

LANCASTER COUNTY LIVESTOCK MARKET AUCTIONS

New Holland Livestock Auction

New Holland, Pa.
Report Supplied By USDA
Monday, May 19, 2003

	Cattle	Calves	Hogs	Sheep	Goats
MONDAY	334	170	1528	1369	1265
LAST WEEK	329	190	801	1092	770
LAST YEAR	194	131	1272	1330	1310

Compared to Thursday, slaughter cows fully steady. Slaughter bulls 2.00 to 4.00 higher. Slaughter Cows: Percent Lean Weight Bulk Low Dressing Breakers 70-75 Over 1400 lbs 46.00-50.75 Couple 51.75 Boners 75-80 Over 1200 lbs 43.00-47.50 40.00-42.00 Lean (Hi-Yield) 80-85 Over 1200 lbs 41.00-45.00 Lean 85-90 Over 1000 lbs 37.00-42.00 32.00-37.00 Lean (Light-Wt) 85-90 750-1000 lbs 33.00-37.00 31.00-33.00

Slaughter Bulls: Yield Grade 1 1275-2065 lbs 55.00-62.50, individual 1955 lbs 64.25. Yield grade 2 965-1750 lbs 47.00-55.00. Bullocks: Select and Choice 2-3 1020-1570 lbs 62.25-69.00, couple high yielding 1250-1440 lbs 78.00. Calves: Compared to Thursday, slaughter vealers scarce. Holstein bulls returned to farm weak to 2.00 lower. Holstein heifers not fully tested. Few Veal Calves: Select and Utility 60-115 lbs 20.00-30.00. Returning to Feed: Holstein Bulls 90-125 lbs 155.00-175.00, few 185.00-192.00. Number 2 70-110 lbs 115.00-145.00. Couple 85-115 lbs Holstein heifers 300.00-360.00. Couple Number 2 70-90 lbs 180.00-200.00.

HOGS: Barrows and gilts sold 2.00 to 4.00 higher, sows .50 to 1.00 higher. BARROWS AND GILTS: 49-54% lean 230-275 lbs 45.60-47.35, few individuals 47.50-49.25, 275-300 lbs 42.35-45.00, several 175-200 lbs 46.00-48.25, 45-50% lean 220-270 lbs 43.00-45.50, 270-330 lbs 38.00-41.10, 40-45% lean 260-320 lbs 41.00-43.50, 320-375 lbs 31.00-32.50.

BOARS: 1-3 300-500 lbs 30.00-32.00, 500-700 lb 30.75-34.00.

Sheep and Lambs: Compared to last Monday, slaughter lambs sold steady to 10.00 lower. Slaughter ewes mostly steady. Slaughter Lambs: Choice and Prime 2-3 35-80 lbs 120.00-140.00, few 140.00-155.00; 80-110 lbs 108.00-126.00. Good and Choice 1-2 40-60 lbs 60.00-100.00. Slaughter Sheep: Few Yearlings and two year olds 100-200 lbs 50.00-70.00. Utility and Good 1-3 100-225 lbs 26.00-45.00, few yield grade 2-3 200-300 lbs 20.00-30.00.

Goats: Compared to last Monday goats sold mostly steady, instances 10.00 higher on older stock, Nannies, Billies, and Wethers. All goats are sold on a per head basis, with estimated weights. Kids: Selection 1 20-40 lbs 24.00-48.00; 40-60 lbs 46.00-66.00, 60-80 lbs 58.00-82.00. Selection 2 20-40 lbs 17.00-35.00; 40-60 lbs 25.00-55.00. Selection 3 20-40 lbs 14.00-25.00, 40-60 lbs 20.00-25.00. Yearlings: Selection 1 60-80 lbs 60.00-68.00, 80-100 lbs 70.00-95.00, selection 2 60-80 lbs 36.00-60.00; 80-100 lbs 43.00-74.00. Selection 3 60-80 lbs 22.00-44.00. Does/Nannies: Selection 1 70-100 lbs 65.00-81.00; 100-188 lbs 85.00-102.00, few 105.00-124.00. Selection 2 70-100 lbs 40.00-70.00; 100-170 lbs 58.00-82.00. Bucks/Billies: Selection 1 100-150 lbs 92.00-120.00, few

120.00-136.00; 150-250 lbs 120.00-154.00, couple 192.00. Selection 2 100-130 lbs 74.00-90.00. Selection 3 70-100 lbs 45.00-75.00. Wethers: 70-100 lbs 70.00-94.00; 100-150 lbs 98.00-120.00, individual 225 lbs 137.00.

