LANCASTER COUNTY LIVESTOCK MARKET AUCTIONS

New Holland Livestock Auction

New Holland, Pa. Report Supplied By USD A Monday, March 25, 2003

MONDAY	Caives	nogs	sneep	Coats
395	202	1271	968	1351
I AST WFFK 459	226	656	713	1892
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186 853 1676 Compared to Thursday, fleshier (70-80 percent lean) cows sold fully steady, with prices showing a major increase in the Lean cow sup ply as bids were as much as 200 higher On Thursday Lean cows sold 100 to 200 lower while the Breaking and Boning cow supply was able to hold onto steady The cutter cow carcass cutout value remains bearish as it losses a little every day However, bids seem to be balancing on the supply, in other words if the heavy supplies start to dry up it would be very supportive to the market Slaughter bulls sold steady to mostly weaker Nearly 190 head, or 47 percent. of the supply was made up of slaughter cows

SLAUGHTER COWS PERCENT LEAN WEIGHT BULK LOW DRESSING Breakers 70-75 Over 1400 lbs 40.00-44 25 37 00-40 75 Boners 75-80 Over 1200 lbs 37 75-40 75 34 00-37 25 Lean (Hi-Yield) 80-85 Over 1200 lbs 35 50-40 00 32 00-35 00 Lean 85-90 Over 1000 lbs 32 00-36 75 30 00-33 00 Lean (Light-Wt) 85-90 750-1000 lbs 29 00-33 00 25 00-30 00 SI AUGHTFR BULLS Yield Grade 1 1045-2135 lbs 48 75-55 50 Yield Grade 2 1155-2100 lbs 45 50-48 75, low dressing 44 00

CALVFS Compared to Thursday, slaughter calves were not fully tested due to very few calves going to kill Holstein bull calves suitable for special-fed veal barns sold with a lower undertone on a light test Buyers were not dis counting the Number Two bulls very hard as they sold at about the same prices as the Number Ones Holstein heifers were not tested due to a very light run

SLAUGHTER CALVES Few Standard and Utility 65-95 lbs 12 00-20 00 RETURNING TO FFFD Holstein Bulls 90-125 lbs 115 00-143 00, 80-85 lbs 110 00-120 00 Plainer-type Bulls 90-125 lbs 95 00-127 00, weaker bulls 95-125 lbs 75 00-80 00

HOGS Barrows and gilts and sows were steady to firm, boars full 1 00 higher BAR-ROWS AND GILTS 49-54% lean 220-275 lbs 34 85-37 60, 280-295 lbs 33 25-34 75, which includes two lots, 45-50% lean 220-270 lbs 33 75-35 75, large lot 36 00, 290-310 31 25-34 50, 45-50% lean 220-280 220-280 lbs 31 75-33 75, 280-340 lbs 27 35-30 50

SOWS 1-3 300-450 lbs 22 00-24 00, 450-500 lbs 23 00-26 00, 500-700 lbs 26 00-28 25, fancy package 29 00

BOARS 300-700 lbs 8 00-10 00

SHEFP and I AMBS Compared to last week, slaughter lambs sold 10 00-30 00 lower with most of the decrease noted on the lighter lambs Slaughter ewes sold sharply lower as well Fxtremely light buyer attendance, combined with a heavy supply led to a very mactive trading All sheep and lambs are sold by the pound with actual weights

SLAUGHTFR LAMBS Choice, end Prime $2\text{--}3 \quad 30\text{--}40 \quad lbs \quad 118 \ 00\text{--}130 \ 00, \quad 40\text{--}50 \quad lbs \\ 100 \ 00\text{--}128 \ 00, \ 50\text{--}60 \ lbs \ 106 \ 00\text{--}132 \ 00, \ 60\text{--}70 \ lbs }$ 118 00-126 00, 70-80 lbs 116 00-130 00, 80-90 lbs 110 00-118 00, 90-100 lbs 116 00-120 00, 100 115 lbs 98 00-114 00

SLAUGHTER EWES Utility and Good 1-3 105-205 lbs 22 00-40 00, mostly 26 00-32 00, 210-150 lbs 24 00-26 00

