

LANCASTER COUNTY LIVESTOCK MARKET AUCTIONS

New Holland Livestock Auction

New Holland, Pa.
Report Supplied by USDA
Monday, August 11, 2003

	Cattle	Calves	Hogs	Sheep	Goats
MONDAY	483	266	816	937	1067
LAST WEEK	374	361	746	1401	1170
LAST YEAR	286	295	912	967	1211

Compared to Thursday, all grades of slaughter cows sold 1.00 to 2.00 lower with instances of up to 3.00 lower on light weight lean cows. Due to light runs of Premium and Breaker cows, the upper limits of these grades were not well tested. Slaughter bulls sold mostly 2.00 to 3.00 lower. Buyer attendance and bidding activity was good with increased demand for heavier weight fleshy cows; which were in short supply. The cattle supply included 229 head of slaughter cows, 61 slaughter bulls, 80 slaughter steers, 54 slaughter heifers, with 59 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 47.25-48.00 Breakers 70-75 Over 1400 lbs 43.25-47.75 40.00-42.50 Boners 75-80 Over 1200 lbs 40.00-45.25, 36.00-40.00 High Dressing 46.00-49.00 Lean (Hi-Yield) 80-85 Over 1200 lbs 39.75-44.75 Lean 85-90 Over 1000 lbs 35.50-40.00 31.50-35.00 Lean (Light-Wt) 85-90 750-1000 lbs 31.00-35.00 27.50-30.50 Slaughter Bulls. Yield Grade 1 1005-1790 lbs 49.00-56.50, couple up to 58.00, few high yielding Charolais and Limi-crosses 63.00-68.75. Yield Grade 2 1090-1790 lbs 44.25-50.50, couple 2205-2435 lbs 46.00-48.50, individual 62.00. Bullocks: Couple Select 1-2 1265-1345 lbs 70.50-79.50.

Calves: Compared to Thursday, slaughter calves sold mostly steady to firm. Holstein Bull calves suitable for special-fed veal barns sold steady; while Holstein Heifers sold steady to firm on a light test.

Veal Calves: Standard and Utility 60-105 lbs 22.00-33.00, weaker 16.00- 20.00. Calves Going into Special-fed Veal Barns: Holstein Bulls 90-125 lbs 130.00-167.00; 75-90 lbs 110.00-120.00. Plainer-type Holstein Bulls 90-125 lbs 90.00-120.00; 75-95 lbs 60.00-95.00. Weaker Holstein Bulls 90-125 lbs 46.00-67.00; 75-95 lbs 24.00-47.00. Holstein Heifers 95-115 lbs 350.00-470.00, individual 470.00. Plainer-type Holstein Heifers 95-115 lbs 270.00-305.00. Weaker Holstein Heifers 75-95 lbs 125.00-155.00.

HOGS: Barrows and gilts sold mostly 1.00 higher with instances up to 2.00 higher, sows were .50 to 1.00 higher, boars were fully steady. **BARROWS AND GILTS:** 49-54% lean 220-270 lbs 42.00-44.25, few fancier 46.00-47.00, 45-50% lean 220-270 lbs 39.00-42.10, 270-300 lbs 36.00-39.85, 300-375 lbs 33.00-35.00, 40-45% lean 220-270 lbs 36.00-38.00.

SOWS: 1-3 300-400 lbs 33.00, 400-500 lbs 33.00-38.00, 500-700 lbs 38.00-41.00

BOARS: 300-700 lbs 11.00-13.00. Sheep and Lambs Compared to last Monday, slaughter lambs under 80 lbs sold steady to firm on light offerings; while light demand and large numbers led to heavier weight lambs over 80 lbs trading as much as 10.00 lower. Slaughter sheep sold mostly steady on moderate demand. Bidding activity was consistent throughout the sale.

Slaughter Lambs: Choice and Prime 2-3 40-50 lbs 110.00-114.00, fancy 124.00-138.00; 50-60 lbs 108.00-118.00, few fancy 124.00; 60-70 lbs 106.00- 118.00; 70-80 lbs 94.00-108.00; 80-90 lbs 88.00-96.00; 90-100 lbs 86.00-94.00; 100-125 lbs 78.00-90.00; 125-150 lbs 66.00-75.00. Good 2-4 40-50 lbs 80.00- 86.00; 50-60 lbs 85.00-96.00; 60-70 lbs 91.00-102.00; 75-100 lbs 80.00-92.00.

