

LANCASTER COUNTY LIVESTOCK MARKET AUCTIONS

New Holland Livestock Auction

New Holland, Pa.
Report Supplied By USDA
Monday, May 12, 2003

	Cattle	Calves	Hogs	Sheep	Goats
MONDAY	329	190	801	1092	770
LAST WEEK	517	181	787	734	890
LAST YEAR	201	192	761	1024	1062

Compared to Thursday, Breaking and Boning cows sold 1.50-2.50 lower on continued light early week demand and buyer attendance; with lean slaughter cows trading steady to 1.00 lower. Slaughter bulls sold steady to 2.00 higher on a light test. The supply included 155 head of cows, 35 steers, 15 heifers, 54 bulls, with the balance of the Monday run made up of 70 head of feeders.

Slaughter Cows: Percent Lean Weight Bulk Low Dressing Breakers 70-75 Over 1400 lbs 43.25-46.75 39.00-43.00 Boners 75-80 Over 1200 lbs 38.00-42.50 36.50-39.00 Lean (Hi-Yield) 80-85 Over 1200 lbs up to 40.75 Lean 85-90 Over 1000 lbs 34.25-38.00, 31.00-35.25 few up to 39.00 Lean (Light-Wt) 85-90 750-1000 lbs 31.50-34.75 28.00-32.00

Slaughter Bulls: Yield Grade 1 1265-2180 lbs 50.00-55.50, full 46.00-46.75. Yield Grade 2 1065-2050 lbs 45.50-49.00, couple 52.00-53.00, couple light-weights 805-845 lbs 42.50-43.50.

Calves: Compared to Thursday, a very light test of veal calves sold with a higher undertone. A fairly good test of better quality Holstein bulls sold 10.00-20.00 lower. There were not enough Holstein heifers on offer to test the market. Few Veal Calves. Utility 85-100 lbs 27.00-40.00, weaker to 11.00. Returning to Feed: Holstein Bulls 90-125 lbs 120.00-150.00; 80-85 lbs 95.00-105.00. Plainer-type bulls 120-160 lbs 60.00-62.00; 90-125 lbs 95.00-127.00; 80-85 lbs 60.00-65.00. Plainer bulls 90-125 lbs 50.00-80.00. Holstein Heifers 100 lbs 290.00; 70-80 lbs 130.00-175.00.

HOGS: Barrows and gilts sold 5.00 to mostly 6.00 higher in very active trading, sows mostly 1.00 higher with sales up to 4.00 higher at times, boars fully steady on a light run. BARROWS AND GILTS: 49-54% lean 220-270 lbs 42.25-43.25, fancy singles 43.50-45.00, 290-335 lbs 37.25-40.75, 45-50% lean 220-270 lbs 40.25-42.10, several lots 300-350 lbs 30.25-31.50, 40-45% lean 220-280 lbs 39.10-40.75, 350-400 lbs 30.25-31.50.

SOWS: 1-3 300-400 lbs 29.00-31.00, 400-500 lbs 30.00-32.00, 500-700 lbs 31.00-33.50.

BOARS: 300-700 lbs 10.00-11.00, few 230-235 lbs 23.50-24.00. Sheep and Lambs Compared to last Monday, slaughter lambs sold mixed from as much as 14.00 lower to 12.00 higher Demand remains fairly good, especially for the lambs weighing over 60 lbs Slaughter sheep sold steady to 6.00 lower. Prices quoted below are by the hundred weight, with actual weights. Slaughter Lambs: Choice, end Prime 2-3 40-60 lbs 130.00-144.00; 60-80 lbs 126.00-136.00; 80-100 lbs mostly 120.00-124.00; 100-125 lbs 114.00-120.00. Slaughter Sheep. Few Yearlings and two year olds 100-210 lbs 58.00-78.00 Util-

ty and Good 1-3 100-225 lbs mostly 30.00-42.00, thin to 20.00.

Goats: Compared to last Monday, Kid goats sold mostly steady to instances weaker on mixed demand. Kids weighing from 40-60 lbs that have some meat on them are still in good demand, however, lighter-weight Kids that are thin are being purchased accordingly. Yearlings were not tested due to the light supply Nannies sold with a firmer undertone, with the top-end of the heavier Nannies trending sharply higher. Buyer demand was very good for the Nannies as prices moved above the 100.00 mark. Billies sold firm to 13.00 higher, with not enough Wethers for a market test. Buyer activity for all classes was spurred on by lighter receipts, with basically the demand holding steady but the light run forcing bids higher. All goats are sold on a per head basis, with estimated weights. Kids Selection 1 20-40 lbs 40.00-58.00; 40-60 lbs 56.00-64.00; 60-80 lbs 70.00-82.00. Selection 2 20-40 lbs 33.00-44.00; few 40-60 lbs 52.00-68.00 Selection 3 20-40 lbs 12.00-34.00. Few Yearlings: Selection 1-2 60-80 lbs 58.00-70.00; 80-100 lbs 72.00-76.00. Nannies: Selection 1 70-100 lbs 62.00-74.00; 100-150 lbs 70.00-100.00, up to 116.00, bred individual 92.00. Selection 2 70-100 lbs 56.00-66.00; 100-150 lbs 64.00-86.00. Selection 3 50-70 lbs 46.00-54.00; 70-100 lbs 48.00-56.00. Billies: Selection 1 100-150 lbs 88.00-116.00; 150-250 lbs 120.00-158.00, fancy individual 196.00. Selection 2 100-150 lbs 75.00-104.00; 150-250 lbs 82.00-128.00. Selection 3 70-100 lbs 54.00-69.00. Few Wethers: 50-70 lbs 50.00-88.00; 70-100 lbs 88.00-100.00.