Vintage Livestock Auction

Vintage, Pa.
May 19-20, 2003
Report Supplied By USDA

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Goats
THIS WEEK	772	577	3	1
LAST WEEK	764	538	13	0
LAST YEAR	737	548	1	0

Compared to Thursday, slaughter steer .75-1.00 higher in an active trade. Small supply slaughter heifers and bulls fully steady. Slaughter cows 1.00-2.00 higher. Supply included 48 percent slaughter steers and 37 percent cows. Slaughter Steers: High Choice and Prime 2-4 1185-1450 lbs 83.75-87.50, few 87.50-88.25. Choice 2-3 1140-1460 lbs 79.75-84.75. Select and low Choice 2-3 1100-1450 lbs 75.00-80.75. Select 1-3 1015-1540 lbs 72.75-76.50.

Holstein Steers: Choice 2-3 1350-1485 lbs 69.00-72.50. Select and low Choice 2-3 1200-1500 lbs 64.00-69.00. Slaughter Heifers: Choice, few Prime 2-3 1030-1300 lbs 77.25-82.50. Select and low Choice 2-3 965-1075 lbs 73.75-78.60 Select 1-3 1060-1335 lbs 61.75-69.25.

Slaughter Cows: Percent Lean Weight Bulk Low Dressing Breakers 70-75 Over 1400 lbs 47.75-52.50 43.75-47.00 Boners 75-80 Over 1200 lbs 45.50-49.75 43.00-45.50 Lean (Hi-Yield) 85-90 Over 1200 lbs 42.75-47.75 39.00-42.75 Lean 85-90 Over 1000 lbs 40.00-43.00 33.50-40.00 Lean (Light-wgt) 85-90 Over 750 lbs 32.00-37.50 Slaughter Bulls: Yield grade 1 1600-2380 lbs 54.50-60.00. Yield grade 2 1045-1825 lbs 43.00-52.00.

Calves: Compared to Thursday's graded sale, veal calves sold mostly steady. Holstein bull calves suitable for special-fed veal barns sold firm to 10.00 higher. Holstein heifers sold sharply higher, with some Number 1 as much as 12.00 higher. The PA Department of Ag graded 473 head of bulls and heifers for the graded sale, with around 88 percent of the graded run going back on feed.

Veal Calves: Standard and Good 80-115 lbs 30.00-60.00. Utility 55-75 lbs 12.00-20.00. Returning to Feed: Graded Number One Holstein Bulls lot average 121 lbs 152.00; 180 head 95-115 lbs 172.00-185.00; 30 head 80-90 lbs 145.00-157.00.

Graded Number Two Holstein Bulls, 105 head 90-115 lbs 147.00-160.00 and 30 head 80-85 lbs 130.00-150.00. Graded Number One Holstein Heifers, 25 head 90-110 lbs 435.00-480.00; Graded Number Two Holstein Heifers, 25 head 70-85 lbs 320.00-400.00.

Market At A Glance

Lancaster County Livestock Auction Averages

(Price Per Hundredweight)
Week Ending Friday, May 23, 2003
Supplied By Market Staff

	This Wk	Wk Ago	Yr Ago
Steers, Choice 2-3	82.00	80.90	66.85
Heifers, Choice 2-3, few Prime	78.75	77.70	64.00
Cows, Breakers, 75-80% lean	50.00	46.65	48.75
Cows, Boners, 80-85% lean	46.25	42.50	45.50
Bulls, YG 1, ltd.	57.25	52.75	61.00
Hogs, 49-54% lean, Monday	46.50	42.75	34.85
Lambs, Choice/Prime 80-110 lb.	117.00	122.00	92.00

New Holland Livestock Auction

New Holland, Pa.
Thursday, May 22, 2003
Report Supplied By USDA

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Goats
MONDAY	1402	559	307	197
LAST WEEK	1201	462	330	196
LAST YEAR	1071	468	384	149