Slaughter Sheep: Utility and Good 1-3 sheep 65-100 lbs 40.00-44.00; 100-150 lbs 40.00-45.00, 150-200 lbs 34.00-45.00; 200-300 lbs 20.00-32.00. Bucks 150-200 lbs 49.00-50.00; 150-200 lbs 34.00-36.00, individual up to 48.00.

Slaughter Goats: Compared to last Monday, Kid goats sold steady to weak. Yearlings sold steady to firm on a very light test. Nannies sold mostly lower with the majority of the losses on heavier weight offerings which traded as much as 10.00 lower. Billies sold mixed, from 12.00 lower to 8.00 higher; however the bulk of the supply sold with a lower undertone. Wethers sold sharply lower, with heavier weight showing losses up to 15.00. The quality of the supply was below average with a large number of thin Selection 3's. All goats sold by the head, with estimated weights. Kids: Selection 1 40-60 lbs 58.00-70.00. Selection 2 20-40 lbs 30.00-44.00, 40-60 lbs 46.00-60.00. Selection 3 10-20 lbs 12.00-20.00; 20-40 lbs 22.00-30.00, 40-60 lbs 32.00-41.00, few weaker 20.00-30.00. Yearlings: Selection 2 60-80 lbs 56.00-64.00. Selection 3 60-80 lbs 42.00-52.00, weaker 38.00-40.00. Nannies: Selection 1 100-150 lbs 80.00-90.00. Selection 2 50-70 lbs 40.00-48.00, few packages pigmies 30.00-42.00; 70-100 lbs 50.00-62.00; 100-150 lbs 58.00-70.00. Selection 3 50-70 lbs 34.00-44.00, weaker 26.00-32.00; 70-100 lbs 44.00-54.00, weaker 30.00-42.00, 100-150 lbs 50.00-58.00, weaker 44.00-50.00. Billies: Selection 1 150-250 lbs 122.00-140.00, individual up to 146.00. Selection 2 70-100 lbs 72.00-84.00, few packages of pigmies 46.00-56.00; 100-150 lbs 76.00-90.00; 150-250 lbs 106.00-126.00. Selection 3 70-100 lbs 54.00-62.00, weaker 44.00-50.00; 100-150 lbs 64.00-78.00, weaker 56.00-60.00; 150-250 lbs 98.00-102.00, weaker 82.00-90.00. Wethers: 30-50 lbs 62.00; 50-70 lbs 60.00-74.00; 70-100 lbs 75.00-88.00, few weaker 58.00-72.00; 100-175 lbs 78.00-100.00.

Vintage Livestock Auction

Vintage, Pa.
August 11-12, 2003
Report Supplied by USDA

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Goats
THIS WEEK	855	879	4	1
LAST WEEK	710	983	0	1
LAST YEAR	922	874	1	0

Compared to Thursday, the two-day slaughter steer run sold fully 2.00-3.00 lower. The quality of the Tuesday supply was greatly improved when compared to Monday, although bids did not adjust. On Thursday nearly 100 percent of the Choice supply sold in the low to mid-80's, with only a few Choice steers on Tuesday able to break 80.00 as the bulk of them sold in the 77.00-79.00 range. However, local finished prices still remain extremely good when compared to a year ago, with live cattle

Market At A Glance

Lancaster County Livestock Auction Averages
(Price Per Hundredweight)
Week Ending Friday, August 15, 2003
Supplied by Market Staff

	This Wk	Wk Ago	Yr Ago
Steers, Choice 2-3	78.85	81.50	64.50
Heifers, Choice 2-3, few Prime	77.50	77.75	63.00
Cows, Breakers, 75-80% lean	46.50	47.50	44.00
Cows, Boners, 80-85% lean	42.50	43.50	39.00
Bulls, YG 1, Ltd.	55.00	59.00	56.50
Hogs, 49-54% lean, Monday	43.15	41.50	31.30
Lambs, Choice/Prime 80-110 lb.	90.00	95.00	85.00

futures in the 76.00-77.00 money from current until April of 2004; and while the Board does not run the fat cattle market, it can sure be used as an indicator of things to come. A relatively good test of Holstein steers sold mostly steady, with the heifer supply to mixed to trend. Breaking and Boning cows sold 2.00 to nearly 3.00 lower, with Lean slaughter cows trading 3.00-4.00 lower with lighter demand on all classes towards the end of the sale. The slaughter bull run was light to test. The two-day run included 352 steers, 43 heifers, 377 cows, 9 bulls, with 3 head of feeder cattle.

