

# LANCASTER COUNTY LIVESTOCK MARKET AUCTIONS

## New Holland Livestock Auction

New Holland, Pa.  
Report Supplied By USDA  
Monday, January 13, 2003

	Cattle	Calves	Hogs	Sheep	Goats
MONDAY	465	259	1138	1073	2136
LAST WEEK	289	233	478	657	1287
LAST YEAR	258	230	948	1059	996

**CATTLE:** Compared to Thursday, slaughter cows sold mixed; although mostly steady to firm. The top of the Breaking cow prices are quoted lower, however the top was never tested. Cow carcass cutout values continue to close steady to firm, which is lending good support, especially when between 1100-1300 cows continue to hit the markets of Lancaster County. Slaughter bulls sold 2.00-3.00 lower, with instances sharply lower. The bull run was very heavy for a Monday, with nearly 100 head on the books. Even though prices were lower, demand for fed and young bulls remains very good. Nearly 44 percent of the run was made up of slaughter cows.

**SLAUGHTER COWS: PERCENT LEAN WEIGHT BULK LOW DRESSING Breakers** 75-80 Over 1400 lbs 39.50-42.75 35.50-39.50 Boners 80-85 Over 1200 lbs 36.25-39.75 33.75-36.00 Lean (Hi-Yield) 85-88 Over 1200 lbs 34.50-36.25 30.00-33.00 Lean 88-90 Over 1000 lbs 31.00-34.75 28.00-31.50 Lean (Light-Wt) 85-90 750-1000 lbs 27.00-30.00 23.50-26.50

**SLAUGHTER BULLS:** Yield Grade 1 1020-1990 lbs 43.50-48.00, high dressing individual 55.00 Yield grade 2 1105-2660 lbs 41.00-44.50, low dressing 900-1365 lbs 34.50-40.00. Bullocks: Few Select 1-2 1065-1460 lbs 60.00-60.50, couple 69.00-71.50.

**CALVES:** Compared to Thursday, veal calves were not tested. Holstein bull calves returning to feed sold with a lower undertone. Holstein heifers were not fully tested due to the light run.

**SLAUGHTER CALVES:** Choice individual 180 lbs 102.00; individual 260 lbs 87.00; individual 365 lbs 75.00; individual 410 lbs 93.00. Few Standard and Utility 60-75 lbs 11.00-15.00.

**RETURNING TO FEED:** Holstein bulls 95-125 lbs 120.00-140.00. Plainer-type bulls 95-125 lbs 92.00-122.00; 90 lbs 85.00-95.00. Weaker bulls 95-125 lbs 75.00-87.00; 90 lbs 50.00-75.00; 80 lbs 60.00-70.00. Few Holstein heifers 90 lbs 280.00-410.00; 85 lbs 250.00-280.00; 75 lbs 160.00.

**HOGS:** Barrows and gilts mostly steady to 50 higher, sows mostly 1.00 lower, boars mostly steady. **BARROWS AND GILTS:** 49-54% lean 215-275 lbs 33.00-35.50, individual 36.50, 45-50% lean 220-275 lbs 32.00-33.75, 290-265 lbs 32.75-34.50, 425-455 lbs 29.25-32.00, 40-45% lean 220-270 lbs 29.00-31.60, 275-385 lbs 28.00-31.00

**SOWS:** 1-3 300-400 lbs 19.00-21.00, 400-450 lbs 21.00-24.00, 450-550 lbs 23.00-26.00, 500-550 lbs 24.00-28.00, 550-700 lbs 26.50-29.50

**BOARS:** 300-700 lbs 7.00-7.25.

**SHEEP and LAMBS:** Compared to Thursday, the bulk of the lamb supply was not well tested. The 80-90 lb supply made up the majority of the lamb run and sold about steady. Slaughter ewes also sold near steady. All classes of sheep and lambs are weighed and sold by the pound

**SLAUGHTER LAMBS:** Choice and Prime 2-3 couple 22 lbs 100.00; 60-70 lbs 116.00-124.00; package 74 lbs 116.00; 80-90 lbs 104.00-122.00; 90-105 lbs 108.00-112.00, 120-145 lbs 90.00-104.00, package 82.00; package 165 lbs 90.00.

**SLAUGHTER EWES:** Good and Choice Yearlings 100-160 lbs 82.00-84.00; individual 185 lbs 56.00; individual 210 lbs 64.00. Good and Choice 2 Year Olds fancy package 149 lbs 58.00; individual 170 lbs 42.00; package 200 lbs 52.00; individual 280 lbs 40.00. Ewes: couple 105 lbs 66.00; 120-170 lbs 44.00-56.00, 180-250 lbs 44.00-48.00, few 52.00-55.00.

