

# LANCASTER COUNTY LIVESTOCK MARKET AUCTIONS

## New Holland Livestock Auction

New Holland, Pa.  
Report Supplied By USDA  
Monday, June 2, 2003

Cattle	Calves	Hogs	Sheep	Goats	
MONDAY	392	255	1168	950	775
TWO WEEKS AGO	334	170	1528	1369	1165
LAST YEAR	172	102	622	426	669

Compared to Thursday, Lean slaughter cows sold steady to .50 lower. However, Breaking and Boning cows sold 1.00-3.00 lower as buyer demand was light. The quality of the run could have been a factor in the lower prices, as the majority of the run was not as fancy as Thursday's. Slaughter bulls sold 2.00-3.00 higher as the supply was comprised of some very nice stock. The cattle supply included 61 percent cows, with 13 percent slaughter bulls.

**Slaughter Cows:** Percent Lean Weight Bulk Low Dressing Breakers 70-75 Over 1400 lbs 48.00-52.25, 43.50-48.25 individual 53.25 Boners 75-80 Over 1200 lbs 45.00-47.50 40.00-42.00 Lean (Hi-Yield) 80-85 Over 1200 lbs 44.50-49.00 Lean 85-90 Over 1000 lbs 39.50-42.50 36.00-40.25 Lean (Light-Wt) 85-90 750-1000 lbs 37.00-41.00 32.00-38.00

**Slaughter Bulls:** Yield Grade 1 1005-2230 lbs 55.50-63.50, several high dressing 65.00-72.00, full 50.00-53.50. Few Yield Grade 2 1030-2040 lbs 53.00- 60.00, low dressing 43.50-44.50.

**Calves:** Compared to Thursday, there were not enough slaughter calves for a market test. Holstein bulls suitable for special-fed veal barns sold sharply lower. There were not enough Holstein heifers to test the market. **Veal Calves:** Few Standard and Utility 50-85 lbs 20.00-45.00, weaker 11.00. Going Into Special-fed Veal Barns: Holstein Bulls 90-125 lbs 145.00-177.00; 80-85 lbs 125.00-155.00. Plainer Holstein Bulls 90-125 lbs 100.00-145.00. Few Holstein Heifers 90-105 lbs 210.00-300.00; couple 75 lbs 160.00-210.00. Fancy beef heifer 105 lbs 150.00.

**HOGS:** Barrows and gilts mostly 2.00 lower, sows sold mostly 2.00 lower, boars too light to test. **BARROWS AND GILTS:** 49-54% lean 220-280 lbs 43.25-45.25, few 46.25-46.50, few 280-300 lbs 42.60-43.00, 45-50% lean 220-270 lbs 40.00-43.50, several lots 280-340 lbs 39.10-42.35.

**SOWS:** 1-3 300-500 lbs 28.00-30.00, 500-700 lbs 30.00-32.00.

**BOARS:** 300-700 lbs 11.00-12.00, package 235 lbs 29.00.

**Sheep and Lambs:** Compared to Thursday, most weights sold steady to weak, with instances of sharply lower. Slaughter ewes sold mostly 4.00-6.00 lower. **Slaughter Lambs:** Choice and Prime 2-3 few 40-50 lbs 104.00-127.00; 50-60 lbs 110.00-127.00; 60-70 lbs 112.00-130.00; 70-80 lbs 112.00-124.00; 80-90 lbs 120.00-124.00; few 95 lbs 116.00-130.00; few 110-125 lbs 112.00-121.00. **Slaughter Sheep:** Few Yearlings 135-155 lbs 74.00-78.00. Utility and Good 1-3 130-225 lbs 24.00-40.00, few up to 42.00, lesser quality 20.00.

**GOATS:** Due to the Memorial Day holiday last week, a full market comparison was not available. A firmer undertone was noted on all classes, especially on the heavy Billies and Nannies, with bidding fairly active. **Kids Selection 1** 20-40 lbs 37.00-56.00, 40-60 lbs 43.00-68.00; 60-80 lbs 66.00-82.00. **Selection 2** 20-40 lbs 26.00-42.00; few 40-60 lbs 48.00-56.00. **Selection 3** 20-40 lbs 15.00-28.00. **Yearlings:** Selection 1 80-100 lbs 78.00-83.00, package 98.00. **Selection 2** few 60-80 lbs 49.00-50.00; 80-100 lbs 58.00-74.00. **Nannies:** Selection 1 70-100 lbs 66.00-88.00; 100-150 lbs 90.00-112.00. **Selection 2** few 50-70 lbs 60.00-65.00; 70-100 lbs 50.00-70.00, couple up to 82.00; 100-150 lbs 78.00-94.00. **Selection 3** 50-70 lbs 48.00-62.00; 70-100 lbs 66.00-72.00. **Billies:** Selection 1 70-100 lbs 84.00-98.00; 100-150 lbs 94.00-124.00; 150-250 lbs 126.00-158.00, fancy heavier muscled 174.00-188.00. **Selection 2** 100-150 lbs 90.00-118.00; 150-250 lbs 110.00-140.00. **Selection 3** 70-100 lbs 48.00-74.00; 100-150 lbs 78.00-88.00, Individual 99.00. **Wethers:** Light test of 70-100 lbs 74.00-88.00; 100-150 lbs 106.00-126.00.

