

# LANCASTER COUNTY LIVESTOCK MARKET AUCTIONS

## New Holland Livestock Auction

New Holland, Pa.  
Report Supplied By USDA  
Monday, July 28, 2003

Cattle	Calves	Hogs	Sheep	Goats
MONDAY	279	349	733	1047
TWO WEEKS AGO	249	287	497	1315
LAST YEAR	332	295	848	739

Compared to Thursday, slaughter cows sold 100-300 lower on a lower quality run. The Thursday run included several fleishier (65-75 percent lean) cows, with the top not fully tested on Monday due to the light supply of Premium White and Breaking cows. The cutter cow carcass cutout value was 1.53 higher on Monday at 96.15, although the increase was not noticeable on live bids. Slaughter bulls sold mostly steady. The cattle supply included 174 head of slaughter cows, 26 slaughter bulls, 19 slaughter steers, 13 slaughter heifers, with 47 head of feeder cattle. 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 51.00-53.75, 47.75-50.25. Breakers, 70-75, Over 1400 lbs, 46.25-49.00, 42.00-44.50. Boners, 75-80, Over 1200 lbs, 43.00-46.25, 40.75-43.75, few higher yielding 46.75-47.25. Lean (Hi-Yield), 80-85, Over 1200 lbs, 42.25-44.75. Lean, 85-90, Over 1000 lbs, 38.00-41.75, 35.75-39.50. Lean (Light-Wt), 85-90, 750-1000 lbs, 34.00-38.75, 29.00-34.00.

**Slaughter Bulls:** Yield Grade 1-2 1060-1965 lbs 52.50-59.25, several higher dressing 61.00-66.75.

**Calves:** Compared to Thursday, slaughter calves sold mixed. Higher quality bull calves sold steady to 10.00 higher early, with middle and lower quality calves trading with a lower undertone. Holstein heifers were not tested early.

**Veal Calves:** Standard and Utility 60-105 lbs 20.00-30.00, weaker 11.00-20.00.

**Calves Going Into Special-fed Veal Barns:** Holstein Bulls 90-125 lbs 120.00-157.00, mostly 120.00-145.00. Plain-type Holstein Bulls 90-125 lbs 80.00-110.00, mostly 100.00-115.00. Weaker Holstein Bulls 90-125 lbs 30.00-55.00.

**HOGS:** Barrows and gilts mostly 2.00 to 4.00 lower, sows steady to 1.00 lower, boars mostly steady instances 1.00 lower.

**BARROWS AND GILTS:** 49-54% lean 220-270 lbs 41.00-45.00, few fancier 46.25-48.00, 45-50% lean 220-270 lbs 38.00-41.00.

**SOWS:** 1-3 300-400 lbs 32.00, 400-450 lbs 32.00-33.00, 450-500 lbs 34.00-37.00, 500-700 lbs 37.00-39.50.

**BOARS:** 300-700 lbs 11.00-12.00.

**Sheep and Lambs:** Compared to last Monday, slaughter lambs sold mixed from 15.00 higher to 10.00 lower. Light weight lambs sold steady on a light test, middle weights (50-75 lbs) sold fully steady, while heavier lambs sold steady to 10.00 lower. Slaughter sheep sold steady to firm compared to last week. Bidding activity was cyclic through out the sale and good demand was noted on the higher quality offerings.

**Slaughter Lambs:** Choice and Prime 2-3 20-30 lbs 112.00-122.00; 30-40 lbs 110.00-125.00, fancy 130.00-146.00; 40-50 lbs 118.00-128.00;

50-60 lbs 108.00-118.00, few fancy 126.00-140.00; 60-70 lbs 108.00-118.00, few fancy 120.00-136.00; 70-80 lbs 100.00-108.00, fancy 114.00-117.00; 80-90 lbs 95.00-106.00; 90-100 lbs 94.00-105.00; 100-125 lbs 88.00-98.00, few fancy 106.00. Good 2-4 20-30 lbs 60.00-92.00; 30-40 lbs 72.00-88.00; 40-50 lbs 90.00-110.00; 50-100 lbs 80.00-102.00.

