

Weekly Meat Production Under Federal Inspection

WASHINGTON, D.C., Mar. 28 - (USDA-NASS) - Total red meat production under federal inspection for the week ending Saturday, March 29, was estimated at 858.0 million lb, according to the USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service. This was 3.1 percent lower than a week ago and 1.3 percent higher than a year ago. Cumulative meat production for the year to date was 0.4 percent lower compared to the previous year.

MEAT PRODUCTION (million pounds)
(excludes condemned)

Week Ending (1)	Beef	Calf/Veal	Pork (2)	Lamb/Mutton	Totals (3)
29-Mar-03	470.1	3.8	379.6	4.5	858.0
22-Mar-03	496.0	3.8	380.4	4.3	885.0
Change	-5.3%	0%	-0.2%	4.7%	-3.1%
30-Mar-02	468.9	3.4	370.1	4.3	846.7
Change	0.3%	11.8%	2.6%	4.7%	1.3%
2003 YTD	6174.6	48.2	4783.0	47.0	11,052.8
2002 YTD	6271.7	45.1	4724.5	55.6	11,096.9
Change	-1.6%	6.9%	1.2%	-15.5%	-0.4%

1- Previous week estimates may be revised Year ago data are actuals
2- Excludes lard
3- Totals may not add due to rounding 2003 totals are subject to revision

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER (head)

Week Ending	Cattle	Calves/Vealers	Hogs	Sheep/Lambs
29-Mar-03	629,000	20,000	1,906,000	64,000
22-Mar-03	660,000	20,000	1,918,000	63,000
Change	-4.7%	0.0%	-0.6%	1.6%
30-Mar-02	627,000	18,000	1,864,000	64,000
Change	0.3%	11.1%	2.3%	0%
2003 YTD	8,068,000	257,000	23,978,000	693,000
2002 YTD	8,251,000	233,000	23,827,000	798,000
Change	-2.2%	10.5%	0.6%	-13.2%

AVERAGE WEIGHTS (lbs.)

Week Ending	LIVE	Cattle	Calves/Vealers	Hogs	Sheep/Lamb
29-Mar-03	Estimate	1245	315	268	139
22-Mar-03	Estimate	1253	311	267	139
30-Mar-02	Actual	1235	318	268	134

DRESSED:

29-Mar-03	Estimate	751	193	200	70
22-Mar-03	Estimate	756	191	199	69
30-Mar-02	Actual	752	194	199	67

PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL SLAUGHTERED BY CLASS

Wk Ending	Steers	Heifers	Cows	Bulls/Stags	Barrows/Gilts	Sows	Boars/Stags
15-Mar-03	48.1%	31.5%	18.5%	1.8%	96.5%	3.3%	0.3%
16-Mar-02	48.0%	33.7%	16.5%	1.8%	96.5%	3.2%	0.3%

Mercer Livestock Auction

Mercer, Pa.

April 1, 2003

Report Supplied By PDA

CATTLE 337...(PDA)...Compared with last week's sale...cows steady to .50 higher. **STEERS:** few Choice 1-3 1090-1410 lbs 75.50-78.75, Select 1-2 65.00-73.00, few Standard 1-2 60.00-62.00.

HOLSTEIN STEERS: few High Choice and Prime 2-3 1215-1500 lbs 65.50-72.00, Choice 2-3 1115-1480 lbs 58.00-63.00, few Select 1-2 53.00-58.00, Standard 1-2 42.00-52.00.

HEIFERS: Choice 1-3 1040-1270 lbs 71.00-79.50, low yielding down to 63.50, few Select 1-2 60.00-68.00, Standard 1-2 50.00-57.50.

COWS: Breakers 75-80% lean 40.50-47.25 mostly 42.00-46.00, Boners 80-85% lean 35.00-40.00, Lean 85-90% lean 31.50-36.50. Shells 30.00 and down.

BULLS: few Yield Grade 1 1120-2065 lbs 48.25-49.25, Yield Grade 2 965-2075 lbs 40.00-48.00.

FEEDER CATTLE: STEERS: few Medium and Large 1 350-475 lbs 87.00-92.00, Large 2 325-375 lbs 64.00-66.00, few 575-775 lbs 44.00-51.00, 825-1100 lbs 41.00-48.50; **HEIFERS:** Medium 1 325-425 lbs 70.00-77.00, 500-700 lbs 67.00-75.00, Medium 2 300-500 lbs 51.00-66.00, 500-675 lbs 55.00-66.00; **BULLS:** Medium and Large 1 375-550 lbs 80.00-93.00, Medium 2 300-500 lbs 53.00-66.00, 500-775 lbs 53.00-66.00.

