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Demand was not near as good as it was at the Tuesday sale, although prices still remain above 100.00 for bull calves despite a lot of uncertainty in the finished market. Holstein heifer calves sold with a lower undertone, the only exception was the middle weight calves which sold near steady on a few select sales. The PA Department of Agriculture graded 553 head of bull calves for the graded sale, with an estimated 90 percent of the graded run going back to feed.

Slaughter Calves: Choice 210-290 lbs 74.00-83.00. Good 210-280 lbs 54.00-60.00. Standard and Utility 50-120 lbs 20.00-32.00, weaker 11.00-20.00.

Calves Going Into Special-fed Veal Barns: Graded Number One Holstein bull calves 90-125 lbs 125.00-145.00, two head 147.00; 80-90 lbs 97.00-98.00. Graded Number Two Holstein bull calves 95-125 lbs 117.00-137.00; 85-95 lbs 95.00; 80-85 lbs 50.00. Graded Number Three Holstein bull calves 75-130 lbs 55.00-67.00. Graded Utility Holstein bull calves 80-110 lbs 44.00-49.00 with some being used for slaughter. Holstein heifers 90-110 lbs 340.00-400.00; 80-85 lbs 310.00-370.00. Plainer-type heifers 90-110 lbs 200.00-330.00; 80-85 lbs 140.00-190.00; 70-75 lbs 110.00-180.00; few 65 lbs 120.00. Weaker heifers 90-125 lbs 150.00-190.00; 70-80 lbs 42.00-90.00.

Sheep and Lambs: Compared to last Monday, slaughter lambs sold mostly steady on a light test, with slaughter sheep trending mostly steady to firm.

Slaughter Lambs: Choice and Prime 2-3 40-50 lbs 110.00-120.00, fancy 126.00-134.00; 50-60 lbs 104.00-112.00, few fancy 131.00; 60-70 lbs 102.00-113.00; 70-80 lbs 94.00-106.00; 80-90 lbs 90.00-100.00; 90-100 lbs 87.00-91.00; 100-125 lbs 80.00-90.00, fancy 95.00-96.00. Good 2-4 40-50 lbs 91.00; 50-60 lbs 85.00-100.00; 60-70 lbs 92.00-98.00; 75-100 lbs 79.00-86.00.

Slaughter Sheep: Utility and Good 1-3 sheep 80-100 lbs 41.00-46.00; 100-150 lbs 53.00-57.00; 150-200 lbs 34.00-45.00. Yearlings 100-150 lbs 61.00-75.00. Two-Year Old 150-200 lbs 40.00-48.00.

Slaughter Goats: Compared to last Monday, not enough of any class to make an accurate market comparison. All goats are sold by the head, with estimated weights.

Kids Selection 1 few 40-60 lbs 53.00-60.00. Selection 2 few 20-40 lbs 32.00-43.00; 40-60 lbs 42.00-50.00. Selection 3 few 40-60 lbs 28.00-40.00, few weaker 21.00-26.00.

Yearlings: Selection 1 few 80-100 lbs 72.00-78.00. Selection 2 few 60-80 lbs 45.00-55.00.

Selection 3 few 60-80 lbs 43.00-51.00, weaker 39.00-40.00

Nannies. Selection 2 few 70-100 lbs 48.00-58.00, 100-150 lbs 57.00-63.00. Selection 3 few 50-70 lbs 39.00-45.00, weaker 30.00; 70-100 lbs 45.00-52.00; 100-150 lbs 51.00.

Billies: Selection 1 few 150-250 lbs individual up to 145.00. Selection 2 few packages of pigmies 41.00-50.00; 100-150 lbs 84.00-92.00; 150-250 lbs 104.00-120.00. Selection 3 few 70-100 lbs 50.00-62.00; 100-150 lbs 68.00-76.00.

Wethers: few 30-50 lbs 42.00-50.00; 50-70 lbs 64.00-74.00; 100-150 lbs 75.00-84.00.

