LANCASTER COUNTY LIVESTOCK MARKET AUCTIONS

New Holland Livestock Auction

New Holland, Pa.
Report Supplied By USDA
Monday, March 31, 2003

	Cattle	Calves	Hogs	Sheep	Goats
MONDAY	372	244	1083	1003	1356
LAST WEEK	459	202	1271	968	1351
LAST YEAR	259	182	746	379	768

Compared to Thursday, Lean slaughter cows sold fully steady with instances firmer. The fleshy cow supply was not well tested, especially the Breaking cows. There was a weaker undertone noted on the fleshier cows, although many of them were weighing up pretty full, therefore, prices may have been closer to steady in the meat. The majority of the slaughter bull run was made up of fleshier bulls, with those comparable to Thursday trending about steady Nearly 207 head, or 55 percent, of the supply was made up of slaughter cows

SLAUGHTER COWS: PERCENT LEAN WEIGHT BULK LOW DRESSING Breakers 70-75 Over 1400 lbs 39.00-43.00 37.75-39.75 Boners 75-80 Over 1200 lbs 37 00-39.25 34.75-37.75 Lean (Hi-Yield) 80-85 Over 1200 lbs 36 50-39.00 33.00-35 50 Lean 85-90 Over 1000 lbs 32.00-36.50 29.50-32.00 Lean (Light-Wt) 85-90 750-1000 lbs 28 00-32.25 25.00-28.50

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2 1010-2125 lbs 44.75-49.75, individual 53.50, low dressing 39.50-42.75. Bullocks. Select 1-2 1250-1320 lbs 66.00-67 00.

CALVES: Compared to Thursday, slaughter calves sold with a weaker undertone on a very light test. Holstein bull calves suitable for special-fed veal barns sold sharply lower There were not enough Holstein heifers to test the market.

SLAUGHTER CALVES. Few Standard and Utility 55-110 lbs 11.00-22.00.

GOING INTO VEAL BARNS: Holstein Bulls individual 140 lbs 92.00, 90-125 lbs 130.00-145.00. Plainer-type Bulls 90-125 lbs 90.00-122.00; 75-85 lbs 50.00- 80.00. Weaker bulls 90-125 lbs 80.00-100.00. Few Holstein heifers 90-120 lbs 190.00-290.00, individual 150.00, 80-90 lbs 100.00-160.00.

HOGS: Barrows and gilts mostly a full 1.00 lower on those that were comparable, sows steady to firm on a run that included 150 head, boars steady to 1 00 lower on a run that included nearly 45 head.

BARROWS AND GILTS: few 49-54% lean 190-215 lbs 31.50-32.25, 220-270 lbs 33 50-36.00, few up to 37.00, few 275-300 lbs 31.85-35.25, 40-45% lean 220-270 lbs 31.75-34 00, 275-305 lbs 29.75-32.00, few 40-45% lean 220-270 lbs 30.00-32.00, 280-325 lbs 27.10-30.00.

SOWS. 1-3 300-450 lbs 22.25-24.25, 450-500 lbs 23 00-26.25, 500-700 lbs 26.00-28.50, couple up to 29 00

BOARS. 300-700 lbs 8.00-9.00.

SHEEP and LAMBS: Compared to last week, slaughter lambs sold 6.00-8.00 higher on a very good run. Buyer attendance was moderate, with bidding relatively active. Slaughter ewes sold with a firmer undertone on a heavy run All sheep and lambs are sold by the pound, with actual weights. SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Choice, end Prime 2-3 few 20-40 lbs 120.00; 40-60 lbs 127.00-138.00; 60-80 lbs 108.00-136.00, less attractive 88.00-104.00; 80-100 lbs 116.00-128.00; 100-140 lbs 95.00-104.00; 140-170 lbs 82.00-90.00.

SLAUGHTER EWES· Few Yearlings 85-100 lbs 54.00-68.00. Utility and Good 1-3 100-130 lbs 31.00-39.00; 130-200 lbs mostly 28.00-30.00, with the exception of a few packages that sold as high as 39.00; 200-320 lbs 24.00-30.00. Few Bucks 240-265 lbs 30.00-36.00.