GOATS Compared to last Monday, Kids and Yearlings were in short supply and were not tested Nannies sold mostly steady. Billies sold uneven in sporadic trading Some of the plainer Billies sold with a firmer undertone while the fancier heavy muscled stock trended weaker Wethers sold steady to as much as 10 00 higher Buyers were able to use the good Wether supply to make up for the uneven Billie and Nanny run The bulk of the run was made up of lower quality goats, with the top never avily tested, especially for the Kids and Yearlings. All goats were sold by the head, with estimated weights Note All prices and market trends include the bulk of the run However any late sales or trends will not be listed Kids Selection 1 few 20-40 lbs 48 00-58 00, few 40-60 lbs 62 00-72 00 Selection 2 few 20-40 lbs 38 00-43 00, couple 50 lbs 56 00 Selection 3 few 20-40 lbs 20 00-40 00, lighter weights going back on feed 20 00-26 00 Yearlings Selection 1 few 60-80 lbs 62 00-68 00 Selection 2 and 3 few 60-80 lbs 48 00-56 00 Nannies Selection 1 70-100 lbs 68 00-78 00, 100-150 lbs 80 00-88 00, fancy individual 98.00, with a few of the 100-150 pounders quoted going back into service Selection 2 few 50-70 lbs 44,00-50 00, 70-100 lbs 52 00-70 00, 100-150 lbs 62.00-78 00 Selec-50-70 lbs 34 00-45 00, 70-100 lbs 49 00-62 00 Billies Selection 1 80 lb individual 70 00, 100-150 lbs 88 00-116.00, 150-250 lbs 110 00-166 00 Selection 2 100-150 lbs 70 00-90 00, 150-250 lbs 86.00-112 00, individual 120 00 Selection 3 70-100 lbs 44 00-61 00, 150-250 lbs 56 00-70 00 Wethers 50-70 lbs 96 00-102 00, 100-175 lbs 90 00-120 00

Vintage **Livestock Auction** Vintage, Pa.

March 24-25, 2003 Report Supplied By USDA

THE WEEK	Cattle	Carves	Sheep	Guais		
THIS WEEK	905	797	0	2		
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	905	797	0	2		
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	842	796	8	3		
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50-1 00 higher with most of the increase on the good Monday run The quality of both early week runs was carrying more finish than the stock has been the last few weeks, therefore leading to active trading. Holstein steers sold steady to 1 00 higher as buyer activity was very good, especially on the high Choice and Prime stock Slaughter heifers were in light supply, and a trend was not established. Slaughter cows sold weak to 50 lower when compared to Monday, although the top-end Breaking cow supply was not well tested There were not enough slaughter bulls available for a market test. The supply included 342 head of steers, 38 heifers, 389 cows, 8 bulls, with 34 head of feeder cattle

Note All prices and trends are recorded from the Monday and Tuesday sale and then com bined Therefore, averages are also a combination of both days

Slaughter Steers High Choice and Prime 2-4 1250-1490 lbs 76 75-80 25, average 78 42 Choice 2-3 1140-1470 lbs 75 00-77 75, average

Market At A Glance

Lancaster County Livestock Auction Averages (Price Per Hundredweight) Week Ending Friday, March 28, 2003 Supplied By Market Staff

••	This Wk	Wk Ago	Yr Ago
Steers, Choice 2-3	76 65	75.50	71.00
Heifers, Choice 2-3, few Prime	73.85	73.75	68 35
Cows, Breakers, 75-80% lean	42.50	42.00	45.25
Cows, Boners, 80-85% lean	37.65	37.85	43.75
Bulls, YG 1, ltd.	51.85	52.00	61 75
Hogs, 49-54% lean, Monday	36.25	36.25	34 10
Lambs, Choice/Prime 80-110 lb.	109 00	110.00	95.00
	36.25	36.25	34

76 31, full and Yield Grade 4 72 00-74 75, heavy 1510-1545 lbs 71 75-74 75 Select and low Choice 2-3 1150-1465 lbs 72 25-76 50, average 74 42, high dressing Charolais and Limi-X's Select 1-2 1030-1470 lbs 70 00-73 75, average 73 14 Holstein Steers High Choice and Prime 2-3 1295-1545 lbs 64 00-69 25, average 66 36, couple 72 00 on Tuesday Choice 2-3 1235-1605 lbs 61 25-64 00, average 63 46, up to 66 00 on Monday, heavy 1605-1655 lbs 57 25-58 25 Select and low Choice 2-3 1250-1590 lbs 57 50-61 75, average 60 24, heavy 1600-1640 lbs 54 75-56 00 Select 1-2 1330-1495 lbs 53 00-58 00, average 56 88, up to 61 75 on Monday

