

LANCASTER COUNTY LIVESTOCK MARKET AUCTIONS

New Holland Livestock Auction

New Holland, Pa.

Report Supplied By USDA

Monday, August 18, 2003

Cattle Calves Hogs Sheep Goats

MONDAY	310	261	512	566	685
LAST WEEK	483	266	816	937	1067
LAST YEAR	310	224	1150	784	1113

Compared to Thursday, slaughter cows sold mostly 1.00-2.00 higher in very good early week demand. Slaughter bulls sold near steady on a light test. The cattle supply included 173 head of slaughter cows, 28 slaughter bulls, 24 slaughter steers, 19 slaughter heifers, with 66 head of feeder cattle. All cattle and sheep quotes are by the hundred weight.

Slaughter Steers: Few Select 1-2 1300-1470 lbs 71.75-75.50

Slaughter Cows: Percent Lean Weight Bulk Low Dressing Premium White 65-70 Over 1600 lbs few 51.00-54.25 48.00-51.00 Breakers 70-75 Over 1400 lbs 47.00-51.00, 40.00-42.50 High Dressing up to 52.50 Boners 75-80 Over 1200 lbs 42.00-45.00 37.00-40.75 Lean (Hi-Yield) 80-85 Over 1200 lbs 40.50-44.00 36.75-39.75 Lean 85-90 Over 1000 lbs 36.00-40.25 32.50-35.00 Lean (Light-Wt) 85-90 750-1000 lbs 33.00-35.75 27.00-32.75

Slaughter Bulls: Yield Grade 1 1075-1800 lbs 52.50-56.50, higher dressing 59.50-67.50, full 43.50-49.50 Yield Grade 2 1330-2010 lbs 48.25-53.50, individual 55.75. Bullocks Choice individual 1330 lbs 80.00.

Calves: Compared to Thursday, slaughter calves sold steady to 8.00 higher. Better quality Holstein bulls sold 20.00 to nearly 30.00 higher. Average to plain quality bulls sold near steady, to mostly weaker. There were not enough Holstein heifers for a market test.

Veal Calves: Standard and Utility 60-120 lbs 20.00-40.00, weaker 11.00-20.00. Calves Going Into Special-fed Veal Barns: Holstein Bulls 90-125 lbs 140.00-172.00; 75-90 lbs 135.00-155.00. Plainer-type Holstein Bulls 90-125 lbs 90.00-135.00; 75-90 lbs 85.00-120.00. Weaker Holstein Bulls 90-125 lbs 60.00-80.00; 75-90 lbs 55.00-77.00. Holstein Heifers 90-115 lbs 390.00-430.00 Plainer-type Holstein Heifers 60-115 lbs 167.00-190.00.

HOGS: Barrows and gilts were mostly steady on a lighter run, sows were mostly 1.00 lower, boars were mostly steady. BARROWS AND GILTS: 49-54% lean 220-270 lbs 41.75-43.75, few fancier 44.00-46.25, 45-50% lean 220-270 lbs 40.00-42.25, 270-300 lbs 38.25-40.00, 40-45% lean 220-270 lbs 37.25-39.35.

SOWS: 1-3 300-400 lbs 32.00, 400-500 lbs 32.00-37.00, 500-700 lbs 37.00-40.00

BOARS: 300-700 lbs 11.00-13.00

Sheep and Lambs: Compared to last Monday, slaughter lambs sold sharply higher on a light supply. The bulk of lamb supply consisted of 90-125 pound lambs which traded as much as 15.00 higher. Bidding was active as many buyers were trying to assure they filled their orders on the very light runs of lighter weight slaughter lambs. Slaughter sheep sold mostly 10.00 to 12.00 higher on a very large supply. Total supply consisted of approximately 50 percent slaughter lambs and 50 percent slaughter sheep.

Slaughter Lambs: Choice and Prime 2-3

40-50 lbs 119.00-120.00, fancy 150.00-152.00; 50-60 lbs few fancy 147.00-165.00; 60-70 lbs 110.00-118.00, few fancy 134.00-138.00; 70-80 lbs 110.00-120.00, few fancy 126.00-130.00; 80-100 lbs 104.00-116.00, few fancy 120.00-124.00; 100-125 lbs 100.00-116.00. Good 2-4 60-70 lbs 100.00; 75-100 lbs 90.00-102.00; 100-125 lbs 84.00-96.00.

Slaughter Sheep: Utility and Good 1-3 sheep 80-100 lbs 42.00-46.00, few 34.00; 100-150 lbs 44.00-56.00, few fancier 60.00, weaker 34.00-40.00, 150-200 lbs 40.00-56.00, few weaker 30.00-40.00. Yearlings 100-150 lbs 72.00; 150-200 lbs 66.00-78.00. Buck sheep 150-200 lbs 50.00-60.00; 200-300 lbs 48.00-60.00, weaker 36.00-39.00.