GOATS: Compared to last Monday, Kid goats sold steady to firm. Yearlings were not tested due to the light supply. Nannies were not well tested, however the light test sold with a lower undertone. Billies also sold with a lower undertone, with the Wether supply trading steady to firm. The quality of Monday's run was well below average across the board on every grade There were a few standouts that had some higher muscling, but for the most part the supply was made up of Selection 2 and 3's. All goats were sold by the head, with estimated weights Note All prices and market trends are made on the bulk of the run. However, any late sales or trends will not be listed. Kids: Selection 1 20-40 lbs 48.00-60.00; 40-60 lbs 58.00-67.00; 60-80 lbs 72.00-76.00. Selection 2 20-40 lbs 38.00-50.00; 40-60 lbs 49.00-62.00; package 70 lbs 70.00. Selection 3 20-40 lbs 22 00-36.00, with lots under 20 lbs 12.00-22.00; 40-60 lbs 30 00-40.00; package 70 lbs 57.00. Yearlings: Selection 1 few 80-100 lbs 70.00-76.00. Selection 2 few 60-80 lbs 58.00-62.00. Nannies: Selection 1 few 70-100 lbs 62.00-66.00; few 100-150 lbs 80 00-92.00. Selection 2 few 50-70 lbs 44.00; few 70-100 lbs 53.00-66.00; few 100-150 lbs 58.00-75.00. Selection 3 few 50-70 lbs 37.00-39.00. Billies: Selection 1 70-100 lbs 60.00-77.00, 100-150 lbs 86 00-104.00; few 150-250 lbs 122.00-136 00, with a fancy individual early 160.00. Selection 2 70-100 lbs 50 00-62.00; 100-150 lbs 70.00-92.00; few 150-250 lbs 96.00-110.00 Selection 3 70-100 lbs 47 00-66.00, couple 69.00. Wethers: 50-70 lbs 60.00-72.00, fancy 78.00-82.00; 70-100 lbs 72.00-102.00; 100-175 lbs 92.00-112 00, couple 78.00.

Market At A Glance

Lancaster County Livestock Auction Averages
(Price Per Hundredweight)
Week Ending Friday, April 4, 2003
Supplied By Market Staff

	This Wk	Wk Ago	Yr Ago
Steers, Choice 2-3	77.75	76.65	71.85
Heifers, Choice 2-3, few Prime	74.75	73.85	69.85
Cows, Breakers, 75-80% lean	42.50	42.50	46.50
Cows, Boners, 80-85% lean	38.25	37.65	44.75
Bulls, YG 1, ltd.	52.00	51.85	62.50
Hogs, 49-54% lean, Monday	34.75	36.25	33.85
Lambs, Choice/Prime 80-110 lb.	120.00	109.00	85.00

Vintage Livestock Auction

Vintage, Pa.
March 31-April 1, 2003
Report Supplied By USDA

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Goats
THIS WEEK	770	705	0	4
LAST WEEK	811	741	12	6
LAST YEAR	747	640	0	0

Compared to Thursday, slaughter steers sold as much as .50 higher on Monday, trading steady on Tuesday. Monday's supply included some well-finished steers that were in good condition and sold accordingly. On Tuesday, the bulk of the steers were weighing up pretty full, and even though the prices quoted are steady, prices will likely be higher in the meat. Bidding was moderately active, with all grades having no problem finding a truck to ride on. Slaughter Holstein steers sold steady to firm due to what continues to be very good demand. The slaughter heifer supply was very light, and a trend was not fully established. However, the few on hand did trend with a firmer undertone. Lean slaughter cows sold steady to instances of .50 lower, with the fleshier (75-85 percent lean) supply trading 1.00 to as much as 2.00 lower. Beside the few standouts in the Breaking cow supply; bids are pretty much contained under 43.00. There were not enough slaughter bulls on offer to adequately test the market. The supply included 42 percent steers (320 head), 5 percent heifers (38 head), 49 percent cows (375 head), 2 percent bulls (13 head), with the balance of the two day run made up of a few feeder cattle. All prices and trends are recorded from the Monday and Tuesday sale and then combined. Therefore, averages are also a combination of both days. Note: There will be a special feeder cattle sale held at the Vintage Sales Stables on Monday April the 21st after the fat cattle sale, with some good consignments of quality feeders expected. Slaughter Steers: High Choice and Prime 2-4 1110-1455 lbs 76.75-80.75, average 78.85, up to 81.50 on Monday. Choice 2-3 1150-1455 lbs 75.00-78.50, average 76.86, full or Yield Grade 4 73.50-76.50, few Charolais and Limi-X's 80.00-80.25, few heavy 1530-1615 lbs 71.25-72.75. Select and low Choice 2-3 1150-1455 lbs 72.25-75.50. Select 1-2 1010-1460 lbs 70.75-73.50, full 68.00-71.50.

