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100-150 lbs 50.00-67.00 Selection 3 50-70 lbs 31 00-45 00, 70-100 lbs 44 00-55.00.  
 Billies Selection 2 100-150 lbs 77 00-92 00, 150-250 lbs 109 00-119 00 Selection 3 70-100 lbs 52 00-66 00; 100-150 lbs 60 00-75 00  
 Wethers 30-50 lbs 37 00-47.00, 50-70 lbs 53 00-66 00, 70-100 lbs 70 00-76.00; 100-175 lbs 84 00-100 00

**Lancaster County Weekly Cattle**

New Holland, Pa  
 Report Supplied By USDA  
 Friday, Aug. 8, 2003

	CATTLE	CALVES
THIS WEEK	2449	2130
LAST WEEK	2329	2061
LAST YEAR	1718	1596

Compared to last week's closing prices, slaughter steers sold mostly steady to firm to open up the week. Late week prices were mixed, with high Choice and Prime steers trading steady to 1 00 higher, while Choice steers sold mostly steady. Bidding was very active early in the week on the lower quality Select and low Choice steers, with buyers not nearly as interested in the week in the low 80's for the low Choice cattle late in the week as bids were a 1 00 lower on the Thursday supply. Producers continue to make their steers pretty fancy despite running short on feed. However, moisture has been more than ample over the past few months and is making for an excellent corn crop in most areas of Lancaster County, but once again the feeding industry has proven just how sporadic it can be with feeder cattle throughout most of the U S trading very high. So even if you're able to receive 79 00-82 00 for your Choice steers you still have to be a pretty efficient feeder to make the cost of a 114 00 450 pounder pay for itself. It is not uncommon for prices to stay over 100 00 for lightweight feed, but the fact that cattle feeders are paying 90 00 or better for 700-800 pounders goes to show there is still plenty of long and short term confidence in the feeding sector. The current feeder cattle prices may be justified as Chicago Mercantile Exchange futures prices have live cattle contracts from current into early next summer in the 76 00 to nearly 77 00 range, with a 6 usually the first number in futures prices this time of year. The western direct feeders in the Southern Plains moved their steers 1 00 lower at 79 00 on Thursday, with the Northern Corn Belt feeders able to hold onto steady, or 80 00-81 50 on a live basis. Boxed beef cutout values remain supportive of the current market as both Choice and Select cuts were from 2 00 to nearly 4 00 higher for the week through Thursday. Local Holsteins sold steady to weak, with the heifer runs to light to test. Slaughter cows sold weak to 2 00 lower through mid-week, with the late week run once again making up for the early week losses as prices were steady to 1 00 higher. Most of the increase noted in the late week run is due to good buyer attendance and late week demand, but also a much nicer quality of cows. Slaughter bulls sold steady to weak through Wednesday, with the Thursday run trending 2 00-3 00 higher. The reported supply this week in Lancaster County included 900 head of slaughter steers, 175 head of slaughter heifers, 1035 head of slaughter cows, 139 head of slaughter bulls, and 200 head of feeder cattle.

**Slaughter Steers** High Choice and Prime 2-4 1090-1490 lbs 82 00-85 85, fancy individuals 86 00-89 00 Choice 2-3 1070-1490 lbs 80 00-83 75, few up to 84 00, good supply of high yielding Charolais-crosses 81 00-85 00, heavyweights 1500-1585 lbs 76 00-79 25 Few high yielding Choice 1-2 1150-1455 lbs 81 75- 85 00 Choice 4 or full 1010-1470 lbs 75 50-80 00 Select and low Choice 2-3 1015-1480 lbs 76 25-80 00, majority 76 75-79 00, few high dressing 82 00-85 00, Charolais-crosses 77 00-81 00 Select 1-2 1025-1435 lbs 72 00-76 75, up to 79 50, few heavy muscled Jersey-crosses 82 75-83 50, heavyweights 1510-1585 lbs 71 00-75 50

**Holstein Steers** High Choice and Prime 2-3 1235-1530 lbs 72 00-75 50, heavy single 1620 lbs 69 25 Choice 2-3 1125-1555 lbs 67 00-70 75 Select and low Choice 2-3 1155-1540 lbs 63 00-66 50, few heavyweights 1615-1680 lbs 62 50- 64 50 Select 1-2 1200-1475 lbs 61 50-65 00 Standard 1-2 1175-1475 lbs 56 00-59 25, returning to feed down to 53 00

