

**Greencastle Livestock**

Greencastle, Pa.

Report Supplied By PDA

March 24, 2003

**CATTLE** 522...(PDA). (Supply included 145 slaughter steers and heifers, 268 cows, 17 bulls and 92 feeder cattle). Compared with last Monday's sale steers 1.50 to 1.75 higher, Holsteins 1.50 higher, cows .65 to 2.25 higher, most strength on leaner cows, heifers .70 higher on a light test bulls uneven, 2.00 higher to 2.00 lower.

**STEERS** High Choice and Prime 2-3 1350-1490 lbs 76.50-78.25, average 77.30, Choice 1-3 1115-1500 lbs 71.25-76.75, average 74.20, 1510-1640 lbs 68.50-72.50, Select 1-2 67.00-73.25, Standard 1-2 55.25-66.50

**HOLSTEIN STEERS.** few High Choice and Prime 2-3 1280-1360 lbs 65.50-67.00, Choice 2-3 1200-1590 lbs 58.75-64.50, average 61.40, Select 1-2 53.00-58.50, Standard 1-2 42.75-51.25

**HEIFERS** Choice few Prime 1-3 1100-1485 lbs 71.00-77.50, average 74.70, few Select 1-2 67.50-70.25, few Standard 1-2 50.50-56.50.

**COWS:** Breakers 75-80% lean 38.00-46.25, average 42.00, Boners 80-85% lean 35.00-43.25, average 39.30, Lean 85-90% lean 32.00-43.50 mostly 34.00-40.25, average 36.00 Shells 31.50 and down

**BULLS:** Yield Grade 1 1025-2125 lbs 47.75-57.00, average 51.25, few Yield Grade 2 1150-1715 lbs 39.75-46.50, average 43.25

**FEEDER CATTLE STEERS** one Medium 1 340 lbs 92.00, few Medium and Large 3 240-355 lbs 55.00-65.00, few 835-1015 lbs 56.00, HEIFERS Medium and Large 1 285-415 lbs 72.00-84.00, 600-755 lbs 60.00-70.00, 800-890 lbs 58.00-62.00, Medium and Large 2 225-485 lbs 65.00-81.00, 510-690 lbs 50.00-65.00, Medium and Large 3 240-305 lbs 45.00-53.00, Large 3 220-255 lbs 97.00-98.00; **BULLS:** Medium and Large 1 220-525 lbs 75.00-93.00, 500-550 lbs 65.00-70.00, 880-965 lbs 52.00-64.00, Medium and Large 2 205-330 lbs 66.00-86.00, 525-620 lbs 55.00-67.00, Medium and Large 3 210-340 lbs 46.00-67.00

**CALVES** 381 **VEALERS** Standard and Good 70-105 lbs 30.00-40.00, Utility 50-85 lbs 10.00-32.50 **FARM CALVES.** Holstein bulls 8.00 to 9.00 lower, Holstein heifers 10.00 lower No 1 Holstein bulls 90-125 lbs 110.00-150.00 mostly 115.00-140.00, average 126.25, 80-90 lbs 105.00-127.50, No 2 80-125 lbs 60.00-117.50, lightweights and weaker calves down to 37.50, few No 1 Holstein heifers 90-125 lbs 190.00, No 2 75-135 lbs 70.00-175.00.

Beef cross bulls and heifers 70-100 lbs 75.00-100.00

**HOGS 38 BARROWS**

**AND GILTS** one light-weight 45-50% lean 205 lbs 31.00, 240-275 lbs 32.00-34.00, 40-45% lean 285-295 lbs 30.00-34.00.

**SOWS** 1-3 415-480 lbs 20.00-22.00, 510-610 lbs 19.50-27.00, Medium 400-555 lbs 10.00-15.00.

**BOARS:** couple 340 lbs 5.50.

**FEEDER PIGS 0...NO MARKET TEST!**

**S H E E P**

30...**SLAUGHTER LAMBS:** couple Choice 50 & 55 lbs 160.00, 70-105 lbs 90.00-112.50. **SLAUGHTER SHEEP:** 33.00-43.00, Yearlings 55.00.

**GOATS 58.** (All sold by the head with weights estimated). Kids: Selection 1 40-60 lbs 53.00-71.00, 60-80 lbs 70.00, Selection 2 under 20 lbs 12.00-19.00, 20-40 lbs 23.00-26.00, 40-60 lbs 56.00. Nannies: 50-70 lbs 37.00-60.00, one 72.50, 70-100 lbs 60.00-73.00, 100-140 lbs 77.00-82.50. Billes 50-70 lbs 44.00-48.00, 70-100 lbs 76.00, 100-150 lbs 77.50-140.00

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**Rendell Administration Announces Pennsylvania Farmland Preservation Milestone During National Ag Week**

**HARRISBURG** (Dauphin Co.) — At the March State Agricultural Land Preservation Board meeting, Agriculture Secretary Dennis C. Wolff announced Pennsylvania's greatest preservation milestone to date, more than 250,000 acres of prime farmland has been preserved since the program's inception in 1989.