**GOATS:** Compared to last week, a light test of Kids sold mixed; although the bulk sold with a weaker undertone. Yearlings sold 2.00-4.00 lower on a light test. Nannies sold 2.00-8.00 lower, with most of the decrease on those weighing over 100 lbs. Billies sold steady to as much as 10.00 lower, with Wethers trending weaker on a very light test. Bidding was very light early, however, even when buyer attendance picked up a little trading was only moderate. All goats are sold on a per head basis, with estimated weights. Kids: Selection 1 few 20-40 lbs 50.00-60.00. Selection 2 20-40 lbs 32.00-40.00. Selection 3 20-40 lbs 22.00-30.00. Yearlings: Selection 1 60-80 lbs 60.00-70.00; few 80-100 lbs 72.00-82.00. Selection 2 60-80 lbs 54.00-64.00. Selection 3 few 60-80 lbs 38.00-40.00. Does/Nannies: Selection 1 50-70 lbs 62.00-68.00; 70-100 lbs 60.00-74.00; 100-150 lbs 72.00-80.00, full 50.00 Selection 2 70-100 lbs 100-150 lbs 60.00-72.00. Selection 3 50-70 lbs 32.00-52.00; 70-100 lbs 50.00-70.00. Wethers: Few 50-70 lbs 58.00-70.00; 70-100 lbs 72.00-90.00; few 100-150 lbs 92.00-100.00. Bucks/Billies: Selection 1 70-100 lbs 72.00-76.00; 100-150 lbs 78.00-94.00, individual 112.00 150-250 lbs 106.00-144.00, few 148.00-156.00. Selection 2 70-100 lbs 56.00-70.00; 100-150 lbs 60.00-80.00; 150-250 lbs 84.00-117.00. Selection 3 70-100 lbs 48.00-58.00; 100-150 lbs 60.00-70.00; 150-250 lbs 82.00-90.00.

## Vintage Livestock Auction

Vintage, Pa.  
January 13-14, 2003  
Report Supplied By USDA

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Goats
THIS WEEK	703	754	0	1
LAST WEEK	829	751	2	1
LAST YEAR	859	816	0	4

**CATTLE:** Compared to Thursday, slaughter steers sold fully 1.00 higher; with instances up to 1.50 higher on the fancy high Choice and Prime stock. It became apparent that 80.00 fed cattle this winter could be a reality after all as several fancy steers on Tuesday sold from 79.00-81.00; and once the good ones are there it might not be long before the ring man starts the rest of them with an 8 instead of a 7. Even though the February Board is a little sporadic as it teeters on both sides of 81.00, it is still extremely feeder supportive. Holstein steers sold with a firmer undertone on light tests. Slaughter heifers sold steady to firm in mixed quality. Breaking and Boning cows sold .50-1.00 lower, with the Lean cow supply trending steady to .50

## Market At A Glance

Lancaster County Livestock Auction Averages

(Price Per Hundredweight)

Week Ending Friday, January 17, 2003

Supplied By Market Staff

	This Wk	Wk Ago	Yr Ago
Steers, Choice 2-3	76.10	75.50	69.20
Heifers, Choice 2-3, few Prime	73.00	72.85	67.50
Cows, Breakers, 75-80% lean	41.75	41.75	41.00
Cows, Boners, 80-85% lean	36.50	36.50	39.00
Bulls, YG 1, ltd.	51.25	51.00	57.00
Hogs, 49-54% lean, Monday	34.25	33.85	36.50
Lambs, Choice/Prime 80-110 lb.	113.00	112.00	105.00

lower. The cold temperatures outside seemed to cool things off around the sale ring, as bidding was only moderate at its best. Flesher cows had been a pretty hot commodity over the last few sales, however the extreme top at Tuesday's run was 44.00, which was a surprise as there were several fancy head of Breaking cows on the books. Slaughter bulls sold near steady on a very light test. The supply included 26 percent steers, 7 percent heifers, 55 percent cows, 4 percent bulls, with the balance feeders.

**SLAUGHTER STEERS:** High Choice and Prime 2-4 1275-1495 lbs 78.00-82.00, avg 79.98. Choice 2-3 1120-1465 lbs 74.00-78.50, avg 76.36, heavy 1510-1615 lbs 68.75-73.00, few high dressing Charolais-X's 74.50-77.25. Select and low Choice 2-3 1165-1495 lb 73.25-76.00, avg 74.67. Select 1-3 1025-1495 lbs 68.75-75.00, avg 71.75. Few Standard 1-2 1285-1435 lbs 62.25-67.25, avg 64.75.

