

LANCASTER COUNTY LIVESTOCK MARKET AUCTIONS

Some markets not available because of the holiday

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

Market not reported by USDA because of holiday. No report available.

Vintage Livestock Auction

Vintage, Pa.
May 26-27, 2003
Report Supplied By USDA

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Goats
THIS WEEK	757	623	7	1
LAST WEEK	772	577	3	1
LAST YEAR	636	625	0	0

Compared to Thursday, slaughter steers sold weak to 1.00 lower on Monday mainly due to the lower quality of the supply and the full weigh-ups. However, on Tuesday prices were firm to .50 higher on the Choice steers, with high Choice and Prime steers up to 1.00 higher. The quality of the Tuesday run was outstanding, with several consignments of very well-finished steers. The Tuesday run only included around 115 head, which also lent support. Records continue to be shattered in the county, as there were a couple of fancy steers that sold for 88.00; and an outstanding single which topped the Tuesday market at 88.50. The slaughter Holstein supply was very light and a trend was not established. The slaughter

heifer supply included some long-feds that were not comparable to the Thursday run, but sold with a steady undertone. Slaughter cows sold steady to 1.00 lower with the bulk of the decrease on the fleshy cows. There were not enough slaughter bulls to test the market. The two-day run included 299 steers, 52 heifers, 387 cows, 13 bulls, with 6 head of feeder cattle.

Slaughter Steers: High Choice and Prime 2-4 1185-1470 lbs 82.00-86.50, fancy 87.00-88.50. Choice 2-3 1100-1485 lbs 79.00-83.75, Charolais-crosses 80.25-88.00. Choice 4 1230-1405 lbs 77.50-79.25. High dressing Choice 1-2 1200-1380 lbs 82.25-87.00. Select and low Choice 2-3 1075-1365 lbs 77.00- 80.00, with a few heavier muscled up to 81.00, few heavy 1515-1585 lbs 67.50- 75.25. Select 1-3 1090-1415 lbs 73.25-77.25.

Holstein Steers: Few high Choice and Prime 2-3 70.00-74.50 which includes some beef-crosses. High Select and Choice 2-3 1285-1545 lbs 67.00-70.60, few heavy 1635-1675 lbs 59.00-60.00.

Slaughter Heifers: Prime 4-5 1080-1390 lbs 78.00-82.50. Choice 3-4 1035- 1240 lbs 74.25-79.00.

Slaughter Cows: Percent Lean Weight Bulk Low Dressing Breakers 70-75 Over 1400 lbs 48.00-53.50 43.75-48.25 Boners 75-80 Over 1200 lbs 44.50-49.75 41.00-44.00 Lean (Hi-Yield) 85-90 Over 1200 lbs up to 45.50 Lean 85-90 Over 1000 lbs 39.00-43.25 34.00-39.25 Lean (Light-wgt) 85-90 Over 750 lbs 35.00-39.00 30.75-34.50. Slaughter Bulls: Few Yield Grade 1-2 1220-1960 lbs 48.75-59.50, full 41.00-46.00.

Calves: Compared to Thursday's graded sale, veal calves sold mostly steady. Holstein bull calves suitable for special-fed veal barns sold sharply higher in very

Market At A Glance

Lancaster County Livestock Auction Averages
(Price Per Hundredweight)
Week Ending Friday, May 30, 2003
Supplied By Market Staff

	This Wk	Wk Ago	Yr Ago
Steers, Choice 2-3	83.25	82.00	67.85
Heifers, Choice 2-3, few Prime	80.75	78.75	66.75
Cows, Breakers, 75-80% lean	52.25	50.00	47.00
Cows, Boners, 80-85% lean	48.25	46.25	45.00
Bulls, YG 1, ltd.	58.00	57.25	61.25
Hogs, 49-54% lean, Monday	NO TEST	46.50	31.50
Lambs, Choice/Prime 80-110 lb.	121.00	117.00	92.00

active trading. Holstein heifers also sold sharply higher in active trading. The PA Department of Ag graded 482 head of bulls and heifers for the graded sale, with around 92 percent of the graded run going back on feed.

Veal Calves: Standard and Utility 60-110 lbs 20.00-30.00. Returning to Feed: Graded Number One Holstein Bulls 120-125 lbs 150.00-165.00; 95-120 lbs 195.00-217.00; lot averaging 90 lbs 175.00; 80-85 lbs 150.00-164.00. Graded Number Two Holstein Bulls 90-120 lbs 145.00-197.00; two lots 80-85 lbs 125.00. Few beef bulls 105-110 lbs 190.00-205.00. Graded Number One Holstein Heifers 90-110 lbs 425.00-480.00; package averaging 83 lbs 380.00; couple 75 lbs 280.00. Graded Number Two Holstein Heifers 90-110 lbs 410.00-440.00; package averaging 84 lbs 375.00; package averaging 74 lbs 240.00; package averaging 63 lbs 220.00. Individual beef heifer 95 lbs 180.00.