**Slaughter Sheep:** Utility and Good 1-3 sheep 100-150 lbs 48.00-58.00, few 36.00-46.00; 150-200 lbs 40.00-48.00, few 36.00-46.00. Bucks 150-200 lbs 50.00-74.00; 150-200 lbs 37.00-48.00. Few Yearlings 75-150 lbs 60.00-78.00.

**Slaughter Goats:** Compared to last Monday, Kid goats sold steady, with Yearlings trading mostly steady to weak. Billies and Nannies sold mixed with higher quality offerings trading steady to firm and the lower end 10.00 lower from last week. Wethers sold steady to firm. Good demand was noted for the higher quality heavier weight Billies which sold up to 167.00. All goats are sold by the head, with estimated weights.

**Kids:** Selection 1 20-40 lbs 50.00-60.00; 40-60 lbs 58.00-68.00. Selection 2 20-40 lbs 40.00-50.00; 40-60 lbs 50.00-60.00. Selection 3 20-40 lbs 25.00-34.00, 40-60 lbs 37.00-44.00.

**Yearlings:** Selection 1 60-80 lbs 74.00-84.00. Selection 2 60-80 lbs 58.00-66.00; 80-100 lbs 68.00-72.00. Selection 3 60-80 lbs 40.00-49.00.

**Nannies:** Selection 1 70-100 lbs 76.00-86.00; 100-150 lbs 90.00-108.00. Selection 2 50-70 lbs 54.00-62.00; 70-100 lbs 58.00-72.00; 100-150 lbs 70.00-78.00. Selection 3 50-70 lbs 40.00-50.00; 70-100 lbs 50.00-64.00; 100-150 lbs 60.00-68.00.

**Billies:** Selection 1 100-150 lbs 118.00-130.00; 150-250 lbs 136.00-156.00, individual up to 167.00. Selection 2 70-100 lbs 70.00-80.00, few packages of pigmies 46.00-59.00; 100-150 lbs 88.00-104.00; 150-250 lbs 110.00-120.00. Selection 3 70-100 lbs 54.00-66.00; 100-150 lbs 67.00-78.00; 150-250 lbs 92.00-102.00.

**Wethers:** 50-70 lbs 54.00-66.00; 70-100 lbs 86.00-104.00, few weaker 68.00-78.00; 100-175 lbs 96.00-130.00.

## Vintage Livestock Auction

Vintage, Pa.  
July 28-29, 2003  
Report Supplied By USDA

Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Goats
THIS WEEK	738	954	12
LAST WEEK	701	942	4
LAST YEAR	778	851	1

Compared to Thursday, slaughter steers sold mostly steady. There was some firmness noted in the Monday run, especially on the lower Choice and high Select steers. The Tuesday run was relatively light, but did include a couple lots of reputation cattle which sold in the mid-80's. The Tuesday demand was only moderate when compared to the active Monday market when buyers were paying 80.00 dollars for them no matter what grade they fell under. The Holstein market was not tested Monday, however the Tuesday run trended about steady. The heifer run was very light, and a trend was not established. The nearby August live cattle contract at the Mercantile Exchange is trading at around 77.00, and for that matter live cattle contracts

## Market At A Glance

Lancaster County Livestock Auction Averages  
(Price Per Hundredweight)

Week Ending Friday, August 1, 2003

Supplied By Market Staff

	This Wk	Wk Ago	Yr Ago
Steers, Choice 2-3	81.00	79.65	64.50
Heifers, Choice 2-3, few Prime	78.00	78.00	63.50
Cows, Breakers, 75-80% lean	48.50	49.50	44.50
Cows, Boners, 80-85% lean	44.25	45.00	40.50
Bulls, YG 1, Ltd.	61.25	60.00	56.00
Hogs, 49-54% lean, Monday	43.00	46.50	37.35
Lambs, Choice/Prime 80-110 lb.	100.00	106.00	85.00

clear through April are at 77.00 or better; which is extremely feeder friendly. Although, farmer/feeders are having to lay out a pretty penny to put feeders back in, especially if they're using the heavier 700-900 pounders; with the feeder cattle futures in the 90.00 money through October. Slaughter cows sold 1.00 to 2.00 lower on one of the poorest quality runs of the season. However, bidding activity and buyer attention was high on very scarce higher quality offerings with a high selling individual up to 57.50. Slaughter bulls sold 1.00-2.00 lower on a light test. The two-day run included 274 steers, 33 heifers, 411 cows, 19 bulls, with 1 head of feeder cattle.

