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LANCASTER COUNTY LIVESTOCK MARKET AUCTIONS

New Holland Livestock Auction New Holland, Pa Report Supplied By USD A Monday, March 17, 2003 Cattle Calves Hogs Sheep Guars MONDAY 459 226 656 1892

Compared to Thursday Tean slaughter cows sold steady to firm, with fleshy (70.80 percent lean) cows in very light supply. It has been a long time since there has not been a good supply of Breakers and Boners on offer and due to the light run a trend was not established on the big cows Slaughter bulls sold steady to firm Nearly 185 head or 40 purcent of the supply was made up of slaughter cows

SLAUGHTER COWS PERCENT LEAN WEIGHT BULK LOW DRESSING Breakers 70-75 Over 1400 lbs few 41 50 37 00 40 75 Boners 75-80 Over 1200 lbs 37 00 40 50 34 25 36 50 Lean (Hi-Yield) 80-85 Over 1200 lbs 36 00-39 50 33 75 35 00 Lean 85 90 Over 1000 lbs 32 75-36 75 28 00 32 50 Lean (Light-Wt) 85 90 750-1000 lbs 30 00 33 00 24 00-28 00 SLAUGHTER BULLS Yield Grade 1 960 1840 lbs 51 00-59 75 couple fancy high dressers 64 50-65 00 full 2080 lb individual 46 75 Yield Grade 2 995-1945 lbs 45 50 49 50 tuil 43 00 45 50

CALVES Compared to Thursday, slaughter calves sold mostly stendy with a few sales of 1 00 lower. Holstein bull calves going into yeal barns sold 5 00-20 00 wer. Thure wure not enough Holstein hufer calves on offer to test the market

SLAUGHTER CALVES Few Good and Choice 250-350 lbs 90-00-100-00 individual 86-00, Few Stan dard and Utility 65 95 lbs 11 00 32 00 RETURNING TO FEED Holstein Bulls 90 125 lbs 122 00-150 00 80.85 lbs 95.00 105.00 Plainer-type Bulls 90.125 lbs 105 00 120 00 Weaker Bulls 95 125 lbs 60 00-95 00 80.85 lbs 65.00.80.00 Holstein Heifers 95.110 lbs 270 00-300 00 80 85 lbs 160 00-260 00

HOGS Barrows and gilts fully 1.00 higher with in stances of 2 00 higher sows steady to firm boars firm to 100 higher on a light run BARROWS AND GILTS 49 54% lean 220 275 lbs 34 85 37 50 up to 38 25 late 280 295 lbs 32 00-35 50 few 45-50°r lean 220 270 lbs 34 00 3 00 280 330 lbs 31 25 34 50 40 45°c lean 220 270 lbs 32 00 34 25 315 340 lbs 29 00 30 75

SOWS 1 3 300-450 lbs 21 00-23 50 450 500 lbs 22 00 26 00 500 700 lbs 25 50 28 50

BOARS 300 700 lbs 7 00-9 00 SHFFP and LAMBS Compared to last week prices

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trended mostly steady. All sheep and lambs are s the pound with actual weights SLAUGHTER LAMBS Choice end Prime 2.3 light test 25.40 lbs 135 00-137 00, 40-70 lbs 134 00 162 00 light test 70-50 lbs 130 00 132 00 100 120 lbs 90 00-114 00

SLAUGHTER FWES Utility and Good 1.3 fcw Yearlings 110 155 lbs 84 00-88 00 105-165 lbs 40 00 48 00 190 220 lbs 28 00 34 00 few up to 40 00

GOATS Compared to last Monday Kid goats sold steady on the 20 60 lbs supply with all Kids weighing over 60 lbs not well tested. Yearlings sold with a lower undertone. The top end of the Yearling and Kid supply was not well tested. There was some average to better quality young goats on hand but not very many as good as the week prior. Billies sold weak to instances lower with the exception of the few extremely fancy individuals that were on offer that topped at over 200.00 per head. Nannies and Wethers both sold with a indertone. The quality of every class was extremely mixed, with buyer activity very sporadic due to the uneven supply. All goats are sold by the head with