**Slaughter Heifers** Few high Choice and Prime 2-4 1110-1410 lbs 80 00-83 00 Choice 2-3 1110-1265 lbs 75 00-79 75 Few Select and low Choice 2-3 1065-1195 lbs 74 00-77 25

**Slaughter Cows** Percent Lean, Weight, Bulk, Low Dressing, Premium White, 65-70, Over 1500 lbs, 51 00-56 00, 44 75-51 50 Breakers, 75-80, Over 1400 lbs, 44 75-51 00, 38 50-45 50 Boners, 80-85, Over 1200 lbs, 41 00-46 50, 36 00-43 00, high yielding 45 75-50 00, Lambs (Hi-Yield), 85-88, Over 1200 lbs, 40 50-45 75 Lean, 88-90, Over 1000 lbs, 36 50-42 00, 32 50-37 00 Lean (Light-Wt), 85-90, 750-1000 lbs, 31 50-38 50, 28 00-33 50

**Slaughter Bulls** Yield Grade 1 1010-2010 lbs 50 50-59 50, high dressing 61 75-69 50, individual 73 50 Yield Grade 2 1185-2145 lbs 49 00-53 25, few from 56 25-61 00

**Calf Summary** Compared to last week's closing prices, slaughter calves sold mostly steady to weak. Holstein bull calves suitable for special-fed veal barns sold mixed for the week. Heavier weight Graded Number 1 bull calves sold fully steady, middle weight calves (95-115 lbs) sold 3 00 to 5 00 higher, and lighter weight calves sold as much as 25 00 lower. Graded Number Two calves showed the greatest advance in middle weight calves trading as much as 25 00 higher, followed by 85-95 pounders which sold as much as 30 00 lower. Graded Number Three Calves were very cyclic this week, going from 60 00 higher to 60 00 lower all in the same week. Holstein heifers sold lower for the week, with numbers dwindling as the week came to a close. Northeast special-fed veal traded 5 00 to 10 00 higher, from 255 00-310 00, on very light offerings and a very good demand. The PA Department of Agriculture graded 1358 head of heifer and bull calves at the two graded sales in Lancaster County this week, compared to 1387 last week.

**Monday- Holstein Bulls** 90-125 lbs 120 00-157 00 Plainer-type Holstein Bulls 90-125 lbs 62 00-117 00, 75-95 lbs 60 00-105 00 Weaker Holstein Bulls 90-125 lbs 26 00-60 00, 75-95 lbs 20 00-60 00 Holstein Heifers individual 95-115 lbs 325 00 Plainer-type Holstein Heifers 95-115 lbs 200 00-290 00 Weaker Holstein Heifers 75-95 lbs 50 00-175 00

**Tuesday- Graded Number One Holstein Bulls** 122 lbs 140 00, 95-115 lbs 152 00- 180 00, package 90 lbs 127 00, 90-85 lbs 72 00-85 00, package 73 lbs 30 00 Graded Number Two Holstein Bulls 90-115 lbs 120 00-170 00, 90 lbs 67 00-75 00, 70-85 lbs 20 00-35 00 Graded Number Three Holstein Bulls 95-110 lbs 70 00- 105 00, package 82 lbs 35 00 Graded Number One Holstein Heifers 90-100 lbs 430 00-455 00, package 82 lbs 305 00, package 75 lbs 100 00 Graded Number Two Holstein Heifers 90-110 lbs 360 00-420 00; 80-85 lbs 100 00-150 00, package 63 lbs 55 00 Few Beef-type Heifers and Bulls 70-120 lbs 45 00-150 00

**Thursday- Graded Number One Holstein bull calves** 115-125 lbs 130 00-137 00, 100-115 lbs 150 00-167 00, 95-100 lbs 180 00-182 00, two lots 95 lbs 150 00, 90- 95 lbs 115 00, 80-90 lbs 90 00-97 00 Graded Number Two Holstein bull calves 110-125 lbs 120 00-127 00, 105-110 lbs 139 00-155 00, 95-105 lbs 110 00-112 00, 90-95 lbs 62 00, 80-85 lbs 35 00 Graded Number Three Holstein bull calves 105- 130 lbs 40 00-67 00 Holstein heifers 90-120 lbs 210 00-430 00, 80-85 lbs 165 00-225 00 Plainer-type heifers 90-125 lbs 145 00-205 00, 80-85 lbs 100 00, 160 00, 70-75 lbs 90 00-140 00 Weaker-type heifers 90-110 lbs 80 00-100 00, 80-85 lbs 35 00-85 00, few 65-70 lbs 70 00-75 00

**Field Day**

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the health of the innumerable bacteria that live in the soil.

