

**Red Meat Production
In State Up 9 Percent**

Harrisburg, Pa.
July 18, 2003

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HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Commercial red meat production in the

state during June 2003 totaled 105.1 million pounds, dressed weight basis, up 9 percent from June 2002, according to the Pennsylvania Agricultural Statistics Service (PASS).

Beef production, at 113.2 million pounds live weight, was up 7 percent

from June 2002. Total head slaughtered was 89,400, up 8 percent; and live weight averaged 1,265 pounds, a decrease of 9 pounds compared to one year ago.

Veal production was 4.75 million pounds live weight, down 8 percent. Calf slaughter of 13,600 head was down 6 percent from June 2002, and average live weight decreased 10 pounds to 348 pounds.

Pork production was 54.2 million pounds live weight, up 15 percent from last year. Total head slaughtered was 219,500 up 13 percent from 2002. Average live weight was 247 pounds, up 5 pounds compared to June last year.

Lamb and mutton production was 596,000 pounds live weight, up 32 percent from June 2002. The number slaughtered was 5,800, up 26 percent. Average live weight was 103 pounds, up 5 pounds from last year.

**National Carlot
Meat Report**

Des Moines, IA
July 29, 2003

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USDA Carlot Meat 4:00 Summary: Compared to Previous Day, Prices in Dollars per hundredweight, Equated to FOB Omaha Basis.

BOXED BEEF CUTS: Boxed beef cut-out values higher on Choice and steady on Select with moderate demand and light to moderate offerings. Select cuts generally steady. Choice chuck and round cuts higher, while rib and loin cuts firm. Beef trimmings higher on moderate demand and light to moderate offerings.

Estimated composite cutout value of Choice 1-3 600-750 lbs carcasses up 1.40 at 132.55, 750-900 lbs up 1.57 at 132.83; Select 1-3 600-750 lbs up .11 at 125.72, 750-900 lbs dn .03 at 125.84; based on 114.78 loads of Choice cuts, 174.20 loads of Select cuts, 36.70 loads of Trimmings, and 75.53 loads of coarse ground trimmings.

Estimated carcass price equivalent value of Choice 1-3 600-750 lbs up .68 at 121.17, 750-900 lbs up .78 at 121.34; Select 1-3 600-750 lbs up .06 at 113.52, 750-900 lbs dn .03 at 113.59. Current index reflects the equivalent of 455,556 head of cattle.

NATIONAL 5 DAY-ROLLING CUTTER COW CUTOUT: The Cutter cow carcass gross cutout value was estimated at 96.15, unchanged.

By-Product Drop Value: Hide and offal from a typical slaughter steer was estimated at 8.23, up .01.

NATIONAL CARLOT PORK: Sales reported on 80.0 loads of pork cuts and 25.0 loads of trim/process pork.

Compared to Monday's close: Fresh bone-in loins firm; butts generally steady; skinned hams steady to 1.00 lower; seedless bellies not tested; lean trimmings 2.00 lower. Trading slow to moderate, with light to moderate demand and offerings.

Calculations for a 185 lb Pork Carcass 51-52 percent lean 0.80" -0.99" back fat at last rib — 60.82 up .64. Loins bone in fresh 1/4 inch trim 21/down lbs light 96.00-102.00. Hams bone in trimmed, 20-23 lbs trim spec 1 49.00-50.00.

CARLOT LAMB CARCASS: 4,218 head reported. 30-40 lbs high dressing 185.00-185.00; 40-45 lbs 181.00-185.00; 45-50 lbs 178.00-196.00; 50-55 lbs 178.00-196.00; 55-60 lbs 178.00-196.00; 60-65 lbs 178.00-196.00; 65-75 lbs 178.00-196.00; 75-85 lbs 178.00-186.00; 85/up lbs 179.00-186.00.

