

LANCASTER COUNTY LIVESTOCK MARKET AUCTIONS

New Holland Livestock Auction

New Holland, Pa.
Report Supplied By USDA
Monday, March 10, 2003

	Cattle	Calves	Hogs	Sheep	Goats
MONDAY	447	305	772	906	1171
LAST WEEK	367	245	883	529	1175
LAST YEAR	210	242	853	577	1140

Compared to Thursday, slaughter cows sold a full 1.00-2.00 lower. Prices failed to match Thursday's very active trade, with the early week quality only average at best. A slaughter bull run that included nearly 70 head sold steady to weak. Nearly 235 head, or 53 percent, of the supply was made up of slaughter cows.

SLAUGHTER COWS PERCENT LEAN WEIGHT BULK LOW DRESSING Breakers 70-75 Over 1400 lbs 42.75-47.25 40.50-52.50 Boners 75-80 Over 1200 lbs 38.25-41.75 36.00-39.00 Lean (Hi-Yield) 80-85 Over 1200 lbs 36.00-40.00 34.50-37.00 Lean 85-90 Over 1000 lbs 33.25-38.75 31.00-34.50 Lean (Light-Wt) 85-90 750-1000 lbs 30.00-33.50 28.00-30.50

SLAUGHTER BULLS Yield Grade 1 1175-1985 lbs 52.00-58.00, couple fancy high dressers 65.00-68.00 Yield Grade 2 1180-1925 lbs 46.00-48.50, full 41.50-45.50 Couple light 855-900 lb Bullocks 57.50-58.00

CALVES Compared to Thursday, slaughter calves sold steady to 5.00 lower on a very light test. Holstein bull calves going into veal barns sold sharply lower on a light test, with not enough Holstein heifers to tight the market.

SLAUGHTER CALVES Few Utility 70-100 lbs 15.00-25.00 RETURNING TO FEED Holstein Bulls 90-125 lbs 110.00-140.00 Plain-type Holstein Bulls 90-125 lbs 60.00-112.00 Few Holstein Heifers 90 lbs 180.00-200.00, 85 lbs 230.00, 75 lbs 145.00

BARROWS and GILTS Compared to last week, barrow and gilts sold mostly steady, with instances of slightly firmer on the better quality hogs. Bidding was moderate, with buyer attendance normal. All hogs are sold by the pound, with actual weights.

Percent Lean Weight Price 49-54 220-275 lbs 33.75-35.75, few 36.25 275-290 34.00 45-50 220-270 lbs 33.00-34.10, one lot 34.50 275-325 31.10-33.25 40-45 220-270 lbs 31.00-33.50 280-340 26.00-31.10

SOWS Prices were steady to 1.0 lower US 1-3 300-450 lbs 21.00-23.00 450-500 22.00-26.00 500-700 25.00-28.00

BOARS Prices were fully steady 300-700 lbs 7.00-8.00

SHEEP and LAMBS Compared to last week's relatively light lamb offerings, prices trended with a higher undertone. All sheep and lambs are sold by the pound, with actual weights.

SLAUGHTER LAMBS Choice, end Prime 2-3 35-45 lbs 152.00-167.00, good supply of 50-60 lbs 120.00-172.00, 60-70 lbs 130.00-138.00, 70-80 lbs 118.00-142.00; 80-90 lbs 124.00-126.00, 90-100 lbs 108.00-122.00, 100-125 lbs 104.00-116.00

SLAUGHTER EWES Utility and Good 1-3 125-180 lbs 40.00-54.00

GOATS Compared to last Monday, kid goats sold steady to firm on the 20-60 lb supply, with 60-80 lb Kids trading with a higher undertone. A good supply of attractive Yearlings sold 4.00-6.00 higher Nannies sold mostly steady, with instances weaker depending on the weight. The Billie and Wether supplies both sold mostly steady. Buyer attendance was fairly good, with bidding moderate to good on all classes. All goats are sold by the head, with estimated weights Kids Selection 1 20-40 lbs 40.00-54.00, 40-60 lbs 62.00-78.00, 60-80 lbs 79.00-94.00 Selection 2 20-40 lbs 36.00-44.00, 40-60 lbs 44.00-62.00 Selection 3 20-40 lbs 23.00-38.00 earlings Selection 1 60-80 lbs 60.00-82.00, 80-100 lbs 82.00-94.00 Selection 2 60-80 lbs 60.00-74.00, 80-100 lbs 70.00-88.00 Selection 3 60-80 lbs 46.00-58.00 Nannies Selection 1 70-100 lbs 80.00-88.00, 100-150 lbs 88.00-112.00 Selection 2 70-100 lbs 70.00-78.00, 100-150 lbs 84.00-90.00 Selection 3 70-100 lbs 50.00-60.00, few 100-150 lbs 78.00 Billies Selection 1 100-150 lbs 94.00-132.00, 150-250 lbs 120.00-161.00 Selection 2 100-150 lbs 90.00-116.00, 150-250 lbs 108.00-130.00 Selection 3 100-150 lbs 78.00-90.00 Wethers Few 50-70 lbs 74.00-78.00, 70-100 lbs 84.00-106.00, 100-175 lbs 100.00-124.00.

