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100-150 lbs 98.00-112.00. Selection 2 50-70 lbs 56.00-66.00; 70-100 lbs 68.00-76.00; 100-150 lbs 78.00-90.00. Selection 3 50-70 lbs 38.00-46.00; 70-100 lbs 49.00-70.00.

Billies: Selection 1 couple 70-100 lbs 94.00-100.00; 100-150 lbs 97.00-118.00; 150-250 lbs 126.00-148.00. Selection 2 70-100 lbs 66.00-84.00; 100-150 lbs 80.00-100.00; 150-250 lbs 106.00-116.00. Selection 3 70-100 lbs 48.00-68.00; 100-150 lbs 70.00-74.00.

Wethers: Few 50-70 lbs 52.00-66.00; 70-100 lbs 78.00-96.00; 100-175 lbs 100.00-137.00.

Lancaster County Weekly Cattle

New Holland, Pa.
Report Supplied By USDA
Friday, June 13, 2003

	CATTLE	CALVES
THIS WEEK	2506	1648
LAST WEEK	2564	1439
LAST YEAR	2286	1574

Compared to last week's closing prices, Choice slaughter steers sold steady to mostly 1.00 lower, with a good test of high Choice and Prime cattle late in the week trading up to 2.00 lower. The early week runs were fairly light, with the Tuesday run hardly breaking 100 head. However, the Thursday run remains very good, as over 650 head of steers made their way through the ring. Kasher demand is still good, with the high quality cattle still bringing in the low 80's. This is the only area in the U.S. where a fat cattle buyer can put together several loads of steers and then turn around and say he knows they'll all be high Choice, but he is kind of disappointed to think that only around 6 or 7 on each load will grade Prime. Anywhere else in the world a load of fancy cattle like that would be the talk around the packing house for days. But in Lancaster County it's just the norm, and really says something about the commitment the local producers have to feeding cattle right, as despite most of them running very low on feed due to the dry summer of 2002, they're still making them good. Imagine what these local steers will look like when they have something to eat, with moisture more than adequate right now to make a bumper crop. Nationally, the Western direct feed yards took a pretty good hit on both their live and dressed sales this week. Live sales came in at mostly 74.00-75.00, which is 3.00 lower compared to last week. The dressed market really felt the heat, with prices mostly 5.00 lower at 119.00. Boxed beef cutout values continue to lose ground just about as fast as they gained. With around a 1.00-2.00 loss for several days in a row, it doesn't take long to bring meat values back down. As of Thursday, light Choice cutout values were at 135.89, with heavy Choice at 136.66. The Select cutouts are 124.87 and 124.65 respectively, with the current Select discount at about 11.00. The Select discount is getting less severe considering when the Choice cutout spiked above 150.00 there was nearly a 20.00 discount. At the Merc, the June live cattle futures closed at 71.65 on Thursday, with the August contract still predicting a bearish summer as it holds at 67.12. Locally, the slaughter heifer and Holstein run was light on Monday and Tuesday, there was a good heifer run on Thursday which drew good buyer interest. Slaughter cows sold mixed on the early week runs as Breaking and Boning cows sold steady to 2.00 lower as Lean cows sold steady to 1.00 higher. Demand was outstanding on the Thursday run, and prices on all classes trended 2.00-4.00 higher as the boneless market made sharp advances over the past few days.

The cow prices quoted below show the difference between the early and late week demand, as the price spreads on each grade are massive. Slaughter bulls sold 2.00-3.00 lower early in the week, with late week prices trending firmer. The reported supply this week in Lancaster County included 1034 head of slaughter steers, 118 head of slaughter heifers, 965 head of slaughter cows, 182 head of slaughter bulls, and 207 head of feeder cattle.

