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SLAUGHTER HEIFERS Choice 2 3 1255 1355 lbs 68 00 73 75 Select 1 3 1110 1450 67 75 69 75

SLAUGHTER COWS Breakers 75 80 percent lean over 1400 lbs 38 00 44 50 low dressing 36 00 38 25 Boners 80 85 percent lean over 1200 lbs 36 25 39 00 low dressing 32 75 36 25 Lean (Hi Yield) 85 88 percent lean over 1200 lbs 34 00 36 50 low dressing 32 50 34 25 Lean 88 90 percent lean over 1000 lbs 31 25 35 00 low dressing 27 75 31 25 Lean (Light Wt) 85 90 percent lean 750 1000 lbs 26 50 29 25 low dressing 22 90 26 50

SLAUGHTER BULLS Few Yield grade 2 1215 1875 lbs 38 00 47 50

CAVES Compared to last Tuesday's veal calves sold steady to 5 00 lower. Holstein bulls suitable for special fed veal barns sold mixed, although mostly weaker. Buyer activity was very good, and weight selective. Holstein heifers sold with a lower undertone on a very light test. The supply included 399 in the state graded sale, with around 83 percent of the graded supply returning to feed.

VEALERS Standard and Utility 50 110 lbs 12 00 20 00 few 50 10 00

RETURN TO FARM Graded Number One Holstein Bulls 95 125 lbs 110 00 115 00 package 85 00 package 90 lbs 85 00 package 85 lbs 75 00 Graded Number Two Holstein bulls 95 125 lbs 75 00 110 00 couple packages 90 lbs 50 00 65 00 couple packages 83 lbs 30 00 Holstein bulls sold individually 130 150 lbs 50 00 65 00 Graded Number One Holstein Heifers 90 115 lbs 240 00 285 00 package 83 lbs 190 00 Graded Number Two Holstein Heifers 70 95 lbs 145 00 190 00 Few beef cross heifers 110 135 lbs 70 00 85 00 couple 70 lbs 40 00

New Holland Livestock Auction

New Holland Pa
Thursday December 26 2002
Report Supplied by USDA

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Goats
THURSDAY	664	410	80	566
LAST WEEK	1595	595	725	959
LAST YEAR	1214	1246	1033	1430

CAVES Compared to Monday and Tuesday's very light runs, slaughter steers sold weak to 50 lower with a few instances of 1 00 lower. The heavy snows that swept across the North East on Wednesday hampered receipts greatly for Thursday's sale. Around 10 percent of the 250 head of steers that did make it to town weighed over 1500 lbs, although buyers did not show it was too much from the heavyweights. If they weren't to say they had some fill on them, which is to be expected due to the storm. Holstein steer and slaughter heifers were not fully tested due to the light run. Compared to Tuesday's very active cow market, slaughter cows sold firm to 50 higher, with a few fleisher cows up to 1 00 higher. Demand was very good for all ends, however, extremely good for the Breakers and Boners. There were several very good consignments of cow milk. Breeding cows on offer, which just adds fuel to the fire when buyers are able to put a load together in any case. The supply included 38 percent steers, 7 percent heifers, 45 percent cows, 3 percent bulls with no balance feeders.

SLAUGHTER STEERS High Choice and Prime 4 1350 1435 lbs 74 50 75 75 Choice 2 3 1120 1490 lbs 71 75 74 75 few high dressing Charolais and Limousin crosses 74 50 77 75 full 70 00 71 25 Yield Grade 1's 68 00 71 25 Choice 2 3 heavyweights 1510 1575 lbs 69 50 72 25 1620 1685 lbs 60 00 62 25 Select and low Choice 2 3 1135 1495 lbs 70 00 73 00 early 2 00 73 75 late 68 75 70 25 Select 1 2 1075 1495 lbs 67 00 71 25 heavyweights 1525 1565 lbs 66 00 69 75 Standard 1 2 1210 1485 lbs 63 50 67 75 with a few returning to feed 69 00 75 50

HOLSTEIN STEERS Choice 2 3 1350 1545 lbs 74 75 77 75 Select 1 2 1460 1530 lbs 52 00 53 25 SLAUGHTER HEIFERS High Choice and Prime 2 4 1135 1385 lbs 71 50 72 00 Choice 2 3 1135 1380 lbs 68 25 70 75 one Yield Grade 5 67 50 Select 1 3 1070 1280 lbs 64 25 67 25