Vintage Livestock Auction

Vintage, Pa.
March 10-11, 2003
Report Supplied By USDA

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Goats
THIS WEEK	966	808	22	3
LAST WEEK	929	848	1	0
LAST YEAR	971	854	0	3

Compared to Thursday's lower market, slaughter steers sold a full higher for both the Monday and Tuesday run. Bidding was moderately active, but any action would be considered active when compared to Thursday's trade. The quality of the stock was about average, with very few high Choice and Prime steers, especially on Tuesday. There was a fairly good supply on hand, as over 235 head of steers sold on Monday, with 180 head on Tuesday's books. Pressure is still evident in the finished market as April live cattle futures at the Merc closed down 145 points at 72.77 on Tuesday. Furthermore, the summer contracts are sitting around 66.00-70.00, which is very bearish. The Western feedyards are shaping up to take another hit after last week's 77.00 market, as a few early week sales have been reported from 74.50-76.00. If that isn't enough to make you think the market might be heading lower as we look ahead to spring and summer, maybe lower boxed beef values will convince you, however, only time will tell. Slaughter Holstein steers sold steady to firm in relatively active trading, with not enough slaughter heifers on offer to test the market.

Slaughter cows sold fully 1.00-3.00 lower when compared to Thursday's active market. Slaughter bull sold with a lower undertone as well on the light run. The supply included 43

Market At A Glance

Lancaster County Livestock Auction Averages
(Price Per Hundredweight)
Week Ending Friday, March 14, 2003
Supplied By Market Staff

	This Wk	Wk Ago	Yr Ago
Steers, Choice 2-3	75.00	75.35	74.85
Heifers, Choice 2-3, few Prime	74.00	74.75	72.00
Cows, Breakers, 75-80% lean	43.50	46.00	47.00
Cows, Boners, 80-85% lean	38.15	41.00	46.00
Bulls, YG 1, ltd.	52.00	54.00	61.00
Hogs, 49-54% lean, Monday	34.75	34.35	37.50
Lambs, Choice/Prime 80-110 lb.	120.00	NO TEST	90.00

percent steers, 7 percent heifers, 45 percent cows, 1 percent bulls, with the balance feeder cattle.

SLAUGHTER STEERS High Choice and Prime 2-4 1180-1465 lbs 75.75-78.00, average 77.89, up to 80.00 on Monday Choice 2-3 1125-1485 lbs 74.00-77.50, average 75.54, full and light Choice 4 73.00-75.75, high dressing Charolais and Limi-crosses 75.00-78.50, high dressing Yield Grade 1-2 up to 79.00, heavy 1520-1560 lbs 71.75-72.50 Select and low Choice 2-3 1170-1470 lbs 72.50-75.50, average 73.94 Select 1-2 1125-1475 lbs 70.00-74.25, average 73.49, heavy 1535-1750 lbs 61.50-67.00 Standard 1-2 1145-1480 lbs 64.75-68.50, average 66.69

PRIME 2-3 1130-1535 lbs 62.85-67.50, average 66.40, up to 70.00 on Monday, fancy beef-cross 71.00. Choice 2-3 1165-1575 lbs 59.25-62.75, average 61.37, heavy 1590-1685 lbs 55.00-61.75 with 1650-1760 lbs 52.00-56.25 on Monday Select and low Choice 1-3 1360-1495 lbs 57.00-59.75, average 58.23, few heavy 1645-1680 lbs 55.00-56.25. Select 1-2 1515-1630 lbs 52.75-58.50, average 56.50

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS Individual Prime 3 1370 lbs 77.50 Choice 2-3 1020-1400 lbs 71.00-76.00, average 73.39.

SLAUGHTER COWS. PERCENT LEAN WEIGHT BULK LOW DRESSING Breakers 75-80 Over 1400 lbs 42.00-46.00 38.25-41.75 Boners 80-85 Over 1200 lbs 37.25-41.75 35.25-37.75 Lean (Hi-Yield) 85-88 Over 1200 lbs 35.75-36.75 34.25-35.50 Lean 88-90 Over 1000 lbs 33.00-37.25 30.00-33.50 Lean (Light-Wt) 85-90 750-1000 lbs 30.00-33.25 25.00-30.50.

SLAUGHTER BULLS Yield Grade 1-2 1200-2065 lbs 47.75-54.25, low dressing or full 46.75

CALVES. Compared to last Tuesday, slaughter calves sold 5.00-7.00 lower. Holstein bull calves suitable for veal barns sold weak to as much as 10.00 lower. Holstein heifers sold sharply lower on demand that continues to decrease at every sale. The supply included 625 in the state graded sale, with around 89 percent of the graded supply returning to feed.