Slaughter Steers: High Choice and Prime 2-4 1145-1460 lbs 78.00-83.85, mostly 79.50-83.00, fancy singles up to 84.25, full 77.00-77.50. Choice 2-3 1060-1480 lbs 75.75-80.25, mostly 76.50-79.00. Charolais-crosses 76.50-80.00, heavyweights 1500-1620 lbs 72.50-77.00. Couple Choice 1-2 1270-1415 lbs 79.75- 81.25. Choice 4 few full 1110-1450 lbs 70.50-75.50. Select and low Choice 2-3 1005-1485 lbs 74.00-77.75. Select 1-2 1000-1440 lbs 71.00-75.50, few heavier muscled up to 79.25.

Holstein Steers: Small Supply of High Choice and Prime 2-3 1420-1550 lbs 68.75-70.75, heavy single 1655 lbs 63.75. Choice 2-3 1200-1570 lbs 65.00- 69.25. Select and low Choice 2-3 1150-1585 lbs 63.00-68.25. Select 1-2 1195- 1590 lbs 58.50-63.25. Standard 1-2 1210-1430 lbs 56.00-60.00.

Slaughter Heifers: Choice 2-3 1010-1440 lbs 74.00-78.25, individual 79.25. Choice 4 1025-1285 lbs 69.50-73.00. Select and low Choice 2-3 1150-1375 lbs 72.50-74.25, higher yielding up to 79.50.

Slaughter Cows: Percent Lean, Weight, Bulk, Low Dressing, Premium White, 65-70, over 1600 lbs, 50.50-54.25. Breakers, 70-75, over 1400 lbs, 42.75-50.50, 38.50-46.25. Boners, 75-80, over 1200 lbs, 38.00-47.00, 35.00-43.75. Lean (Hi-Yield), 80-85, over 1200 lbs, 38.00-43.75. Lean, 85-90, over 1000 lbs, 34.00-41.00, 30.00-36.50. Lean (Light-wgt), 85-90, 750-100 lbs, 30.00-37.25, 28.00-32.75.

Slaughter Bulls: Yield Grade 1 1020-2010 lbs 47.50-54.00, high dressers 55.50-64.00 which includes several early week Charolais and Limi-crosses, thin 955-1295 lbs 46.75-50.00. Yield Grade 2 1015-2505 lbs 44.50-51.75. Nine head of young, black 1050-1180 lb bulls suitable to put into service 53.00-60.50.

Calf Summary: Compared to last week's prices, veal calves sold steady to 5.00 lower. Holstein bull calves suitable for special-fed veal weans sold 15.00-25.00 higher on the Tuesday graded run, with the Thursday run trending 10.00-30.00 lower. Demand is very uneven for baby calves as no one knows whether to fill their barns, or to wait out the Canadian situation. If the border opens, there will surely be an influx of calves on the Northeast market that will undermine local prices. However, for the time being the finished market has moved sharply higher. The USDA reported hide-off special-fed veal carcasses from 205.00-239.00 this week, with some area producers being offered up to 265.00 as packers are in dire need of finished calves. This week in Lancaster County the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture graded 1057 head of bulls and heifers at the two graded sales, this compares to 999 the prior week.

Veal Calves: Good and Choice couple 225-250 lbs 100.00-104.00; 300-350 lbs 60.00- 75.00, individual 94.00; 400-450 lbs 72.00-80.00. Standard and Utility 50-110 lbs 20.00-40.00, weaker 11.00-20.00.

Calves Going Into Special-fed Veal Barns: Monday- Holstein Bulls 90-125 lbs 135.00-167.00. Plainer Holstein Bulls 90-125 lbs 100.00-125.00. Weaker Holstein Bulls 90-125 lbs 80.00-100.00. Few Holstein Heifers 90-110 lbs 200.00-400.00; single 70 lbs 170.00.