National Sheep Summary

San Angelo, Texas
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At midwest market centers slaughter lambs 2.00 lower; slaughter ewes and feeder lambs steady. At New Holland, PA slaughter lambs steady to 10.00 lower; slaughter ewes steady. At Billings, MT compared to two weeks ago slaughter ewes steady to 1.00 higher; feeder lambs steady. At San Angelo, TX slaughter lambs firm; slaughter ewes 5.00-7.00 higher; feeder lambs firm. Estimated receipts for today 10,500.

SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Choice and Prime 2-3 90-150 lbs: San Angelo: shorn and woolled 90-120 lbs 84.00-90.00, few 90.00-94.00. Midwest: woolled 110-120 lbs 78.00-80.00; 120-140 lbs 80.00-84.00. New Holland: 90-100 lbs 94.00-105.00; 100-125 lbs 88.00-98.00, few 106.00. Virginia: no test.

SLAUGHTER EWES: San Angelo: Good and Choice 2-4 28.00-35.00; Good 2-3 38.00-45.00; Utility and Good 1-3 42.00-52.50, few 53.00-54.00; Utility 1-2 35.00-42.00; Cull and Utility 1-2 25.00-35.00. Midwest: Utility and Good 1-3 20.00-25.00; Cull 1 15.00-20.00. New Holland: Utility and Good 1-3 100-150 lbs 48.00-58.00, 150-200 lbs 40.00-48.00. Billings: Good and Choice 2-4 18.00-26.00; Good 2-3 32.00-36.00; Utility 1-2 24.00-28.50; Cull 1 19.50-20.00. Virginia: no test.

FEEDER LAMBS: Medium and Large 1-2: San Angelo: 40-60 lbs 100.00-105.00; 60-70 lbs 98.00-105.00, few 108.00-109.00; 70-90 lbs 93.00-98.50; 90-100 lbs 87.00-91.50. Midwest: 50-70 lbs 80.00-85.00; 70-90 lbs 75.00-80.00. Virginia: no test. Billings: 55-60 lbs 60-70 lbs 90.00-94.50; 70-80 lbs 90.00-94.50; 80-90 lbs 89.25-92.75; 90-100 lbs 89.50-92.50; 100-110 lbs 89.00-91.75; 110-120 lbs 88.25-90.75; 120-130 lbs 88.25-89.50.

REPLACEMENT EWES: Medium and Large 1-2: San Angelo: Mixed age 120-135 lbs 53.50-55.00 cwt. Billings: Yearlings 170 lbs 46.00 cwt; mixed age 150-160 lbs 35.50-36.00 cwt.

Five-Area Weekly Average Direct Slaughter Cattle

St. Joseph, Mo., July 28, 2003 — USDA Market News Service
Sales in Texas/Oklahoma; Kansas; Nebraska; Colorado; and Iowa/Minnesota Feedlots for
Week Ending Sunday, July 27, 2003

Confirmed Sales: 320,214; Week Ago: 260,579; Year Ago: 172,296

LIVE FOB BASIS SALES - Beef Breeds:

SLAUGHTER STEERS.					
	Head Count	Weight Range	Price Range	Avg. Weight	Avg. Price
Over 80% Choice	2,549	1200-1350	76.50-80.00	1,299	79.22
65-80% Choice	9,049	1150-1400	75.00-80.00	1,290	77.58
35-80% Choice	90,227	1075-1375	72.00-78.25	1,258	76.55
0-35% Choice	11,411	1075-1425	75.00-77.00	1,228	76.21
TOTAL all grades	113,236	1075-1425	72.00-80.00	1,258	76.63

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS					
	Head Count	Weight Range	Price Range	Avg. Weight	Avg. Price
Over 80% Choice	1,569	1100-1275	76.00-79.00	1,177	77.93
65-80% Choice	7,758	1050-1250	76.00-78.25	1,159	77.22
35-65% Choice	48,217	1000-1275	74.00-78.25	1,129	76.55
0-35% Choice	1,014	1030-1275	76.00-77.00	1,119	76.24
TOTAL all grades	58,558	1000-1275	74.00-79.00	1,133	76.66