Lancaster County Weekly Cattle

New Holland, Pa.
Report Supplied By USDA
Friday, Aug. 15, 2003

	CATTLE	CALVES
THIS WEEK	2560	1314
LAST WEEK	2449	2130
LAST YEAR	2563	1839

Compared to last week's closing prices, slaughter steers sold 2.00-3.00 lower to begin the week. Most producers loaded their steers for Thursday morning's sale fearing the market was heading lower due to the losses early in the week. However, late week prices were fully steady to firm on a run that was comprised of over 600 head. The quality of the steer runs in Lancaster County has been somewhat sub-par this week, which is due in part to producers sending their cattle to town pre-finished as there is some uncertainty in the market. Although, sub-par in Lancaster County means average Choice; and there are still enough high Choice and Prime cattle to go around to fill most orders. Feed, or lack of, is still an issue in the county which is another reason some cattle are coming to town early; although you can bet on some fancy fat cattle after the excellent corn crop is harvested this fall. Farmer/feeders are turning over a lot of rocks trying to figure a solid marketing strategy to hit the next 'high' market; and there are currently several bullish indicators. First, futures contracts at the CME are ranging from 76.00-78.00 from August 2003, until April of 2004; they may not be 80.00, but contracts are usually in the 60.00 range through those months. Boxed beef cutout values also remain fairly good with Choice values from around 140.00-141.00 as of Thursday. Select boxes are trading at a 10.00 discount to Choice, but are still from roughly 130.00-131.00. The western direct cattle trade moved 1.00 lower in the Southern Plains this week, with live cattle at mostly 78.00. The Northern Plains cattle moved steady to 1.00 lower from 80.00-80.50 live and 127.00-128.00 on a dressed basis. Local Holstein steer prices remain good, with prices this week fully steady to firm. The slaughter heifer supplies remain too mixed and too light to test. Slaughter cows sold 1.00-4.00 lower to kick off the week, with the late week demand still remaining good as an active Thursday market was 1.00-2.00 higher. It is unusual for a market to be higher late in the week, unless packers are extremely short bought. Usually packers are more active early in the week as they fill their schedules. However, for the past few months a higher late week market can be attributed to good buyer attendance and demand. Slaughter bulls sold 2.00-3.00 lower early, with late week prices trending with a firmer undertone. The reported supply this week in Lancaster County included 1034 head of slaughter steers, 159 head of slaughter heifers, 1031 head of slaughter cows, 159 head of slaughter bulls, and 177 head of feeder cattle.

Slaughter Steers: High Choice and Prime 2-4 1215-1485 lbs 80.10-83.00, few 83.00-84.00. Choice 2-3 1085-1485 lbs 77.00-80.75, few up to 81.50 on Monday, high yielding Charolais and Limi-crosses 80.00-84.00. Choice 4, few full 1150-1290 lbs 73.75-77.50. Select and low Choice 2-3 1040-1490 lbs 75.00-77.50, higher dressing up to 80.50, heavyweights 1500-1550 lbs 74.00-77.50, Charolais-crosses 76.00-79.75.

Slaughter Cows: Standard and Utility 50-120 lbs 20.00-35.00, weaker 10.00-20.00. Holstein Bull Calves Going Into Special-fed Veal Barns: Monday- 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.

Tuesday- 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

Select 1-2 1015-1490 lbs 72.00-76.00, up to 77.75, couple heavier muscled 83.00-83.75, several returning to feed 950-1285 lbs 71.50-77.60.

Holstein Steers: High Choice and Prime 2-3 1340-1600 lbs 69.75-73.75. Choice 2-3 1305-1575 lbs 67.50-70.00. Select and low Choice 2-3 1175-1575 lbs 63.75-68.75, 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 77.25-79.50. Select and low Choice 2-3 940-1290 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 60.00-68.75.

Slaughter Cows: Percent Lean, Weight, Bulk, Low Dressing, Premium White, 65-70, Over 1600 lbs, 50.00-54.00, 45.00-50.75. High Dressing, 54.00-57.50. Breakers, 70-75, Over 1400 lbs, 43.00-50.25, 38.75-45.00. High Dressing, 49.00-53.50. Boners, 75-80, Over 1200 lbs, 39.50-45.25, 36.00-40.00, High Dressing, 43.75-49.00. Lean (Hi-Yield), 80-85, Over 1200 lbs, 38.50-44.75. Lean, 85-90, Over 1000 lbs, 34.00-40.00, 29.50-35.00. Lean (Light-Wt), 85-90, 750-1000 lbs, 29.50-36.00, 25.00-30.50.