Tuesday- Graded Number One Holstein Bulls 110-125 lbs 150.00-165.00, three head 145.00; 95-105 lbs 170.00-185.00; one lot 90 lbs 167.00; 80-85 lbs 147.00- 150.00. Graded Number Two Holstein Bulls 90-115 lbs 110.00-167.00; two packages averaging 83 lbs 85.00. Graded Stan-

dard Holstein Bulls averaging 74 lbs 65.00. Graded Utility Holstein Bulls 80-110 lbs 30.00-62.00. Beef Bulls 85-95 lbs 100.00-165.00. Graded Number One Holstein Heifers 90-115 lbs 430.00-480.00; package averaging 83 lbs 260.00; few averaging 73 lbs 150.00. Graded Number Two Holstein Heifers 90-105 lbs 350.00-390.00; large package averaging 83 lbs 200.00; package averaging 73 lbs 120.00; large package averaging 72 lbs 105.00. Few Beef-type Heifers 80-85 lbs 80.00-140.00.

Thursday- Graded Number One Holstein Bulls 105-125 lbs 148.00-154.00; 95-105 lbs 137.00-147.00; 90-95 lbs 120.00; 80-90 lbs 110.00. Graded Number Two Holstein Bulls 95-125 lbs 100.00-130.00; 85-90 lbs 80.00; 80-85 lbs 60.00. Graded Utility Holstein Bulls 90-110 lbs 40.00-47.00. Holstein Heifers 90-125 lbs 285.00-340.00; 85 lbs 200.00-240.00. Plainer-type Heifers 90-125 lbs 190.00- 240.00; 80-85 lbs 125.00-150.00; 75 lbs 140.00.

Pennsylvania Livestock Auction

Waynesburg, Pa.
Thursday, June 19, 2003
Report Supplied By Auction

CATTLE: STOCK COWS: 34.50-50.00. SLAUGHTER COWS: Utility & Commercial 42.00-48.50; Boner & Boning Utility 36.00-42.00; Cutter & Boning Utility 35.00-39.00; Canner & Low Cutter 35.00-38.50; Shells 30.00 & down.

BULLS: YIELD GRADE 1 1500#-2000# 44.00-58.00; YIELD GRADE 2 1000#-1400# 38.00-70.00.

FEEDER STEERS: M & L 1 300-500# 80.00-100.00, 250-280# 80.00-104.00; M 600-900# 55.00-88.00.

HEIFERS: M 1 & L 1 300-500# 68.00-90.00; 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# 39.00-41.00; 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# 77.00-112.00; Choice 40-75# 75.00-110.00; Feeder Lambs Good 50.00-97.00; Sheep 22.00-35.00; Fat Sheep 28.00 and down.

GOATS: Large 45.00-100.00/Hd.; Medium 30.00-67.00/Hd.; Small 10.00-30.00/Hd.

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

Jersey Shore Livestock Market, Inc.

Jersey Shore, Pa.
Report Supplied By Auction
Thursday, June 19, 2003
RETURN TO FARM CALF: 100-450.
GOOD VEAL: 70.00-99.00.
COMMON VEAL: 10.00-69.00.
CHOICE STEERS: 74.00-77.00.
SELECT STEERS: 70.00-73.00.
COMMON STEERS: 50.00-69.00.
COMMERCIAL COWS: 40.00-50.25.
CANNERS/CUTTERS: 35.00-45.00.
SHELLS: 25.00-34.00.
CHOICE HEIFERS: 74.00-80.00.
SELECT HEIFERS: 70.00-75.00.
COMMON HEIFERS: 46.00-69.00.
GOOD FEEDERS: 70.00-100.00.
COMMON FEEDERS: 35.00-69.00.
BULLS: 45.00-54.00.
GOOD HOGS: 41.50.

Indiana Livestock Auction

Homer City, Pa.
Thursday, June 19, 2003
Report Supplied By PDA

CATTLE: 115. COWS: STEADY.
STEERS: CHOICE 1-3 1382 LBS. ONE AT 75.25.

HEIFERS: SELECT 1-2 ONE AT 70.00. STANDARD 1-2 55.00, 61.50

COWS: BREAKERS 75-80% LEAN 43.50, 49.00, FEW SALES TO 51.00. BONERS 80-85% LEAN 38.50, 44.25. LEAN 85-90% LEAN 33.50, 39.00, FEW TO 42.00. SHELLS 33.00 AND DOWN.