Holstein Steers: High Choice and Prime 2-3 1300-1530 lbs 64.00-67.75, average 66.69, up to 70.25 on Monday. Choice 2-3 1255-1575 lbs 61.50-65.25, average 63.80, up to 66.25 on Monday. Select and low Choice 2-3 1175-1575 lb 57.25-60.75. Select 1-2 on Monday 1155-1495 lbs 53.00-59.25.

Slaughter Heifers: Few Prime 3 1140-1250 lbs 75.75-77.50. Choice 2-3 1055-1450 lbs 75 00-76.75, fancy Charolais-X individual 79.75, couple Yield Grade 4 71.25-72.50. Few Select and low Choice 2-3 1055-1255 lbs 70.75-72.00. 76.25-77.00.

Slaughter Cows: Percent Lean Weight Bulk Low Dressing Breakers 75-80 Over 1400 lbs 39.00-43.25, 36.00-39.00 few 43.75-44.25 Boners 80-85 Over 1200 lbs 36.25-39.25 35.50-37.25 Lean (Hi-Yield) 85-88 Over 1200 lbs 36.00-38.00 33.50-37.25 Lean 88-90 Over 1000 lbs 32.00-36.00 29.00-32.50 Lean (Light-Wt) 85-90 750-1000 lbs 29.00-31.50 25.00-29.50 Slaughter Bulls: Yield Grade 1 1010-1350 lbs 46.75-48.50. Yield Grade 2 1150-1500 lbs 45.50-47.00, low dressing 44.00.

Calves: Compared to last Tuesday, slaughter calves sold steady. Holstein bulls going into special-fed veal barns sold weak to 12.00 lower, with instances of sharply lower prices on the lighter bulls. Finished prices remain at around 185.00-192.00, which most consider bearish. Holstein heifers sold sharply higher as prices broke through the 300.00 barrier. Buyer attendance and demand were both good on the heifers. The supply included 580 in the state graded sale, with around 86 percent of the graded supply returning to feed.

Slaughter Calves: Standard and Utility 60-110 lbs 15.00-30.00. Calves Going Into Veal Barns: Graded Number One Holstein Bulls 90-125 lbs 114.00-145.00, small package 95.00; package 85 lbs 95.00; package 80 lbs 70.00; few 75 lbs 40.00. Graded Number Two Holstein Bulls 90-125 lbs 102.00-117.00, package 92.00; package 83 lbs 100.00. Holstein Bulls sold in the singles auction 130 145 lbs 50.00-75.00, few fancy 95.00-110.00. Few Beef-type bulls 85-95 lbs 75.00-120.00. Graded Number One Holstein Heifers 90-115 lbs 345.00- 375.00; package 81 lbs 250.00. Graded Number Two Holstein Heifers 90-125 lbs 102.00-117.00, package 92.00; package 83 lbs 100.00. Holstein Heifers sold in the singles auction 90 lbs 250.00; 80 lbs 135.00-180.00.

Few Beef-type heifers 105-115 lbs 110.00-120.00.