Slaughter Bulls: Yield Grade 1 1005-2080 lbs 49.00-57.50, couple up to 58.00, few high yielding Charolais and Limi-crosses 63.00-68.75. Yield Grade 2 1090-2285 lbs 44.25-52.00, couple 2205-2435 lbs 46.00-48.50, individual 62.00. Bullcows: Couple Select 1-2 1265-1345 lbs 70.50-79.50.

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

Calf Summary: Compared to last week's closing prices, slaughter calves sold mostly steady. Holstein bull calves suitable for special-fed veal barns sold mixed for the week. The Tuesday run was quoted as higher, with the Number 2 and 3 calves in very good demand. Prices for the Number 3 bulls were as high as 117.00; with the Number 2's up to 187.00. However, the late week demand was not as good as most buyers had already filled their needs, and prices trended sharply lower. Producers continue to receive as much as 310.00 for their finished calves. This week in Lancaster County the PA Department of Agriculture graded 1314 head of bulls and heifers, compared to 1358 the prior week.

Slaughter Calves: Standard and Utility 50-120 lbs 20.00-35.00, weaker 10.00-20.00.

Holstein Bull Calves Going Into Special-fed Veal Barns:

Monday- 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.

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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.

Thursday- Graded Number One Holstein bull calves 90-125 lbs 125.00-145.00, two head 147.00; 80-90 lbs 97.00-98.00. Graded Number Two Holstein bull calves 95-125 lbs 117.00-137.00; 85-95 lbs 95.00; 80-85 lbs 50.00. Graded Number Three Holstein bull calves 75-130 lbs 55.00-67.00. Graded Utility Holstein bull calves 80-110 lbs 44.00-49.00 with some being used for slaughter. Holstein heifers 90-110 lbs 340.00-400.00; 80-85 lbs 310.00-370.00. Plainer-type heifers 90-110 lbs 200.00-330.00; 80-85 lbs 140.00-190.00; 70-75 lbs 110.00-180.00; few 65 lbs 120.00. Weaker heifers 90-125 lbs 150.00-190.00; 70-80 lbs 42.00-90.00.

Greencastle Livestock

Greencastle, Pa.

Report Supplied by PDA

Thursday, Aug. 14, 2003

CATTLE: 145. COWS 1.00-2.25 LOWER.

HOLSTEIN STEERS: ONE SELECT 1-2 AT 55.75. COUPLE STANDARD 1-2 40.00 & 51.50.

HEIFERS: COUPLE STANDARD 1-2 41.25 & 58.00.

COWS: BREAKERS 75-80% LEAN 40.00-45.75, ONE HIGH YIELDING AT 53.00. BONERS 80-85% LEAN 35.00-43.00, AVERAGE 39.50. LEAN 85-90% LEAN 33.00-42.50, AVERAGE 36.35. SHELLS 32.50 AND DOWN.

BULLS: FEW YIELD GRADE 1 1155/1505 LBS. 54.75-58.00. COUPLE YIELD GRAND 2 1755 & 2175 LBS. 48.75 & 51.25.

FEEDER CATTLE: STEERS: L-3 ONE AT 845 LBS. 37.00.

CALVES: 348. VEALERS: STANDARD & GOOD 70/110 LBS. 20.00-30.00. UTILITY 50/100 LBS. 5.00-17.50. FARM CALVES: HOLSTEIN BULLS STEADY WITH SPOTS TO 5.20 HIGHER. NO. 1 HOLSTEIN BULLS 90/120 LBS. 100.00-159.00, MOSTLY 110.00-150.00, AVERAGE 131.65. NO. 2 BULLS 80/125 LBS. 40.00-95.00, WEAKER CALVES DOWN TO 30.00. HOLSTEIN HEIFERS: ONE NO. 1 98 LBS AT 370.00. NO. 2 65/100 LBS. 80.00-200.00. BEEF CROSS BULLS AND HEIFERS 80/110 LBS. 90.00-200.00.

HOGS: 4. FEW 45-50% LEAN 195/230 LBS. 32.00-33.00.

FEEDER PIGS: NO MARKET TEST. SHEEP: NO MARKET TEST.

GOATS: 4. KIDS: SELECTION 2 UNDER 20 LBS. 6.00, COUPLE 40 LBS. 20.00. NANNIES: 60 LBS. ONE AT 37.50.

Jersey Shore Livestock Market, Inc.

Jersey Shore, Pa.

