

LANCASTER COUNTY LIVESTOCK MARKET AUCTIONS

New Holland Livestock Auction

New Holland, Pa.
Report Supplied By USDA
Monday, December 16, 2002

	Cattle	Calves	Hogs	Sheep	Goats
MONDAY	470	287	689	2256	3401
LAST WEEK	566	430	769	1230	1881
LAST YEAR	294	221	1602	1355	2039

CATTLE Compared to Thursday, lean slaughter cows sold steady to weak, with breaking and boning cows trending steady to firm. Bidding was mixed, and dependent on the quality. Slaughter bulls sold steady to 200 higher on a very good run. The supply included nearly 56 percent cows.

SLAUGHTER COWS PERCENT LEAN WEIGHT BULK LOW DRESSING Breakers 75-80 Over 1400 lbs 38.00-42.00 35.00-38.00 Boners 80-85 Over 1200 lbs 36.25-39.00 32.75-36.25 Lean (Hi-Yield) 85-88 Over 1200 lbs 32.75-36.75 31.00-32.50 Lean 88-90 Over 1000 lbs 31.50-34.00 26.50-31.50 Lean (Light-Wt) 85-90 750-1000 lbs 27.00-31.00 23.50-27.00

SLAUGHTER BULLS Yield Grade 1 1015-2030 lbs 45.00-56.00, high dressing 57.75-59.75, very fancy individual 63.00 Yield grade 2 1125-1845 lbs 42.00-46.25

CAVES Compared to Thursday, there were not enough kill calves on offer to test the market. Holstein bull calves returning to feed sold sharply lower when compared to Thursday's very active market. There were not enough Holstein heifers on offer to test the market.

VEALERS Few Utility 70-80 lbs 11.00-20.00 **RETURNING TO FEED** Holstein bulls 95-125 lbs 92.00-107.00 90 lbs 87.00 80-85 lbs 70.00 90.00, 80 lbs 60.00 **Planner-type** bulls 95-115 lbs 60.00 90.00 85 lbs 40.00-48.00 75 lbs 30.00 Few Holstein heifers 95-130 lbs 310.00 395.00 90 lbs 200.00 80 lbs 170.00 65 lbs 165.00 90.00

HOGS Barrows and gilts weak to 100 lower cows 50 to nearly 100 higher **BARROWS AND GILTS** 49-54% lean 185-210 lbs 52.00 35.25 220-270 lbs 33.00 35.00 35-50% lean 220-280 lbs 31.10 33.00 310-345 lbs 31.25 35.75 40-45% lean 230-250 lbs 29.00 31.00 265-350 lbs 27.25 30.55

COWS 1-3 300-450 lbs 22.00 24.50 450-600 lbs 24.50 28.00 600-700 lbs 28.00 29.00

BOARS 300-700 lbs 6.50 7.50 195-280 lbs 10.00 19.00

SHIPP Due to the late start a full price comparison will not be available until Tuesday.

GOATS Compared to last week kids and Yearlings sold weak to 100 lower. There was an abundance of the lighter goats on offer, therefore buyers had their pick of the litter as they were able to fill loads with ease. Nannies sold with a lower undertone on a mixed run. Billies weighing under 70 lbs sold with a lower undertone, with the heavier Billies trading sharply higher. A light test of Wethers sold steady to weak. Due to the very heavy run of small goats, bidding was fairly good on the

heavier stock. Monday's run totaled over 3500 head and as expected the supply definitely outweighed the demand. Although, losses could have been much worse if several seasonal buyers would not have been present. All goats were sold on a per head basis, with estimated weights. Kids Selection 1 20-40 lbs 32.00-48.00, 40-60 lbs 48.00-64.00 Selection 2 20-40 lbs 23.00-32.00, 40-60 lbs 44.00-50.00 Selection 3 20-40 lbs 20.00-30.00, 40-60 lbs 28.00-39.00 Yearlings Selection 1 60-80 lbs 45.00-60.00, 80-100 lbs 58.00-68.00 Selection 2 60-80 lbs 40.00-54.00 Selection 3 60-80 lbs 38.00-44.00 Does/Nannies Selection 1 50-70 lbs 56.00-68.00, 70-100 lbs 66.00-80.00, 100-140 lbs 78.00-94.00, fancy up to 104.00 Selection 2 50-70 lbs 40.00-55.00, 70-100 lbs 58.00-68.00, 100-140 lbs 74.00-84.00 Selection 3 50-70 lbs 36.00-42.00, few 54.00, 70-100 lbs 42.00-50.00, few 120 lbs 56.00 ethers 50-70 lbs 50.00-58.00, 70-100 lbs 65.00-82.00, 100-150 lbs 92.00-135.00 Bucks/Billies Selection 1 70-100 lbs 56.00-70.00, few up to 86.00, 100-150 lbs 106.00-132.00; 150-250 lbs 140.00-164.00, few fancy individuals 240.00-250.00 Selection 2 70-100 lbs 50.00-70.00, 100-150 lbs 72.00-102.00, 150-250 lbs 102.00-138.00, few up to 150.00 Selection 3 70-100 lbs 38.00-48.00, package 165 lbs 80.00