Slaughter Goats: Compared to last Monday, a lighter run of Kid goats sold 5.00-7.00 higher, with the bulk of the supply weighing between 30-40 lbs. Yearlings sold as much as 10.00 higher on a very light test. Nannies sold steady on higher quality offerings, with Selection 1 and 2 goats trading between 10.00 and 15.00 higher.

Billies sold steady to 5.00 higher with a high selling individual at 160.00. Wethers sold mostly 15.00 to 20.00 higher on a high quality run. Over all quality was above average, with very good trade activity. All goats are sold by the head, with estimated weights. Kids: Selection 1 few 20-40 lbs 50.00-54.00; 40-60 lbs 64.00-74.00. Selection 2 20-40 lbs 35.00-45.00; 40-60 lbs 53.00-67.00. Selection 3 40-60 lbs 26.00-37.00, 40-60 lbs 40.00-54.00. Yearlings: Selection 2 few 60-80 lbs 66.00-74.00. Selection 3 few 60-80 lbs 50.00-66.00. Nannies Selection 1 50-70 lbs 62.00-66.00; 70-100 lbs 74.00-78.00; 100-150 lbs 78.00-85.00. Selection 2 50-70 lbs 50.00-62.00, few packages pigmies 26.00-46.00; 70-100 lbs 58.00-70.00, few packages pigmies 48.00-58.00; 100-150 lbs 68.00-78.00. Selection 3 few 50-70 lbs 38.00-46.00, 70-100 lbs 52.00-56.00; 100-150 lbs 60.00-66.00. Billies: Selection 1 few 100-150 lbs 100.00-122.00; 150-250 lbs 132.00-140.00, individual up to 160.00. Selection 2 70-100 lbs 78.00-84.00, few package pigmies 38.00-46.00; 100-150 lbs 88.00-100.00, few packages of pigmies 54.00-62.00; 150-250 lbs 110.00-128.00. Selection 3 few 70-100 lbs 64.00-74.00; 100-150 lbs 74.00-84.00; 150-250 lbs 92.00-106.00. Wethers: 50-70 lbs 54.00-60.00, few 66.00-80.00; 100-150 lbs 74.00-88.00, few weaker 58.00-60.00; 100-150 lbs 90.00-106.00, few fancy 112.00-132.00.

Slaughter Steers: High Choice and Prime 2-4 1200-1460 lbs 80.00-83.75, few 79.00-79.50. Choice 2-3 1070-1480 lbs 77.00-80.50, Tuesday 77.75-81.75. Charolais-crosses 81.00-83.00. Select and low Choice 2-3 1055-1380 lbs 75.25-78.00, Tuesday 76.25-79.00. Charolais-crosses 77.75-80.25, returning to feed 74.25-76.75. Select 1-2 1070-1415 lbs 72.50-75.00, few Tuesday 75.50-78.50, few heavier muscled 78.25-80.00, returning to feed 965-1255 lbs 71.00-71.75. Holstein Steers: Few High Choice and Prime 2-3 1350-1560 lbs 71.00-73.75. Choice 2-3 1260-1560 lbs 66.75-70.00. Select and low Choice 1-3 1295-1560 lbs 64.00-67.25.

Slaughter Heifers: Choice 2-3 1035-1265 lbs 75.00-79.50 which includes some Limi-crosses, couple small framed Yield Grade 4 960-1000 lbs 70.00-72.75. Select and low Choice 2-3 1025-1140 lbs 75.50-77.50.

Slaughter Cows: Percent Lean Weight Bulk Low Dressing Premium White 65-70 over 1600 lbs 51.75-53.50, 47.75-51.50 High Dressing 55.00-56.00 Breakers 70-75 over 1400 lbs 46.25-50.50, 41.75-45.25 High Dressing up to 51.25 Boners 75-80 over 1200 lbs 40.75-45.00, 36.75-40.00

High Dressing 45.75-48.75 Lean (Hi-Yield) 85-90 over 1200 lbs 38.75-43.00 Lean 85-90 over 1000 lbs 37.25-39.00 30.00-35.00 Lean (Light-wgt) 85-90 over 750 lbs 30.50-36.50 28.25-30.00

Slaughter Bulls: Yield Grade 1-2 1360-2045 lbs 48.00-55.75.

Feeder Heifers. Medium and Large 1 package 585 lbs 82.00

Calves: Compared to Thursday's graded sale, slaughter calves sold mostly steady. Holstein bull calves suitable for special-fed veal barns sold sharply higher with 100 lbs Number 1's trading as much as 40.00 higher than last Thursday; mostly steady with last Tuesday.