**Slaughter Steers:** High Choice and Prime 2-4 1090-1470 lbs 82.00-85.50, mostly 82.00-84.50, few fancy singles 86.75-87.75. Choice 2-3 1050-1485 lbs 79.00-82.50, majority 79.00-81.00, several Charolais and Limi-crosses 81.00-85.50. Select and low Choice 2-3 1120-1430 lbs 77.75-80.25, few high dressers as high as 83.00. Light test of Select 1-2 1060-1360 lbs 74.25-76.25.

**Holstein Steers:** High Choice and Prime 2-3 1195-1520 lbs 72.00-75.50. Choice 2-3 1125-1550 lbs 67.75-71.00. Select and low Choice 2-3 1125-1450 lbs 64.00-66.50.

**Slaughter Heifers:** Few Choice 2-3 1060-1225 lbs 75.75-79.50, Charolais-crosses 75.00-79.75. Choice 3-5 945-1140 lbs 70.50-74.75.

**Slaughter Cows:** Percent Lean, Weight, Bulk, Low Dressing. Premium White, 65-70, over 1600 lbs, few 51.75-54.00, 46.25-50.25 high yielding individual, 57.50. Breakers, 70-75, over 1400 lbs, few 46.25-51.50, 43.50-46.25. Boners, 75-80, over 1200 lbs, 42.00-47.75, 39.50-42.00. Lean (Hi-Yield), 85-90, over 1200 lbs, 41.75-44.50. Lean, 85-90, over 1000 lbs, 38.00-42.25, 35.00-38.50. Lean (Light-wgt), 85-90, over 750 lbs, 33.00-38.00, 30.00-34.00.

**Slaughter Bulls:** Yield Grade 1-2 985-1895 lbs 50.75-58.00, fancy individual 64.00, low dresser 46.00.

**Calves:** Compared to Thursday's graded sale, Veal calves sold steady to weak. Holstein bull calves suitable for special-fed veal barns sold mostly 20.00 higher, with instances of up to 30.00 higher on Graded Number 1 and 2 calves. While Graded Number 3 calves sold steady to 5.00 lower. Good demand and bidding activity was noted on Graded Number 1 and 2 bull calves weighing over 85 lbs. Milder tempera-

tures and reduced humidity in the area made for more attractive packages of graded calves. Demand was notably lighter for lower quality calves with the majority going directly to kill markets instead of sifting pens and barns. In meat market on Tuesday, Northeast special fed veal traded sharply higher, mostly 255.00-290.00, few lots at higher levels on very good demand and very light offerings. Holstein heifer calves sold steady to weak, with the majority of the demand noticed on Graded heifer calves weighing over 85 lbs. The PA Department of Ag graded 827 head of bulls and heifers for the graded sale, with an estimated 73 percent of the graded run going back on feed.

**Veal Calves:** Standard and Utility 60-115 lbs 15.00-30.00, weaker 5.00-12.00.

**Returning to Feed:** Graded Number One Holstein Bulls 120 lbs 142.00; 95-115 lbs 160.00-170.00; 85-90 lbs 102.00-112.00, package 80 lbs 60.00. Graded Number Two Holstein Bulls 90-115 lbs 132.00-151.00; 85-90 lbs 70.00-75.00; 75-85 lbs 15.00-20.00. Graded Number Three Holstein Bulls 110 lbs 40.00; 80-95 lbs 16.00-30.00. Graded Number One Holstein Heifers 85-115 lbs 400.00-450.00; 75 lbs 80.00. Graded Number Two Holstein Heifers 95-105 lbs 400.00-405.00; package 82 lbs 200.00; 65-75 lbs 50.00. Few Beef-type Heifers and Bulls 70-120 lbs 55.00-135.00.

## New Holland Livestock Auction

New Holland, Pa.  
Thursday, July 31, 2003  
Report Supplied By USDA

Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Goats
MONDAY	1312	758	313
LAST WEEK	1156	677	320
LAST YEAR	1509	698	242

Compared to Tuesday, slaughter steers steady, few lots Choice early showed some strength. Small supply of Holstein steers steady, with a light supply slaughter heifers mostly steady. Slaughter bulls sold 1.00 to 2.00 higher. Supply included several high dressing 1700-1850 lbs bulls. Supply included 495 head of slaughter steers, 536 head slaughter cows, 51 slaughter heifers, 45 slaughter bulls, with 221 head of feeder cattle.