Compared to Tuesday's higher market, Choice slaughter steers sold fully 1.00 lower although the biggest losses were noted in the high Choice and Prime supply as prices were fully 2.00 lower. Bidding was very sporadic, at times it was relatively good for the high quality stock, only to falter when the lower grade cattle came in the ring; but all-in-all trade activity was well below average. Thursday's run was being compared to a very active market early in the week where prices were over 88.00 for Prime cattle. However, in all fairness both the Monday and Tuesday runs had the advantage of completing before news of BSE (mad cow disease) rocked the red meat industry. Therefore, when you take in consideration the dark cloud that the industry is being overcast by, an 80.00+ market is something to praise. There are definitely some differences of opinion to the BSE case in Canada, as some local producers feel it will boost local demand as packers will be forced to by U.S. cattle to keep their chains full, while others fear even though the borders are closed consumer confidence could dwindle. Unfortunately, only time will tell as we are very near the grilling season. Compared to the light early week Holstein run, slaughter Holsteins sold fully steady with a higher undertone noted on the higher quality stock. There were not enough heifers to test the market. Lean slaughter cows sold fully steady to 1.00 higher, while Breaking and Boning cows sold up to 2.00 higher. This increase came after prices were already 1.00-2.00 higher early in week. Bidding was very active, with buyers in strong attendance. The quality of the supply was also very good which lent support as the run reached nearly 500 head. Slaughter bulls sold with a higher undertone on a very good run that included over 100 head of very nice bulls. The supply included 631 head of steers, 470 cows, 78 heifers, 112 bulls, with 111 head of feeder cattle.

Note: The New Holland Sales Stable is holding a feeder cattle special on Friday May 23rd which is set to begin at 6:00 pm.

Slaughter Steers: High Choice and Prime 2-4 1100-1460 lbs 82.00-85.25, Yield Grade 4-5 78.75-80.25. Choice 2-3 1070-1480 lbs 79.10-83.50, couple packages 83.85-85.00, high dressing Charolais-crosses 82.00-85.75, few heavyweights 1530-1550 lbs 74.75-76.00. Choice 4 1030-1395 lbs 74.75-79.75. Select and low Choice 2-3 1075-1495 lbs 76.00-80.00. Select 1-2 1040-1435 lbs 71.00-76.00, heavier muscled up to 79.50. Standard 1-2 1040-1195 lbs 65.50-70.00.

Holstein Steers: High Choice and Prime 2-3 1330-1515 lbs 70.50-75.25, heavy pkg 1640 lbs 68.50, few beef-crosses 75.75-81.75. Choice 2-3 1195-1505 lbs 68.75-71.75, heavyweights 1660-1710 lbs 64.25-64.60. Select and low Choice 2-3 1200-1500 lbs 64.00-69.00. Select 1-2 1105-1565 lbs 60.25-65.00, mostly 62.00-64.00. Standard 1-2 1000-1410 lbs 54.25-60.00.

Slaughter Heifers: Few Prime 3-4 1175-1270 lbs 80.75-81.00. Light supply Choice 2-3 960-1140 lbs 78.50-81.00, few Charolais and Limi-crosses 77.00-77.50. Mostly Select, few low Choice 1-3 985-1145 lbs 74.25-76.75, heavy muscled up to 78.00.

Slaughter Cows: Percent Lean, Weight, Bulk, Low Dressing. Premium White, 65-70, over 1600 lbs, 42.00-44.00. Breakers, 70-75, over 1400 lbs, 49.00-54.75, 44.00-49.00. Boners, 75-80, over 1200 lbs, 45.50-50.00, 41.75-45.75. Lean (Hi-Yield), 80-85, over 1200 lbs, 42.50-47.00, 37.00-42.75. Lean, 85-90, over 1000 lbs, 39.25-43.00, 35.00-40.00. Lean (Light-Wt), 85-90, 750-1000 lbs, 35.00-39.75, 30.00-35.00.

Slaughter Bulls: Yield Grade 1 1025-2205 lbs 53.75-60.75, several fancy high dressers 59.50-66.00, full 51.50-53.75. Yield Grade 2 1000-2300 lbs 51.50-58.50, low dressing to 44.00. Bullocks: Select 1-2 1155-1290 lbs 67.50-69.50.

