

# LANCASTER COUNTY LIVESTOCK MARKET AUCTIONS

## New Holland Livestock Auction

**Report Supplied By USDA**  
Monday, January 27, 2003

Cattle	Calves	Hogs	Sheep	Goats
298	219	663	815	1047
307	260	951	662	879
269	205	1071	713	703

Slaughter cows sold firm to mostly 1.00 higher. Slaughter cows have made a 2.00-4.00 advance over the last two cow runs. Buyer attendance is normal, however bidding is very aggressive. Nearly 54 percent, or 162 head, of the run was made up of slaughter cows.

**SLAUGHTER COWS: PERCENT LEAN WEIGHT BULK LOW DRESSING** Premium White 65-75 Over 1400 lbs 46.75-49.25 few 40.50 Breakers 75-80 Over 1400 lbs 42.00-46.25 37.75-41.75 Boners 80-85 Over 1200 lbs 38.50-41.75 35.00-38.50 Lean (Hi-Yield) 85-88 Over 1200 lbs 36.00-40.00, 34.00-36.25 up to 41.00-41.50 Lean 85-90 Over 1000 lbs 34.25-38.75 30.25-34.00 Lean (Light-Wt) 85-90 750-1000 lbs 29.75-34.00 25.00-29.50

**SLAUGHTER BULLS:** Yield Grade 1-2 1170-1775 lbs 49.75-53.25, low dressing individual 42.75. Bulls: Couple fancy Select 2 1335-1340 lbs 71.00-72.50.

**CALVES:** Compared to Thursday, slaughter calves sold 5.00 lower on a very light supply. Holstein bull calves returning to special fed veal barns sold 10.00-20.00 lower. Holstein heifers were not well tested due to a very thin run. **SLAUGHTER CALVES:** Choice 245 lb individual 110.00; 395 lb individual 76.00. Standard and Utility 65-115 lbs 15.00-30.00. **RETURNING TO FEED:** Holstein Bulls 95-125 lbs 125.00-155.00. Plainer-type Holstein Bulls 95-125 lbs 90.00-120.00. Weaker Holstein Bulls 95-125 lbs 60.00-82.00; 90 lbs 50.00-80.00; 85 lbs 30.00-40.00; 80 lbs 30.00-50.00. Few beef bulls 80-85 lbs 30.00-55.00. Holstein Heifers 95-125 lbs 48.00-49.00; 90 lbs 34.00; 80 lbs 24.00. Plainer-type Heifers 95-125 lbs 140.00-150.00; 90 lbs 180.00; 85 lbs 140.00; 70 lbs 100.00.

**HOGS:** Barrows and gilts mostly steady to firm. **BARROWS AND GILTS:** 49-54% lean 220-270 lbs 34.25-35.75, few up to 37.50, 280-285 lbs 34.00-35.25, 305-330 lbs 35.50-35.75, 45-50% lean 220-270 lbs 33.25-34.85, 275-285 lbs 33.10-34.50, several 300-360 lbs 31.25-35.25, 40-45% lean 220-270 lbs 31.00-33.25, 305-370 lbs 27.00-31.50.

**SHEEP AND LAMBS:** Compared to late last week, plainer quality lambs sold with a lower undertone. However, fancier lambs drew very good buyer interest as they sold with a higher undertone. All sheep and lambs are sold with actual weights by the pound. **SLAUGHTER LAMBS:** Choice, few Prime 2-3 40-50 lbs 100.00-110.00, fancy package 162.00; 50-60 lbs 100.00-112.00, couple fancy packages 150.00-154.00; fancy 60-70 lbs 144.00-152.00; 70-80 lbs 110.00-138.00, couple fancy packages 146.00-148.00; 80-90 lbs 118.00-134.00, couple fancy packages 148.00-150.00; 90-100 lbs 112.00-126.00; 100-120 lbs 106.00-118.00. **SLAUGHTER SHEEP:** Good and Choice Yearlings: individual 65 lbs 96.00; few 90-92 lbs 86.00-96.00. Slaughter Ewes: 120-175 lbs 50.00-56.00, fancy up to 66.00, poorer 40.00.