Slaughter Steers: High Choice and Prime 2-4 1220-1485 lbs 80.10-82.00, few 82.50-84.00. Choice 2-3 1085-1480 lbs 77.00-80.75, mostly 77.75-79.00, few up to 81.50 on Monday, full 73.75-77.50, high yielding Charolais-crosses 80.00- 84.00. Select and low Choice 2-3 1105-1490 lbs 75.00-77.50, higher dressing up to 80.50, heavyweights 1500-1550 lbs 74.00-77.50, Charolais-crosses 77.75-79.50. Select 1-2 1035-1490 lbs 72.00-76.00, up to 77.75 on Monday. Holstein Steers: High Choice and Prime 2-3 1340-1540 lbs 69.75-73.50. Choice 2-3 1370-1465 lbs 67.50-70.00. Few Select and low Choice 1-3 1340-1400 lbs 65.50-68.75.

Slaughter Heifers: Select few Choice 2-3 1025-1215 lbs 70.00-75.50, three head 77.75, couple high yielding Charolais 73.50-76.75. Heiferettes: Commercial to Choice 2-4 1015-1280 lbs 60.00-67.75.

Slaughter Cows: Percent Lean Weight Bulk Low Dressing Premium White 65-70 over 1600 lbs 43.00-48.00, 38.75-40.75 high dressing 49.00-50.00 Boners 75-80 over 1200 lbs 39.50-43.00, 36.00-38.25 high dressing 43.75-44.75 Lean (Hi-Yield) 85-90 over 1200 lbs 38.50-43.25 Lean 85-90 over 1000 lbs 34.00-38.00 30.00-32.50 Lean (Light-wgt) 85-90 over 750 lbs 30.00-34.00 26.00-29.00 Slaughter Bulls. Few Yield Grade 1-2 1255-1740 lbs 53.50-54.25, couple low dressing 44.00-45.25.

Feeder Heifers: Medium and Large 2 black package 390 lbs 79.00.

Calves: Compared to Thursday's graded sale, slaughter calves sold mostly steady. Holstein bull calves suitable for special-fed veal barns sold from firm to sharply higher. Graded Number One Bull calves sold mostly firm to 15.00 higher with greatest advances seen on 90 lbs calves trading as much as 35.00 higher. Graded Number Two calves brought top dollar, with a

package selling at 187.00, 7.00 higher than their Number One counterparts; while the bulk of the Graded Number Two calves sharply higher. Heavier weight Graded Number Threes followed suit trading nearly 50.00 higher on calves weighing over 95 lbs; even as lighter weight calves were mostly steady to weak. Buyer attendance and bidding activity was good. Heavier weight Graded Holstein heifers sold steady to weak; while heifers under 90 lbs sold with a stronger undertone. The PA Department of Agriculture graded 761 head of bulls and heifers for the graded sale, with an estimated 86 percent of the graded run going back on feed.

Veal Calves: Standard and Utility 60-115 lbs 20.00-35.00, weaker 5.00-12.00. Returning to Feed: Graded Number One Holstein Bulls 122 lbs 155.00; 95-115 lbs 170.00-180.00; 90 lbs 140.00-150.00; 80-90 lbs 105.00-112.00. Graded Number Two Holstein bull calves 100-115 lbs 165.00-172.00, package 110 lbs 187.00, package 102 lbs 145.00; 90-95 lbs 142.00-162.00, package 135.00; 85 lbs 95.00; 74 lbs 20.00. Graded Number Three Holstein Bull calves 95-110 lbs 115.00-117.00; 95 lbs 65.00-70.00; 80-85 lbs 30.00-40.00. Graded Number One Holstein Heifers 90-100 lbs 375.00-435.00; package 82 lbs 320.00. Graded Number Two Holstein Heifers 90-110 lbs 300.00-310.00; 80-85 lbs 170.00-220.00; package 63 lbs 105.00.

