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Slaughter Sheep: Utility and Good 1-3 125-265 lbs 29.00-46.00.

Slaughter Goats: There was no market comparison due to the Memorial Day holiday on Monday. The run consisted of fewer than 200 head; therefore prices are carried over from the last full market. All goats are quoted by the head.

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 192.00-210.00. 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 30, 2003

	CATTLE	CALVES
THIS WEEK	1922	1083
LAST WEEK	2510	1306
LAST YEAR	2212	1370

Compared to last week, slaughter steers sold up to 1.00 lower on Monday as the bulk of the cattle were weighing up full, and the quality of the run was below average. When Tuesday and Thursday are combined prices were fully .50-4.00 higher, mostly 2.00-4.00 higher. Bidding was very active on Tuesday, with buyers extremely aggressive on Thursday as the run was around 200-300 head lighter than normal; and with the demand outweighing the supply prices

on high Choice and Prime steers topped 89.00. The 89.00 paid for a small group on Thursday was a record for the county, although the more important note is to point out the prices being paid for the majority of the Choice steers, which was mostly 83.30-85.50 on Thursday. Nationally, boxed beef cutout values were several dollars higher again this week, with light Choice ending up at 148.67 on Thursday. The direct feeders moved their live steers 1.00-2.00 higher from 80.00-81.00, and 3.00 higher in the meat from 127.00-130.00. Futures at the Mercantile Exchange still hold a noticeable discount to the cash trade, especially when the May contract expires in a couple of days. Slaughter Holstein steers were scarce early in the week, with late week prices 2.00-3.00 higher. Slaughter heifers sold steady to 3.00 higher for the week. Slaughter cows sold steady to 1.00 lower on Tuesday, with fleshy cows fully 2.00-3.00 higher on Thursday, and with Lean cows steady to 1.50 higher. Demand and buyer attendance were both very good late in the week as a few Premium White cows sold over 60.00. Slaughter bulls were scarce on Tuesday, with a fancy Thursday run trading with a higher undertone. The reported supply this week included 704 head of steers, 104 heifers, 798 cows, 64 bulls, with 222 head of feeder cattle. Note: Weekly receipts do not include Monday as the sale was not covered due to the Memorial Day holiday.

Slaughter Steers: High Choice and Prime 2-4 1185-1470 lbs 84.75-89.00, 82.00-86.50 early in the week. Choice 2-3 1100-1485 lbs 82.00-86.25, 79.00-83.75 early in the week. Charolais-crosses 80.25-88.00, few heavy 1495-1505 lbs 82.25-84.75. Choice 4 few full 1175-1460 lbs 79.00-83.75, 77.50-79.25 early in the week. Few higher yielding Choice 2 1075-1420 lbs 82.25-88.25. Select and low Choice 2-3 1075-1420 lbs 77.00-82.50, few heavy 1515-1585 lbs 67.50-75.25. Select 1-2 1080-1415 lbs 77.00-80.75, few heavier muscled up to 82.75, 73.25-77.25 early in the week.

Holstein Steers: High Choice and Prime 2-3 1350-1560 lbs 70.00-74.50, up to 78.25 late in the week, few heavy 1610-1655 lbs 69.25-70.25. Select and Choice 2-3 1285-1590 lbs 66.50-70.75, few heavy 1635-1675 lbs 59.00-60.00. Select 1-2 1165-1520 lbs 61.00-65.25, few up to 68.75.

Slaughter Heifers: Prime 4-5 1080-1390 lbs 78.00-82.50. High Choice and Prime 3-4 1035-1400 lbs 81.50-85.00. Choice 2-3 1035-1240 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, 48.00-56.50, 45.00-50.50. Boners, 75-80, over 1200 lbs, 44.50-51.25, 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, 39.00-43.25, 36.00-40.25, up to 44.50. Lean (light-wgt), 85-90, over 750 lbs, 35.00-39.00, 30.75-34.50.

Slaughter Bulls: Yield Grade 1-2 1195-2145 lbs 53.00-60.75, 48.75-59.50 early in the week, several fancy high dressers 63.50-69.75, with a few outstanding 70.75-75.00, low dressing 49.25-52.00.