**GOATS:** Compared to last week, a light test of kids sold mostly 2.00-4.00 lower. Yearlings sold 1.00-3.00 lower, with the bulk of the decline

on the 60-80 lbs supply. Nannies sold very mixed, with those weighing under 100 lbs trending with a lower undertone; and Nannies over 100 lbs trading with a firmer undertone. Billies sold mostly steady, with a few mixed sales trending with a firmer undertone. Wethers sold 2.00-8.00 lower, with heavier Wethers trading sharply lower. All goats are sold on a per head basis, with estimated weights. Kids: Selection 1 package 30 lbs 46.00. Selection 2 20-40 lbs 28.00-40.00. Selection 3 20-40 lbs 12.00-28.00, pigmies 12.00-22.00. Yearlings: Selection 1 60-80 lbs 50.00-72.00; 80-100 lbs 69.00-76.00. Selection 2 60-80 lbs 50.00-62.00. Selection 3 60-80 lbs 34.00-48.00. Does/Nannies: Selection 1 package 60 lbs 68.00; 70-100 lbs 69.00-73.00, with a fancy single up to 84.00; 100-140 lbs 77.00-84.00, with a prospective breeder at 94.00. Selection 2 50-70 lbs 44.00-62.00, few pigmies 34.00-44.00; 70-100 lbs 50.00-63.00; 100-140 lbs 68.00-80.00. Selection 3 50-70 lbs 30.00-44.00; 70-100 lbs 46.00-60.00; 100-140 lbs 56.00-78.00. Billies: Selection 1 70-100 lbs 74.00-86.00; 100-150 lbs 92.00-116.00; 150-250 lbs 108.00-150.00. Selection 2 70-100 lbs 50.00-67.00; 100-150 lbs 70.00-88.00; 150-250 lbs 90.00-106.00. Selection 3 70-100 lbs 42.00-52.00; 100-150 lbs 70.00-79.00; single 175 lbs 84.00. Wethers: 50-70 lbs 64.00-71.00; 70-100 lbs 72.00-93.00; 100-150 lbs 94.00-112.00.

## Vintage Livestock Auction

**Vintage, Pa.**  
January 27-28, 2003  
Report Supplied By USDA

Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Goats
893	705	3	0
776	771	1	0
807	764	2	6

Compared to Thursday, slaughter steers sold fully 50-1.00 lower. Monday's supply included a heavy supply of over-fed cattle that weighed well over 1500 lbs. Tuesday's run included some heavies as well, but most weighed over 1500 lbs because of their fill. Bidding remains moderate to firm on all grades, as there seems to be an outlet for them all. The February live cattle contract at the CME has slipped back into the 79.00 category, although even at that level it remains supportive. Boxed beef cutout values indicate that the current market may have reached its peak for the time being, as the cutout was 1.00 to nearly 2.00 lower on Monday. A light, but fancy, test of Holstein steers sold steady to firm. There were not enough slaughter heifers on hand to test the market. Slaughter cows continue to trade very well, as prices trended steady to 1.00 higher. The recent increase in the cow market began on Thursday of last week, and since then buyers continue to throw gas on it. Slaughter bulls are being supported in part due to the hot cow market, and a light test trended with a firmer undertone. The supply included 52 percent steers, 6 percent heifers, 40 percent cows, 1 percent bulls, with the balance feeders.

Note: There will be a special feeder sale after Monday's fat cattle auction on February 3rd. **SLAUGHTER STEERS:** High Choice and

## Market At A Glance

Lancaster County Livestock Auction Averages (Price Per Hundredweight)  
Week Ending Friday, January 31, 2003  
Supplied By Market Staff

	This Wk	Wk Ago	Yr Ago
Steers, Choice 2-3	77.75	77.25	71.25
Heifers, Choice 2-3, few Prime	74.00	73.50	68.50
Cows, Breakers, 75-80% lean	44.75	44.25	42.00
Cows, Boners, 80-85% lean	40.00	39.25	42.35
Bulls, YG 1, ltd.	51.50	51.10	59.50
Hogs, 49-54% lean, Monday	36.00	35.65	41.35
Lambs, Choice/Prime 80-110 lb.	118.00	106.00	82.50

Prime 2-4 1295-1500 lbs 77.50-79.75, couple 80.50-81.00, avg 78.59. Choice 2-3 1230-1490 lbs 74.75-78.50, avg 76.57, full 73.00-74.00, Yield Grade 4 70.50-74.75, high dressing Charolais-X's 74.75-77.25, heavy 1505-1520 lbs 71.50-74.00. Select and low Choice 2-3 1045-1495 lbs 71.75-75.50, avg 74.14, heavy 1560-1590 lbs 65.00-69.25. Select 1-3 1015-1460 lbs 70.00-73.50, avg 72.58.