**Slaughter Steers:** High Choice and Prime 2-4 1175-1450 lbs 82.50-85.25, few individuals 1375-1535 lbs 86.50-88.25. Choice 2-3 1150-1475 lbs 79.50-84.50, mainly 80.00-83.50, lighter 1070-1170 lbs 78.75-80.00, higher yielding Charolais crosses 82.50-85.00. Few Choice 3-4 1550 lbs 76.75. Select and low Choice 2-3 1100-1500 lbs 76.50-81.00. Few Select 1-3 1100-1450 lbs 72.00-76.50.

**Holstein Steers:** High Choice and Prime 2-3 1375-1600 lbs 71.50-75.25, individual 1215 76.50. Choice 2-3 1200-1650 lbs 65.50-72.00. Select and low Choice 2-3 1225-1425 lbs 62.00-66.00.

**Slaughter Heifers:** Choice and Prime 2-4 1100-1275 lbs 80.00-80.50. Choice 2-4 1050-1400 lbs 75.75-79.75. Few Choice 2-3 935-990 lbs 71.25-74.25. Select and low Choice 2-3 1070-1300 lbs 55.00-60.00.

**Slaughter Cows:** Percent Lean, Weight, Bulk, Low Dressing. Premium White, 65-70, Over 1500 lbs, 52.75-54.50, 48.75-51.50, High dressing, 56.00-57.75. Breakers, 75-80, Over 1400 lbs, 46.00-50.75, 41.50-45.25, High dressing 51.00-52.00. Boners, 80-85, Over 1200 lbs, 42.50-46.25, 38.00-42.25. Lean (Hi-Yield), 85-88, Over 1200 lbs, 41.75-45.00. Lean, 88-90, Over 1000 lbs, 38.00-42.00, 34.00-36.75. Lean (Light-Wt), 85-90, 750-1000 lbs, 33.00-37.75, 31.00-33.00.

**Slaughter Bulls:** Yield Grade 1 1500-2180 lbs 58.00-64.50, couple high dressing 1835-1865 lbs 66.75-67.25. Yield grade 2 1100-1600 lbs 51.00-55.00, couple 44.50.

**Calves:** Compared to Tuesday, veal calves sold mostly steady. Holstein bull calves suitable for special-fed veal barns sold mostly 10.00 to 15.00 lower than earlier in the week. Demand was notably lighter for lower quality calves with the majority going directly to kill markets instead of sifting pens and barns. In the meat market for Thursday, Northeast special fed veal traded sharply higher, mostly 255.00-290.00, few lots at higher levels on very good demand and very light offerings. Holstein heifer calves sold steady to weak. The PA department of Ag graded 560 head of bull calves for the graded sale, with an estimated 85 percent of the graded run going back to feed.

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**Calves Going Into Special-fed Veal Barns:** Graded Number One Holstein bulls calves 120 lbs 135.00, 95-115 lbs 147.00-157.00; 85-90 lbs 116.00-119.00. Graded Number Two Holstein bull calves 95-120 lbs 95.00-122.00; 90-95 lbs 72.00-97.00; package 85 lbs 35.00. Graded Number Three Holstein Bull Calves 75-130 lbs 28.00-45.00. Holstein heifers 75-95 lbs 350.00-430.00; 95-115 lbs 400.00-440.00. Plain-type heifers 75-95 lbs 170.00-300.00; 95-115 lbs 280.00-320.00. Weaker-type heifers 75-95 lbs 50.00-160.00; 95-115 lbs 70.00-165.00.

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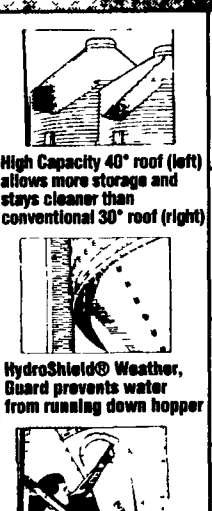
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