

LANCASTER COUNTY LIVESTOCK MARKET AUCTIONS

New Holland Livestock Auction

New Holland, Pa.

Report Supplied By USDA

Monday, July 21, 2003

Cattle Calves Hogs Sheep Goats

MONDAY

249 287 497 1315 1098

TWO WEEKS AGO

343 325 794 909 1207

LAST YEAR

332 295 848 739 1097

Compared to Thursday, Lean slaughter cows sold steady to mostly .50 lower. Breaking and Boning cows sold 1.00-3.00 lower as the bulk of the fatter cows were weighing up pretty full, and buyer interest was very light. The cow carcass cutout value was up .02 on Monday; however it has a little ways to go to make up for the 2.00 it lost over the past week. Slaughter bulls sold with a lower undertone on a light run. The cattle supply included 152 head of slaughter cows and 26 head slaughter bulls. All cattle and sheep quotes are by the hundred weight.

Slaughter Cows: Percent Lean Weight Bulk Low Dressing Premium White 65-70 over 1600 lbs few 48.50-53.00 Breakers 70-75 Over 1400 lbs 44.50-48.50 42.25-44.50 Boners 75-80 Over 1200 lbs 40.00-44.75 39.00-41.75 Lean (Hi-Yield) 80-85 Over 1200 lbs Lean 85-90 Over 1000 lbs 36.00-41.50, 33.50-36.00 mostly 38.00-41.00 Lean (Light-Wt) 85-90 750-1000 lbs 32.00-36.75 30.00-33.50 Slaughter Bulls: Yield Grade 1 1100-2260 lbs 55.00-60.00, fancier up to 67.50. Yield Grade 2 1105-2170 lbs 49.75-56.00, couple 61.00-65.50, few full 48.00, few light-weights 725-940 lbs 51.75-60.00.

Calves: Compared to Thursday, veal calves sold steady to 2.00 lower on a light test. Holstein bull calves suitable for special-fed sold mostly 20.00-40.00 lower. There were not enough Holstein heifers for a market test.

Veal Calves: Standard and Utility 60-105 lbs 20.00-38.00, weaker down to 11.00. Going Into Special-fed Veal Barns: Holstein Bulls 90-125 lbs 125.00-165.00. Plainer-type Holstein Bulls 90-125 lbs 100.00-137.00. Weaker Holstein Bulls 90-125 lbs 60.00-100.00; 80-90 lbs 40.00-80.00. Few Holstein Heifers 95-125 lbs 290.00-460.00; couple 70-80 lbs 200.00-210.00. Few Plainer-type Heifers 75-80 lbs 140.00-150.00.

HOGS: Barrows and gilts mostly 2.00 to 4.00 higher, sows were steady to 1.00 higher, boars not enough for a market test! BARROWS AND GILTS: 49-54% lean 220-270 lbs 45.00-48.00, few 270-300 lbs 39.75-42.00, 45-50% lean 220-270 lbs 41.00-42.50, up to 43.00, 300-310 lbs 38.00-40.60, 40-45% lean 220-270 lbs 37.75-40.75, 300-350 lbs 32.75-33.25.

SOWS: 1-3 300-500 lbs 33.00-37.00, 500-700 lbs 37.00-40.00.

BOARS: few 300-750 lbs mostly 12.00.

Sheep and Lambs: Compared to last Monday, slaughter lambs weighing under 85 lbs 5.00-10.00 lower, with 30-40 lbs lambs trading as much as 30.00 lower. Heavier weight lambs sold steady to 5.00 lower. The run consisted of mostly heavier weight lambs between 85-125 lbs, with light weight attractive lambs hard to

find. Slaughter sheep sold steady to firm. Bidding was active on more attractive offerings in each weight group.

Slaughter Lambs: Choice and Prime 2-3 30-40 lbs 86.00-90.00, fancy 145.00; 40-50 lbs 106.00-118.00, fancy 120.00-127.00; 50-60 lbs 108.00-114.00, fancy 126.00-123.00; 60-70 lbs 108.00-116.00, few fancy 124.00; 70-80 lbs 102.00-112.00, few fancy 117.00; 80-90 lbs 104.00-116.00, few packages 100.00; 90-100 lbs 96.00-106.00, fancy 110.00-116.00; 100-125 lbs 103.00-114.00, few fancy 118.00; few 125-150 lbs 147.00-150.00. Good 2-4 30-40 lbs 64.00-75.00; 40-50 lbs 82.00-94.00; 90-100 92.00-94.00.