**HOLSTEIN STEERS:** High Choice and Prime 2-3 1175-1585 lbs 63.75-66.00, individual 69.50, avg 65.66. Choice 2-3 1100-1585 lbs 59.00-64.50, avg 61.44. Select 1-2 1060-1625 lbs 52.50-57.75, avg 55.41.

**SLAUGHTER HEIFERS:** Choice, few Prime 2-4 1035-1395 lbs 71.25-79.00, avg 74.84. Select and low Choice high dressing Charolais-X's 1135-1415 lbs 70.00-74.75.

**SLAUGHTER COWS: PERCENT LEAN WEIGHT BULK LOW DRESSING** Premium White 65-75 Over 1400 lbs 46.50-50.25, avg 48.31 — Breakers 75-80 Over 1400 lbs 41.25-46.75, avg 43.75 38.00-41.75 Boners 80-85 Over 1200 lbs 38.00-41.75, avg 40.28 35.75-38.50 Lean (Hi-Yield) 85-88 Over 1200 lbs 36.50-40.50, avg 38.81 38.00-36.00, Lean 88-90 Over 1000 lbs 34.00-38.00, avg 36.11 29.00-33.50 Lean (Light-Wt) 85-90 750-1000 lbs 29.00-33.50, avg 31.63 25.50-29.00 **SLAUGHTER BULLS:** Yield grade 1 1485-2005 lbs 46.75-54.00. Yield grade 2 1200-1935 lbs 46.50-51.00, low dressing 41.00.

**CALVES:** Compared to last Tuesday, veal calves sold about steady. Holstein bull calves

suitable for special-fed veal barns sold steady to instances firmer. Holstein heifer calves sold with a higher undertone. The supply included 565 in the state graded sale, with around 85 percent of the graded supply returning to feed.

**SLAUGHTER CALVES:** Standard and Utility 60-120 lbs 12.00-25.00, few up to 30.00. **RETURNED TO FARM:** Graded Number One Holstein Bulls 95-125 lbs 140.00-155.00, one package 172.00; package 90 lbs 137.00; package 85 lbs 130.00; package 80 lbs 100.00. Graded Number Two Holstein Bulls 95-125 lbs 117.00-132.00; couple packages 90 lbs 112.00-115.00; package 84 lbs 70.00. Holstein Bulls sold in the singles auction 130-150 lbs 90.00-120.00. Graded Number One Holstein Heifers 95-125 lbs 415.00-520.00; package 85 lbs 330.00. Graded Number Two Holstein Heifers 95-125 lbs 390.00-410.00; package 82 lbs 300.00; package 74 lbs 240.00; package 65 lbs 170.00.

## New Holland Livestock Auction

**New Holland, Pa.**  
Thursday, January 30, 2003  
Report Supplied By USDA

Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Goats
1453	446	333	38
1095	450	106	226
1260	643	245	305

Compared to Tuesday, slaughter steers sold fully 50-1.00 higher Bidding and buyer activity were both

active for a good portion of the run The quality of the run was very good, which also had a big role in the higher market The February live cattle contract at the CME closed up-the-limit on Wednesday which was very farmer supportive, and by the end of the sale Thursday the contract had closed at over 82.00, which is extremely bullish This is a major adjustment as we head into February in a couple of days. This puts the winter contract back at a 2.00 premium to the Western fat cattle market, which was moving steers from 79.00-80.00 as of Thursday night The only thing that is not on the fast track right now is boxed beef, which has been inching lower all week A nice supply of Holstein steers sold steady to 1.00 higher Slaughter heifers sold with a higher undertone, although they were not well tested due to Tuesday's thin run Slaughter cows continue to trade higher, as prices were another 1.00-2.00 higher; with a few flesher cows as much as 3.00 higher Keep in mind, that it is even more impressive that buyers had nearly 700 head to choose from, and prices were still greatly improved Slaughter bulls sold firm to 2.00 higher in continued active trading The supply included 34 percent steers, 6 percent heifers, 47 percent cows, 5 percent bulls, with the balance feeders.