CALVES 70...**VEALERS:** Standard

and Good 70-120 lbs 20.00-22.00, Utility 50-80 lbs 5.00-13.00. **FARM CALVES:** No 1 Holstein bulls 95-130 lbs 100.00-127.50, 85-90 lbs 85.00-92.50, No 2 80-130 lbs 60.00-90.00; one No 1 Holstein heifer 90 lbs 225.00, one No 2 85 lbs 105.00.

HOGS 85...**BARROWS AND GILTS:** 49-54% lean 220-240 lbs 37.75, 45-50% lean 220-260 lbs 32.50-35.00, 40-45% lean 265-305 lbs 29.50-32.25.

SOWS: 1-3 315-390 lbs 18.75-21.00, 410-520 lbs 20.50-25.50.

BOARS: couple 570 & 620 lbs 5.00 & 6.00, couple 285 & 375 lbs 13.00 & 15.00.

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

SHEEP 0...**NO MARKET TEST!**

GOATS 0...**NO MARKET TEST!**

Middleburg Livestock Auction

Middleburg, Pa.

Tuesday, April 1, 2003

Report Supplied By PDA

CATTLE 302...(PDA)...(Supply included 125 steers and heifers, 118 cows, 15 bulls and 44 feeder cattle)...Compared with last week's sale...steers and heifers .20 to .50 higher, cows .35 to 1.50 lower, bulls uneven, 1.00 higher to 1.00 lower.

STEERS: High Choice and Prime 2-3 1140-1475 lbs 78.00-80.50, average 78.95, Choice 1-3 1125-1440 lbs 73.00-77.75, average 75.50, Select 1-2 68.50-73.25, one 75.75.

HOLSTEIN STEERS: few High Choice and Prime 2-3 1300-1415 lbs 66.00-69.50, Choice 2-3 1065-1530 lbs 61.25-66.25, average 64.10, Select 1-2 53.00-60.50, Standard 1-2 40.00-52.00.

HEIFERS: few Choice 1-3 1000-1335 lbs 72.75-76.00, average 74.65, few Select 1-2 69.50-73.25, few Standard 1-2 54.00-66.00.

COWS: Breakers 75-80% lean 37.25-42.75, couple 46.00, Boners 80-85% lean 33.75-38.75, average 36.65, Lean 85-90% 31.00-37.75, average 33.90. Shells 30.00 and down.

BULLS: Yield Grade 1 1410-2310 lbs 47.50-50.25, average 48.50, Yield Grade 2 1195-2220 lbs 42.00-47.00, average 44.80.

FEEDER CATTLE: STEERS: Medium 1-2 395-515 lbs 70.00-79.00, Large 3 445-565 lbs 49.00-54.00, 710-985 lbs 46.50-50.00; **HEIFERS:** one Medium 1 515 lbs 65.00, one Large 3 285 lbs 57.00, one 985 lbs 43.50; **BULLS:** Medium 1-2 410-575 lbs 51.50-69.50, Medium and Large 3 235-355 lbs 41.00-58.00, couple 465-600 lbs 55.00.

CALVES 187...**VEALERS:** Standard and Good 75-105 lbs 30.00-40.00, Utility 60-90 lbs 10.00-20.00. **FARM CALVES:** Holstein bulls 1.00 to 2.00 lower...No 1 Holstein bulls 90-125 lbs 110.00-145.00 mostly 115.00-140.00, average 128.10, 85-90 lbs 95.00-110.00, No 2 80-125 lbs 60.00-115.00, weaker calves down to 50.00; few No 1 Holstein heifers 95-105 lbs 250.00-290.00, No 2 80-120 lbs 100.00-160.00.

HOGS 152...**Barrows and gilts** steady to .50 lower. **BARROWS AND GILTS:** 45-50% lean 235-280 lbs 28.00-31.50,

lightweights 195-220 lbs 26.75-28.00, 40-45% lean 280-330 lbs 27.50-37.50.

SOWS: few 1-3 405-465 lbs 15.00-23.00, couple 585 & 645 lbs 22.00.

BOARS: 480-510 lbs 5.00 275-300 lbs 16.00-18.00.

FEEDER PIGS 5...Few 1-3 50-75 lbs 16.00-21.00 per head.