BULLS: YG 1 1390/1510 LBS. 53.25, 55.75. YG 2 910/2320 LBS. 44.00, 51.50.

FEEDER CATTLE: STEERS: FEW L-3 530/590 LBS. 50.00, 53.00.

CALVES: 113. STANDARD & GOOD 68/120 LBS. 32.50, 52.50. UTILITY 70/95 LBS. 20.00, 30.00. FARM CALVES: HOLSTEIN BULLS STEADY. NO. 1 BULLS 90/125 LBS. 120.00, 140.00. NO. 2 BULLS 80/125 LBS. 70.00, 117.50. NO. 1 HEIFERS 75/115 LBS. 300.00, 380.00, ONE AT 450.00. NO. 2 HEIFERS 100 LBS. ONE AT 230.00. BEEF CROSS BULLS AND HEIFERS 95/110 LBS. 115.00, 120.00.

HOGS: 37. BARROW & GILTS STEADY TO 4.00 LOWER. 49.54% LEAN 250/280 LBS. 41.75, 46.00. 45-50% LEAN 250/305 LBS. 39.75, 41.00. 40-45% LEAN 225/315 LBS. 35.25, 38.50. US 1-3 544 & 572 LBS. 23.50 & 25.00. BOARS: 200/360 LBS. 9.00, 11.50.

FEEDER PIGS: 6. 1-3 70/110 LBS. 41.00, 64.00.

SHEEP: 21. SLAUGHTER SHEEP 17.00, 34.00. YEARLINGS 62.50 & 75.00.

GOATS: 10. NANNIES 50/70 LBS. 28.00, 37.50.

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Tennessee Graded Goat and Sheep Sale

Nashville, Tenn.
June 13, 2003
Report Supplied By USDA
Tennessee Livestock Producers Graded Goat and Sheep Sale at Thompson Station, Friday, June 13. Receipts: 1,428 head (1036 goats, 392 sheep); last sale 869. Goats sold per head or per hundred weight, actual or estimated.

GOATS: SLAUGHTER CLASSES: KIDS: Selection 1: 25-35 lb not well tested; 35-50 lb 107.50-109.50, 50-65 lb 100.50-107.00, 65-85 lb few 111.50-112.50. Selection 2: 25-35 lb 98.00-100.00; 35-50 lb 95.50-98.50; 51-65 lb 100.00-102.00, 66-85 lb few 87.00-93.00; 94 lb few 86.00. Selection 3: 25-35 lb 85.00-90.00; 36-50 lb 86.00-88.00; 51-65 lb 88.50-93.00; 66-85 lb few 70.50-75.00. YEARLINGS: Selection 2-3: 52-123 lbs 77.00-85.00. BUCKS/BILLIES: All wts. 64.00-74.50; pigmy 57.00. NANNIES/DOES: All Wts. 47.00-59.25. FEEDERS: KIDS: Selection 2-3, 18-22 lb 80.00-89.50; 31-36 lb 72.00-80.50. REPLACEMENTS: NANNIES/DOES: Per head, weights estimated. Small 65-75 lb Selection 3, 37.00-50.00. Medium 75-90 lb Selection 2: 53.00-67.00, Selection 3, 42.00-47.00. Large 90 lb Selection 1, one head 142.00; Selection 3, 51.00-65.00. PAIRS AND TRIOS: Selection 2-3, not well tested. BUCKS/BILLIES: Selection 1-2: per head 100-150 lb few 108.00-171.00; 60-100 lb 58.00-83.00.

SHEEP: SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Good and Choice, includes all breeds: 35-37 lb not well tested; 40-60 lb 80.00-110.00, 7 Prime 113.00; 60-80 lb 85.00-108.00 mostly 88.00-98.75, 21 Prime 100.00-107.00; 80-100 lb 80.00-93.00, 11 Prime 99.00; 100-120 lb Prime 89.00-97.50.