**SLAUGHTER STEERS:** High Choice and Prime 2-4 1215-1455 lbs 78.25-81.50, avg 79.38, few from 82.00-82.25. Choice 2-3 1165-1485 lbs 76.00-80.00, avg 77.55. Yield Grade 4 72.50-75.75, heavy 1500-1590 lbs 70.25-75.00 with full heavyweights from 68.75-69.00, high dressing Yield Grade 1-2 78.00-82.75, high dressing Charolais-X's 76.50-80.85. Select and low Choice 2-3 1030-1475 lbs 72.50-76.25, avg 74.60, couple packages 77.00-77.35, heavy 1525-1595 lbs 66.50-69.00 with full heavyweights from 62.50-66.35. Select 1-2 1000-1420 lbs 69.50-73.50, avg 71.69.

**HOLSTEIN STEERS:** High Choice and Prime 2-3 1330-1595 lbs 63.50-67.75, avg 64.82, few from 69.50-70.50. Choice 2-3 1215-1505 lbs 60.75-65.50, avg 63.52. Select and low Choice 1-3 1240-1580 57.50-60.50, avg 59.76, few heavy 1630-1635 lbs 55.00-57.75. Select 1-2 1155-1320 lbs 55.50-57.00, avg 56.15. Few Standard 1-2 1115-1235 lbs 47.00-54.50, avg 50.75. **SLAUGHTER HEIFERS:** High Choice and Prime 2-4 1100-1415 lbs 73.50-77.75, avg 75.10. Choice 2-3 1045-1415 lbs 72.50-75.00, avg 73.89. Yield Grade 4 68.50-71.50, few high dressing Charolais and Limi-X's 76.00-79.00. Few Select and low Choice 2-3 1140-1265 lbs 70.00-70.75, avg 70.42, few heavy 1525-1565 lbs 63.75-67.70. Select 1-2 1160-1485 lbs 65.00-68.50, avg 66.13.

**SLAUGHTER COWS: PERCENT LEAN WEIGHT BULK LOW DRESSING** Premium White 65-70 Over 1450 lbs 47.75-53.25 42.00-46.75 Breakers 70-75 Over 1400 lbs 42.50-47.50 39.50-42.25 Boners 75-80 Over 1200 lbs 40.50-43.75 36.50-40.00 Lean (Hi-Yield) 80-85 Over 1200 lbs 38.50-40.75 34.00-37.75 Lean 85-90 Over 1000 lbs 34.50-39.00 30.75-34.25 Lean (Light-Wt) 85-90 750-1000 lbs 30.75-34.75 27.00-31.00 **SLAUGHTER BULLS:** Yield Grade 1 1260-1915 lbs 49.00-54.50, high dressing up to 56.75. Yield Grade 2 1410-1605 lbs 46.00-50.75 Bulls: Fancy Choice 2 1430 lbs 67.25. **CALVES:** Compared to Monday, veal calves sold 4.00-5.00 lower. Holstein bull calves

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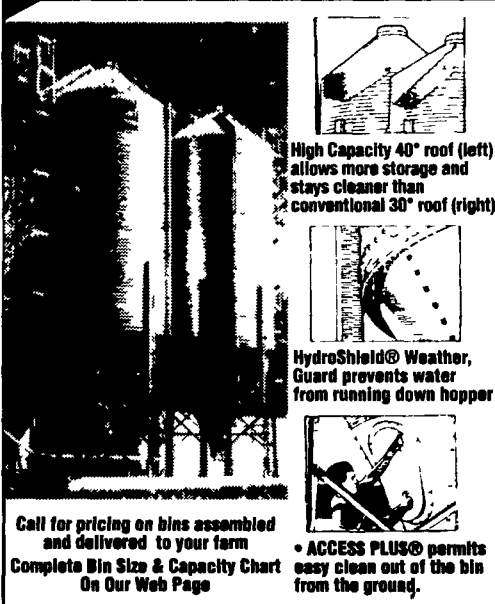
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