Those bacteria "are the most important part of your (farming) process," Ferrie said. Without these microscopic organisms, no plant or animal matter would ever be broken down in the soil.

"That's what turns this earth green."

Ferrie compared the biomass of bacteria in soil to that of a large herd of cattle.

"We got to feed these guys," he said.

Since most of the bacteria reside in the top six inches of soil, plowing manure in at depths greater than six inches will not allow the bacteria to feed and break it down, Ferrie said.



FARM CALENDAR

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7:30 p.m., (610) 378-1327.

Thursday, August 14

**Nutrient Management Specialists Certification Examination, PDA Building, Room 202, Harrisburg, 9 a.m.-noon, or 118 ASI Building, Penn State.**

**Findlay Twp. Fair, thru Aug. 16.**

**Mt. Nebo Fair, thru Aug. 16.**

**Ohio Lawn Care Association Diagnostic Seminar, Ohio Ag R & D Center, Columbus, (800) 510-5296.**

**Ag Issues Forum Breakfast Meeting, Landis Valley Museum, Lancaster.**

**Beaver-Lawrence County Farm Bureau annual Legislative Tour, Janoski Farm Greenhouse, Clinton, (724) 899-3438.**

**Montour/Delong Fair Holstein Show, Fairgrounds, Washingtonville, 9:30 a.m.**

**Corn Silage and Bunker Silo Management Program at Franklin County Extension, Burk-Lea Farm, Chambersburg, 9:30 a.m.-noon, (717) 263-9226.**

**Regional 4-H Horse Production Show, Shippensburg Fairgrounds, 10 a.m.**

**Ohio Sil and Water Field Night, Vanmeter Farm, Picketon, Ohio, 6-9 p.m., (614) 292-4900.**

**Central Pa. Conservancy Celebration of Preserved Farm in Juniata County, RR2, Box 2125, Port Royal, (717) 233-0221.**

**Susquehanna River Basin Commission Meeting, Inn at Nichols Village, Clarks Summit, 8:30 a.m., (717) 238-0423.**

**Annual Meeting Allied Federated Coop., Inc., Elk's Lodge, Lowville, New York, 11 a.m., (315) 386-8116.**

Friday, August 15

**Westmoreland County Fair, thru Aug.**

**Bucks County Holstein Show, 11 a.m.**

**Wildlife Management, Forestry Training Course, Hawk Mountain, Schuylkill County, (814) 863-0401.**

Saturday, August 16

**National Agricultural Plastics Congress, Crowne Plaza Hotel, thru Aug. 19, Grand Rapids, Michigan.**

**Warren County Holstein Sale, Pittsfield Fairgrounds, 11 a.m.**

**Central Pa. Holstein Championship Show, Fairgrounds at Huntingdon, 6 p.m.**

**Crawford County Fair, thru Aug. 23.**

**Beef Grazing Workshop and Field**

**Day, Sunny Hillside Farms, Stone Church, Northampton County Extension, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. (610) 746-1970.**

**Hempt Cup Polo Classic, Hempt Field, Carlisle Pike, Mechanicsburg, 3 p.m.**

**International Association of Milk Control Agencies Annual Conference, Harrisburg, thru Aug. 20.**

**Cumberland County Trial Garden Open House, Claremont Nursing and Rehabilitation Center Grounds, Carlisle, 9 a.m.-11 a.m., (717) 240-6500.**

**4-H District Horse Show, Farm Show Complex, Harrisburg, 8:30 a.m.**

**Reading Fair Results**

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**RESERVE JUNIOR CHAMPION**

Doug Sattazahn

**SENIOR CHAMPION**

Doug Sattazahn

**RESERVE SENIOR CHAMPION**

Amber Hallowell

**GRAND CHAMPION**

Doug Sattazahn

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**READING FAIR**

**HOLSTEIN SHOW**

Spring calf: 1. Ashley Mohn. 2. Plushanski Farms. 3. Caitlyn Pool.

Winter heifer calf: 1. Andrew Younker. 2. Lynette Gelsinger. 3. Megan Schantz.

Fall heifer calf: 1. Andrew Younker. 2. Brandon Younker. 3. Jes Schaefer.

Summer yearling: 1. Doug Sattazahn. 2. Gwen Switzer. 3. Kristen Gross.

Spring yearling: 1. Amber Hallowell. 2. Amber Hallowell. 3. Caitlyn Pool.

Winter yearling: 1. David Dunn. 2. Tyler Sattazahn. 3. Lynette Gelsinger.