Slaughter Sheep: Utility and Good 1-3 sheep 100-150 lbs 40.00-44.00; 150-200 lbs 36.00-40.00. Bucks 150-200 lbs 42.00-48.00; 150-200 lbs 36.00-48.00.

Slaughter Goats: Compared to last Monday, Kid goats sold steady to firm, with Yearlings trading mostly steady to firm. Billies and Nannies sold steady to 10.00 higher. Weathers sold steady to firm on a light test. The majority of the run was comprised of Selection 2 and 3 Billies; with the overall quality of the entire sale less than average. All goats are sold by the head, with estimated weights. Kids: Selection 1 20-40 lbs 56.00-61.00; 40-60 lbs 66.00-70.00. Selection 2 20-40 lbs 40.00-54.00; 40-60 lbs 55.00-66.00; few packages of pigmies 20.00-30.00. Selection 3 20-40 lbs 20.00-30.00, 40-60 lbs 38.00-48.00. Yearlings: Selection 1 60-80 lbs 74.00-88.00. Selection 2 60-80 lbs 64.00-74.00. Selection 3 60-80 lbs 46.00-54.00, few up to 58.00-60.00. Nannies: Selection 1 70-100 lbs 72.00-82.00; 100-150 lbs 80.00-90.00. Selection 2 50-70 lbs 60.00-72.00; 70-100 lbs 66.00-75.00. Selection 3 50-70 lbs 54.00-64.00; 70-100 lbs 63.00-68.00. Billies: Selection 1 100-150 lbs 116.00-128.00; 150-250 lbs 136.00-148.00. Selection 2 70-100 lbs 76.00-86.00, few packages of pigmies 54.00-68.00; 100-150 lbs 98.00-110.00; 150-250 lbs 110.00-128.00. Selection 3 70-100 lbs 60.00-72.00, few down to 52.00; 100-150 lbs 76.00-94.00. Wethers: 50-70 lbs 66.00-80.00; 70-100 lbs 80.00-98.00; 100-175 lbs 99.00-122.00.

Vintage Livestock Auction

Vintage, Pa.

July 21-22, 2003

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Cattle Calves Sheep Goats

THIS WEEK

701 942 2 0

LAST WEEK

680 1065 3 1

LAST YEAR

778 851 1 3

Compared to Thursday, slaughter steers sold with a weaker undertone. The quality of the run was mixed, but did include a few cuts of well-fed steers. However, since the Thursday run was comprised of mostly high Choice and Prime cattle, the top-end of the early week market was not fully tested. The local finished market remains extremely good, as buyers are still willing to pay in the low 80's for the right kind. There is no concrete reason that is allowing prices to stay at such a bullish level, but as long

Market At A Glance

Lancaster County Livestock Auction Averages

(Price Per Hundredweight)

Week Ending Friday, July 25, 2003

Supplied By Market Staff

	This Wk	Wk Ago	Yr Ago
Steers, Choice 2-3	79.65	78.25	65.55
Heifers, Choice 2-3, few Prime	78.00	77.00	65.00
Cows, Breakers, 75-80% lean	49.50	47.50	44.25
Cows, Boners, 80-85% lean	45.00	44.00	39.50
Bulls, YG 1, Ltd.	60.00	59.75	58.00
Hogs, 49-54% lean, Monday	46.50	42.75	38.50
Lambs, Choice/Prime 80-110 lb.	106.00	113.00	90.00

as packers are still willing to lay down the greenbacks at the current cash levels, you're not going to hear a lot of producers asking to many questions. The current July live cattle contract at the CME moved up .50 on Tuesday to close at 75.30, with the nearby August contract gaining .60 to close at 74.20; with both months moving closer to matching last weeks Western cattle market that was from 73.00-75.00. Slaughter Holstein steers sold steady to firm on Monday as a very good supply of high Choice and Prime cattle were on offer. The Holstein run on Tuesday was very light, and a trend was not established. There were not enough slaughter heifers to test the market. Slaughter cows sold steady to 2.00 lower throughout the bulk of the grades, with the majority of the supply consisted of Lean cows.

