

LANCASTER COUNTY LIVESTOCK MARKET AUCTIONS

New Holland Livestock Auction

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

	Cattle	Calves	Hogs	Sheep	Goats
MONDAY	395	202	1271	968	1351
LAST WEEK	459	226	656	713	1892
LAST YEAR	266	186	853	1676	1697

Compared to Thursday, flesher (70-80 percent lean) cows sold fully steady, with prices showing a major increase in the Lean cow supply 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 loses 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

SLAUGHTER 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

CALVES 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 discounting 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 Planer-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 100 higher. BARROWS 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 lbs 31.25-34.50, 45-50% lean 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

SHEEP AND LAMBS 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. Extremely light buyer attendance, combined with a heavy supply led to a very inactive trading. All sheep and lambs are sold by the pound with actual weights.

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 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 heavily 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 Selection 3 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 64.00-80.00, 70-100 lbs 72.00-94.00, fancy 96.00-102.00, 100-175 lbs 90.00-120.00

Vintage Livestock Auction

Vintage, Pa.
March 24-25, 2003
Report Supplied By USDA

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Goats
THIS WEEK	905	797	0	2
LAST WEEK	905	797	0	2
LAST YEAR	842	796	8	3

Compared to Thursday, slaughter steers sold 50-100 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 100 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 combined. 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

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 75.25-80.00 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 1020-1225 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 5.00 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 grad'd 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 50.00-65.00

New Holland Livestock Auction

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

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Goats
MONDAY	1489	658	143	269
LAST WEEK	1274	500	257	249
LAST YEAR	829	376	491	435

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 STEERS 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 76.00

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 estimated weights.

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

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