## Vintage Livestock Auction

Vintage, Pa.  
June 2-3, 2003  
Report Supplied By USDA

Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Goats	
THIS WEEK	863	639	0	0
LAST WEEK	757	619	7	1
LAST YEAR	767	748	7	2

Compared to Thursday, Choice slaughter steers sold steady to firm, with a fancy

## Market At A Glance

Lancaster County Livestock Auction Averages

(Price Per Hundredweight)  
Week Ending Friday, June 6, 2003  
Supplied By Market Staff

	This Wk	Wk Ago	Yr Ago
Steers, Choice 2-3	82.35	83.25	68.35
Heifers, Choice 2-3, few Prime	79.00	80.75	66.35
Cows, Breakers, 75-80% lean	48.25	52.25	47.25
Cows, Boners, 80-85% lean	44.00	48.25	45.00
Bulls, YG 1, Ltd	57.00	58.00	61.25
Hogs, 49-54% lean, Monday	44.25	45.50	32.75
Lambs, Choice/Prime 80-110 lb.	120.00	121.00	85.00

high Choice and Prime supply trading .50 to nearly 1.00 higher. Prices continue to woe even the seasoned cattle buyers as there were fat steers that sold up to 90.00. It is hard to imagine a packer being able to cut enough meat out of a 1250.00-1300.00 steer to pay the bills, but that is the situation local buyers are faced with as prices continue to soar. The quality of the two-day run was very nice, and even with the inclement weather steers are weighing up good. Slaughter Holstein steers sold steady, instances weaker. There were not enough slaughter heifers for a market test. Lean slaughter cows sold fully 1.00 lower, with sales up to 2.00 lower at times. Breaking and Boning cows sold fully 4.00 lower when compared to Thursday's very active market. Buyer attendance was lighter at the Tuesday run as a few packers are taking a back seat for a while to try and wait out the current high market; they could be on to something if the border opens and Canadian cows flood the U.S. market.

**Slaughter bulls** sold mostly steady on a light test. The two-day run included 414 steers, 42 heifers, 363 cows, 26 bulls, with 18 head of feeder cattle.

**Slaughter Steers:** High Choice and Prime 2-4 1165-1460 lbs 86.00-89.00, several individuals 1310-1445 lbs 89.00-90.00. Choice 2-3 1105-1465 lbs 82.25- 86.75, mostly 83.50-85.00, heavy 1500-1545 lbs 79.50-82.75, Charolais-crosses 83.25-86.75. Select and low Choice 2-3 1125-1325 lbs 80.00-83.60. Select 1-2 1040-1495 lbs 77.00-81.75, few high dressing up to 84.00, heavy 1600-1760 lbs 73.00-77.00.

**Holstein Steers:** High Choice and Prime 2-3 1295-1555 lbs 74.50-77.25. Choice 2-3 1135-1510 lbs 70.50-75.75, mostly 72.00-75.00. Select and low Choice 2-3 1255-1550 lbs 69.00-73.00. Select 1-2 1135-1595 lbs 64.50-66.00, few 60.25-63.25.

**Slaughter Heifers:** Choice, few Prime 3-4 1045-1470 lbs 80.50-85.75. Few Select and low Choice 2-3 980-1125 lbs 75.00-79.00.

**Slaughter Cows:** Percent Lean Weight Bulk Low Dressing Breakers 70-75 Over 1400 lbs 46.25-50.50, 42.00-45.75 few 51.50-52.50 Boners 75-80 Over 1200 lbs 42.00-46.75 38.00-43.25 Lean (Hi-Yield) 85-90 Over 1200 lbs 41.00-43.75 Lean 85-90 Over 1000 lbs 38.00-42.00 34.75-38.50 Lean (Light-wgt) 85-90 Over 750 lbs — 30.00-35.00.

**Slaughter Bulls:** Yield Grade 1-2 1110-2035 lbs 55.00-59.75, high dressing up to 70.00 on Monday.

**Calves:** Compared to Thursday's graded sale, veal calves sold steady to 7.00 lower. Holstein bull calves suitable for special-fed veal barns sold sharply lower in fairly inactive trading. Prices were 20.00-75.00 lower, as special-fed buyers are beginning to show concern about Canada sending fat calves into the U.S., as talks are underway to import calves in the near future. The PA Department of Ag graded 511 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 60-130 lbs 20.00-40.00, weaker 11.00-15.00. Returning to Feed: Graded Number One Holstein Bulls 120-125 lbs 137.00-140.00; 90-120 lbs 165.00-175.00; 80-85 lbs 152.00-160.00. Graded Number Two Holstein Bulls 90-115 lbs 142.00-162.00; 80-85 lbs 120.00. Graded Utility Holstein Bulls 90-110 lbs 30.00-40.00. Beef Bulls 90-125 lbs 155.00-200.00.

