. Monday goats 2000.

Hogs: barrows and gilts 3.00-4.00 higher. Supply included a large percentage of 280-350 lb. barrows and gilts, sows .50-1.00 lower, boars .50-.75 lower.

Barrows and gilts: 49-54 percent lean 225-270 lbs. 33.75-35.25, five head 35.50-36.75, 45-50 percent lean 220-270 lbs. 32.25-33.00, 270-310 lbs. 29.50-32.50, 40-45 percent lean 270-325 lbs. 27.75-30.50, 330-360 lbs. 25.50-27.00.

Sows: 1-3 360-450 lbs. 21.25-24.00, 450-600 lbs. 24.00-27.25, 600-650 lbs. 27.75-28.25.

Boars: 300-650 lbs. 6.50-7.25, few 220-270 lbs. 20.00-24.50.

Goats: compared to last week, kids and yearlings firm to 5.00 higher. Nannies and billies mostly steady. Kids select 1 20-40 lbs. 48.00-54.00, 40-70 lbs. 60.00-70.00, selection 2 30-40 lbs. 30.00-50.00, 40-70 lbs. 50.00-60.00, selection 3 20-40 lbs. 18.00-40.00; yearlings selection 1 50-80 lbs. 56.00-74.00, 80-110 lbs. 69.00-82.00, selection 2 50-80 lbs. 46.00-68.00, selection 3 35-60 lbs. 32.00-48.00; does and nannies selection 1 70-100 lbs. 67.00-92.00, selection 2 60-100 lbs. 40.00-65.00, selection 3 35-60 lbs. 34.00-55.00, wethers 80-100 lbs. 70.00-88.00, couple 120-140 lbs. 82.00-102.00, bucks and billies selection 1 70-100 lbs. 67.00-80.00, 100-150 lbs. 100.00-125.00, 150-250 lbs. 126.00-177.00, selection 2 60-100 lbs. 48.00-80.00, 100-150 lbs. 75.00-92.00, 150-250 lbs. 98.00-150.00, selection 3 70-100 lbs. 100.00-150.00.

Vintage Livestock Auction

Vintage, Pa.
December 9-10, 2002
Report Supplied By USDA

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Goats
THIS WEEK	1186	938	1	1
LAST WEEK	674	973	5	0
LAST YEAR	1048	780	9	5

CATTLE Compared to Thursday, slaughter steers sold firm to 100 higher. The supply over the two day run was very mixed, although most of the stock was very well finished. Buyers continue to shy away from the over-finished steers although, as the number of Yield Grade 4's seems to be increasing. The direct yards out West moved their steers at mostly 74.00 late last week, also, live cattle futures at the CME are back above 78.00 after ending last week on a lower note.

Holstein steers sold mostly steady, with a light test of slaughter heifers trending steady to firm. Slaughter cows sold weak to 100 lower in mixed trading. After trending sharply lower to begin the large run, as over 400 head were on the market Tuesday prices

gained some strength back after the skittish start to trend only slightly lower. Most of the decrease in bids was noted on the fleshier supply. Slaughter bulls sold with a lower undertone. The supply included 26 percent steers, 4 percent heifers, 41 percent cows, 2 percent bulls, with the balance feeders.

SLAUGHTER STEERS High Choice and Prime 2-4 1205-1465 lbs 74 25-78 00 Choice 2-3 1200-1456 lbs 72 00-75 00, mostly 73 75-75 00 on Tuesday, high dressing Charolais-X and Limousin 76 50-80 00 Select and low Choice 2-3 1200-1495 lbs 67 75-71 25, mostly 71 25-73 00 on Tuesday, several full 69 50-70 10 Select 1-3 1080-1500 lbs 68 75-72 75

HOLSTEIN STEERS Few High Choice and Prime 2-3 1260-1550 lbs 59 25-63 25 Choice 2-3 1450-1555 lbs 56 00-59 50, heavy 1615-1655 lbs 51 00-53 00 Select 1-2 1380-1580 lbs 53 50-55 00