Calves: Compared to Tuesday, veal calves sold near steady on a light test. Holstein bulls and heifers sold sharply lower in only moderate trading. It was only a week ago that bulls were as high as 269.00, with most producers leaving the sale with a stunned look on their face Thursday after such a profitable prior week. The PA Department of Ag graded 316 head of bulls for the graded sale, with an estimated 98 percent of the run going back on feed.

Veal Calves: Standard and Utility 60-110 lbs 11.00-32.00.

Going Into Veal Barns: Graded Number One Holstein Bulls 90-125 lbs 125.00-147.00; 80-90 lbs 140.00-142.00. Graded Number Two Holstein Bulls 90-125 lbs 115.00-137.00; 80-90 lbs 132.00. Graded Utility Holstein Bulls 80-110 lbs 50.00-75.00. Holstein Heifers 90-125 lbs 320.00-410.00; 80-85 lbs 195.00-235.00; 70-75

lbs 145.00-175.00. Few beef bulls 75-95 lbs 115.00-170.00.

Sheep and Goats: Compared to Monday, all slaughter classes sold near steady in very light runs. All prices are carried over from Monday.

Slaughter Lambs: Choice and Prime 2-3 35-80 lbs 120.00-140.00, few 140.00-155.00; 80-110 lbs 108.00-126.00. Good and Choice 1-2 40-60 lbs 60.00-100.00.

Slaughter Sheep: Few Yearlings and two year olds 100-200 lbs 50.00-70.00. Utility and Good 1-3 100-225 lbs 26.00-45.00, few yield grade 2-3 200-300 lbs 20.00-30.00.

Slaughter Goats: Kids: Selection 1 20-40 lbs 24.00-48.00; 40-60 lbs 46.00-66.00; 60-80 lbs 58.00-82.00. Selection 2 20-40 lbs 17.00-35.00; 40-60 lbs 25.00-55.00 Selection 3 20-40 lbs 14.00-25.00; 40-60 lbs 20.00-25.00.

Yearlings: Selection 1 60-80 lbs 60.00-68.00; 80-100 lbs 70.00-95.00. Selection 2 60-80 lbs 36.00-60.00; 80-100 lbs 43.00-74.00. Selection 3 60-80 lbs 22.00-44.00.

Nannies: Selection 1 70-100 lbs 65.00-81.00; 100-140 lbs 85.00-102.00, few 105.00-124.00. Selection 2 70-100 lbs 40.00-70.00, 100-170 lbs 58.00-82.00.

Billies: Selection 1 100-150 lbs 92.00-120.00, few 120.00-136.00; 150-250 lbs 120.00-154.00, couple 192.00. Selection 2 100-130 lbs 74.00-90.00. Selection 3 70-100 lbs 45.00-75.00.

Wethers: 70-100 lbs 70.00-94.00; 100-150 lbs 98.00-120.00; individual 225 lbs 137.00.

Lancaster County Weekly Cattle

New Holland, Pa.
Report Supplied By USDA
Friday, May 23, 2003

	CATTLE	CALVES
THIS WEEK	2510	1306
LAST WEEK	2294	1190
LAST YEAR	2004	1127

Compared to last week, slaughter steers opened the week up to 1.00 higher, with closing week prices fully 1.00-2.00 lower. There were record-breaking live cattle prices this week in Lancaster County as Prime steers on Monday sold at 88.25. Nationally, BSE (mad cow disease) was found in a Canadian cow on Tuesday, which sent a ripple through the beef industry. The Board reacted harshly as we saw the first limit-down losses in quite some time. However, the cash trade still holds a healthy premium to the soon to end May contract, and with the June contract closing at 73.15 on Thursday the western direct feedyards hold around a 7.00 premium on their cattle. However, due to the BSE case, especially since it has finally hit so close to home, there is now a dark cloud of skepticism over the red meat industry. The borders have been closed, although it has yet to be measured what kind of effect the outbreak will have on the U.S. market. It is definitely a double-edged sword, as many local producers feel the closing of the border will turn into an increasing demand for U.S. cattle. On the other hand, if Americans fear that the BSE case is in fact to close for comfort, the wavering consumer confidence alone could send prices tumbling. While many households throughout the U.S. are beginning to knock the dust off their backyard grills, it will be a great measure in the confidence people have in the outstanding product known as U.S. beef. Slaughter Holstein steers sold with a firmer undertone throughout

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