Calf Summary: Compared to last week, veal calves sold steady to firm. Holstein bull calves suitable for special-fed veal barns sold sharply higher for the week due to good buyer demand. Finished calves are pushing into the 200.00 range again as veal plants offer more money to U.S. producers as the Canadian border remains closed. Holstein heifers sold sharply higher on Tuesday as prices were as high as 480.00, however, on Thursday prices trended lower as bids did not top 380.00. This week the PA Department of Agriculture graded 726 head of calves in Lancaster County.

Veal Calves: Standard and Utility 60-110 lbs 11.00-30.00, up to 47.00 on Thursday.

Calves Going Into Special-fed Veal Barns: Tuesday- 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.

Thursday- 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.

Pennsylvania Livestock Auction

Waynesburg, Pa.

Thursday, May 29, 2003

Report Supplied By Auction

Cattle: STOCK COWS: 34.50-55.00. SLAUGHTER COWS: Utility & Commercial 42.00-56.50; Boner & Boning Utility 36.00-47.50; Cutter & Boning Utility 35.00-40.00; Canner & Low Cutter 35.00-38.50; Shells 30.00 & down.

BULLS: YIELD GRADE 1 1500#-2000# 39.00-58.00; YIELD GRADE 2 1000#-1400# 38.00-70.00.

FEEDER STEERS: M & L 1 300-500# 80.00-97.00. 250-280# 80.00-102.00; M 600-900# 55.00-88.00.

HEIFERS: M 1 & L 1 300-500# 68.00-100.00; L 1 400-650# 60.00-82.00.

BULLS: M & L 1 300-620# 70.00-94.00.

CALVES: Veal Prime 70.00-85.00; Choice 60.00-84.00; Good 35.00-70.00; Farm Calves #1 Holstein Bulls 90-120# Few 35.00-150.00; #2 Holstein Bulls 80-100# Few 10.00-50.00; Beef - Bull & Hfrs./Hd. 35.00-90.00.

HOGS: Barrows & Gilts #1-2 210-255# 37.50-42.00; #2-3 255-280# 36.00-41.00; Sows #1-3 300-500# 30.00-34.00; Feeder Pigs 1-3 15-20# 5.00-22.00/Hd. 1-3 25-35# 10.00-23.00/Hd.

LAMBS: High Choice 80-100# 77.00-120.00; Choice 40-75# 75.00-112.00; Feeder Lambs Good 50.00-97.00; Sheep 22.00-33.00; Fat Sheep 22.00 and down.

GOATS: Large 45.00-105.00/Hd.; Medium 30.00-67.00/Hd.; Small 10.00-30.00/Hd.

HORSES: Horses 19.00-51.50; Ponies 20.00-48.00.

Greencastle Livestock

Greencastle, Pa.

Report Supplied By PDA

Thursday, May 29, 2003

CATTLE: 186.
COWS: 30 TO 1.00 HIGHER.

HOLSTEIN STEERS: SELECT 1-2 FEW 53.00, 57.25. STANDARD 1-2 ONE AT 46.25.

COWS: BREAKERS 75-80% LEAN 45.00, 52.25, MOSTLY 46.25, 51.00, AVERAGE 48.40. BONERS 80-85% LEAN 40.25, 48.75, BULK OF SALES 41.75, 47.75, AVERAGE 44.90. LEAN 85-90% LEAN 34.50, 44.50, MOSTLY 37.00, 42.00, AVERAGE 39.30.

BULLS: YIELD GRADE 1 FEW 1535/1875 LBS. 57.25, 58.75, AVERAGE 57.90. YIELD GRADE 2 FEW 1370/1870 LBS. 51.00, 55.25, AVERAGE 53.25.

FEEDER CATTLE: HEIFERS: L3 HOLSTEINS, ONE AT 255 LBS. 75.00, ONE AT 790 LBS. 52.00.