Slaughter bulls sold with a lower undertone on a light test. The two-day run included 296 steers, 36 heifers, 351 cows, 19 bulls, with 8 head of feeder cattle.

Slaughter Steers: High Choice and Prime 2-4 1200-1490 lbs 80.00-83.50. Choice 2-3 1080-1460 lbs 77.25-80.00, good supply of Charolais-crosses on Tuesday 1180-1490 lbs 78.50-81.00. Few Choice 4 or full 1250-1485 lbs 74.00-77.25. Select and low Choice 2-3 1085-1350 lbs 75.25-78.50. Select 1-2 on Monday 1095-1495 lbs 71.00-76.00.

Holstein Steers: High Choice and Prime 2-3 1255-1545 lbs 70.25-75.25. Choice 2-3 1235-1575 lbs 67.00-71.75. Select 1-2 1115-1510 lbs 61.00-65.75. Slaughter Heifers: Choice 2-3 1090-1245 lbs 75.75-78.25. Choice 3-5 1030-1135 lbs 71.25-74.00. Few Select 1-2 1040-1375 lbs 70.50-75.75.

Slaughter Cows: Percent Lean Weight Bulk Low Dressing Premium White 65-70 over 1600 lbs few 52.00-55.25 46.75-50.75 Breakers 70-75 over 1400 lbs 46.50-49.25 43.00-45.00 Boners 75-80 over 1200 lbs 42.50-47.00, 40.00-42.75 few higher yielding 47.75-48.75 Lean (Hi-Yield) 85-90 over 1200 lbs 40.50-44.75 Lean 85-90 over 1000 lbs 37.50-40.75 34.00-37.00 Lean (Light-wgt) 85-90 over 750 lbs 35.00-38.00 30.00-34.50.

Slaughter Bulls: Yield Grade 1-2 1155-1905 lbs 51.75-57.00, few fancier up to 64.00 on Monday, couple lighter weights 1010-1015 lbs 51.50-52.00.

Calves: Compared to Thursday's graded sale, Veal calves sold steady to weak. Holstein bull

calves suitable for special-fed veal barns sold mixed with the bulk 10.00 to 20.00 lower. Graded Holstein heifer calves sold sharply higher on heavier weight offerings with the Graded Number 1 calves trading 4.00 or higher. Bidding was active on average quality offerings. In the meat market, Northeast special fed veal mostly 240.00-285.00, with few lots at sharply higher levels on very good demand and very light offerings. The PA Department of Ag graded 772 head of bulls and heifers for the graded sale, with around 95 percent of the graded run going back on feed.

Veal Calves: Standard and Utility 60-115 lbs 12.00-22.00. Returning to Feed: Graded Number One Holstein Bulls 120-125 lbs 140.00-145.00; 95-115 lbs 157.00-170.00; 80-90 lbs 80.00-125.00, package 80 lbs 40.00. Graded Number Two Holstein Bulls 90-125 lbs 120.00-150.00; 90 lbs 70.00-105.00, few 80-85 lbs 40.00. Graded Number Three Holstein Bulls 80-115 lbs 22.00-30.00. Graded Number One Holstein Heifers 95-115 lbs 425.00-460.00; 80-95 lbs 400.00-455.00. Graded Number Two Holstein Heifers package 90-115 lbs 350.00-400.00; 80-90 lbs 130.00-200.00; few packages 60-75 lbs 90.00-95.00. Few Beef-type heifers and Bulls 70-120 lbs 65.00-140.00.

New Holland Livestock Auction

New Holland, Pa.

Thursday, July 24, 2003

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Cattle Calves Sheep Goats

MONDAY

1272 785 174 171

LAST WEEK

1205 840 246 232

LAST YEAR

1048 608 249 230

Compared to Tuesday, slaughter steers sold fully 1.00, to mostly 2.00 higher. Bidding was extremely active from both the packer and kosher buyers right from the start as there was an outstanding supply of high quality cattle on offer. High Choice and Prime cattle were trading from 83.00-85.00 right out of the gate, with kosher buyers willing to pay as much as 88.00 on a few fancy individuals. However, kosher buyers were not the only ones willing to ante-up to own the good ones, as packer buyers were