Report Supplied By Auction

Thursday, Aug. 14, 2003

RETURN TO FARM CALF: 100-475. GOOD VEAL: 70.00-99.00.

COMMON VEAL: 15.00-69.00. CHOICE STEERS: 75.00-80.00.

SELECT STEERS: 70.00-77.00. COMMON STEERS: 55.00-69.00.

COMMERCIAL COWS: 43.00-55.00. CANNERS/CUTTERS: 36.00-44.00.

SHELLS: 25.00-35.00. CHOICE HEIFERS: NONE.

SELECT HEIFERS: 65.00-75.00. COMMON HEIFERS: 48.00-64.00.

GOOD FEEDERS: 70.00-82.00. COMMON FEEDERS: 40.00-69.00.

BULLS: 48.00-52.00. SOWS: NONE.

LAMBS: NONE.

Pennsylvania Livestock Auction

Waynesburg, Pa.

Thursday, Aug. 14, 2003

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CATTLE: STOCK COWS: 37.00-51.50. SLAUGHTER COWS: Utility & Commercial 42.00-50.00; Boner & Boning Utility 36.00-48.50; Cutter & Boning Utility 35.00-43.00; Canner & Low Cutter 35.00-40.50; Shells 30.00 & down.

BULLS: YIELD GRADE 1 1500#-2000# 51.00-57.50; YIELD GRADE 2 1000#-1400# 38.00-68.00.

FEEDER STEERS: M & L 1 300-500# 80.00-100.00. 250-280# 80.00-95.00; M 600-900# 55.00-103.00.

HEIFERS: M 1 & L 1 300-500# 68.00-87.00; L 1 400-650# 60.00-84.00.

BULLS: M & L 1 300-620# 70.00-98.00.

CALVES: Veal Prime 70.00-85.00; Choice 60.00-84.00; Good 35.00-70.00; Farm Calves #1 Holstein Bulls 90-120# Few 35.00-95.00; #2 Holstein Bulls 80-100# Few 10.00-50.00; Beef — Bull & Hfrs./Hd. 35.00-90.00.

HOGS: Barrows & Gilts #1-2 210-255# 37.50-45.00; #2-3 255-280# 35.00-40.00; Sows #1-3 300-500# 30.00-34.00; Feeder Pigs 1-3 15-20# 5.00-22.00/Hd. 1-3 25-35# 10.00-23.00/Hd.

LAMBS: High Choice 80-100# 70.00-97.00; Choice 40-75# 75.00-98.00; Feeder Lambs Good 50.00-88.00; Sheep 15.00-40.00; Fat Sheep 25.00 and down.

GOATS: Large 45.00-96.00/Hd.; Medium 30.00-67.00/Hd.; Small 10.00-30.00/Hd.

HORSES: Horses 19.00-51.50; Ponies 20.00-48.00.

Ice Cream Freezer Winner

EPHRATA (Lancaster Co.) — Jessie Sekoll, Wellsville, N.Y., is the winner of a new ice cream freezer during a drawing conducted by Lancaster Farming at Empire Farm Days recently. Congratulations!

Greencastle Hay

Greencastle, Pa.

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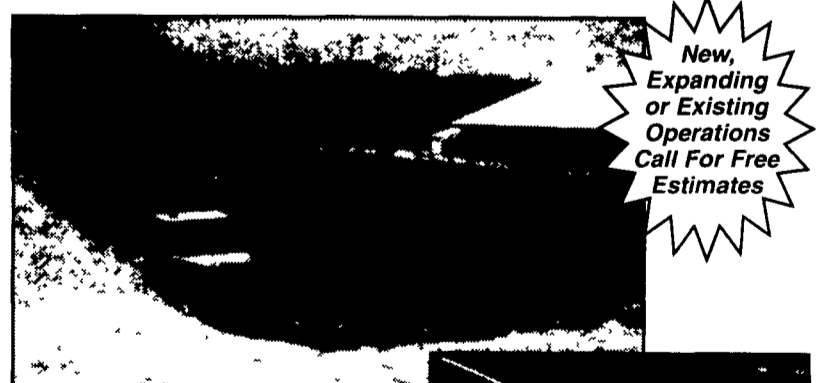
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HAY: 3 loads. STRAW: 1 load.

TOTAL: 4. MIX HAY: 50.00-75.00. STRAW: 60.00.

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