

LANCASTER COUNTY LIVESTOCK MARKET AUCTIONS

New Holland Livestock Auction

New Holland, Pa.
 Report Supplied By USDA
 Monday, March 3, 2003

	Cattle	Calves	Hogs	Sheep	Goats
MONDAY	349	245	883	529	1175
LAST WFEK	360	362	1062	687	1125
LAST YFAR	237	204	1284	556	769

Compared Thursday's very large run and active market, Lean slaughter cows sold steady to weak; with fleshier (70-80 percent lean) cows trading as much as 1.00 lower. Buyer attendance was very good on Thursday with excellent demand for the Breakers and Boners. However, the demand faltered somewhat on Monday as buyers were not chasing after the bigger cows near as hard. Slaughter bulls sold mostly 1.00-2.00 higher, with excellent demand noted on the high dressers. The supply was made up of nearly 62 percent slaughter cows.

SLAUGHTER COWS: PERCENT LEAN WEIGHT BULK LOW DRESSING Breakers 70-75 Over 1400 lbs 42.00-47.50 38.00-43.25 Boners 75-80 Over 1200 lbs 38.00-42.00 35.00-38.75 Lean (Hi-Yield) 80-85 Over 1200 lbs 35.50-39.00 Lean 85-90 Over 1000 lbs 34.00-38.50 32.00-34.50 Lean (Light-Wt) 85-90 750-1000 lbs 31.25-33.75 29.50-31.50

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2 1320-2050 lbs 52.00-59.75, couple very fancy high dressers 71.50-74.25, low dressing and full 905-975 lbs 45.00-54.00.

CALVES: Compared to Thursday, veal calves sold sharply higher on a light run. Holstein bulls sold sharply lower in light early week demand. There were not enough Holstein heifers for a market test.

VEALERS: Standard and Utility 60-135 lbs 20.00-35.00 RETURNING TO FEED: Holstein Bulls 95-125 lbs 115.00-142.00, 90 lbs 90.00-125.00; 80-85 lbs 95.00-120.00 Plainer-type Holstein Bulls 95-125 lbs 100.00-125.00. Light test of Plainer-type Holstein Heifers 90-100 lbs 210.00-290.00

HOGS Compared to last week, barrow and gilts sold steady to weak, sows were steady to 2.00 higher **BARROWS AND GILTS.** 49-54% lean 180-215 lbs 30.00-33.25, 220-275 lbs 33.50-35.25, few

to 36.00, 280-290 lbs 33.25-34.50, 45-50% lean 220-280 lbs 32.75-34.75, 280-310 lbs 31.00-31.50, 40-45% lean 220-270 lbs 31.00-33.75, 290-390 lbs 28.00-31.25

SOWS 1-3 300-400 lbs 21.00-23.00, 400-500 lbs 22.00-27.00, 500-700 lbs 25.00-28.00

BOARS: 300-700 lbs 7.00-8.00

SHEEP and LAMBS: There were very few lambs on offer, therefore a trend was not established. The majority of the run was comprised of sheep which sold near steady. All sheep and lambs are sold by the pound, with actual weights.

SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Choice, end Prime 2-3 very few 30-45 lbs 130.00-147.00.

SLAUGHTER EWES: Good and Choice Yearlings and Two-year olds 120-130 lbs 68.00-74.00. Utility and Good 1-3 130-190 lbs 35.00-58.00; 195-260 lbs 31.00-46.00.

GOATS: Compared to last Monday, Kid goats sold firm to 4.00 higher. A light test of Yearlings sold 2.00-10.00 higher. Nannies sold mostly 2.00-6.00 higher, with the top-end of the heavy Selection One's trending as much as 15.00 higher. The majority of the Billie supply sold sharply higher in very active trading. The Wether supply drew off of the strong Billie market as they also trended sharply higher. Buyer attendance was good, with the overall demand very good for all classes and weights. All goats are sold by the head, with estimated weights. **Kids:** Selection 1 20-40 lbs 42.00-54.00; 40-60 lbs 54.00-66.00; 60-80 lbs up to 86.00. Selection 2 20-40 lbs 36.00-44.00; 40-60 lbs 46.00-58.00. Selection 3 20-40 lbs 20.00-38.00. Yearlings: Selection 1 60-80 lbs 62.00-76.00; few 80-100 lbs 75.00-90.00. Selection 2 and 3 60-80 lbs 42.00-62.00. Nannies: Selection 1 70-100 lbs 80.00-88.00; 100-150 lbs 89.00-117.00. Selection 2 50-70 lbs 56.00-70.00; 70-100 lbs 70.00-79.00; 100-150 lbs 78.00-90.00. Selection 3 50-70 lbs 48.00-60.00; few 70-100 lbs 62.00-66.00; 100-150 lbs 58.00-76.00. Billies: Selection 1 70-100 lbs 96.00-124.00, fancy up to 130.00; 150-250 lbs 124.00-175.00, outstanding individual 198.00. Selection 2 70-100 lbs 66.00-80.00; 100-150 lbs 88.00-100.00; 150-250 lbs 96.00-123.00. Selection 3 few 100-150 lbs 68.00-90.00. Wethers: Few 60 lbs 67.00; 70-100 lbs 88.00-102.00; 100-175 lbs 104.00-134.00.