**Graded Number One Holstein Heifers** 90-115 lbs 450.00-470.00; package averaging 84 lbs 350.00; package averaging 75 lbs 270.00. **Graded Number Two Holstein Heifers** 90-105 lbs 370.00-430.00; 80-85 lbs 240.00-250.00; package averaging 73 lbs 120.00; few averaging 63 lbs 100.00.

Few Beef Heifers 70-95 lbs 155.00-165.00.

## New Holland Livestock Auction

New Holland, Pa.  
Thursday, June 5, 2003  
Report Supplied By USDA

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Goats
MONDAY	1840	664	121	512
LAST WEEK	1165	460	167	198
LAST YEAR	1329	676	285	220

Compared to Tuesday, slaughter steers sold fully 2.00-3.00 lower, with sporadic sales up to 4.00 lower throughout the day. The run included some fancy cattle; the only problem was there were too many. When the supply doubles from one week to the next there are usually bound to be problems. This was the case on Thursday as nearly 900 head of steers were on offer, compared to 435 last week, which led to the supply outweighing the demand. The runs have been pretty light over the past week and a half, with prices for Prime steers as high as 89.00 last Thursday and up to 90.00 during the Monday and Tuesday runs of this week, and it was pretty obvious producers were chomping at the bit to get in on the high market as there was a line of trucks a half mile long waiting to unload early Thursday morning in New Holland. However, even with a lower market no one is hanging their heads too low as this time a year ago prices for high Choice and Prime steers were from mostly 68.00-72.00, with Choice steers bringing from 67.00-69.00. Holstein steers sold 1.00-2.00 lower, with not enough slaughter heifers early in the week to test the late week run. Due to the late start, slaughter cows were not fully tested early. However, opening sales of all classes were weak to 2.00 lower. Slaughter bulls sold with a lower undertone. The supply included 882 head of slaughter steers, 567 cows, 111 heifers, 74 bulls, with 206 head of feeder cattle.

**Slaughter Steers:** High Choice and Prime 2-4 1120-1480 lbs 82.00-87.00, mostly 83.00-86.00 with three singles from 88.00-88.25, late in the sale mostly 80.00-84.75. Choice 2-3 1055-1480 lbs 79.00-83.25, mostly 80.00-83.00, Charolais-crosses 80.00-85.00, few heavyweights 1495-1545 lbs 78.75-80.00. Choice 4 few full 1110-1335 lbs 77.00-80.00. Few higher yielding Choice 1-2 1270-1460 lbs 82.00-85.50. Select and low Choice 2-3 1035-1425 lbs 76.25- 80.25. Select 1-2 1105-1420 lbs 74.00-78.50, few heavier muscled up to 81.00.

**Holstein Steers:** High Choice and Prime 2-3 1420-1590 lbs 70.25-75.00, beef cross up to 76.75. Choice 2-3 1350-1535 lbs 69.00-73.25, few up to 75.25. Select and low Choice 2-3 1180-1525 lbs 67.75-70.00, heavy 1610-1690 lbs 60.50- 66.00. Select 1-2 1220-1540 lbs 64.00-67.00. Standard 1-2 1180-1465 lbs 55.00-61.75.

**Slaughter Heifers:** High Choice and Prime 3, mostly 4 1100-1380 lbs 81.00- 83.50. High Choice and Prime 4-5 1060-1220 lbs 76.00-79.50. Few Choice 4-5 1040-1340 lbs 70.00-74.00 Select and low Choice 2-3 1000-1435 lbs 73.00- 78.00. Few higher yielding Select 1-2 1150-1375 lbs 76.00-80.75.

**Slaughter Cows (early sales):** Percent Lean, Weight, Bulk, Low Dressing, Breakers, 70-75, over 1400 lbs, 45.25-50.25, 40.50-45.25, up to 52.50. Boners, 75-80, over 1200 lbs, 41.75-45.00, 39.00-42.25. Lean (Hi-Yield), 80-85, over 1200 lbs, up to 43.00. Lean, 85-90, over 1000 lbs, 36.00-40.00, 32.00-35.75. Lean (Light-wgt), 85-90, 750-100 lbs, 33.00-36.50, 30.00-33.50.

**Slaughter Bulls:** Yield Grade 1 1015-2160 lbs 50.25-59.25, several fancy high dressers 61.00-69.00. Yield Grade 2 1175-2520 lbs 45.50-52.25.

Calves. Compared to Tuesday, veal calves

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