Slaughter Heifers Choice 2-3 on Monday 1020-1295 lbs 71 00-74 50, average 73 32, couple Yield Grade 4-5 69 00-72 00 Few Select and low Choice 2-3 1135- 1390 lbs 70 75-72 75, average 71 81, couple high dressing Charolais and Limi-X's 76 25-77 00

Slaughter Cows Percent Lean Weight Bulk Low Dressing Breakers 75-80 Over 1400 lbs 40 00-44 25, 37 75-39 25 individual 45 00 Boners 80-85 Over 1200 lbs 37 00-40 00 35 00-37 00 Lean (Hi-Yield) 85-88 Over 1200 lbs 35 50-38 00 33 25-35 75 Lean 88-90 Over 1000 lbs 32 00-36 00 29 00-32 25 Lean (Light-Wt) 85-90 750-1000 lbs 29.00-32 00 25 00-29.50 Slaughter Bulls Light test of Yield Grade 1-2 on Tuesday 1345-1930 lbs 47 50-48 75, full 45 75

Calves Compared to last Tuesday, slaughter calves sold mostly steady to firm Holstein bulls going into special-fed veal barns sold 500 to 7 00 lower on the Number One supply With the Number Two bulls trading 10 00-20 00 lower, with instances noted even lower than that Holstein heifers sold sharply lower on continued very light demand. The supply included 611 in the state graded sale, with around 89 percent of the graded supply returning to feed

Slaughter Calves Standard and Utility 60-110 lbs 12 00-30 00, couple 32 00-34 00 Calves Going Into Veal Barns Graded Number One Holstein Bulls 90-125 lbs 115 00-157 00, package 85 lbs 140 00, package 80 lbs 100 00 Graded Number Two Holstein Bulls 90-125 lbs 90 00-132 00, two lots 84 lbs 80 00 Graded Number One Holstein Heifers 90-115 lbs 235 00-280 00 Graded Number Two Holstein Heifers 90-110 lbs 175 00-230 00, package 84 lbs 190 00, package 74 lbs 130 00

Beef Heifers 85-115 lbs 100 00-135 00, plainer

New Holland Livestock Auction

New Holland, Pa. Thursday, March 27, 2003 Report Supplied By USDA

Calves Sheep Cattle MONDAY 658 143 I AST WEEK 257 1274 500 LAST YFAR 829 376 491

Compared to Tuesday, slaughter steers sold firm to 50 higher What a difference a week makes as there was an outstanding supply of high quality, well finished cattle on hand Needless-to-say, the ringmen had to knock the dust off of the bell early in the sale Bidding was active, with buyers excited to have the opportunity to put some fancy stock on their trucks, as it has been a while since we have seen a heavy supply of the good kind Don't get me wrong, we have had some nice steers over the past couple months, but not in the quantity noted in Thursday's run Keep in mind, there were only around 340 head of steers in the combined Monday and Tuesday run So when comparing prices and demand, it is important to note that the demand was extremely good late in the week, and bids may have been even more aggressive had there not been the large numbers in the books. A continued good supply of slaughter Holstein steers sold firm to 50 higher in active trading There were not enough slaughter heifers for a market test Slaughter cows sold steady to firm on a very good run Buyer attendance and demand were both good There were not enough slaughter bulls on Tuesday to compare to, however, when compared to Monday bulls sold steady to 1 00 lower The reported supply included 41 percent steers (609 head), 3 percent heifers (54 head), 38 percent cows (557 head), 7 percent bulls (105 head), with the balance feeder cattle SLAUGHTER STFERS Heavy supply of

High Choice and Prime 2-4 1150-1440 lbs 77 00-80 50, average 78 25, Yield Grade 5 or full 75 50-77 25 Choice 2-3 1070-1480 lbs 75 00-78 25, average 76 71, Yield Grade 4 or full 70 00-75 25, outstanding 1510 lb single 79 00, mostly Charolais with a few Limi-X's 76 0080 00. high dressing Yield Grade 1-2 78.75-79 75 Select and low Choice 2-3 1020-1495 lbs 72 25-75 50, average 73 72, heavyweights 1520-1600 lbs 67 00-70 25 with a few fancy 1610-1690 lbs from 66 25-71 75 Light test of Select 1-2 1030-1295 lbs 69 50-73 50, average 71 20, high dressing up to 75 50