Vintage Livestock Auction

Vintage, Pa.
December 16-17, 2002
Report Supplied By USDA

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Goats
THIS WEEK	1175	938	1	1
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LAST YEAR	840	820	7	2

CATTLE Compared to Thursday's lower market, slaughter steers sold firm to 100 higher. Bidding was fairly active on all grades, although mixed at times due to the quality. After Monday's bids were only steady to firm due to the planner supply, Tuesday's run saw the increase in quality it took to entice buyers to give a little more. The Board was also somewhat supportive as February live cattle contracts closed 130 higher on Monday at 79.12 although Tuesday's Board was slightly off closing down 27 at 78.85. A very light test of Holstein steers and fed heifers sold steady to firm. On a run that included nearly 450 head slaughter cows sold weak to 100 lower with the bulk of the decrease on the fleshy cows. The quality of the run was about average with quite a few cows coming through the ring with some fill on them. Bidding was only moderate at best as buyers are fairly reluctant to procure a lot of cows going into the upcoming holiday short end weeks. Slaughter bulls sold with a weaker undertone on the few that were comparable. There was a fancy set of young clean bulls on Tuesday's market which drew some good attention from the buyers. The supply included 42 percent steers, 6 percent heifers, 47 percent cows, 3 percent bulls with the balance feeders.

Note: On Tuesday December 24th, Christmas Eve, the gates at Vintage Sales Stables will close at 3:00 pm, therefore, producers wanting to get their stock on Tuesday's market will need to get it checked in before that time.

Market At A Glance

Lancaster County Livestock Auction Averages
(Price Per Hundredweight)
Week Ending Friday, December 20, 2002
Supplied By Market Staff

	This Wk	Wk Ago	Yr Ago
Steers, Choice 2-3	72.85	73.00	66.00
Heifers, Choice 2-3, few Prime	68.25	69.50	64.75
Cows, Breakers, 75-80% lean	39.35	40.00	44.35
Cows, Boners, 80-85% lean	35.75	36.50	41.50
Bulls, YG 1, ltd	48.75	49.50	56.00
Hogs, 49-54% lean, Monday	33.65	34.50	34.75
Lambs, Choice/Prime 80-110 lb	100.00	108.00	70.00

SLAUGHTER STEERS High Choice and Prime 2-4 1215-1470 lbs 73.75-77.00, 74.25-78.50 Tuesday Choice 2-3 1205-1480 lbs 71.50-74.75, 72.00-75.00 Tuesday, few head Charolais-X's 76.50-78.50, 1515-1640 lbs 65.00-69.25 Select and low Choice 2-3 1160-1490 lbs 68.75-72.75, 69.85-73.50 Tuesday Select 1-3 1150-1455 lbs 65.00-69.50, 69.00-72.50 Tuesday, 1505-1545 lbs 62.75-64.00 Standard 1-2 1160-1480 lbs 65.00-67.75, few 60.75-62.00

HOLSTEIN STEERS High Choice and Prime 2-3 1430-1560 lbs 59.50-63.25 Choice 2-3 1380-1650 lbs 55.25-58.25 Select and low Choice 2-3 couple 1655 lbs 52.75 Select 1-2 1495-1585 lbs 50.00-52.00

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS High Choice and Prime 2-4 1125-1320 lbs 71.00-74.75 Choice 2-3 few 1120-1240 lbs 67.25-68.75 Select and low Choice 2-3 1000-1455 lbs 64.50-66.75