SLAUGHTER EWES: Utility and Good all wts. 32.00-38.50.

SLAUGHTER RAMS: All Wts. 28.00-32.50.

Five-Area Weekly Average Direct Slaughter Cattle

St. Joseph, Mo., June 16, 2003 - USDA Market News Service
Sales in Texas/Oklahoma; Kansas; Nebraska; Colorado; and Iowa/Minnesota Feedlots for
Week Ending Sunday, June 15, 2003

Confirmed Sales: 184,593; Week Ago: 189,378; Year Ago: 169,411

LIVE FOB BASIS SALES - Beef Breeds:

SLAUGHTER STEERS:					
	Head Count	Weight Range	Price Range	Avg. Weight	Avg. Price
Over 80% Choice	402	1000-1325	77.00-80.40	1,180	77.72
65-80% Choice	10,647	1080-1355	75.00-80.00	1,254	77.23
35-80% Choice	40,982	1050-1370	74.50-79.00	1,240	77.34
1-35% Choice	1,104	1100-1290	75.00-78.00	1,213	76.54
TOTAL all grades	53,135	1000-1370	74.50-80.40	1,242	77.30

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS:					
	Head Count	Weight Range	Price Range	Avg. Weight	Avg. Price
Over 80% Choice	1,436	1100-1250	75.00-79.00	1,177	77.28
65-80% Choice	7,444	1040-1255	74.00-78.50	1,148	77.34
35-65% Choice	23,862	1040-1330	75.00-80.00	1,131	77.21
1-35% Choice	391	1050-1100	76.00-77.00	1,086	76.50
TOTAL all grades	33,133	1040-1330	74.00-80.00	1,136	77.23

DRESSED DELIVERED BASIS SALES - Beef Breeds:

SLAUGHTER STEERS:					
	Head Count	Weight Range	Price Range	Avg. Weight	Avg. Price
Over 80% Choice	785	798-897	123.00-124.00	829	123.54
65-80% Choice	11,407	730-860	120.00-124.00	808	123.04
35-65% Choice	16,510	672-896	119.00-125.00	803	123.09
1-35% Choice	232	693-797	120.00-125.00	756	122.85
TOTAL all grades	28,934	672-897	119.00-125.00	806	123.08

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS:					
	Head Count	Weight Range	Price Range	Avg. Weight	Avg. Price
Over 80% Choice	547	719-752	120.00-124.00	729	122.32
65-80% Choice	7,417	667-808	120.00-125.00	727	123.17
35-65% Choice	11,089	625-810	119.00-125.00	735	123.27
1-35% Choice	66	781	120.00	781	120.00
TOTAL all grades	19,119	625-810	119.00-125.00	732	123.19

Weekly Weighted Averages:			
	Head Count	Avg. Weight	Avg. Price
Live Steer	53,135	1,242	77.30
Dressed Heifer	33,133	1,136	77.23
Dressed Steer	28,934	806	123.08
Dressed Heifer	19,119	732	123.19
Same Period Last Week:			
Live Steer	56,142	1,236	79.68
Live Heifer	45,675	1,127	79.82
Dressed Steer	25,407	805	127.46
Dressed Heifer	13,971	733	127.31
Same Period Last Year:			
Live Steer	47,046	1,254	63.94
Live Heifer	37,185	1,132	63.99
Dressed Steer	33,631	829	101.67
Dressed Heifer	20,640	747	101.65

Weekly Meat Production Under Federal Inspection

WASHINGTON, D.C., June 13- (USDA-NASS) - Total red meat production under federal inspection for the week ending Saturday, June 14, was estimated at 939.1 million lbs, according to the USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service. This was 0.8 percent lower than a week ago and 3.4 percent higher than a year ago. Cumulative meat production for the year to date was 0.3 percent lower compared to the previous year.