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS Couple Prime 2-3 1190-1270 lbs 72 75-75 50 Choice 2-3 1165-1425 lbs 69 25-72 25 Select 1-3 1125-1255 lbs 65 50-66 25 SLAUGHTER COWS PERCENT LEAN WEIGHT BULK LOW DRESSING Breakers 75-80 Over 1400 lbs 38 00-44 25 34 25-36 25 Boners 80-85 Over 1200 lbs 35 00-38 00 32 75-35 25 Lean (Hi-Yield) 85-88 Over 1200 lbs 33 75-36 50 31 75-34 00 Lean 88-90 Over 1000 lbs 31 00-34 25 27 50-31 25 Lean (Light-Wt) 85-90 750-1000 lbs 26 75-29 75 24 50-27 00

SLAUGHTER BULLS Yield grade 1 1375-1965 lbs 46 00-51 00, very fancy individual 65 00 Yield grade 2 1140-1680 lbs 40 25-45 75, few up to 48 00 CALVES Compared to last Tuesday, veal calves sold steady to 5 00 lower. Holstein bulls suitable for special-fed veal barns sold with a higher undertone as very good demand continues to carry the market. Holstein heifers sold about steady on the light test. The supply included 742 in the state graded sale, with around 84 percent of the graded supply returning to feed.

VEALERS Standard and Good 75-110 lbs 20 00-32 00 Utility 55-100 lbs 15 00- 25 00, weaker 11 00-15 00

RETURNED TO FARM Graded Number One Holstein Bulls couple packages 122-123 lbs 100 00-122 00, 100-115 lbs 135 00-149 00, couple lots 95 lbs 115 00-117 00, package 90 lbs 80 00, few 107 00, package 85 lbs 85 00, package 80 lbs 92 00 Graded Number Two Holstein bulls 95-120 lbs 92 00-129 00, package 94 lbs 87 00, package 94 lbs 107 00, couple packages 90 lbs 55 00-68 00, three packages 83 lbs 50 00 Holstein bulls sold individually 130-150 lbs 60 00-95 00 Graded Number One Holstein Heifers 95-115 lbs 360 00-415 00, package 83 lbs 222 00 Graded Number Two Holstein Heifers package 95-105 lbs 300 00-320 00, 83-84 lbs 130 00, package 71 lbs 120 00

Some markets not available due to the severe weather!

Market At A Glance

Lancaster County Livestock Auction Averages
(Price Per Hundredweight)
Week Ending Friday, December 13, 2002
Supplied By Market Staff

	This Wk	Wk Ago	Yr Ago
Steers, Choice 2-3	73.00	73.35	66.25
Heifers, Choice 2-3, few Prime	69.50	71.75	65.50
Cows, Breakers, 75-80% lean	40.00	41.00	42.25
Cows, Boners, 80-85% lean	36.50	36.75	39.25
Bulls, YG 1, ltd.	49.50	51.00	55.75
Hogs, 49-54% lean, Monday	34.50	30.15	32.35
Lambs, Choice/Prime 80-110 lb.	108.00	115.00	75.00

New Holland Livestock Auction

New Holland, Pa.
Thursday, December 12, 2002
Report Supplied By USDA

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Goats
THURSDAY	1473	674	274	425
LAST WEEK	954	317	263	101
LAST YEAR	1392	609	625	389