SLAUGHTER COWS PERCENT LEAN WEIGHT BULK LOW DRESSING Breakers 75-80 Over 1400 lbs 37.25-41.50, 33.75-36.75 few 42.75-43.25 Boners 80-85 Over 1200 lbs 35.75-38.00 31.50-35.75 Lean (Hi-Yield) 85-88 Over 1200 lbs 33.50-35.75 31.50-33.25 Lean 88-90 Over 1000 lbs 31.00-34.00 27.00-31.50 Lean (Light-Wt) 85-90 750-1000 lbs 26.50-29.00 23.00-26.50 **SLAUGHTER BULLS** Yield grade 1 1120-2030 lbs 43.50 49.00, few Monday 53.00 58.25 Young package going back to the farm 915 1055 lbs 45.00-56.00 couple 740 760 lbs 36.50 42.00

CAVES Compared to last Tuesday, veal calves sold steady to 500 lower. Holstein bulls suitable for special-fed veal barns sold sharply

lower after last weeks very aggressive market. Holstein heifers also sold with a lower undertone on a fairly light test. The supply included 681 in the state graded sale, with around 83 percent of the graded supply returning to feed.

VEALERS Standard and Good 75-110 lbs 15.00-30.00, individual 35.00 Utility 50-105 lbs 12.00-25.00, few 10.00 **RETURNED TO FARM** Graded Number One Holstein Bulls 95-125 lbs 102.00-127.00, pkg 90 lbs 100.00, pkg 85 lbs 85.00, pkg 80 lbs 65.00 Graded Number Two Holstein bulls 95-125 lbs 50.00-85.00, couple packages 90 lbs 62.00-77.00, three packages 130-185 lbs 40.00-50.00 Holstein bulls sold individually 130-185 lbs 35.00-55.00 Individual beef bull 90 lbs 50.00 Graded Number One Holstein Heifers package 102 lbs 375.00, package 93 lbs 410.00, package 84 lbs 200.00 Number Two Holstein Heifers package 104 lbs 370.00, package 91 lbs 310.00, couple packages 82 83 lbs 165.00 175.00 package 72 lbs 120.00 few 63 lbs 95.00 Few black beef heifers sold individually 230-260 lbs 60.00 65.00

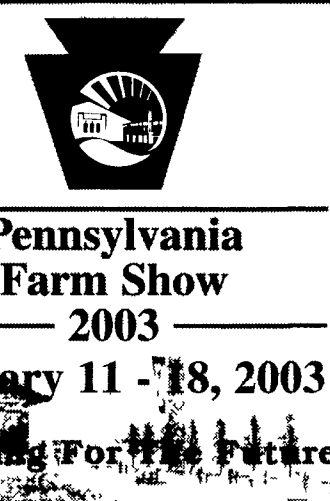
New Holland Livestock Auction

New Holland, Pa.
Thursday, December 19, 2002
Report Supplied By USDA

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Goats
THURSDAY	1595	595	725	959
LAST WEEK	674	274	263	425
LAST YEAR	902	654	402	627

CATTLE Compared to Tuesday slaughter steers sold 50 to 100 lower. The supply was very mixed as cattle were either coming through the door over-finished, full or just right. Although bids did match the uneven quality as buyers didn't hesitate to discount the heavies or the 4's and 5's. It was apparent that many producers were waiting for the market to hit its peak before shipping their stock to town and this thinking came back to bite a few producers as they thought their steers hit the scales at over 1550 lbs. However even when a 1600 pounder brings 65.00 it's still over 1000.00 per head, which is a pretty good lick. The Board has been very unpredictable this week as the February live cattle contract was as high as 79.12 on Monday, closing at 78.57 on Thursday as traders try to keep aligned with the cash trade. Speaking of cash steers, the Western direct feed yards are lined up to lose another 100 this week with early sales coming in at mostly 72.00. A very good test of Holstein steers sold with a firmer undertone. Slaughter heifers were in very tight supply, therefore a trend was not established. The bulk of the breaking and boning cow supply sold with a firmer tone in continued good demand. Lean cows sold weak to 50 lower due to light buyer attendance. Slaughter bulls sold with a higher undertone on a very good run. The supply included 40 percent steers, 5 percent heifers, 36 percent cows, 7 percent bulls, with the balance feeders.

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