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SLAUGHTER BULLS Yield Grade 1 1005 1720 lbs 44 50 50 25 full 43 00 Yield Grade 2 full 1170 1280 lbs 38 00 40 00 640 925 lbs 46 50 51 50

Lancaster County Weekly Cattle

New Holland, Pa
Report Supplied by USDA
Friday December 27, 2002

THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR
1419	2985	1617

CAVES Compared to last week, slaughter steers opened the week firm to 1 00 higher with all gains being erased by week's end as prices trended weak to 1 00 lower. However, there were only around 440 head of steers offered, which is about half of the normal flow. The Christmas holiday hampered receipts, some what as many packers were dark for at least one day this week. Also several inches of snow hammered the East coast Wednesday, which kept many producers away from the sale barns. Bidding was mixed and was more dependent on the quality fill and finish than usual. Holstein steers and fed heifers were not well tested this week. Slaughter cows kicked off the week trending weak to 50 lower. However, on a light run Tuesday buyers aggressively procured cows, 50-200 higher, and the fire was still growing late in the week with bids another 50 higher. The quality of the cow runs this week was pretty good as the number of Breaking and Boning cows increased, with three pot loads of the fancy fleisher type cows going through the ring on Thursday. It's still pretty quiet in the Western direct feed yards as of Thursday evening with only a few live heifer sales confirmed at 72 00. This week's reported supply included 31 percent steers, 6 percent heifers, 49 percent cows, 6 percent bulls with the balance feeders. SLAUGHTER STEERS High Choice and Prime 2 4 1260 1470 lbs 73 00 77 50 Choice 2 3 1120 1490 lbs 71 25 75 50 few high dressing Charolais and Limousin crosses 74 50 77 75 full 69 75 71 25 Yield Grade 4 5 68 00 71 25 Choice 2 3 heavyweights 1510 1575 lbs 68 25 72 25 1620 1685 lbs 60 00 64 25 Select and low Choice 2 3 1135 1495 lbs 69 50 73 00 up to 73 75 Select 1 2 1075 1495 lbs 66 25 73 50 heavyweights 1515 1600 lbs 62 75 69 75 Standard 1-2 1210 1485 lbs 63 50 67 75 with a few returning to feed 69 00 75 50

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SLAUGHTER BULLS Yield Grade 1 1005 2155 lbs 43 50 50 25 full 43 00 high dressing up to 54 00 Yield Grade 2 1215 1875 lbs 40 00 47 50 full 1170 1280 lbs 38 00 40 00 640 925 lbs 46 50 51 50

CAVES Compared to last week, veal calves sold steady to 9 00 lower the first couple of trading days. However, vealers trended sharply higher late in the week due to the good buyer demand. Holstein bull calves suitable for special fed veal barns sold with a higher undertone early in the week then they hit a glitch on Tuesday trading very mixed. When the dust finally cleared late in the week buyers were procuring heavy bulls for as much as 155 00. The heavy snows were very supportive to producers with calves on Thursday's market as buyers were not able to pull calves out of barns further North, therefore, local prices were sharply higher. Holstein heifers sold sharply lower on light early week tests, trending sharply higher late due to the increased demand.

VEALERS Standard and Good 90 115 lbs 37 00 47 00 Utility 70 90 lbs 11 00 27 00 few 50 10 00

RETURN TO FARM Monday Holstein bulls 95 125 lbs 110 00 117 00 85 lbs 55 00 70 00 80 lbs 55 00 Plainer type bulls 95 125 lbs 60 00 90 00 90 lbs 50 00 57 00 85 lbs 40 00 50 00 80 lbs 30 00 Weaker type bulls 95 125 lbs 30 00 45 00 Few Holstein heifers 90 115 lbs 300 00 340 00 85 lbs 250 00 270 00 65 70 lbs 135 00 185 00

Tuesday Graded Number One Holstein Bulls 95 125 lbs 110 00 115 00 package 85 00 package 90 lbs 85 00 package 85 lbs 75 00 Graded Number Two Holstein bulls 95 125 lbs 75 00 110 00 couple packages 90 lbs 50 00 65 00 couple packages 83 lbs 30 00 Holstein bulls sold individually 130 150 lbs 50 00 65 00 Graded Number One Holstein Heifers 90 115 lbs 240 00 285 00 package 83 lbs 190 00 Graded Number Two Holstein Heifers 70 95 lbs 145 00 190 00 Few beef-cross heifers 110 135 lbs 70 00 85 00 couple 70 lbs 40 00