estimated weights Kids Selection 1 20:40 lbs 42.00.60.00.40-60 lbs 62.00.78.00. Selection 2.20-40 lbs 32 00 48 00 40 60 lbs 46 00-70 00 Selection 3 20-40 lbs 16 00-38 00 with some of these going back to the farm Yearlings Selection 1 60-80 lbs 66 00-76 00 80-100 lbs 74 00 86 00 Selection 2 60 80 lbs 60 00 70 00 80 100 lbs 6600-748-00 Selection 3-60-80 lbs 41-00-60-00 Nan nics Selection 1 few 60 lbs 68.00 70-100 lbs 68 00 77 00 100 140 lbs 80 00 90 00 Selection 2 70 100 lbs 52 00 68 00 100 150 lbs 68 00 73 00 Selection 3 50-70 lbs 36-00-49-00 -70-100 lbs 48-00-60-00 Billics Selection 1 70 100 lbs 83 00 89 00 100 150 lbs 89.00.109.00 couple extremely fancy individuals 176 00 216 00 Selection 2 100 150 lbs 72 00-96 00 150 250 lbs up to 98 00 Selection 3 70 100 lbs 64 00 82 00 few 150 250 lbs 88 00 104 00 Wethers $50\ 70\ lbs\ 64\ 00\ 74\ 00\ \ 70\ \ 100\ \ lbs\ 72\ \ 00\ \ 94\ \ 00\ \ \ 100\ \ 175$ lbs 92 00 110 00

Vintage **Livestock Auction** Vintage, Pa. March 17-18, 2003

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1059 879 5 Compared to Thursday, slaughter steers sold fully 50-1.00 higher. The quality of the run was mixed on Monday with some over-fed under-fed and heavy cat tle on offer although despite the mix prices still trended up to a 1.00 higher Tuesday's run included some well finished steers which added some spark to a market that is losing a little ground every week with most of the increase in the early week bids noted in Tuesday's run. The high Choice and Prime stock that was available in Tuesday's run was unable to be trended as it has been a couple of weeks since we have seen the good kind. There is a noticeable increase in under-finished cattle in Lancaster County. One reason is producers fear the longer they wait to bring them to town the less they will bring as the Board remains very bearish this summer. The April live cattle contract is currently at 73 80, with the summer months still in the 66.00.68.00 range. Another reason steers are coming to town is due to the extremely dry summer of 2002 which left many of the producers corn supply very low and if there is nothing to feed them then the only logical solution is to send them to the sale barn. Unfortunately there is no significant news on the horizon that will calm the cattlemen's mind, especially with what ms to be an inevitable war in the next few days which only time will tell what effect invading Iraq will have on the red meat market. Slaughter Holstein steers sold steady with a weaker undertone noted on Monday s run. However, the real test was on Tuesday as a good supply of the spotted stock was on offer most of the Holsteins lacking the finish that was noted in the Thursday run There were not a lot of slaughter bufers on offer with the two day run trending near steady. I can slaughter cows sold steady to weak, with Breaking and Boning cows trading 50-1 00 lower The fleshier cows have lost some steam over the past few weeks with the I can supply not hit as hard yet due to continued moderate to firm demand. Slaughter bulls were not compared to Thursday as a good majority of the light run came through the door on the full side The supply included 44 percent steers (397 head) 6 percent heifers (60 head) 44 percent cows (397 head) percent bulls (12 head) with the balance feeder cat

Slaughter Steers High Choice and Prime 2-4 1170-1455 lbs 75 75 78 25 average 77 18 couple 79 00-80 00 on Tuesday Choice 2 3 1105-1490 lbs 74 00 77 50 average 75 40 full and Yield Grade 4

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Market At A Glance Lancaster County Livestock Auction Averages (Price Per Hundredweight)

Week Ending Friday, March 21, 2003 Supplied By Market Staff

	I his wk	Wk Ago	Yr Ago
Steers, Choice 2-3	75 50	75.00	72.40
Heifers, Choice 2-3, few Prime	73.75	74.00	69.50
Cows, Breakers, 75-80% lean	42 00	43.50	46.75
Cows, Boners, 80-85% lean	37.85	38 15	44.75
Bulls, YG 1, ltd.	52.00	52.00	61.00
Hogs, 49-54% lean, Monday	36.25	34.75	35.25
Lambs, Choice/Prime 80-110 lb.	110.00	120.00	98 00

71 75-74 50, high dressing Charolais and Limi crosse 74 00 77 75 Select and low Choice 2 3 1135 1405 lbs 71 25 75 25 average 73 74 hcavy 1505-1545 lbs 68 75 71 75 with an individual at 75 50 Select 1-2 1025-1455 lbs 68 75 72 75 average 71 90 up to 74 75 on Monday Few Standard 1 2 1240-1355 lbs 65 00 68 00, average 66 17 Returning to feed 975-1145 lbs 62 00-72 75 Holstein Steers Individual Prime 3 on Monday 1405 lbs 67 00 Choice 2-3 1095-1575 lbs 60 00 63 75, average 60 90, heavy 1685 lb individual 54 25 Select and low Choice 2-3 1290-1560 lbs 57 00-60 85 average 59 19 Select 1-2 1180-1525 lbs 53 25 58 25 average 56 93 Standard 1-2 1035 1415 lbs 22 00-52 7, average 48 70 Slaubility 107 147 168 22 00-52 7, average 48 70 Slaubility 147 168 2 1050 1330 lbs 72 50 75 75, average 71 45 Select and low Choice 2-3 1090-1270 lbs 69 75-72 00, average 71 25