Vintage Livestock Auction

Vintage, Pa.
May 12-13, 2003
Report Supplied By USDA

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Goats
THIS WEEK	764	538	13	0
LAST WEEK	737	524	7	3
LAST YEAR	855	618	1	2

Compared to Thursday, slaughter steers sold fully 1.00 higher with bids up to 2.00 higher on the higher quality stock. The quality of both the Monday and Tuesday run was outstanding, with buyers responding to the improved finish by pushing Prime steers up to over 86.00 at times; with an estimated 60 percent of the two day run trading at or above the 80.00 mark. What a difference a year makes, as this time last year Choice steers were bringing from 68.00-71.00; and as you can imagine local producers are sporting some pretty wide grins. However, there is always a downside, as many feeders are keeping an ear pinned to their radios while they are busy planting corn, just waiting to hear the noon futures and western fat market reports. Although, it will take a lot more than the bearish tone of the summer contracts at the Merc to put a damper on the current market. Holstein steers sold fully 1.00-2.00 higher on a light run, with most of the increase on the Monday run. There were not enough slaughter heifers for a market test. Breaking

Market At A Glance

Lancaster County Livestock Auction Averages
(Price Per Hundredweight)
Week Ending Friday, May 16, 2003
Supplied By Market Staff

	This Wk	Wk Ago	Yr Ago
Steers, Choice 2-3	80.90	78.65	69.00
Heifers, Choice 2-3, few Prime	77.70	77.00	67.00
Cows, Breakers, 75-80% lean	46.65	46.00	49.50
Cows, Boners, 80-85% lean	42.50	42.00	46.25
Bulls, YG 1, ltd.	52.75	53.00	61.25
Hogs, 49-54% lean, Monday	42.75	37.20	35.60
Lambs, Choice/Prime 80-110 lb.	122.00	120.00	92.50

and Boning cows sold 1.00-2.00 lower when compared to Thursday's very active market, with lean slaughter cows trading near steady. When compared to Monday's run, the cow supply trended with a firmer undertone. The quality of the Tuesday run was very mixed, and consisted of mostly below average cows. Slaughter bulls were not tested due to the light run. The two-day supply included 381 head of steers, 33 heifers, 299 cows, 18 bulls, with 33 head of feeder cattle.

Slaughter Steers: High Choice and Prime 2-4 1190-1495 lbs 80.25-83.75, several very fancy up to 86.00. Choice 2-3 1120-1470 lbs 78.00-81.75, up to 82.10 on Tuesday, heavy 1500-1575 lbs 72.25-78.50, high dressing Charolais and Limi-X's 79.50-81.00 with fancier types from 82.50-86.50. High dressing Choice 2 1285-1365 lbs 82.00-86.00. Select and low Choice 2-3 1050-1480 lbs 75.75-79.00, up to 79.75 on Monday. Select 1-2 1020-1405 lbs 73.00-75.75, heavier muscled 77.25-79.25.

Slaughter Heifers: High Choice and Prime 2-3 1350-1525 lbs 70.10-74.25. Choice 2-3 1265-1575 lbs 67.75-71.85, heavy 1590-1655 lbs 64.00-64.75. Select and low Choice 2-3 1210-1500 lbs 62.75-66.75. Select 1-2 1300-1530 lbs 62.25-66.75 on Monday.

Slaughter Cows: Percent Lean Weight Bulk Low Dressing Breakers 70-75 Over 1400 lbs 42.75-47.75 40.25-42.75 Boners 75-80 Over 1200 lbs 38.25-42.25 36.25-39.00 Lean (Hi-Yield) 85-90 Over 1200 lbs up to 40.75 Lean 85-90 Over 1000 lbs 34.00-39.50 30.50-35.00

Slaughter Bulls: Yield Grade 1-2 1700-1765 47.00-51.25. Fancy Bullocks 1595 lbs 55.00

Calves: Compared to Thursday's graded sale, veal calves sold 5.00-10.00 higher. Holstein bull calves suitable for special-fed veal barns sold steady to 12.00 higher on the Number One bulls. Number Two graded bulls sold 17.00-18.00 higher, although they sold at around a 5.00-30.00 discount to the Number One supply. Holstein heifers sold with a lower undertone when compared to the light Thursday run. The PA Department of Ag graded 432 head of bulls and heifers for the graded sale, with around 84 percent of the graded run going back on feed

Veal Calves: Standard and Utility 60-130 lbs 20.00-40.00. Returning to Feed: Graded Number One Holstein Bulls lot average 121 lbs 130.00; 90-115 lbs 152.00-182.00; couple packages 80-85 lbs 140.00. Graded Number Two Holstein Bulls 90-115 lbs 145.00-167.00; couple lots averaging 83 lbs 135.00-145.00. Un-graded Holstein bulls 155-165 lbs 60.00-65.00; 130-145 lbs 85.00-135.00. Few Beef bulls 95-120 lbs 120.00-145.00. Graded Number One Holstein Heifers 90-120 lbs 290.00-385.00; couple head averaging 83 lbs 320.00.