a small group brought 89.00. What is even more impressive than the market toppers is the price the bulk of the Choice steers are bringing, from 82.00-86.00. Many factors could have gone into producing a higher Thursday market, whether it be the lighter late week run, the Merce limit-up close the prior day, boxed beef values up 2.00-2.60 on Wednesday, the closing of the Canadian border, or a bearish western fat cattle market; whatever it is, producers are not going to question it as the market is better than it has been in years. Compared to a very light run of Holsteins early in the week, slaughter Holsteins sold 2.00-3.00 higher. Slaughter heifers sold up to 3.00 higher, although the early week run was light. Fleshy (65-80 percent lean) slaughter cows sold fully 2.00-3.00 higher in active trading. Lean slaughter cows sold firm to 1.50 higher. The supply consisted of some very fancy Breaking and Premium White cows which sold at over 60.00 at times. Slaughter bulls sold with a higher undertone on a very nice run. The supply included 435 head of steers, 411 cows, 52 heifers, 51 bulls, with 216 head of feeder cattle.

Slaughter Steers: High Choice and Prime 2-4 1190-1440 lbs 84.75-89.00. Choice 2-3 1140-1455 lbs 82.00-86.25, mostly 83.50-85.50, few Charolais-crosses 83.00-86.00, few heavyweights 1495-1505 lbs 82.25-84.75. Choice 4 few full 1175-1460 lbs 79.00-83.75. Few higher yielding Choice 2 1285-1420 lbs 84.50-88.25. Select and low Choice 2-3 1160-1420 lbs 78.75-82.50. Light test of Select 1-2 1080-1365 lbs 77.00-80.75, few heavier muscled up to 82.75.

Holstein Steers: Choice and Prime 2-3 1350-1560 lbs 71.75-77.25, couple up to 78.25, few heavyweights 1610-1655 lbs 69.25-70.25. Select and low Choice 2-3 1365-1590 lbs 66.50-70.75. Select 1-2 1165-1520 lbs 61.00-65.25, few up to 68.75.

Slaughter Heifers: High Choice and Prime 3, mostly 4 1035-1400 lbs 81.50-

New Holland Livestock Auction

New Holland, Pa.
Thursday, May 29, 2003
Report Supplied By USDA

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Goats
MONDAY	1165	460	167	198
LAST WEEK	1402	559	307	197
LAST YEAR	1444	643	389	279

Compared to Tuesday, slaughter steers sold 2.00-3.00 higher in very active trading. The quality of the run was very good, with a large percentage of the supply consisting of Choice and Prime cattle. The ink had not even dried in the record books early in the week when the top steer sold for 88.50, when late in the week

85.00. Choice 2-3 1085-1220 lbs 78.75-82.75. High dressing Select 2 individual 1190 lbs 83.25.

Slaughter Cows: Percent Lean, Weight, Bulk, Low Dressing. Premium White, 65-70, over 1600 lbs, 55.00-60.50, outstanding individual, 61.75. Breakers, 70-75, over 1400 lbs, 50.75-56.50, 45.00-50.50. Boners, 75-80, over 1200 lbs, 46.00-51.25, 41.75-45.75, up to 53.25. Lean (Hi-Yield), 80-85, over 1200 lbs, up to 47.00. Lean, 85-90, over 1000 lbs, 39.00-43.00, 36.00-40.25, up to 44.50.

Slaughter Bulls: Yield Grade 1 1195-2145 lbs 53.00-60.75, several fancy high dressers 63.50-69.75, with a few outstanding 70.75-75.00, low dressing 49.25-52.00. Calves: Compared to Tuesday, veal calves sold with a higher undertone on a fairly light test. Holstein bull calves going into special-fed veal barns sold sharply higher with the bulk of the increase on the Number One bulls. Prices for the Number Two bulls were firmer, but bidding was not as active. Holstein heifers sold with a lower undertone due to only minimal buyer interest. The PA Department of Ag graded 244 head of bulls for the graded sale, with an estimated 90 percent of the run going back on feed.

Veal Calves: Utility 80-110 lbs 20.00-47.00. Standard 60-110 lbs 11.00-20.00.

Going Into Special-fed Veal Barns: Graded Number One Holstein Bulls 120-125 lbs 180.00; 95-120 lbs 205.00-250.00; 90-95 lbs 150.00; 85-90 lbs 140.00; 80-85 lbs 100.00. Graded Number Two Holstein Bulls 90-120 lbs 145.00-182.00, five head 204.00; 80-90 lbs 130.00; 75-80 lbs 105.00. Graded Utility Holstein Bulls 100-110 lbs 72.00; 90-100 lbs 65.00. Holstein Heifers 90-125 lbs 260.00-380.00; 80-90 lbs 190.00-260.00, individual 340.00; 65-75 lbs 120.00-220.00. Cross-bred Heifers 75-105 lbs 125.00-200.00.

Sheep and Lambs: Compared to two weeks ago, slaughter lambs and sheep sold with a higher undertone. All prices are quoted per hundred weights.

Slaughter Lambs: Choice and Prime 2-3 few 30-40 lbs 138.00-156.00; 40-60 lbs 122.00-166.00; 60-80 lbs 122.00-138.00; 80-100 lbs 116.00-126.00; 100-125 lbs 99.00-120.00.

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