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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

**Lancaster County
 Weekly Cattle**

New Holland, Pa.
 Report Supplied By USDA
 Friday, January 3, 2003

CATTLE
 THIS WEEK 2033 1728
 LAST YEAR 1419 1265
 1601
 2282
 Compared to last week, slaughter steers sold 200-400 higher. Supplies continue to lighten up in Lancaster County as producers get their barns cleaned out. This week was no exception, as the quality of the steer runs were very mixed. We did see the usual hard fed Choice and Prime steers, but as farmers send the tail end of their steers to town there are a lot more Yield Grade 4's. Also, with the snows melting and the rains falling, there is a lot more mud hanging on the bottom side of the stock, not to mention the fill some of the steers are carrying. Never-the-less, packers made it very clear early in the week that they need steers to keep the chains running, and were willing to add several dollars to their bids to procure them. This time a year ago in Lancaster County fed Choice steers were bringing around 66.00, and with those same steers currently bringing around 76.00, the 10.00 difference definitely has put some black ink back into the farmers' bottom line. We enter 2003. Holstein steers also sold 200-400 higher this week, as bidding was very active on the spotted stock. Slaughter heifers sold with a higher undertone in light tests. Slaughter cows kicked off the week trending weaker, but by weeks end cows were trading 100-300 higher. Higher cow carcass cut-out values lent very good support, as well as very good buyer attendance, especially late in the week. The Western direct feed yards are moving steers at mostly 75.00 this week, which is a 1 00 higher than last week. This combined with February live cattle contract at the Mercantile Exchange trading above 79.50 again, have cast a farmer friendly ray on the current market as we kick off the New Year. This week's reported supply included 26 percent steers, 5 percent heifers, 58 percent cows, 4 percent bulls, with the balance feeders.

SLAUGHTER STEERS High Choice and Prime 2-3 1270-1580 lbs 60 75-65 75, avg 63 50-64 44. Choice 2-3 1250-1610 lbs 55 00-61 00, avg 57 68-59 86. Heavyweights 1605-1720 lbs 51 00-53 25. Select and low Choice 1-3 1290-1660 lbs 42 75-49 00, avg 53 33-56 80. Select 1-2 1050-1515 lbs 51 00-56 50, avg 53 94-54 39. Standard 1-2 1200-1535

SLAUGHTER COWS PFCENT LEAN WEIGHT BULK LOW DRESSING Breakers 75-80 Over 1400 lbs 38 25-46 50 34 25-39 75 Boners 80-85 Over 1200 lbs 35 50-39 50 32 00-37 25 Lean (HI-Yield) 85-88 Over 1200 lbs 33 50-37 00 30 50-35 00 Lean 88-90 Over 1000 lbs 31 00-35 50 26 50-32 25 Lean (Light-Wt) 85-90 750-1000 lbs 26 50-31 75 23 00-28 00
SLAUGHTER BULLS Yield Grade 1 1315-2285 lbs 45 00-58 00, 875 lb individual 51 00. Yield grade 2 1110-2220 lbs 41 50-48 00, low dressing or full 37 25-41 50. Bulls/Cow Couple Select 1-2 1150-1175 lbs 52 00-57 00

FEEDER CATTLE Holstein Steers Large 3 package 695 lbs 47 50, package 715 lbs 43 50, package 820 lbs 43 50. Holstein Heifers Large 3 package 675 lbs 39 50, package 785 lbs 41 00

CALVES Compared to last week, veal calves sold mostly steady to 15 00 higher. Holstein bull calves returning to feed sold sharply lower the first day of the trading period. However, prices trended sharply higher Tuesday through Thursday, as buyer demand was excellent. Many feeders are keeping a close eye on finished calves as currently prices are below 200.00, therefore there is definitely some skepticism in the air. Holstein heifers sold sharply higher due to very good demand, and a very nice selection all week.

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 Standard and Utility 55-110 lbs 15 00-30 00, weaker 11 00-15 00

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Tuesday- Graded Number One Holstein Bulls 95-125 lbs 107 00-150 00, package 90 lbs 105 00, 80-85 lbs 100 00. Graded Number Two Holstein bulls 95-125 lbs 90 00-130 00, couple packages 90 lbs 85 00-90 00, package 84 lbs 70 00; package 82 lbs 65 00. Holstein bulls sold individually 95-125 lbs 45 00-90 00, few up to 110 00, 90 lbs 35 00-85 00; 75-85 lbs 35 00-50 00, individual 72 00. Beef-type bulls 110 lbs 80 00, fancy 85 lb individual 85 00. Graded Number One Holstein Heifers 95-115 lbs 360 00-410 00. Graded Number Two Holstein Heifers 95-110 lbs 290 00-315 00, package 82 lbs 230 00; package 73 lbs 100 00, couple 65 lbs 85 00. Holstein heifers sold individually 95-110 lbs 125 00-200 00, few 310 00-340 00, 90 lb individual 100 00. Few beef-type heifers 110 lbs 55 00, fancy 125 lb individual