Thursday Graded Number One Holstein bulls 95 125 lbs 125 00 155 00 91 lbs 115 00 87 lbs 100 00 82 lbs 100 00 Graded Number Two Holstein bulls 95 125 lbs 102 00 130 00 90 lbs 60 00 83 lbs 72 00 77 lbs 30 00 Graded Utility Holstein bulls 104 lbs 48 00 94 lbs 56 00 Holstein bulls sold individually 130 140 lbs 67 00 80 00 95 125 lbs 90 00 122 00 Weaker-type bulls 100 120 lbs 65 00 80 00 Beef type bulls 90 100 lbs 70 00 100 00 Holstein heifers 95 120 lbs 280 00 435 00 90 lbs 240 00 300 00 85 lbs 310 00 70 75 lbs 100 00 160 00 Plainer-type heifers 95 100 lbs 165 00 250 00 90 lbs 190 00 85 lbs 110 00 Beef type heifers 95 110 lbs 120 00 160 00

CAVES Compared to Monday, veal calves sold sharply higher in active bidding. Holstein bull calves returning to the farm sold sharply higher in very active trading and good buyer attendance. Heavy snows fell in the North East causing many area sale barns to close their doors. Therefore, demand was very good for anything buyers could get their hands on. Holstein heifers sold higher as well when compared to Monday's very light test. The supply included 297 head in the state graded sale, with around 81 percent of the graded run going back on feed.

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SHEEP and LAMBS Compared to Monday, there were not enough of any class for a good market test. Receipts were held to 80 head due to the snow. SLAUGHTER LAMBS Choice and Prime 2 3 20 25 lbs 100 00 120 00 35 40 lbs 120 00 135 00 individual 185 00 50 60 lbs 90 00 120 00 couple 156 00 60 70 lbs 105 00 132 00 70 80 lbs 97 00 108 00 80 90 lbs 100 00 116 00 one 105 lbs 97 00 one 125 lbs 110 00 SLAUGHTER EWES Good and Choice Yearlings and 2 year olds couple 100 130 lbs 80 00 84 00 Sheep 120 145 lbs 56 00 70 00 few 150 160 lbs 50 00 68 00

GOATS Compared to Monday, a light test sold near steady. All goats were sold on a per head basis with estimated weights. Note: A special goat sale will be held on Saturday December 28th. The sale is set to begin at 9 a.m. with a good selection on offer. Kids Selection 1 20 40 lbs 40 00 50 00 40 70 lbs 55 00 70 00 Selection 2 30 40 lbs 25 00 45 00 40 70 lbs 45 00 55 00 Selection 3 20 40 lbs 18 00 40 00 Yearlings Selection 1 50 80 lbs 45 00 70 00 80 110 lbs 65 00 80 00 Selection 2 50 80 lbs 40 00 65 00 Selection 3 35 60 lbs 30 00 45 00 Nannies Selection 1 50 70 lbs 50 00 60 00 70 100 lbs 62 00 75 00 100 40 lbs 72 00 85 00 Selection 2 50 70 lbs 40 00 50 00 70 100 lbs 46 00 64 00 100 140 lbs 70 00 80 00 Selection 3 50 70 lbs 26 00 40 00 70 100 lbs 30 00 45 00 Wethers 70 100 lbs 85 00 91 00 100 175 lbs 95 00 Billies Selection 1 100 150 lbs 101 00 137 00 150 250 lbs 145 00 220 00 Selection 2 70 100 lbs 50 00 65 00 100 150 lbs 65 00 92 00 150 250 lbs 115 00 130 00 Selection 3 100 150 lbs 90 00 100 00

Greencastle Hay

Greencastle, Pa
Report Supplied by Auction
December 26, 2002

HAY 7 LOADS STRAW 2 LOADS MISC 1
LOAD TOTAL LOADS 10
ALFALFA 170 00
MIX HAY 77 50 117 50
STRAW 75 00 77 50

Jersey Shore Livestock Market, Inc.