New Holland Livestock Auction

New Holland, Pa.
Thursday, April 3, 2003
Report Supplied By USDA

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Goats
MONDAY	1516	542	223	395
LAST WEEK	1489	658	143	269
LAST YEAR	1410	549	245	194

Compared to Tuesday, slaughter steers sold 1.00 to mostly 2.00 higher in very active trading. Bidding turned active after the first good set walked through the door and didn't let up until the sale was over There was a very good supply of high quality, long-fed fats on offer, with high Choice and Prime buyers showing right away they were not afraid to still pay over 80 00. The finished market may be showing some bearish indicators this summer, but cattle feeders are going to enjoy it while they can as the majority of the cattlemen that attended Thursday's run were sporting ear to ear grins. This makes the second consecutive week that the New Holland Sales Stables was able to put together steer runs that included over 650 head Which is pretty impressive considering the supply was starting to run a little thin in Lancaster County, and it is extremely impressive that the quality is very good considering many area producers are feeling the effect of the dry summer of 2002 as their corn and silage supplies are all but diminished The slaughter Holstein supply was a little mixed, but still trended near steady Slaughter heifers were hard to come by early in the week, so the late week supply was not well tested However, a firmer undertone was noted Slaughter cows sold steady to mostly 1 00 higher, with even more strength present on the fleshy cows at times Slaughter bulls sold with a higher undertone when compared to Tuesday's very light showing. The reported supply included 45 percent steers (685 head), 4 percent heifers (72 head), 31 percent cows (482 head), 6 percent bulls (104 head), with the balance feeder cattle.

SLAUGHTER STEERS High Choice and Prime 2-4 1155-1465 lbs 78.50-82.85, average 80.59, Yield Grade 5 75.50-77.75. Choice 2-3 1025-1470 lbs 79.00- 79.75, average 77.91, couple packages 80.00-80.35, Yield Grade 4 or full 71.50- 75.75, heavy 1505-1595 lbs 70.50-75.25 with a couple 76.00-77.00, high dressing Charolais and Limi-X's 79.50-83.75, few Yield Grade 1-2 81.50-81.75. Select and low Choice 2-3 1110-1495 lbs 73.00-76.75, average 75.42. Select 1-2 1165-1360 lbs 70.00-74.25, average 72.07.

HOLSTEIN STEERS: High Choice and Prime 2-3 1280-1595 lbs 64.25-69.25, average 66.63, few 70.25-71.00, few beef-crosses 73.25. Choice 2-3 1210-1505 lbs 60.00-63.50, average 62.11, few full 58.00. Select and low Choice 2-3 1250-1520 lbs 57.25-61.75, average 59.79. Select 1-2 1190-1405 lbs 55.00- 58.75, average 57.45. Few Standard 1-2 1190-1270 lbs 51.75-54.50, average 53.04.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Prime 3 individual 1170 lbs 76.75. Few Choice 2-3 1080- 1265 lbs 74.25-75.25, few Yield Grade 4 72.75-74.00, few Charolais and Limi-X's 76.00-77.25, few lightweight 950-990 lbs 68.75-72.00.

SLAUGHTER COWS: Breakers 70-75 Over 1400 lbs 39.75-45.75, 37.00-40.00. Boners 75-80 Over 1200 lbs 37.00-40.50, 35.00-37.25. Lean (Hi-Yield) 80-85 Over 1200 lbs 36.75-40.75, 34.00-37.00. Lean 85-90 Over 1000 lbs 32.00-36.50, 29.50-32.00. Lean (Light-Wt) 85-90 750-1000 lbs 28.50-32.00, 26.00-29.00.

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1 1085-2225 lbs 48.25-56.00, few fancier up to 58.50. Yield Grade 2 1190-2130 lbs 46.00-48.50, full 45.75.

CALVES: Compared to Tuesday, slaughter calves sold fully steady on the bulk of the run, with a few individuals and graded pens trading as much as 20.00 higher. Holstein bull calves suitable for special-fed veal barns sold sharply higher in. Holstein heifers were not well tested.

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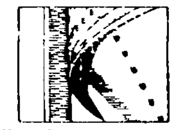
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