**Jersey Shore
 Livestock Mar-
 ket, Inc.**

Jersey Shore, Pa.
 Report Supplied By Auction
 Thursday, Jan. 2, 2003

RETURN TO FARM CALF
 100 00-420 00

GOOD VEAL: 70 00-99 00

COMMON VEAL 10 00-69 00

SELECT STEERS 65 00-68 00

COMMON STEERS 58 00-64 00

COMMERCIAL COWS
 60 00-43 50

CANNERS/CUTTERS
 40 00-38 00

SHFIS 25 00 TO 29 00

SELECT HEIFERS 64 00-67 00

COMMON HEIFERS
 50 00-63 00

COMMON FEEDERS
 15 00-72 00

BULLS 38 00-47 00

**Average Farm
 Feed
 Costs for Handy
 Reference**

To help farmers across the state to have handy reference of commodity input costs in their feeding operations for DHIA record sheets or to develop livestock feed cost data, here's last week's average costs of various ingredients as compiled from regional reports across the state of Pennsylvania.

Remember, these are averages, so you will need to adjust your figures up or down according to your location and the quality of your crop.

Corn, No.2y — 2.99 bu., 5.34 cwt.
 Wheat, No.2 — 3.43 bu., 5.72 cwt.
 Barley, No.3 — 2.11 bu., 4.52 cwt.
 Oats, No.2 — 1.96 bu., 0.11 cwt.
 Soybeans, No.1 — 5.72 bu., 9.56 cwt.
 Ear Corn — 85.44 ton, 4.27 cwt.
 Alfalfa Hay — 140.50 ton, 7.03 cwt.
 Mixed Hay — 143.75 ton, 19 cwt.
 Timothy Hay — 107.50 ton, 5.38 cwt.

lbs 46 00-53 00, avg 49 81-50 13

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**Pennsylvania
 Livestock Auction**
 Wayneburg, Pa.
 Thursday, Jan. 2, 2003
 Report Supplied By Auction

Cattle STOCK COWS 34 50-46 50 **SLAUGHTER COWS** Utility & Commercial 35.00-47 00, Boner & Boning Utility 31 00-36 00, Cutter & Boning Utility 28 00-34 00, Canner & Low Cutter 28 00-32 00, Shells 29 00 & down.

BULLS YIELD GRADE 1 1500#-2000# 39 00-48 00, YIELD GRADE 2 1000#-1400# 38 00-54 00

FEEDER STEERS M & L 1 300-500# 80 00-89 00 250-280# 80 00-94 00, M 600-900# 55 00-85 00

HEIFERS: M 1 & L 1 300-500# 68 00-74 00, L 1 400-650# 60 00-75 00

BULLS M & L 1 300-620# 70 00-90 00

CALVES Veal Prime 70.00-85 00, Choice 60 00-84 00; Good 35 00-70 00; Farm Calves #1 Holstein Bulls 90-120# Few 35.00-115 00, #2 Holstein Bulls 80-100# Few 10 00-50 00, Beef — Bull & Hfrs/Hd 50.00-34.00

HOGS: Barrows & Gilts #1-2 210-255# 35 00-45 00, #2-3 255-280# 32.00-44 00, Sows #1-3 300-500# 17 00-35.00; Feeder Pigs 1-3 15-20# 5.00-17 00/Hd 1-3 25-35# 10.00-41 00/Hd

LAMBS High Choice 80-100# 60.00-92 00, Choice 40-75# 60 00-122 50, Feeder Lamb Good 50 00-95 00; Sheep 16.00-40 00; Fat Sheep 20.00 and down.

GOATS Large 45.00-125 00/Hd, Medium 30 00-70 00/Hd; Small 10 00-30 00/Hd

HORSES: Horses 20 00-52 00, Ponies 20 00-48 00

**FDA Finds 'Serious Violations'
 In Kraft's Use Of MPC**

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taining casein (an imported pure milk protein product) for decades, according to Carlin.

In a move which could nix efforts to curb MPC imports, the International Dairy Foods Association recently asked the FDA to act on a 1999 petition by the National Cheese Institute to allow MPC in cheesemaking.

Fifteen U.S. representatives have written the FDA opposing such use of MPC (also referred to as ultrafiltered milk) in cheesemaking. Among these law-

makers are Pennsylvania representatives Tim Holden, Todd Platts, John Peterson, and Don Sherwood.

"It cannot yet be assured that all MPC from foreign sources is safe for human consumption," the representatives wrote in their letter of Oct. 11, 2002. "MPC should not displace the use of domestic milk in the making of cheese. Our dairy farmers continue to suffer from historically low milk prices, and deserve proper enforcement of current law."

The FDA is expected to act on the petition early this year.

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