Amber yearling: 1. Amber Hallowell. 2. Doug Sattazahn. 3. Megan Schantz.

Junior get-of-sire: 1. Tyler Sattazahn. 2. Doug Sattazahn. 3. Amber Hallowell.

Junior best three females: 1. Amber Hallowell. 2. Fantasyland Holsteins. 3. Crystal Miller.

Dry cows 4 years and under: 1. Lynae Johns. 2. Lynae Johns. 3. Enc Moyer.

Cry cows 5 years and over: 1. Duane Stump. 2. Crystal Miller. 3. Megan Schantz.

Junior 2-year-old: 1. Doug Sattazahn. 2. Melanie Bicksler. 3. Pepper Kissell.

Senior 2-year-old: 1. Adele Miller. 2. Gwen Switzer. 3. Amber Hallowell.

Junior 3-year-old: 1. Amber Hallowell. 2. Matthew Schantz. 3. Enc Zimmerman.

Senior 3-year-old: 1. David Sattazahn. 2. Tiffany Hoffman. 3. Megan Schantz.

4-year-old: 1. Crystal Miller. 2. Pepper Kissell. 3. Megan Schantz.

5-year-old: 1. Randall Zimmerman.

6-year-old and over: 1. Crystal Miller. 2. Megan Schantz. 3. Joshua Sattazahn.

Senior get-of-sire: 1. Megan Schantz.

Senior best three females: 1. Stumpland Farms. 2. Crystal Miller. 3. Matthew Schantz.

Produce of dam: 1. Crystal Miller. 2. Matthew Schantz. 3. Duane Stump.

Dam and daughter: 1. Pepper Kissell. 2. Crystal Miller. 3. Duane Stump.

Best bred and owned: 1. David Sattazahn. 2. Kevin Buch. 3. Melanie Bicksler.

Club herd: 1. Western Berks 4-H. 2. Eastern Berks 4-H. 3. Tulpehocken FFA.

**JUNIOR CHAMPION**

David Dunn

**RESERVE JUNIOR CHAMPION**

Doug Sattazahn

**SENIOR CHAMPION**

Doug Sattazahn

**RESERVE SENIOR CHAMPION**

Randall Zimmerman

**GRAND CHAMPION**

Doug Sattazahn

**RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION**

Randall Zimmerman

**Chester County Results**

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**JUNIOR MARKET LAMB**

Class 1: 1. Ashley Frtz. 2. Taryn McCaffrey. 3. Taylor Fntz.

Class 2: 1. Chns MacCauley. 2. Carter Lindborg. 3. Rosa Smoker.

Class 3: 1. Laura Maguire. 2. Thomas McCaffrey. 3. Taylor Fntz.

Class 4: 1. Levi Wensel. 2. Laura Howe. 3. Caleb Smoker.

Class 5: 1. Julia Howe. 2. Ashley Frtz. 3. Leah Wensel.

Class 6: 1. Carter Lindborg. 2. Thomas McCaffrey. 3. Caitlin Fairbairn.

Class 7: 1. Chns MacCauley. 2. Caitlin Fairbairn.

Showmanship class 1: 1. Taryn McCaffrey. 2. Caitlin Fairbairn. 3. Tom McCaffrey.

Showmanship class 2: 1. Caleb Smoker. 2. Danielle Scaringi. 3. Regina Smoker.

Showmanship class 3: 1. Ashley Frtz. 2. Sarah Stredieck. 3. Taylor Fntz.

**CHAMPION LIGHTWEIGHT**

Chns MacCauley

**RESERVE CHAMPION**

LIGHTWEIGHT

Ashley Frtz

**CHAMPION LIGHT**

HEAVY WEIGHT

Julia Howe

**RESERVE CHAMPION**

LIGHT HEAVY WEIGHT

Ashley Frtz

**CHAMPION HEAVY WEIGHT**

Chns MacCauley

**RESERVE CHAMPION**

HEAVY WEIGHT

Caitlin Fairbairn

**CHAMPION SHOWMAN**

Taryn McCaffrey

**RESERVE CHAMPION**

SHOWMAN

Caitlyn Fairbairn

**GRAND CHAMPION**

Levi Wensel

**RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION**

Laura Maguire

**JUNIOR MARKET GOAT**

**GRAND CHAMPION**

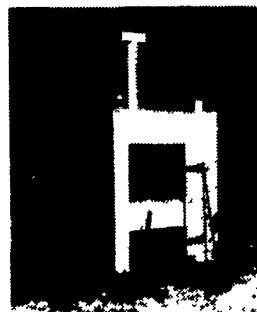
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