CALVES: 225. STANDARD & GOOD FEW 70/110 LBS. 30.00, 42.50. UTILITY 50/75 LBS 10.00, 30.00. FARM CALVES: HOLSTEIN BULLS 35.00 TO 50.00 HIGHER. NO. 1 BULLS 90/125 LBS. 170.00, 230.00, MOSTLY 185.00, 215.00, AVERAGE 199.90, 80/90 LBS. 120.00, 140.00. NO. 2 BULLS 80 1/2 LBS 110.00, 185.00, WEAKER CALVES 75.00, 100.00. HOLSTEIN HEIFERS: 90.00 TO 125.00 HIGHER. NO. 1 85/120 LBS. 370.00, 500.00, AVERAGE 448.35. NO. 2 FEW 65/100 LBS. 100.00, 320.00, AVERAGE 205.30.

HOGS: 13. 45-40% LEAN FEW 225 LBS. 37.50. US 1-3 FEW 325/470 LBS. 18.00, 25.00. 1-3 ONE AT 555 LBS. 30.50.

FEEDER PIGS: 0. NO MARKET TEST.

SHEEP: 6. CHOICE FEW 140 LBS 88.00. SLAUGHTER SHEEP FEW 29.00, 30.00.

GOATS: 3. NANNIES ONE AT 60 LBS 42.50. BILLIES COUPLE 60 & 65 LBS. 42.50.

Jersey Shore Livestock Market, Inc.

Jersey Shore, Pa.

Report Supplied By Auction

Thursday, May 29, 2003

RETURN TO FARM CALF: 100-490.

GOOD VEAL: 70.00-99.00.

COMMON VEAL: 20.00-69.00.

CHOICE STEERS: 78.00-84.00.

SELECT STEERS: 75.00-81.00.

COMMON STEERS: 53.00-74.00.

COMMERCIAL COWS: 45.00-56.00.

CANNERS/CUTTERS: 35.00-49.00.

SHELLS: 25.00-34.00.

CHOICE HEIFERS: 77.00-81.00.

SELECT HEIFERS: 70.00-76.00.

COMMON HEIFERS: 46.00-69.00.

GOOD FEEDERS: 65.00-80.00.

COMMON FEEDERS: 48.00-64.00.

BULLS: 51.00-60.00.

Greencastle Hay

Greencastle, Pa.

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Thursday, May 29, 2003

HAY: 12 LOADS. STRAW: 2 LOADS TOTAL LOADS: 14.

ALFALFA: 82.50-202.50.

MIX HAY: 117.50-235.00.

Indiana Livestock Auction

Homer City, Pa.

Thursday, May 29, 2003

Report Supplied By PDA

CATTLE: 96. COWS: STEADY TO 3.00 HIGHER. BULLS: STEADY.

STEERS: SELECT 1-2 1295/1420 LBS. 79.00, 84.00. SELECT 1-2 69.50, 74.25. STANDARD 1-2 COUPLE 61.75 & 68.00.

HOLSTEIN STEERS: CHOICE 2-3 1360 & 1610 LBS. 68.00 & 69.00. SELECT 1-2 COUPLE 60.00 & 66.50.

HEIFERS: CHOICE 1-3 1140/1460 LBS. 79.00, 81.75. SELECT 1-2 ONE AT 68.25.

COWS: BREAKERS 75-80% LEAN 47.50, 56.00, ONE AT 59.50. BONERS 80-85% LEAN 42.00, 47.75. LEAN 85-90% LEAN 35.00, 43.00. SHELLS 33.50 AND DOWN.

BULLS: YG 1 1180/1755 LBS. 55.00, 56.50. YG 2 1050/1730 LBS. 47.50, 52.25.

FEEDER CATTLE: STEERS: FEW M & L-1 335/720 LBS. 71.00, 85.50. HEIFERS: M & L-1 385/530 LBS. 80.00, 86.00. M & L-2 300/440 LBS. 60.00, 66.00, 510/795 LBS. 55.00, 69.00. BULLS: FEW M & L-1 485/595 LBS. 71.00, 83.00.