Wolff also announced that Governor Edward G. Rendell has issued Executive Order 2003-2, the Agricultural Land Preservation Policy. This Executive Order directs all agency programs and regulations under the governor's jurisdiction to protect the commonwealth's prime agricultural land from irreversible conversions to other uses. The directive states that no commonwealth funds should be used to encourage the conversion of prime agricultural land when feasible alternatives are available.



Several county farmland preservation board administrators were in attendance for the announcement of the preservation of more than 250,000 acres of Pennsylvania farmland. Joining Wolff are: back row, left to right, June Mengel, Lancaster; Stephanie Zimmerman, Berks; David Boose, York; Rich Huether, Blair; Jeff Stutzman, Schuylkill; Donna Fisher, Blair; and Elizabeth Emlen, Montgomery. Seated, from left, are Betty Reifer, Westmoreland; Secretary Wolff; and Jeff Zehr, Lehigh.

"Farmland is the foundation of Pennsylvania agriculture," said Wolff. "Today marks a great milestone in the history of Pennsylvania's nationally recognized farmland preservation program and a great tribute to National Agriculture Week. With over a quarter-million farmland acres preserved, Pennsylvania continues to set the national standard in farmland preservation. The signing of the Agricultural Land Preservation Policy Executive Order by Governor Rendell further illustrates our commitment to protect the commonwealth's prime agricultural resources."

With the latest approval of 23 farms totaling 2,456 acres at the March meeting, Pennsylvania has preserved 2,132 farms with 252,296 acres since 1989.

The State Agricultural Land Preservation Board purchases the development rights, referred to as easements, to preserve Pennsylvania's prime farmland. There are 53 counties participating in the farmland preservation program.

"Pennsylvania's farmland preservation successes are based on the grass

roots efforts of our county preservation boards and landowners," noted Wolff. "The additional support from our state lawmakers and governor have helped Pennsylvania to move its farmland preservation program to the next level."

To further assist in preserving productive agricultural land, the Department of Agriculture operates the Land Trust Reimbursement Program. This program has helped preserve 3,087 acres approved in eight trusts.

To learn more about Pennsylvania's nationally recognized farmland preservation program, contact the Department's Bureau of Farmland Preservation at (717) 783-3167 or visit the PA PowerPort at [www.state.pa.us](http://www.state.pa.us), PA Keyword: "agriculture."

The following farms were preserved listed by county, owner and municipality.

- Adams County**
  - Robert and Linda O'Brien and Ann Kendrick, Berwick Township.

- Berks County**
  - Stanley and Elizabeth Derstine, Perry Township.
  - Farr Nursery and Landscape Farm, Heidelberg Township.

- Mark and Lisa Hassler, Bethel Township.

- Blair County**
  - Allen Edwards, Woodbury Township.

- Cambria County**
  - Robert and Dorothy Haid, Allegheny Township.

- Lancaster County**
  - Clifford and Nancy Charles, East Hempfield Township.

- Clyde and Frances Martin, East Earl Township.

- Eugene and Linda Martin, West Cocalico Township.
- Paul and Verda Wolgemuth, Mount Joy Township.

- Lebanon County**
  - Timothy and Violet Krall, South Lebanon Township.

- Lehigh County**
  - Standley Lichtenwalner, Lower Macungie Township.

- Mifflin County**
  - J. Norman and Sarah Glick, Union Township.

- Montgomery County**
  - Frederick Hansen #4 Farm, Douglass Township.

- Schuylkill County**
  - Madeline Ruch Farm #2, West Penn Township.

- Washington County**
  - Michael and Wendy Nick, Deemston Borough.

- Westmoreland County**
  - Boyd and Margaret Wolff, Salem Township.

- York County**
  - S. Scott and April Cooper, Peach Bottom Township.

- David and Mary Thompson, Peach Bottom Township.

In the County Easement Purchase Program, four farms totaling 163 acres in Dauphin, Lehigh, and Monroe counties were approved by the State Agricultural Land Preservation Board.

**Eastern Cornbelt Direct Feeder Cattle Weekly**

Springfield, Ill.

March 21, 2003

Report Supplied By USDA

**Eastern Cornbelt Direct Feeder Cattle Summary** — Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, and Ohio: Feeder steer prices were unevenly steady this week. Feeder heifers were 2.50-5.00 lower in a light market test. Demand was light to moderate. Trading activity was slow. Reported sales consisted of about 60% beef steers, 22% heifers and 18% Holstein steers. Approximately 70% of the cattle marketed this week weighed over 600 lbs. Confirmed sales 800 this week, 750 last week and 1200 last year

**FEEDER STEERS.** Medium and Large 1-2, package 350 lbs 106.50; 625-800 lbs 76.00-79.50; load lot 875 lbs 70.00.

**HOLSTEIN STEERS:** Medium and Large 3 400-500 lbs 75.00-78.00.

**FEEDER HEIFERS.** Medium and Large 1-2: 475-550 lbs 80.00-82.50.

Prices are based FOB the farm unless otherwise indicated. Delivered prices include freight, commissions, and other expenses

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