

LANCASTER COUNTY LIVESTOCK MARKET AUCTIONS

Lancaster County Weekly Cattle

New Holland, Pa.
Report Supplied by USDA
Friday, May 2, 2003

	CATTLE	CAI VES
THIS WEEK	2511	3291
LAST WEEK	3291	1288
LAST YEAR	2437	1484

Compared to last week, slaughter steers sold 50-100 lower early, trading 100-150 higher late in the week. The quality of the stock early in the week was below average, with the late week supply consisting of some very well finished steers. The only thing lacking late in the week was weight, as the Kasher buyers were looking high and low trying to put a load together averaging over 1400 lbs. The weights of the carcasses hanging in the coolers in the western packinghouses are also lighter, but that is to be expected as packers continue to pick green cattle out of the direct yards as the feedlots cash in on the bullish market. The situation in Pennsylvania is different, live weights are down because producers are feeding their last bucketful of corn, as the feed situation remains severe. The direct yards moved the bulk of their cattle from 78-80-75 this week, which is firm to 100 higher. Dressed sales in Nebraska sold 100 higher at mostly 125-00. There is a drastic difference between Choice and Select cutout values, over 17 cents to be exact. However, the major feeding areas in the western states must not be shy away from sending them to the rail on the Choice/Select bubble hoping they will grade Choice, as the USDA is reporting steers estimated to grade under 35 percent Choice to over 80 percent Choice, from 77-00-79-00. The slaughter heifer supply was mixed this week, with the heaviest run coming late in the week. Although, the bulk of the late week run had some age on it, and was discounted. The slaughter Holstein runs remain very good, with many buyers still using the hard-feds to put some weight on their colored loads. Holstein steers continue to trade steady to firm from week to week. Lean slaughter cows sold near steady the opening two days of the week; with fleshy cows taking a hit on Monday and Tuesday as prices were 100-200 lower. Late in the week, buyer demand and attendance picked up and all grades of cows as prices were 50-150 higher. The cow runs keep getting lighter in Lancaster County, which is expected as the grass is green. Farmers would rather turn them out on grass, especially if they can still get a few pounds of milk out of them every day, than hassle with bringing them to town as they are right in the middle of their fieldwork. The reported supply in Lancaster County this week included 957 head of steers, 149 heifers, 879 cows, 258 bulls, and 268 head of feeder cattle.

Slaughter Steers High Choice and Prime 2-4 1205-1465 lbs 79-25-82-60, few 79-00-79-75, up to 83-00 late in the week. Choice 2-3 1135-1480 lbs 76-75-80-75, up to 81-25 late in the week, couple Brahma-X's 75-00, Charolais and Lams-X's 76-00-82-75 with a 1500 single at 81-50. Choice 2 1160-1390 lbs 79-25-82-00, couple high dressers 83-75-85-75. Choice 4 1095-1370 lbs 73-75-77-75. Select and low Choice 2-3 1070-1400 lbs 74-75-77-35. Select 1-2 1020-1415 lbs 70-00-75-75, few heavier muscled up to 76-50. Standard 1-2 includes some two-ways 995-1225 lbs 62-00-68-75.

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Wethers 50-70 lbs 54-00-68-00, 70-100 lbs 72-00-92-00, 100-175 lbs 92-00-104-00.

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Market At A Glance

Lancaster County Livestock Auction Averages

(Price Per Hundredweight)

Week Ending Friday, May 2, 2003

Supplied by Market Staff

	This Wk	Wk Ago	Yr Ago
Steers, Choice 2-3	78.75	78.75	68.00
Heifers, Choice 2-3, few Prime	76.00	76.35	67.00
Cows, Breakers, 75-80% lean	45.75	46.25	45.75
Cows, Boners, 80-85% lean	41.50	42.00	42.85
Bulls, YG 1, ltd.	55.00	52.75	60.00
Hogs, 49-54% lean, Monday	39.25	35.85	30.75
Lambs, Choice/Prime 80-110 lb.	121.00	123.00	100.00

Compared to Tuesday's light run, slaughter steers sold fully 100 higher, with sales up to 150 higher at times. When compared to last Thursday's market, prices trended near steady to firm. The quality of the run was very good, with some well fed stock on offer. However, live weights remain very low as there are very few steers weighing over 1400 lbs available. A couple of Kasher buyers were in the hunt for some heavier cattle, and its hard to tell what a hard finished set of black cattle weighing about 1450 lbs would have sold for, especially late. Buyer activity was good for the majority of the run, especially early and late, only dropping off a little as the quality dipped. The quality of the Holstein run was also very good, much to the relief of the colored cattle buyers, as they used some of the spots to put some weight on their loads. Slaughter Holstein steers sold steady to firm when compared to Tuesday's light supply. The slaughter heifer supply was mixed, in the process of over-finishing the bulk of them, the females got a little too much age on them with some looking like they had either calved or stuffed a calf. Therefore, most of the heifers were either put in the Yield Grade 4 category, or quoted as Heiferettes. Breaking and Boning cows sold firm to 150 higher, with Lean cows trading 50 to mostly 100 higher; with prices up to 150 higher on a few standouts. Slaughter bulls sold with a higher undertone when compared to Tuesday's light supply. The cattle run included 601 steers, 84 heifers, 384 cows, 104 bulls, with the balance 132 head of feeders.