DRESSED DELIVERED BASIS SALES - Beef Breeds:

SLAUGHTER STEERS					
	Head Count	Weight Range	Price Range	Avg. Weight	Avg. Price
Over 80% Choice	2,258	725-900	119.50-125.00	825	123.89
65-80% Choice	12,132	709-905	121.00-125.00	814	123.38
35-65% Choice	20,725	700-889	120.00-124.50	810	123.12
0-35% Choice	646	784-861	121.00-124.00	832	123.71
TOTAL all grades	35,761	700-905	119.50-125.00	813	123.27

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS					
	Head Count	Weight Range	Price Range	Avg. Weight	Avg. Price
Over 80% Choice	1,523	688-788	120.00-125.00	740	123.37
65-80% Choice	6,164	654-813	122.00-125.00	741	123.19
35-65% Choice	15,398	667-844	119.00-125.00	751	123.28
0-35% Choice	144	730	123.00	730	123.00
TOTAL all grades	23,229	654-844	119.00-125.00	747	123.26

Weekly Weighted Averages.

	Head Count	Avg. Weight	Avg. Price
Live Steer	113,236	1,258	76.63
Live Heifer	81,298	1,133	76.66
Dressed Steer	35,761	813	123.27
Dressed Heifer	23,229	747	123.26
Same Period Last Week:			
Live Steer	79,506	1,258	73.25
Live Heifer	58,558	1,135	73.33
Dressed Steer	43,406	818	118.19
Dressed Heifer	28,471	747	118.25
Same Period Last Year:			
Live Steer	42,551	1,302	62.77
Live Heifer	34,993	1,177	62.82
Dressed Steer	38,286	839	99.16
Dressed Heifer	26,121	753	98.99

**Pa. Milk Production
Down 4 Percent In June**

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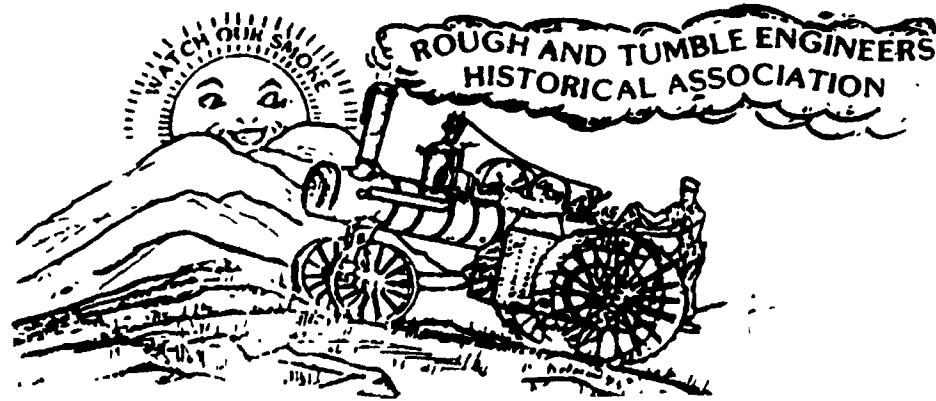
HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Milk production in Pennsylvania during June 2003 totaled 855 million pounds, 4 percent below last year's production, according to the Pennsylvania Agricultural Statistics Service (PASS).

The number of milk cows in the state during the month averaged 578,000 head, 2,000 head more than May, but 4,000 less than June 2002. Production per cow averaged 1,480 pounds in June, unchanged from June 2002.

Milk production in the 20 states surveyed during June 2003 totaled 12.3 billion pounds, down 0.1 percent from June 2002. The number of milk cows on farms averaged 7.77 million head, 10,000 head less than June 2002, and 11,000 head less than May 2003. Production per cow averaged 1,587 pounds for June, unchanged from June 2002.

The quarterly production of milk for the U.S. was 43.9 billion pounds, down 0.3 percent from the April-June period last year. The average number of milk cows in the U.S. during the April-June quarter was 9.11 million head, 35,000 head less than the same period last year.

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