SLAUGHTER CALVES: Standard and Utility 60-110 lbs 10.00-30.00

CALVES GOING ON FEED Graded Number One Holstein Bulls 90-125 lbs 127.00-157.00; 80-85 lbs 137.00-140.00. Graded Number Two Holstein Bulls 90-125 lbs 115.00-130.00, two packages 83 lbs 125.00-130.00. Graded Number One Holstein Heifers 90-115 lbs 235.00-330.00; package 83 lbs 110.00. Graded Number Two Holstein Heifers 90-110 lbs 210.00-220.00; package 83 lbs 160.00, package 74 lbs 115.00

New Holland Livestock Auction

New Holland, Pa.
Thursday, March 13, 2003
Report Supplied By USDA

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Goats
MONDAY	1371	650	126	250
LAST WEEK	1384	675	242	273
LAST YEAR	1310	684	331	217

Compared to Tuesday, slaughter steers sold mostly a full 1.00 lower. Bidding fluctuated for the entirety of the mixed run, as buyers tried to get uniform loads put together. The high Choice and Prime supply was nil to void, as the majority of the run was made up Select and Choice stock. The buzz around the barn most of the day revolved around the lower Board this summer; with the summer contracts trading from around 67.00-69.00. Therefore, many of the local producers that are hitting the grade 1 feeder cattle sales held in the surrounding states are looking for lighter cattle to put in their barns that will finish late this year, or early next year. Most producers are not willing to roll the dice and put 8 weights on feed that will finish this summer in the expected bearish market. But one cannot always bank on the Board, as the Western direct feedyards recorded what most would consider a victory as they moved the bulk of their cattle from 76.00-77.00 this week after the April live cattle contract at the Merc moved up

110 on Thursday to close at 74.25. Once again local cattle feeders are back to punching numbers and figuring break-evens, instead of sitting back and watching their steers average 1000.00-1200.00 per head. Holstein steers sold weak to 1.00 lower, even though the supply was very nice and included a couple good consignments of high Choice and Prime grade Slaughter heifers sold steady to weak when compared to the light early week runs. Slaughter cows sold weak to mostly a full 1.00 lower, with even more pressure noted on select sales at times. The cow market was expected to be lower as the carcass cutout value was over 2.00 lower coming into Thursday's sale. Slaughter bulls sold near steady when compared to the light early week supply. The reported supply included 35 percent steers (48 percent head), 6 percent (80 head), 42 percent cows (570 head), 6 percent bulls (87 head), with the balance feeder cattle.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: High Choice and Prime 2-4 1245-1475 lbs 74.00-77.25, average 75.44 Choice 2-3 1095-1450 lbs 72.00-76.25, average 74.76, several Yield Grade 4 69.75-72.75, full 70.00-72.75 Select and low Choice 2-3 1110-1465 lbs 71.00-74.50, average 72.38, high dressing Charolais-crosses 74.00-78.50, high dressing Yield Grade 1-2 75.25-78.00. Select 1-2 1085-1470 lbs 68.75-72.75, average 70.94, heavyweights 1515-1695 lbs 66.25-72.75. Standard 1-2 1015-1420 lbs 64.50-68.50, average 66.73.

HOLSTEIN STEERS: High Choice and Prime 2-3 1260-1595 lbs 64.00-66.00, average 65.31, fancy individual 68.50, couple beef-crosses 70.50-72.25. Choice 2-3 1280-1550 lbs 59.25-63.25, average 61.65, couple heavy 1655-1760 lbs 54.50-58.25 Select and low Choice 2-3 1225-1510 lbs 58.75-61.00, average 59.34. Select 1-2 1150-1590 lbs 53.25-57.75, average 55.55. Standard 1-2 1035-1360 lbs 49.00-54.25, average 51.36

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: High Choice and Prime 4-5 1200-1275 lbs 69.50-71.25, average 70.73. Choice 2-3 1095-1320 lbs 73.50-75.00, average 74.28, Yield Grade 4 66.00-69.50, high dressing individual 77.75 Few mostly Select to low Choice 2-3 full 1050-1240 lbs 66.75-69.25

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SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1 1125-1915 lbs 48.50-54.50, average 51.52, high dressers 56.00-59.00. Yield Grade 2 1080-2315 lbs 46.00-49.75, average 48.15, low dressing and full 39.50-44.75

CALVES: Compared to Tuesday, slaughter calves sold 2.00 higher. Holstein bull calves going into veal barns sold firm to 15.00 higher due to the good end of the week demand. Slaughter heifers continue to trend weaker with each sale. There were 376 head in the state graded sale, with an estimated 88 percent of the

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