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Vintage Livestock Auction

Vintage, Pa.

April 28-29, 2003

Report Supplied by USDA

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Goats
THIS WEEK	1199	556	6	4
LAST WEEK	1199	556	6	4
LAST YEAR	733	734	0	0

Compared to Thursday's active market, slaughter steers sold weak to 50 lower, with sales up to 100 lower at times. The quality of the supply was below average as the bulk of the steers went into the high Select and low Choice category. Packers are very aware of the feed situation in the state, as many feeders are running very low, and have put a pretty serious discount on the Select animals. Slaughter Holstein steers sold with a firmer undertone on a light test, with the slaughter heifer supply not tested. All classes of slaughter cows sold mostly steady when compared to the Monday run. However, when compared to Thursday, fleshy cows sold fully 200 lower. Buyer demand has been excellent late in the week on the Breaking cows, which has caused the market to fluctuate from early to late week. The supply included 290 head of steers, 44 heifers, 289 cows, 21 bulls, with the balance 45 head of feeder cattle. Note: Prices and averages below are from the Tuesday auction only.

Slaughter Steers Few High Choice and Prime 2-4 1235-1445 lbs 79-25-81-50, average 80-50. Choice 2-3 1165-1480 lbs 76-75-80-00, average 78-04, few Yield Grade 1-2 79-75-82-00, Charolais-X's 78-25-82-75, Yield Grade 4 74-50-77-50. Select and low Choice 2-3 1140-1440 lbs 75-75-78-00, average 76-39. Select 1-2 1205-1375 lbs 72-50-75-75, average 74-50, instances down to 67-00.

Holstein Steers Few High Choice and Prime 2-3 1325-1485 lbs 69-00-72-00, average 70-92. Choice 2-3 1260-1555 lbs 65-00-69-50, average 66-56. Select and low Choice 2-3 1175-1430 lbs 62-75-65-00, average 63-75. Select 1-2 1180-1410 lbs 58-75-62-25.

Slaughter Heifers: Not tested.

Slaughter Cows: Percent Lean Weight Bulk Low Dressing Breakers 75-80 Over 1400 lbs 43-00-47-50, 39-00-42-00 individual 50-75 Boners 80-85 Over 1300 lbs 38-50-44-25 36-50-38-75 Lean (Hi-Yield) 80-85 Over 1200 lbs up to 40-75 Lean 85-90 Over 1000 lbs 33-75-37-75 30-00-33-50 Lean (Light-Wt) 85-90 750-1000 lbs 31-00-34-00 26-50-29-75 Slaughter Bulls Yield Grade 1 1610-2155 lbs 49-75-57-75, average 52-45.

Calves: Compared to last Tuesday, slaughter calves sold steady. Holstein bulls going into special-fed veal barns sold mostly steady. Holstein heifers also sold near steady. The supply included 555 in the state graded sale, with around 88 percent of the graded supply returning to feed. Slaughter Calves: Standard and Utility 60-110 lbs 15-00-30-00, few up to 40-00 in the ungraded sale. Calves Going Into Veal Barns: Graded Number One Holstein Bulls 122 lbs 125-00, 90-115 lbs 142-00-162-00, 80-85 lbs 125-00-130-00. Graded Number Two Holstein Bulls 90-120 lbs 120-00-140-00, large lot 84 lbs 125-00. Singles in the ungraded sale 120-135 lbs 95-00-127-00. Graded Number One Holstein Heifers 90-115 lbs 100-00-330-00, package 83 lbs 255-00, package 73 lbs 150-00. Graded Number Two Holstein Heifers 90-110 lbs 240-00-270-00, package 82 lbs 240-00, package 73 lbs 135-00. Few Beef-type bulls 80-105 lbs 50-00-98-00, fancy individual 150-00. Few Beef-type heifers 80-115 lbs 135-00-160-00.

New Holland Livestock Auction

New Holland, Pa.

Thursday, May 1, 2003

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	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Goats
MONDAY	1305	504	214	194
LAST WEEK	1400	577	396	328
LAST YEAR	1378	651	1411	378

New Holland Livestock Auction

New Holland, Pa.