SHEEP 41...**Slaughter lambs** 10.00 higher. **SLAUGHTER LAMBS:** Choice 30-45 lbs 110.00-136.00, 45-60 lbs 100.00-114.00, 65-90 lbs 90.00-107.00, one 150 lbs 74.00, few Good and Choice 40-70 lbs 60.00-80.00. **SLAUGHTER SHEEP:** 5.00-17.00.

GOATS 35...(All goats sold by the head with weights estimated). **Kids:** Selection 1 30-50 lbs 50.00, Selection 2 under 20 lbs 20.00-25.00, 20-40 lbs 22.00-40.00. **Yearlings:** Selection 2 40-60 lbs 16.00-35.00. **Nannies:** 50-70 lbs 31.00-57.00, 70-100 lbs 50.00-65.00. **Billies:** 100-125 lbs 60.00-80.00.

Eighty-Four Livestock Auction

Eighty-Four, Pa.

Monday, March 31, 2003

Report Supplied By PDA

CATTLE 355...(PDA)...bulls steady. **STEERS:** couple Standard 1-2 53.00 & 55.00.

HOLSTEIN STEERS: couple Standard 1-2 46.50 & 49.00.

COWS: Breakers 75-80% lean 39.50-42.50, Boners 80-85% lean 36.50-38.50, Lean 85-90% lean 31.50-36.00. Shells 31.00 and down.

BULLS: one Yield Grade 1 1920 lbs 48.00, Yield Grade 2 1240-1515 lbs 42.00-46.00.

FEEDER CATTLE: STEERS: few Medium and Large 1 400-540 lbs 83.00-90.00, few Medium and Large 2 400-715 lbs 58.00-77.50; **HEIFERS:** Medium and Large 1 320-490 lbs 74.00-82.00, 500-575 lbs 70.00-74.00, Medium and Large 2 310-500 lbs 65.00-72.00, 550-725 lbs 56.00-69.00; **BULLS:** Medium and Large 1 305-475 lbs 79.00-91.50, 500-650 lbs 73.00-86.00, Medium and Large 2 300-465 lbs 61.00-78.00, 500-790 lbs 59.00-70.00.

CALVES 119...(All calves sold per cwt). **VEALERS:** Standard and Good 70-105 lbs 30.00-65.00, Utility 50-85 lbs 12.00-30.00. **FARM CALVES:** Holstein bulls steady to 12.00 lower...No 1 Holstein bulls 95-125 lbs 115.00-130.00, one 140.00, No 2 85-125 lbs 75.00-117.50; No 1 Holstein heifers 90-125 lbs 200.00-285.00, No 2 75-95 lbs 95.00-180.00.

Few beef cross bulls and heifers 75-115 lbs 80.00-137.00, 135-290 lbs 66.00-85.00.

HOGS 17...**BARROWS AND GILTS:** 45-50% lean 245-285 lbs 40.00-41.00, 40-45% lean 235-255 lbs 30.00-34.00.

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

SHEEP 165...**Slaughter lambs** steady. **SLAUGHTER LAMBS:** High Choice and Prime 115-130 lbs 89.00-107.00, Choice 55-75 lbs 113.00-125.00, 80-100 lbs 92.00-117.50, Good and Choice 40-95 lbs 86.00-110.00. **NEW CROP LAMBS:** Choice 40-50 lbs 119.00-131.00. **SLAUGHTER SHEEP:** 15.00-37.00.

GOATS 41...(All goats sold by the head with weights estimated). **Kids:** Selection 1 20-40 lbs 42.00-49.00, 40-60 lbs 55.00-68.00. **Selection 2** 20-40 lbs 30.00-35.00, 40-60 lbs 40.00-51.00. **Nannies:** 50-70 lbs 28.00-39.00, 70-100 lbs 45.00-66.00, one 100 lbs and over 73.00. **Billies:** 70-100 lbs 73.00 & 74.00, one 100 lbs and over 90.00.

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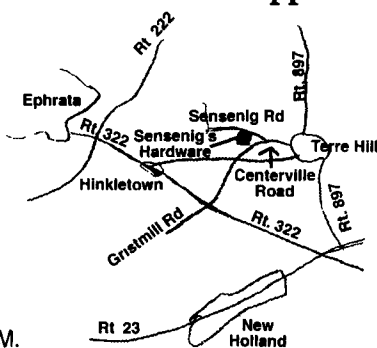
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