Slaughter Cows Percent Lean Weight Bulk Low Dressing Breakers 75-80 Over 1400 lbs 40 00-43 75 87 00 40 25 Boners 80-85 Over 1200 lbs 36 50-40 25 35 00 37 00 Lean (Hi-Yield) 85-88 Over 1200 lbs 35 50-38 25 32 75-35 75 Lean 88-90 Over 1000 32 00-35 75 28 50-32 00 Lean (Light-Wt) 85 90 750-1000 lbs 29 00-31 50 24 50-30 00 Slaughter Bulls Yield Grade 1-2 mostly full condition 45 00-47 50, indi vidual 56 00

Calves Compared to last Tuesday, slaughter calves sold mostly steady Number One Holstein bulls going into special-fed veal barns sold steady to 7 00 lower with the Number Two bull supply trading steady to as much as 12 00 higher The Holstein heifer supply was pretty light, however the lots that did have enough numbers to compare sold near steady. The supply in cluded 603 in the state graded sale, with around 83 percent of the graded supply returning to feed Slaugh Standard and Utility 60 110 lbs Calves 12 00-30 00 Calves Going Onto Feed Graded N One Holstein Bulls 90-125 lbs 120.00 150.00 package 85 lbs 140 00 couple 80 lbs 122 00 Graded Number Two Holstein Bulls 90-125 lbs 118 00 142 00 two lots 83-84 lbs 112 00-125 00 Fancy Beef Bulls 95 125 lbs 115 00-140 00 Graded Number Onc Holstein Heifers 90-115 lbs 245 00-300 00, few 83 lbs 200 00 Graded

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steady, with all other grades trading steady to weak You will notice the prices quoted below are around a full 100 higher than last week's Thursday run hut they were only steady with Tuesday as buyers put the 100 New Holland lost last week on this week s Monday and Tuesday runs. There was not a good sup ply of high Choice and Prime stock on hand and the few on offer were weighing up pretty full Buyers look-ing for the quality steers had their hands tied, although were able to resort to a surprisingly large, and well finished, heifer supply to fill loads The low Choice and Select buyers were able to step in and at times put a little spark in the trade, although it was only short lived as most bids failed to match the early week runs. The Western direct feed vards were m their live steers 1 00-2 00 higher as of Thursday a 78 00 in Texas and from 78 00-78 50 in Kansas and Nebraska. This weeks cash trade holds around a 4.00 premium to the April live cattle contract at the Merc, which closed at 74 85 on Thursday, and no one is tak-ing their eyes off of the bearsh June contract which is sitting around 68 00 (a full 10 00 discount to the current cash trade) The Chowe Slaughter Holstein steet supply sold as much as 100 higher, with not enough high quality spotted stock available early in the week to test the top end of the market Trading was very ac-tive on the Holsteins, as a few buyers turned to owning them over the colored cattle as they carried some pret-ty good finish As mentioned above, the slaughter heifupply saw a surprising influx in receipts as nearly 140 head went through the ring There were not near the heifer numbers early in the week to compare to, but a firmer undertone was definitely noted Breaking and Boning cows managed to hold near steady with only instances of weakness noted However, the Lean cow supply did not have the same buyer support as the fleshier cows received as they trended a full 1 00-2 00 lower Buyer attendance was good for the fleshier-tures, but lighter than pagmel for the Les cours. It types, but lighter than normal for the Lean cows It does not help the lean cow market when the cutter cow carcass cutout value losses over 4 00 over the past two days either The early week buil run was made up mostly full stock, therefore the Thursday run was

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comparable, there was a weaker undertone noted when compared to last week's run The reported supply included 29 percent steers (364 head), 11 per cent huffers (138 head) 46 percent cows (581 head), 6 percent bulls (74 head) with the balance feeder cattle IAUGHTER