HOLSTEIN STEERS. High Choice and Prime 2-3 1285-1575 lbs 64 75-69 25, average 66 68, couple heavy 1640-1775 lbs 64 00-67 50 Choice 2-3 1235-1560 lbs 61 75-65 00, average 63 48 Select and low Choice 2-3 1230-1555 lbs 58 50- 61 00, average 59 55. Select 1-2 1240-1560. lbs 53 75-58 00, average 56 14 Few Standard 1-2 1290-1450 lbs 47 00-51 75, average 49 38

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS Light supply of high Choice and Prime 2-3 1195-1250 lbs 76 25-76 75, average 76 42 Choice 2-3 1040-1350 lbs 73 50-74 00, average 73 83, full 71 00-72 75

SLAUGHTER COWS Breakers 70-75 Over 1400 lbs 40 00-45 00, 36 00-40 00, few fancy up to 47 00 Boners 75-80 Over 1200 lbs 37 75-40.75, 35 00-37 75, Lean (Hi-Yield) 80-85 Over 1200 lbs 36 50-38.75, 32 50-34 25 Lean 85-90 Over 1000 lbs 32 00-36 75, 29 50-32 50 Lean (Light-Wt) 85 90 750-1000 lbs 29 50-33 00, 24 50-29 50

SLAUGHTER BULLS Yield Grade 1 1545-2195 lbs 46 00-53 75, few fancier up to 57 75 Yield Grade 2 1225-2360 lbs 45 00-47 50, low dressing 41 00-43 50 Few Bullocks Select 1-2 975-1245 lbs 54 00-59 00

CALVES Compared to Tuesday, slaughter calves sold fully steady Holstein bull calves suitable for special-fed veal barns sold sharply higher in extremely active trading A light test of Holstein heifers sold steady to instances firmer The PA Department of Ag graded 413 head of bulls for the graded sale, with an estimated 84 percent of the run going back on feed

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

GOING OF FEED Graded Number One Holstein Bulls 105-125 lbs 132 00-175.00, 95-105 lbs 188.00-205 00, 80-95 lbs 135 00-150 00 Graded Number Two Holstein Bulls 90-125 lbs 120 00-167 00, 80-90 lbs 105 00, 75-80 lbs 72 00 Few fancy beef bulls 95-100 lbs 130 00-150 00 Holstein Heifers 90-125 lbs 200.00-290 00 Plainer-type Heifers 90-125 lbs 130 00-180.00, 80-85 lbs 115.00-140 00, 70-75 lbs 100 00-120 00

SHEEP and LAMBS. Compared to Monday, the lamb and sheep market were not tested due to the light run All prices and weights quoted below are carried over from Monday's auction

SLAUGHTER LAMBS Choice, end Prime 2-3 30-40 lbs 118 00-130 00, 40-50 lbs 100 00-128 00, 50-60 lbs 106 00-132 00, 60-70 lbs 118 00-126 00, 70-80 lbs 116 00-130 00, 80-90 lbs 110 00-118 00, 90-100 lbs 116 00-120 00, 100-115 lbs 98 00-114 00

SLAUGHTER EWES Utility and Good 1-3 105-205 lbs 22 00-40 00, mostly 26 00- 32 00; 210-150 lbs 24 00-26 00

GOATS Compared to Monday, the goat run was to light to test All prices and weights quoted below are carried over from Monday All goats are sold on a per head basis, with estimat-

Kids Selection 1 few 20-40 lbs 48 00-58 00. few 40-60 lbs 62 00- 72 00 Selection 2 few 20-40 lbs 38 00:43 00, couple 50 lbs 56 00 Selection 3 few 20-40 lbs 20 00-40 00, lighter weights going

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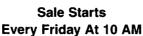
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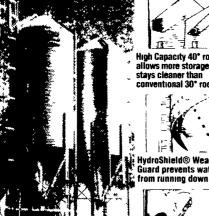
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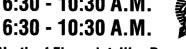
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