**HOLSTEIN STEERS:** Choice, few Prime 2-3 1375-1570 lbs 57.00-65.25, couple 70.00, heavy 1600-1700 lbs 55.25-61.75. Select 1-2 1140-1590 lbs 55.00-57.00. **SLAUGHTER HEIFERS:** Few Prime 2-3 1020-1360 lbs 73.50-77.50. Few Choice 2-3 1100-1345 lbs 70.00-73.50. Select 1-3 1000-1255 lbs 66.25-72.00.

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Wt) 85-90 750-1000 lbs 28.75-30.75, avg 29.75 24.00-28.00.

**SLAUGHTER BULLS:** Yield Grade 1 1410-1835 lbs 48.50-54.25. Yield Grade 2 1295-195 lbs 43.25-47.25.

**FEEDERS:** Steers: Medium and Large 2 couple 480 lbs 69.00; package of blacks 760 lbs 70.50. Heifers: Medium and Large 2 350-430 lbs 51.00-55.00. Bulls: Medium and Large 2 couple 195 lbs 54.00; few 330-345 lbs 70.00; couple 415 lbs 46.00; few 515 lbs 60.50.

**CALVES:** Compared to last Tuesday, veal calves sold 5.00-10.00 higher. Slaughter buyers had a rough go as a few feeders are showing interest in the Utility calves. Holstein bulls suitable for special-fed veal barns sold with a higher tone due to very good demand and buyer attendance. Holstein heifers also sold with a higher undertone. The supply included 621 in the state graded sale, with around 92 percent of the supply returned to feed.

**SLAUGHTER CALVES:** Standard and Utility 65-90 lbs 20.00-35.00, weaker 10.00-15.00. **RETURNED TO FARM:** Graded Number One Holstein Bulls 95-125 lbs 127.00-170.00; package 90 lbs 125.00; package 85 lbs 130.00; package 80 lbs 112.00. Graded Number Two Holstein Bulls 95-125 lbs 112.00-145.00; couple packages 90 lbs 130.00-135.00; couple packages 83 lbs 60.00-67.00. Graded Number One Holstein Heifers 95-120 lbs 335.00-455.00; package 83 lbs 330.00; package 74 lbs 215.00.

Graded Number Two Holstein Heifers 90-105 lbs 345.00-400.00; package 83 lbs 255.00; package 73 lbs 140.00.

## New Holland Livestock Auction

New Holland, Pa.  
Thursday, January 16, 2003  
Report Supplied By USDA

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Goats
THURSDAY	1370	631	409	276
LAST WEEK	1432	650	322	245
LAST YEAR	1298	574	371	248

Compared to Tuesday, slaughter steers sold fully .50-1.00 lower. The quality of the run was very mixed, as there was even a pot-load of show steers on hand, as the Harrisburg, PA Farm Show wraps up. The numbers were there for buyers to put loads together, but the varied finish did not make it easy. There were quite a few lighter muscled steers that were Yield Grade 4's, and needless to say do not make a good combo. Bids were even tighter late in the run as buyers backed off even more. The slaughter Holstein and heifer supply was too light early in the week to fully test Thursday's run. There was a good selection of well finished Holsteins on offer, with bidding and interest both fairly good. Slaughter cows sold very mixed, dependent on period of the sale. Bids kicked off with same heat behind them, then tapered up and down after the open. When things were said and done, prices trended about steady. Buyers had no need to fight over them either as over 500 head of cows were in the barn. Slaughter bulls sold with a firmer undertone when compared to Tuesday's light run, as another 100 head made their way to town. The supply included 31 percent steers, 4 percent heifers, 39 percent cows, 7 percent bulls, with the balance feeders.

**SLAUGHTER STEERS:** High Choice and Prime 2-4 1130-1450 lbs 77.00-80.10, avg 78.70. Yield Grade 4-5 74.85-77.00. Choice 2-3 1120-1495 lbs 74.00-78.25, avg 75.88. Yield Grade 4 70.50-73.50, heavy 1510-1595 lbs 70.10-74.25 with a package of Yield Grade 4-5 64.75, couple high dressing Charolais-X 75.75-76.75. Select and low Choice 2-3 1190-1480 lbs 72.75-74.75, avg 73.58, heavy 1525-1580 lbs 68.00-70.50, with a few high dressing Yield Grade 1-2 76.00-81.75. Select 1-2 1200-1370 lbs 70.00-72.50, avg 71.25, heavy 1625-1655 lbs 66.75-69.00, with a couple 940-980 lb packages going back on feed 71.00-72.00. **HOLSTEIN STEERS:** High Choice and Prime 2-3 1290-1565 lbs

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