Graded Number Two Holstein Heifers 90-100 lbs 340.00-370.00; package averaging 82 lbs 350.00; package averaging 74 lbs 280.00.

Few Beef heifers 85-100 lbs 110.00-160.00; 140 lb Holstein heifer 150.00.

New Holland Livestock Auction

New Holland, Pa.
Thursday, May 15, 2003
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	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Goats
MONDAY	1201	462	330	196
LAST WEEK	1494	440	337	261
LAST YEAR	959	361	355	119

Compared to Tuesday, slaughter steers sold fully 1.00-2.00 higher. The quality of the run was very good, as the vast majority of the run was comprised of Choice and Prime steers; which looked more like the hard-fed Lancaster County cattle the area is known for. This week in the county finished prices have advanced 2.00-4.00 when compared to last week's closing bids. Needless to say, bidding was extremely active Thursday. On Tuesday single steers were trading up to 86.00 if they would grade Prime, however, on Thursday there were packages trading up to 86.00. One would like to think they know why prices have sky-rocketed lately, but very few producers are questioning it; as long as it stays good. On the technical side, the national meat and finished trades have both been bullish, the meat more so than the direct feedyards. Boxed beef cutout values for a 600-750 lb carcass are over 7.00 higher this week through Thursday, although there remains a 19 cent spread between the Select and Choice boxes as packers are quick to remind

feeders that they want cattle, but they don't need to hang up any more Select sides. Prime Holstein steers were in good demand, and sold steady to 1.00 higher. However, Choice and lower grades were not as hot, as bids were mostly steady and even noted as weaker at times when compared to the light Tuesday run. There were not enough slaughter heifers on hand to test the market. All classes of slaughter cows sold fully 1.00-3.00 higher in very active trading and good buyer attendance. Demand was good, but the run was rather light, which forced buyers to put a little more on their bids. There was a very good supply of fleshy (65-75 percent lean) cows on hand, especially when compared to the early week runs. Slaughter bulls sold steady to firm when compared to the good Monday run. There was a very good supply of bulls on hand, with bidding active, especially on the fancy high dressers. The run included 1201 head of cattle which is around 300 head lighter than last week as more producers are beginning to worry more about getting their crops in the ground than they are sending in cattle. The supply included 651 head of steers, 359 cows, 37 heifers, 74 bulls, with 80 head of feeder cattle.

Slaughter Heifers: High Choice and Prime 2-4 1200-1455 lbs 81.75-86.25, mostly 82.00-85.00 with the exception of a pkg at 86.00. Choice 2-3 1105-1440 lbs 80.00-83.00, few 79.50-80.00, heavyweights 1500-1565 lbs 77.25-82.25, high dressing Charolais-X's 80.00-83.25 with a couple from 84.75-86.00. Few Choice 1-2 1090-1425 lbs 80.50-84.00. Choice 4 1190-1370 lbs 75.50-79.50. Select and low Choice 2-3 1030-1440 lbs 76.25-79.75. Select 1-2 1060-1460 lbs 74.25-77.00, heavier muscled up to 81.50.

Holstein Steers: High Choice and Prime 2-3 1250-1565 lbs 70.00-75.75, heavy pkg 1655 lbs 69.00. Choice 2-3 1180-1550 lbs 65.00-69.60, heavyweights 1620-1710 lbs 62.50-67.75. Select and low Choice 2-3 1155-1570 lbs 62.00-65.75, up to 68.75. Select 1-2 1235-1450 lbs 59.00-61.75. Standard 1-2 1155-1340 lbs 54.00-57.25, thin 45.50-48.75.

Slaughter Heifers: Light supply Choice 2-3 1200-1345 lbs 76.00-79.75, few Charolais and Limi-X's 81.50-83.00 with a very fancy heavy muscled light weight 860 lbs 83.00.

Slaughter Cows: Percent Lean, Weight, Bulk, Low Dressing, Premium White 65-70, over 1600 lbs, 48.75-53.00. Breakers 70-75, over 1400 lbs, 45.50-50.75, 41.00-45.75, outstanding individual 51.75. Boners 75-80, over 1200 lbs, 40.50-46.50, 37.00-41.00. Lean (Hi-Yield) 80-85, over 1200 lbs, 41.00-45.00. Lean 85-90, over 1000 lbs, 36.00-40.75, 32.00-36.25, up to 42.00. Lean (Light-Wt) 85-90, 750-1000 lbs, 33.00-36.25, 31.00-33.75.

Slaughter Bulls: Yield Grade 1 1085-1995 lbs 49.50-55.75, several fancy high dressers

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