Vintage Livestock Auction

Vintage, Pa.

August 18-19, 2003

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	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Goats
THIS WEEK	609	986	11	1
LAST WEEK	855	879	4	1
LAST YEAR	815	866	4	0

Compared to Thursday, slaughter steers sold mostly steady on Monday. However, the bulk of the very small Tuesday run sold steady to 1.00 higher, although it was a simple case of supply and demand as the Tuesday run failed to break 100 head. The quality of the runs were very mixed, and only included a few consignments of

Market At A Glance

Lancaster County Livestock Auction Averages

(Price Per Hundredweight)

Week Ending Friday, August 22, 2003

Supplied By Market Staff

	This Wk	Wk Ago	Yr Ago
Steers, Choice 2-3	81.25	78.85	65.25
Heifers, Choice 2-3, few Prime	78.85	77.50	64.00
Cows, Breakers, 75-80% lean	48.35	46.50	44.00
Cows, Boners, 80-85% lean	41.85	42.50	39.00
Bulls, YG 1,	55.00	55.00	55.00
Hogs, 49-54% lean, Monday	42.75	43.15	29.85
Lambs, Choice/Prime 80-110 lb.	100.00	90.00	76.00

high quality cattle; although its no wonder producers are shipping them to town a little early when they are selling in the high 70's. A light run of Holstein steers and slaughter heifers sold mostly steady.

Slaughter cows sold mostly steady to 1.00 higher. Slaughter bulls sold with a weaker undertone on a very light test. The two-day run included 234 head of slaughter steers, 34 slaughter heifers, 350 slaughter cows, 15 slaughter bulls and 10 head of feeder cattle.

Slaughter Steers: High Choice and Prime 2-4 1200-1460 lbs 80.00-83.75, few 79.00-79.50. Choice 2-3 1070-1480 lbs 77.00-80.50, Tuesday 77.75-81.75. Charolais-crosses 81.00-83.00. Select and low Choice 2-3 1055-1380 lbs 75.25-78.00, Tuesday 76.25-79.00. Charolais-crosses 77.75-80.25, returning to feed 74.25-76.75. Select 1-2 1070-1415 lbs 72.50-75.00, few Tuesday 75.50-78.50, few heavier muscled 78.25-80.00, returning to feed 965-1255 lbs 71.00-71.75. Holstein Steers: Few High Choice and Prime 2-3 1350-1560 lbs 71.00-73.75. Choice 2-3 1260-1560 lbs 66.75-70.00. Select and low Choice 1-3 1295-1560 lbs 64.00-67.25.

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Calves: Compared to Thursday's graded sale, slaughter calves sold mostly steady. Holstein bull calves suitable for special-fed veal barns sold sharply higher with 100 lbs Number 1's trading as much as 40.00 higher than last Thursday; mostly steady with last Tuesday.

Graded Number 2 calves followed suit trading as much as 30.00 higher. Graded Number 3's continue to be very cyclic selling nearly 50.00 higher than late last week, however mostly steady with early week prices. Holstein heifers sold sharply higher at 485.00 on 93 lbs calves. The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture graded 806 head of bulls and heifers for the graded sale, with an estimated 96 percent of the graded run going back on feed.

Slaughter Calves: Standard and Utility 60-115 lbs 20.00-37.00, weaker 5.00-15.00. Returning to Feed: Graded Number One Holstein Bulls 122 lbs 157.00; 95-115 lbs 170.00-187.00; 90-95 lbs 157.00-160.00; 80-90 lbs 80.00-110.00. Graded Number Two Holstein bull calves 102-115 lbs 147.00-155.00; 100 lbs 170.00; 95 lbs 145.00-165.00; 90 lbs 100.00-110.00; 80-85 lbs 72.00-80.00; 74 lbs 20.00.

Graded Number Three Holstein Bull calves 95-110 lbs 100.00-112.00; 80 lbs 40.00-45.00; 75 lbs 20.00. Graded Number One Holstein Heifers 90-120 lbs 400.00-485.00; package 80 lbs 380.00; package 75 lbs 210.00. Graded Number Two Holstein Heifers 90-100 lbs 410.00-435.00; 80-85 lbs 300.00-345.00; package 73 lbs 110.00; package 63 lbs 80.00.