CATTLE Compared to Tuesday, slaughter steers sold fully 100 lower, with the fancier high Choice and Prime stock as much as 200 lower. The only grade that was firmer was the early Select steers, and even they tapered off after buyers adjusted their sights. There never seemed to be any fire under Thursday's run, as buyers were not very willing to compete over the noticeable increase in Yield Grade 4's. If the steers weren't over-finished, they were sent to town to soon, and therefore sold at Select prices. Even though there is less support coming from the futures contracts this winter, with February closing down another 57 points on Thursday at 77.35, there still is no need to rush them to town early, as it was apparent buyers are back to looking for the good ones. There was the usual reputation lots on hand, although even they failed to meet Tuesday's active trade. Holstein steers sold steady to .50 higher, with most of the increase coming in the high Choice and Prime category. There was a fairly good Holstein supply on offer, although they had to be pretty nice to bring above 60.00, as buyers were quick to discount on weights and finish. There were not enough fed

heifers on hand Thursday to test the market, although a lower undertone was noted. Slaughter cows sold steady to 100 higher on a very good run. Buyer attendance was very good for the large run. Steady cow carcass cutout values have neither added fuel or water to the fire this week, with the deciding price factor much of the week just boiling down to buyer participation. Slaughter bulls sold firm to 300 higher on a run that included nearly 100 head. The supply included 39 percent steers, 5 percent heifers, 37 percent cows, 7 percent bulls, with the balance feeders.

SLAUGHTER STEERS

High Choice and Prime 2-4 1185-1465 lbs 73 25-76 25, full 70 75-73 25 Choice 2-3 1155-1475 lbs 71 00-74 00, Yield Grade 4 69 75-71 35, Yield Grade 5 66 10-68 50, few high dressing 74 50-75 75 heavy 1500-1610 lbs 64.00-69.00, couple Holstein X-breds 66 75-67 75 Select and low Choice 2-3 1020-1475 lbs 69 75-72 75, early up to 73 75 Select 1-2 1115-1420 lbs 68 25- 70 75, heavy 1520-1655 lbs 61 00-64 75 Standard 1-2 1170-1455 lbs 65 00- 67 50 HOLSTEIN STEERS High Choice and Prime 2-3 1335-1525 lbs 59 50-63 85, full 55 25, few heavy 1665 lbs 54 00 Choice 2-3 1280-1555 lbs 54 50-59 25, heavy 1600-1660 lbs 54 10-55 50

Select and low Choice 1-3 1185-1470 lbs 53 25-55.00 Select 1-2 1490-1635 lbs 52 00-54 00 Standard 1-2 1120-1400 lbs 48 50-51 50, few heavy 1630-1740 lbs 49 75

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS Couple High Choice and Prime 2-3 1120-1180 lbs 71 25-72 75 Few Choice 2-3 1180-1360 lbs 67 00-69 25, Yield Grade 5 61 50-63 50 Few low Select 1-2 1000-1300 lbs 65 85-67 25 Heiferettes Few Commercial 2-4 1405- 1420 lbs 46 50

SLAUGHTER COWS PERCENT LEAN WEIGHT BULK LOW DRESSING Breakers 75-80 Over 1400 lbs 37 75-42 00 34 50-37 75 Boners 80-85 Over 1200 lbs 36 00-39 75 33 00-36 50 Lean (Hi-Yield) 85-88 Over 1200 lbs 33.25-36 00 31 00-33 50 Lean 88-90 Over 1000 lbs 31 00-34 25 27 00-31 00 Lean (Light-Wt) 85-90 750-1000 lbs 26 75-30 75 23 00-27 00 SLAUGHTER BULLS, Yield Grade 1 1085-2070 lbs 45 00-54 50, high dressing 55 00-58 50 with a 2355 lb individual 52 25 Yield Grade 2 1030-2195 lbs 41 50- 47 50, few low dressing 35 50-38 50 Bullocks Couple Select 1-2 1250-1320 lbs 56 50-59 50

CALVES Compared to Monday, veal calves sold with a higher undertone. Holstein bull calves returning to the farm sold sharply higher in very active bidding. Buyers made it clear from the beginning of the graded sale that they needed calves, and that they were willing to pay up to procure them. This philosophy held true for the entirety of the graded sale as several of the pens of Number 2's outsold the Number 1's. Holstein heifers also sold sharply higher as prices are once again above 500.00 for the really fancy ones. The supply included 373 head in the

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