CALVES: 99 STANDARD & GOOD 75/110 LBS. 37.50, 62.00. UTILITY 55 1/2 LBS. 19.00, 35.00. FARM CALVES: HOLSTEIN BULLS STEADY TO 5.00 HIGHER. NO. 1 BULLS 90/120 LBS. 130.00, 165.00. NO. 2 BULLS 80/125 LBS. 80.00, 132.50. NO. 1 HEIFERS 94 LBS. ONE AT 280.00. NO. 2 HEIFERS 75/80 LBS. 170.00, 230.00. BEEF CROSS BULLS AND HEIFERS 100 & 112 LBS TWO AT 115.00.

HOGS: 16. 45-50% LEAN 250/285 LBS 44.25, 45.00. 40-45% LEAN 260/300 LBS. 38.00, 39.00. MEDIUM 288 & 384 LBS TWO AT 16.50. BOARS: 515 & 656 LBS 10.75 & 11.50

FEEDER PIGS: NO MARKET TEST.

SHEEP: 27 HCH & PR 128 LBS. ONE AT 85.00 CHOICE 45/78 LBS 100.00, 107.50 SLAUGHTER SHEEP 16.00, 35.00. YEARLINGS 77.50, 87.50

GOATS: NO MARKET TEST

Steers Sell At Record \$89 CWT

MILLIE BUNTING
Market Staff

NEW HOLLAND (Lancaster Co.) — There was quite an air of excitement at the New Holland Sales Stables cattle auction Thursday when very active bidding for High Choice and Prime steers went to \$89 per hundredweight.

Three head weighing about 1,365 pounds sold individually at \$89 and one small lot of black steers in the same weight range sold at \$88.75.

They were purchased for a kosher kill packer.

Thursdays prices broke the record of \$88.50 which was set Tuesday at the Vintage auction surpassing the record \$88.25 set there Monday, May 19.

Taylor Cox, the USDA market reporter, said the quality of the run was very good with the majority of the offerings consisting of Choice and Prime cattle.

He said the sale atmosphere was something to see as the farmers watched the bids going higher and higher to reach an almost unbelievable price.

What was probably even more remarkable, the market reporter noted, was that the most of the Choice steers sold from \$82 to \$86. The average selling price of the Choice steers was \$84.50, which was also a sale record in the county.

Combined with the Vintage auction, Choice slaughter steers sold for a weekly average of \$83.25 10 cents per hundredweight higher than the \$83.15 record set in December 1990.


All the factors which support a market — excellent demand for beef, reduced supplies of Choice cattle in the midwestern feedlots, advancing CME futures prices — have come together to produce these record prices.

Plus, the closing of the Canadian border has added an unforeseen positive influence on the current market.

Basically, though, it has to be the exceptional demand for beef that continues at record-breaking prices. Carcass cutout values based on prices of fabricated beef cuts, Thursday, advanced more than \$2.

The Choice 600-750 pound carcass cutout value was reported at \$147.83 \$5.19 higher compared to last Friday's; and the Choice 750-900 pound cutout value was set at \$147.94 up \$4.16 from last Friday's.


The record prices in the Lancaster County are probably also a record in the entire U.S. In the midwestern feedlots, trading was reported active Wednesday at \$1 to \$2 higher prices with high Select to mostly Choice steers rating \$80-81 live and \$126-130 dressed basis.



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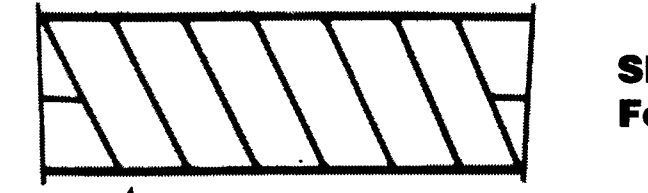
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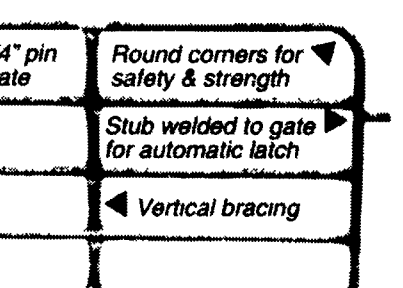
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