Few Beef-type Heifers and Bulls 70-120 lbs 75.00-185.00

New Holland Livestock Auction

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Thursday, Aug. 21, 2003

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	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Goats
MONDAY	1221	662	520	272
LAST WEEK	1293	689	234	196
LAST YEAR	1156	725	238	220

Compared to Tuesday, slaughter steers sold 2.00-3.00 higher, with the majority 3.00 higher. Prices were a full 2.00-3.00 higher when compared to last Thursday's run as well. You could tell it was going to be an active day when the first steer in the ring weighed over 1500 lbs, and sold for 84.25; after that most people that were sitting close to the sale ring were in search of a safety harness. Bidding was very active throughout the day as a good selection of steers

kept buyers interested. The farmer/feeders that held their ground over the past few weeks as prices were beginning to slide sure reaped the benefit of putting the extra finish on them as Prime steers once again topped at nearly 87.00 on Thursday; with kosher buyers thrilled to have the good quality steers to fill their loads. Holstein steers sold firm to 2.00 higher as packer buyers went in search of the spotted stock to cheapen up their colored loads a little. A light test of slaughter heifers sold 1.00-2.00 higher as well. Fleshier (65-75 percent lean) slaughter cows sold mostly steady, instances firmer. Boning cows sold firm to 1.00 higher. Lean slaughter cow sold weak to 2.00 lower as buyer attendance was lighter than normal. Slaughter bulls sold steady to 2.00 higher when compared to the very light Tuesday run; with bull prices trading mostly steady with last Thursday. The supply included 468 head of slaughter steers, 459 slaughter cows, 60 slaughter heifers, 71 slaughter bulls, with 162 head of feeder cattle.

Slaughter Steers: High Choice and Prime 2-4 1180-1465 lbs 83.00-86.85, 1510 lb single 84.25, couple Yield Grade 5 78.50-80.50. Choice 2-3 1140-1490 lbs 80.00-83.50, higher yielding Charolais and Limi-crosses 81.00-85.00, heavyweights 1500-1550 lbs 78.00-80.00. Higher yielding Choice 1-2 1145-1420 lbs 82.00-85.25. Choice 4, few full 1055-1435 lbs 76.25-79.50. Select and low Choice 2-3 1055-1480 lbs 77.00-80.75. Charolais-crosses 78.75-80.25, heavyweights 1540-1630 lbs 76.00-77.75. Select 1-2 1095-1395 lbs 75.75-79.00, several heavier muscled 79.50-84.25, returning to feed 965-1135 lbs 75.50-80.00. Few Standard 1-2 1115-1335 lbs 73.50-75.25.

Holstein Steers: High Choice and Prime 2-3 1305-1530 lbs 71.00-75.50, couple full 69.75, beef-crosses 1250-1520 lbs 74.25-77.25. Choice 2-3 1370-1550 lbs 68.50-71.00, few heavy 1600-1675 lbs 65.50-69.75. Select and low Choice 2-3 1225-1505 lbs 65.25-68.25. Select 1-2 1090-1505 lbs 64.00-66.25. Standard 1-2 1015-1395 lbs 55.50-62.75.

Slaughter Heifers: Single Prime 3 1245 lbs 84.00. Choice 2-3 1095-1355 lbs 77.75-80.00, couple Charolais and Limi-crosses 80.25-82.00. Select and low Choice 2-3 1015-1235 lbs 74.75-78.50. Heiferettes: Few Commercial to Choice 2-4 1200-1240 lbs 63.50-66.00.

Slaughter Cows: Percent Lean, Weight, Bulk, Low Dressing, Premium White, 65-70, Over 1600 lbs, 52.50-54.25, 45.00-51.00, High dressing 54.75-56.75. Breakers, 75-80, Over 1400 lbs, 46.75-50.75, 42.75-46.25. High dressing 51.25-53.75. Boners, 80-85, Over 1200 lbs, 47.75-46.00, 37.00-40.25, High dressing 42.00-50.00. Lean (Hi-Yield), 85-88, Over 1200 lbs, 38.75-43.00. Lean, 88-90, Over 1000 lbs, 35.00-38.75, 30.50-35.00. Lean (Light-Wt), 85-90, 750-1000 lbs, 30.50-35.75, 28.00-31.00.

Slaughter Bulls: Yield Grade 1 1515-2150 lbs 50.00-57.00, few high dressing up to 60.25, low dressing 1045-1195 lbs 46.00-49.00. Yield Grade 2 1415-2000 lbs 50.25-54.00.

Calves: Compared to Tuesday, slaughter calves sold near steady. Holstein bull calves suitable for special-fed veal barns sold sharply lower as late week buyer interest was very light. The 30.00-40.00 decrease came after Number 1 bulls sold as high as 187.00 on Tuesday. However, prices are fully steady with last Thursday's run. A very light test of Holstein heifers sold with a weaker undertone. The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture graded 463 head of bull calves for the graded sale, with an estimated 90 percent of the graded run going back to feed.

Slaughter Calves: Standard and Utility 50-120 lbs 20.00-30.00, weaker 11.00-20.00.

Calves Going Into Special-fed Veal Barns: Graded Number One Holstein bull calves 120-125 lbs 105.00; 90-120 lbs 122.00-145.00.

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