Report Supplied by USDA

Monday, April 28, 2003

	Cattle	Calves	Hogs	Sheep	Goats
MONDAY	517	235	911	900est	1450est
LAST WEEK	292	155	516	1544	1450
LAST YEAR	291	226	936	1820	1663

Compared to Thursday, Lean slaughter cows sold near steady, with Breaking and Boning cows trading fully 100-200 lower. The top of the Breaking cow supply was not fully tested, however the early week demand was nowhere near the level of Thursday. Slaughter bulls sold with a firmer undertone, with demand very good for the fleshy Yield Grade 2 bulls. Around 206 head, or 39 percent, of the supply was made up of slaughter cows.

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Slaughter Bulls Yield Grade 1 1050-2155 lbs 51-00-56-50, individual 61-00. Yield Grade 2 1180-2435 lbs 50-50-57-00, full 48-00-48-75 Lightweight 700-990 lbs 49-00-54-50. Bullocks. Select 1-2 765-1370 lbs 55-00-59-00, four head 62-00-68-00.

Calves: Compared to Thursday, Holstein bull calves suitable for special-fed veal barns sold steady to weak on a light test. Slaughter Calves: Couple Choice 485 lbs 86-00, 210 lbs 102-00. Returning to Feed Holstein Bulls 90-125 lbs 122-00-157-00; 80-85 lbs 120-00-145-00.

HOGS Barrows and gilts mostly 400 higher, sows with higher undertone on a 267 head run, boars steady to firm on a 27 head run. BARROWS AND GILTS 49-54% lean 220-270 lbs 38-25-40-25, package 41-00, 275-300 lbs 36-35-38-75, package 315 lbs 33-75, 45-50% lean 220-270 lbs 34-25-38-50, 290-325 lbs 33-10-35-75.

SOWS 1-3 300-400 lbs 25-00-30-00, 400-500 lbs 26-00-31-00, 500-700 lbs 30-00-32-50. BOARS 300-700 lbs 9-00-10-00.

Sheep and Lambs: Compared to last Monday, the bulk of the slaughter lambs weighing under 80 lbs sold with a lower undertone; with lambs over 80 lbs trading with a higher undertone. Sheep sold with a higher undertone. Prices quoted below are by the hundred weight, with actual weights.

Slaughter Lambs: Choice, end Prime 2-3 30-40 lbs 124-00-147-00; 40-60 lbs 118-00-154-00, 60-80 lbs 126-00-140-00, 80-100 lbs 107-00-135-00, 100-125 lbs 97-00-115-00.

Slaughter Sheep Utility and Good 1-3 100-200 lbs 25-00-40-00, up to 50-00 on some of the lighter weights, 200-250 lb ewes 20-00-30-00, 250-300 lb bucks 35-00-40-00. Few Yearlings 95-140 lbs 67-00-82-00. Compared to last Monday, Kids sold with a lower undertone. The Yearling run was fairly light, and a trend was not established. Nannies sold steady to firm. There were a couple of buyers present that were interested in putting some Nannies back into service, which increased the bidding from the packer buyers as they competed over the same goats. Billies sold with a lower undertone, with 50-100 lb Wethers trading near steady, while Wethers weighing over 100 lbs sold sharply lower. The quality of every class was very mixed, with very few uniform lots available. All goats are sold on a per head basis, with estimated weights. Kids Selection 1 40-60 lbs 43-00-58-00, 60-80 lbs 58-00-70-00. Selection 2 20-40 lbs 27-00-38-00. Selection 3 20-40 lbs 14-00-27-00. Few Yearlings Selection 1 60-80 lbs 64-00-65-00, 80-100 lbs 72-00-74-00. Nannies Selection 1 50-70 lbs 54-00-60-00, 70-100 lbs 58-00-68-00, with a couple going back into service 64-00-70-00, 100-150 lbs 70-00-84-00, with several going back into service 82-00-90-00. Selection 2 50-70 lbs 44-00-56-00, 70-100 lbs 52-00-60-00, 100-150 lbs 64-00-70-00. Selection 3 50-70 lbs 36-00-40-00. Billies Selection 1 70-100 lbs 66-00-86-00, 100-150 lbs 86-00-100-00, 150-250 lbs 100-00-145-00. Selection 2 70-100 lbs 69-00-70-00, 100-150 lbs 72-00-80-00, 150-200 lbs 92-00-108-00. Selection 3 70-100 lbs 50-00-58-00, few 70-100 lbs 60-00-70-00. Wethers 50-70 lbs 54-00-68-00, 70-100 lbs 72-00-92-00, 100-175 lbs 92-00-104-00.

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