putting loads together with several 80.00-83.00 dollar steers on them. Fat cattle markets across the U.S. posted gains this week, from the July live cattle contract at the CME gaining 3.00 over the past two days to close at 78.30 on Thursday, to the Western cattle feeders managing to move their cattle 3.00 higher from 76.00-78.00. While these markets do not have an overwhelming effect on the Northeastern market, it is still nice to see cattle feeders and packers using black ink on their closeouts no matter what state you call home. The local Holstein steer market was also very good on Thursday, as prices were a full 1.00 higher than Tuesday. The slaughter heifer runs have been light all week, and a trend was never established. Flesher (65-80 percent lean) slaughter cows sold 2.00-3.00 higher, with select sales up to 4.00 higher. Lean slaughter cows sold 2.00 higher. Late week cow demand was very good, but was not supported at all by a boneless beef market that was reported over 1.00 lower on Thursday. Slaughter bulls sold 2.00 higher on a run that included nearly 100 head. The supply included 519 head of slaughter steers, 529 slaughter cows, 38 slaughter heifers, 98 slaughter bulls, with 88 head of feeder cattle.

Slaughter Steers: High Choice and Prime 2-4 1105-1485 lbs 82.00-85.60, mostly 83.00-85.00, outstanding singles 86.00-88.00. Choice 2-3 1060-1490 lbs 78.00-82.25, majority 79.00-81.50, higher yielding Charolais and Limi-crosses 81.00-85.10, couple heavyweights 1520-1555 lbs 75.00-79.75. Higher yielding Choice 1-2 1200-1430 lbs 82.25-86.50. Few Choice 4 1160-1440 lbs 72.00-75.00. Select and low Choice 2-3 1055-1395 lbs 76.00-80.50, mostly 76.00-79.00. Light test of Select 1-2 1000-1385 lbs 72.50-75.25.

Holstein Steers: High Choice and Prime 2-3 1335-1585 lbs 71.00-76.00, mostly 71.50-74.50, fancy individuals 75.75-77.25. Choice 2-3 1200-1540 lbs 68.25-70.75. Select and low Choice 2-3 1125-1380 lbs 65.50-68.00. Select 1-2 1210-1305 lbs 64.25-66.00.

Slaughter Heifers: Few High Choice and Prime 2-4 1020-1450 lbs 80.00-80.50, couple Yield Grade 4-5 74.25-75.00. Choice 2-3 1020-1360 lbs 76.00-79.50.

Slaughter Cows: Percent Lean, Weight, Bulk, Low Dressing, Premium White, 65-70, over 1600 lbs, 53.75-57.00, 48.75-53.00. Breakers, 70-75, over 1400 lbs, 49.00-53.25, 45.00-48.50. Boners, 75-80, over 1200 lbs, 44.25-49.00, 40.00-44.25. Lean (Hi-Yield), 80-85, over 1200 lbs, 43.00-46.50, 40.25-42.75. Lean, 85-90, over 1000 lbs, 39.50-43.50, 35.25-39.75. Lean (Light-wgt), 85-90, 750-100 lbs, 35.00-38.50, 30.50-35.00.

Slaughter Bulls: Yield Grade 1, few 2 1265-2020 lbs 53.00-59.00, high dressing 1530-2050 lbs 60.75-65.25. Yield Grade 2 1160-1335 lbs 47.50-53.50.

Calves: Compared to Tuesday, veal calves sold mostly steady. Holstein bull calves suitable for special-fed veal barns sold mostly 10.00-20.00 lower, with instances of up to 40.00 lower. Bidding activity was good, on an average size run of Graded Holstein calves. Holstein heifers sold steady to weak with fancier heifers hard to find. The PA Department of Ag graded 495 head of bulls for the graded sale, with an estimated 90 percent of the graded run going back on feed.

Veal Calves: Standard and Utility 50-125 lbs 15.00-20.00, weaker 11.00-13.00.

Calves Going Into Special-fed Veal Barns: Graded Number One Holstein Bulls 120-125 lbs 125.00; 95-115 lbs 137.00-147.00; 85-95 lbs 50.00-90.00; one package 80-85 lbs 27.00. Graded Number Two Holstein Bulls 120-125 lbs 80.00; 90-115 lbs 110.00-130.00 package 95 lbs 80.00; 80-95 lbs 30.00-45.00. Graded Number Three Holstein Bulls 100-130 lbs 62.00; 75-100

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