Market At A Glance

Lancaster County Livestock Auction Averages
 (Price Per Hundredweight)
 Week Ending Friday, March 7, 2003
 Supplied By Market Staff

	This Wk	Wk Ago	Yr Ago
Steers, Choice 2-3	75.35	76.75	73.60
Heifers, Choice 2-3, few Prime	74.75	No Test	71.50
Cows, Breakers, 75-80% lean	46.00	45.75	46.75
Cows, Boners, 80-85% lean	41.00	40.00	42.00
Bulls, YG 1, Ltd.	54.00	53.50	62.00
Hogs, 49-54% lean, Monday	34.35	34.65	39.40
Lambs, Choice/Prime 80-110 lb.	NO TEST	128.00	90.00

slaughter calves sold 2 00-10 00 higher. Holstein bull calves suitable for veal barns sold steady to firm in moderate trading. Holstein heifers sold sharply lower in very light interest. The supply included 648 in the state graded sale, with around 86 percent of the graded supply returning to feed.

SLAUGHTER CALVES: Standard and Utility 65-115 lbs 17.00-35.00, weaker 10.00-15.00

CALVES GOING ON FEED: Graded Number One Holstein Bulls 90-125 lbs 120.00-157.00; 80-85 lbs 142.00-147.00. Graded Number Two Holstein Bulls 90-125 lbs 125.00-137.00, one 20 head package 90.00; 83-84 lbs 70.00-80.00. Graded Number One Holstein Heifers 90-115 lbs 350.00-360.00; package 85 lbs 250.00. Graded Number Two Holstein Heifers package 90-105 lbs 220.00-290.00; package 82 lbs 220.00; package 74 lbs 135.00.

Vintage Livestock Auction

Vintage, Pa.
 March 3-4, 2003
 Report Supplied By USDA

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Goats
THIS WEEK	929	848	1	0
LAST WEEK	946	1020	0	0
LAST YEAR	746	843	9	0

Compared to Thursday, slaughter steers sold weak to .50 lower with instances up to 1.00 lower. However, a good majority of the supply was weighing up on the full side, and when you take the fill and the mud hanging on their bellies into consideration prices didn't seem drastically lower in the meat. The overall quality of the run was about average, with the buyers trying to put some high Choice and Prime steers on their trucks having a tough go of it. One thing that did increase early in the week was the receipts, with over 470 head of slaughter steers in the books for the combined Monday and Tuesday run. The Holstein steers and slaughter heifers that were comparable to Thursday's run sold with a weaker undertone. The cow carcass cutout value was 1.28 higher on Monday, which added some support to the Tuesday cow run; although even with the Tuesday run trending firmer than Monday, prices still failed to compete with Thursday's very active market. Compared to Thursday, all classes of slaughter cows sold 50-1.00 lower, with most of the decrease noted on the Breaking and Boning cow supply. Slaughter bulls sold near steady on a light run

The supply included 51 percent steers, 4 percent heifers, 43 percent cows, 1 percent bulls, with the balance feeder cattle.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: High Choice and Prime 2-4 1245-1465 lbs 78.00-82.00, average 79.64. Choice 2-3 1040-1500 lbs 74.25-78.25, average 76.44, full 72.75-74.25, Yield Grade 4 73.00-74.25, few Yield Grade 5 65.50-69.25, high dressing Charolais-crosses 75.75-78.75, heavy 1500-1585 lbs 70.00-74.00. Select and low Choice 2-3 1170-1480 lb 73.10-75.50, average 74.90, up to 76.75 on Monday. Select 1-2 1090-1485 lbs 69.75-74.00, average 73.17, up to 76.50 on Monday.

HOLSTEIN STEERS: High Choice and Prime 2-3 1310-1510 lbs 63.00-64.75, average 64.06, few up to 66.50. Choice 2-3 1075-1570 lbs 61.25-63.75, average 62.33. Select and low Choice 1-3 1335-1595 lbs 58.00-60.50, average 59.71, few heavy 1600-1670 lbs 57.00-57.25. Select 1-2 1190-1570 lbs 56.25-58.75, average 57.58.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Select and low Choice 2-3 1040-1435 lbs 72.00-76.00, average 73.73.

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SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2 1375-2385 lbs 47.50-53.00, average 50.80.

CALVES: Compared to last Tuesday,

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 Thursday, March 6, 2003
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	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Goats
MONDAY	1384	675	242	273
LAST WEEK	1364	632	140	144
LAST YEAR	1381	672	132	124

Compared to Tuesday, slaughter steers sold 1.00 to mostly 2.00 lower, and it was not uncommon to note sales up to 3.00 lower. However, it is important to note that New Holland wasn't the only place in the world where fats sold sharply lower at the end of the week. The Western feedlots also moved their show list cattle a full 2 00-3 00 lower at mostly 77 00. The Mercantile Exchange is lined up to be very bearish as we look ahead to summer with the April contract currently at 74.60, with June and August trading from 66.75-69.70 respectively. Combine the outside pressure with some lower quality stock on offer, and not a lot of people were too surprised by the lower prices. I guess we all knew it was coming, it just takes a while to accept it as most producers have become accustomed to a 78.00-81.00 market and are reluctant to head back into the lower 70's so quickly. Holstein steers felt the squeeze from the

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