STATUTER SIEFRS Light supply of High Choice and Prime 2 4 1165 1450 lbs 1165 1450 76 00 77 25 average 76 70, fcw Yield Grade 5 75757625 Choice 2-3 1055 1425 lbs 74 00-77 00 average 75 60, couple 78 25 78 50 Yield Grade 4 70:00- 74:25 full 71:75:73:25 few heavy 1510-1530 lbs 72 75-73 50 C harolais and a fcw Limi X 5 74 75 77 75 Select and low Choice 2-3 1130 1495 lbs 72 10 74 75 average 73 42 Select 1 2 1135 1480 lbs 69 50 73 50 av erage 71.38 high dressing individual 75.75 few full and heavy 1500 1565 lbs 67 25 68 00

HOLSTFIN STEERS High Choice and Prime 2.3 1280-1520 lbs 64 00-69 00, average 66 40 Choice 2 3 1280-1490 lbs 61 00 64 00 average 61 96 Select and low Choice 2-3 1245 1600 lbs 57 00-59 75 average 59 19 Select 1-2 1155 1355 lbs 53 00 56 00 average 55 10 Few Standard 1 2 1015-1305 lbs 44 50 45 50, average 45 00

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS Couple Prime 3 1205-1295 lbs 75 50-78 75 Heavy run of Choice 2 3 1035 1375 lbs 72 00-75 50 average 73 34 Select and low Choice 2-3 1070-1460 lbs 71 00 73 75 average 72.06 Select 1.2 1070-1300 lbs 68.00 70.50 average 68 86

SLAUGHTER COWS Breakers 70 75 Over 1400 lbs 40 00-44 00 36 00-39 75 few up to 45 00 Boners 75-80 Over 1200 lbs 36 00-40 75 33 00-36 50 [ean (H) Yield) 80 85 Over 1200 lbs 35 00-37 25, 31 00 34 25, outstand ing individual 41.50 Lean 85-90 Over 1000 lbs 30 00-34 75 27 75-31 75 as high as 36 00 at times I ean (Light-Wt) 85-90 750-1000 lbs 26 75-30 50 23 00-27 00

SLAUGHTFR BULLS Yield Grade 1 1160-2175 lbs 50-56 50, high dressing up to 64 00, low dressing or full 43 00-47 25 Yield Grade 2 1230-2230 lbs 44 00-48.00, few low dressing 43.00-43.50. Few Bullocks. Se lect 1-2 1445-1580 lbs 54 00-55 50

CALVES Compared to Tuesday slaughter calves sold steady Holstein bull calves going into veal barns sold steady to 5 00 higher Bidding was moderately active with buyer attendance fairly normal Many buyers are trying to pencil out how they can place 90-125 pound calves in yeal barns costing from 120.00 150.00 when they are only worth from around 185 00-190 00 in the cooler However, so far demand has not been affected to greatly. Holstein heifers sold sharply lower on the light test. The PA Department of Ag graded 381 for the graded sale, with an estimated 81 percent of the run going back on feed

SLAUGHTER CALVFS Utility 60-110 lbs 12 00-30 00

GOING OF FFED Graded Number One Holstein Bulls 90-125 lbs 125 00-150 00 80-90 lbs 142 00 143 00 Graded Number Two Holstein Bulls 90-125 lbs 120 00 139 00, lot weighing 80-90 lbs 120 00 Holstein Heifers 90-125 lbs 190 00- 260 00, 80-85 lbs 160 00-230 00 65-75 lbs 120 00-180 00 Plainer-type Heifers 95-125 120 00-180 00, 80-85 lbs 110 00-160 00, 70-75 lbs 130 00-140 00, 65 lbs 90 00 Beef buils 95-100 lbs 100 00-125 00 fancy 70 pounder 100 00

SHEEP and LAMBS Compared to Monday, the lamb and sheep market were not tested Private sources indicated that there was definitely a weaker undertone on the light run

GOATS Compared to Monday the goat run was not tested. However, private sources indicated that there was a sharply lower undertone on the late week run All goats are sold on a per head basis with estimated weights Note All prices quoted below are from the Monday run

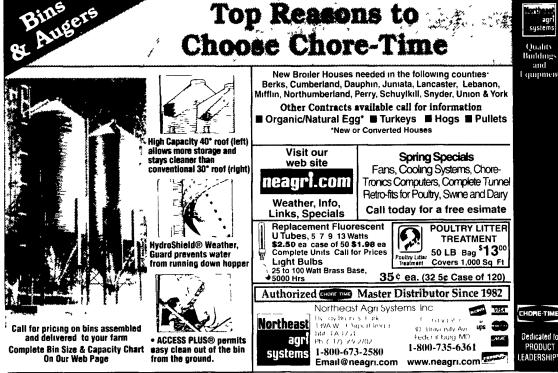
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