Jersey Shore, Pa
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Thursday, Dec 26 2002

RETURN TO FARM CATTLE 70 00 450 00
GOOD MEAT 50 00 69 00
COMMON VEAL 10 00 49 00
CHOICE STEERS 67 00 73 00
SELECT STEERS 60 00 68 00
COMMON STEERS 55 00 59 00
COMMERCIAL COWS 35 00 40 00
CANNERS/CULTERS 28 00 36 00
SHEEPS 22 00 27 00
CHOICE HEIFERS 65 00 67 00
SELECT HEIFERS 55 00 64 00
COMMON HEIFERS 50 00 54 00

Vintage Hay

Vintage, Pa.
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GRASS- 150.00
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Greencastle Livestock

Greencastle, Pa
Report Supplied by PDA
Thursday, Dec 26, 2002

CATTLE 162
COWS 1 00 1 50 HIGHER HOLSTEIN STEERS FEW STANDARD 1 2 34 50 39 50 HEIFERS SELECT 1 2 COUPLE 60 00 & 61 25
COWS BREAKERS 75 80% LEAN 34 75 39 75 AVERAGE 37 10 BONERS 80 85% LEAN 32 50 39 00 AVERAGE 34 90 LEAN 85 90% LEAN 28 00 37 00 MOSTLY 29 00 35 75 AVERAGE 31 85
SHEEPS 27 75 AND DOWN
BULLS YIELD GRADE 1 FEW 965/1680 1 BS 47 25 48 00

CAVES 299 STANDARD & GOOD 75/120 LBS 32 50 52 50 UTILITY 60/120 LBS 12 50 30 00 FARM CAVES HOLSTEIN BULLS 10 00 HIGH 1R NO 1 BULLS 90/125 LBS 95 00 132 50 MOSTLY 100 00 127 50 80/90 55 00 92 50 NO 2 BULLS 80/120 LBS 55 00 97 50 LIGHTWEIGHTS AND WEAKER CAVES DOWN TO 40 00 HOLSTEIN HEIFERS NO 1 HRS 95/120 LBS FEW 310 00 390 00 NO 2 70/95 LBS 130 00 265 00 BEEF CROSS BULLS AND HEIFERS FEW 90% 25 LBS FEW 80 00 137 50
HOGS 0 BARROW & GILTS NO MARKET TEST
FEEDER PIGS 0 NO MARKET TEST
SHEEP 0 NO MARKET TEST
GOATS 0 NO MARKET TEST

Five-Area Weekly Average Direct Slaughter Cattle
St. Joseph, Mo., December 23, 2002 - USDA Market News Service
Sales in Texas/Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, and Iowa/Minnesota Feedlots for
Week Ending Sunday, December 22, 2002

Confirmed Sales 115,536, Week Ago 169,746, Year Ago: 152,141

LIVE FOB BASIS STEERS - Beef Breeds:

	#/Head	Wt Range	Price Range	Av. Wt	Av. Price
Over 80% Choice	1,130	1250-1475	69.00-72.00	1,397	70.81
65-80% Choice	5,838	1225-1435	70.50-72.10	1,354	71.34
35-65% Choice	28,529	1050-1425	68.00-72.50	1,270	71.65
0-35% Choice	2,146	1150-1,300	71.00-72.00	1,256	71.56
TOTAL all grades	37,643	1050-1475	68.00-72.50	1,286	71.56

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS

Over 80% Choice	678	1175-1350	70.50-73.00	1,245	71.60
65-80% Choice	6,643	1060-1325	70.00-72.10	1,242	71.40
35-65% Choice	21,861	1020-1375	69.50-72.50	1,143	71.78
0-35% Choice	370	1100-1100	71.00-72.00	1,100	71.84
TOTAL all grades	29,552	1020-1375	69.50-73.00	1,167	71.69

DRESSED DELIVERED BASIS - Beef Breeds:

	#/Head	Wt Range	Price Range	Av. Wt	Av. Price
Over 80% Choice	1,619	788-928	111.00-113.00	872	112.55
65-80% Choice	7,044	750-945	110.00-114.00	854	112.34
35-65% Choice	7,246	625-945	110.00-113.00	832	112.08
0-35% Choice					
TOTAL all grades	15,909	625-945	110.00-114.00	847	112.24

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS

Over 80% Choice	924	714-816	111.00-113.00	776	112.63
65-80% Choice	6,321	693-845	110.00-114.00	788	112.44
35-65% Choice	6,410	703-826	111.00-113.00	762	112.08
0-35% Choice					
TOTAL all grades	13,655	693-845	110.00-114.00	775	112.28

WEEKLY WEIGHTED AVERAGES:

	Head Count	Av Weight	Av Price
Live Steer	37,643	1,286	71.56
Live Heifer	29,552	1,167	71.69
Dressed Steer	15,909	847	112.24
Dressed Heifer	13		