Few Beef-type Heifers and Bulls 70-120 lbs 60.00-135.00.

New Holland Livestock Auction

New Holland, Pa.
Thursday, Aug. 14, 2003
Report Supplied by USDA

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Goats
MONDAY	1293	689	234	196
LAST WEEK	1355	786	374	453
LAST YEAR	1355	670	460	194

Compared to Tuesday, slaughter steers sold fully steady. The only exception was in the Select and low Choice cattle, which sold with a firmer undertone. The summer heat and humidity has set in once again, and a lot of the cattle were showing it as live weights were down a little. However, the steady rain showers, combined with the nice sunny days, is making for an excellent corn crop; with many pro-

ducers licking their chops as they think about the finish they will be able to put on their next round of cattle. Thursday's run was comprised of primarily high Select and average Choice cattle, but that's not to say they wasn't the regular high Choice and Prime cattle on offer as well. There were several larger strings sorted up for Thursday's run that sold from 78.00-82.00; which had most buyers sitting up in their seats (there's just something about watching a nice group of 8-10 head of black cattle sell that really gets you going). Holstein steers sold steady to firm, with the heifer supply once again to light to test. Slaughter cows sold 1.00-2.00 higher due to the good late week demand. The slaughter bull run was light early in the week, with prices trading firmer on the light test on Thursday. The supply included 602 head of slaughter steers, 425 head slaughter cows, 62 slaughter heifers, 89 slaughter bulls, with 115 head of feeder cattle.

Slaughter Steers: High Choice and Prime 2-4 1215-1440 lbs 80.35-83.00, single 84.00. Choice 2-3 1085-1485 lbs 77.00-80.75, higher yielding Charolais and Limi-crosses 80.00-83.25. Choice 4, few full 1150-1290 lbs 74.00-75.75. Select and low Choice 2-3 1040-1480 lbs 75.50-79.00, majority 76.00-78.50, Charolais-crosses 76.00-79.75. Select 1-2 1015-1475 lbs 73.00-79.00, couple heavier muscled 83.00-83.75, returning to feed 950-1285 lbs 71.50-77.60. Holstein Steers: High Choice and Prime 2-3 1345-1600 lbs 70.00-73.75. Choice 2-3 1305-1575 lbs 68.00-70.00. Select and low Choice 2-3 1175-1575 lbs 63.75-67.25, few heavyweights 1635-1695 lbs 64.25-66.00. Select 1-2 1245-1500 lbs 61.25-65.50. Standard 1-2 1145-1405 lbs 55.00-61.75.

Slaughter Heifers: Couple high Choice and Prime 2-4 1210-1255 lbs 80.75- 82.00. Few Choice 2-3 1030-1280 lbs 72.25-79.50. Few Select and low Choice 2- 3 940-1290 lbs 70.00-74.25. Heiferettes: Commercial to Choice 2-4 1085-1265 lbs 62.00-68.75.

Slaughter Cows: Percent Lean, Weight, Bulk, Low Dressing, Premium White, 65-70, Over 1600 lbs, 52.00-54.00, 45.00-50.75, high dressing 54.00-57.50. Breakers, 75-80, Over 1400 lbs, 45.00-50.25, 42.00-45.00, high dressing 51.75-53.50. Boners, 80-85, Over 1200 lbs, 40.50-45.00, 41.00-36.75, high dressing 45.50-48.00. Lean (Hi-Yield), 85-88, Over 1200 lbs, 38.75-44.00. Lean, 88-90, Over 1000 lbs, 35.00-39.00, 29.50-34.50. Lean (Light-Wt), 85-90, 750-1000 lbs, 29.50-36.00, 25.00-29.00.

Slaughter Bulls: Yield Grade 1 1090-2080 lbs 51.00-57.50, few high dressing 59.50-64.25. Yield Grade 2 1510-2285 lbs 48.50-52.00.

Calves: Compared to Tuesday, slaughter calves sold steady, instances 3.00 lower. Holstein bull calves suitable for special-fed veal barns sold 10.00- 50.00 lower; with the bulk of the Number 3 supply trending sharply lower.

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