

LANCASTER COUNTY LIVESTOCK MARKET AUCTIONS

New Holland Livestock Auction

New Holland, Pa.
Report Supplied By USDA
Monday, August 25, 2003

	Cattle	Calves	Hogs	Sheep	Goats
MONDAY	406	319	552	870	1047
LAST WEEK	310	261	816	566	685
LAST YEAR	316	220	1150	904	1155

Compared to Thursday, Lean slaughter cows sold firm to 200 higher. All other classes of slaughter cows were in light supply, therefore the top of the market was not well tested. The overall quality of the run was below average as there was an increase in lower dressing lean cows. Slaughter bulls sold steady to 100 lower. The cattle supply included 192 head of slaughter cows, 38 slaughter bulls, 51 slaughter steers, 18 slaughter heifers, with 107 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 53 25-53 75 one 49 50 Breakers 70-75 Over 1400 lbs 45 00-47 75 42 00-45 00 Boners 75-80 Over 1200 lbs 40 00-45 25 38 25-42 00 Lean (Hi-Yield) 80-85 Over 1200 lbs 40 75-42 75 36 75-38 75 Lean 85-90 Over 1000 lbs 37 00-41 50 31 50-36 50 Lean (Light-Wt) 85-90 750-1000 lbs 33 50-37 00 27 50-32 00

Slaughter Bulls Yield Grade 1 1095-1810 lbs 50 75-56 00, higher dressing up to 63 25, full 46 50-48 50 Yield Grade 2 1120-1950 lbs 49 00-51 50 Bullocks Select and low Choice 1-2 one 73 50, one fan-er 80 25

Calves Compared to last Thursday, slaughter calves sold mostly steady. Better quality Holstein bulls sold steady to 15 00 higher. Average to plain quality bulls sold mostly steady. Not enough heifers to fully test the market.

Slaughter Calves Good and Choice 335-500 lbs 80 00-85 00 Standard and Utility 60-120 lbs 20 00-37 00 Calves Going Into Special-fed Veal Barns Holstein Bulls 95-125 lbs 142 00-165 00, 75-95 lbs 110 00-135 00 Plainer-type Holstein Bulls 95-125 lbs 95 00-130 00, 75-95 lbs 75 00-105 00 Weaker Holstein Bulls 95-125 lbs 60 00-85 00, 75-95 lbs 40 00-70 00, few 28 00-38 00 Holstein Heifers few 95-125 lbs 400 00-440 00, 75-95 lbs 300 00-320 00 Plainer-type Holstein Heifers 200 00-240 00, 75-95 lbs 150 00-210 00 Weaker Holstein Heifers 95-125 lbs 100 00-150 00, 75-95 lbs 80 00-110 00

Barrow and Gilts Compared to last week, barrows and gilts sold mostly steady on a lighter run. Sows sold mostly 1 00 lower. 49-54% lean 220-270 lbs 41 75-43 75, few 44 00-46 25, package 280 lbs 41 00 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 us 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 with a light supply of light weight lambs. The bulk of the supply consisted of 80-125 pound lambs which sold as much 10 00 higher, however the greatest advances were seen in 40-50 pound lambs, which sold as high as 200 00. Bidding was active as many buyers were trying to fill holiday orders. Slaughter sheep sold mostly steady.

Slaughter Lambs Choice and Prime 2-3 30-40 lbs fancy 140 00-187 00, 40-50 lbs 116 00-120 00, few fancy 152 00-200 00, 50-60 lbs 122 00-136 00, few fancy 150 00-157 00, 60-75 lbs 116 00-126 00, few fancy 130 00-140 00, 75-100 lbs 117 00-127 00, few fancy 135 00, 100-125 lbs 100 00-116 00, 125-150 lbs 82 00-96 00, fancy 110 00 Good 2-4 40-50 lbs 96 00-110 00, 50-70 lbs 98 00-116 00, 80-90 lbs 98 00-114 00, 90-100 lbs 90 00-100 00, 100-125 lbs 72 00-96 00

Slaughter Sheep Utility and Good 1-3 sheep 80-100

lbs 42 00-48 00, 100-150 lbs 44 00-54 00, weaker 38 00-42 00, 150-200 lbs 40 00-48 00, few fancy 55 00 Yearlings 100-150 lbs 72 00, 150-200 lbs 75 00-84 00 Buck sheep 150-200 lbs 66 00, 200-300 lbs 50 00-66 00, weaker 36 00-38 00

Slaughter Goats Compared to last Monday, Kid goats sold steady to firm, with Yearlings trading steady on a light test. Selection 3 Nannies sold with a lower undertone, with a good supply of Selection 1 Nannies trending sharply higher. Billies sold steady to firm, with Wethers trading mostly steady. 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 52 00-56 00, 40-60 lbs 58 00-70 00, 60-80 lbs 86 00 Selection 2 20-40 lbs 39 00-46 00, 40-60 lbs 56 00-66 00, few pigmies 44 00-50 00, 60-80 lbs 68 00-70 00 Selection 3 20-40 lbs 26 00-32 00, 40-60 lbs 46 00-56 00 Yearlings Selection 1 few 60-80 lbs 90 00-96 00 Selection 2 few 60-80 lbs 66 00-78 00 Selection 3 few 60-80 lbs 56 00-64 00 Nannies Selection 1 70-100 lbs 84 00-86 00, 100-150 lbs 88 00-110 00 Selection 2 50-70 lbs 50 00-62 00, few packages pigmies 36 00, 70-100 lbs 60 00-70 00, few packages pigmies 44 00-52 00, 100-150 lbs 68 00-82 00 Selection 3 few 50-70 lbs 40 00-48 00, 70-100 lbs 46 00-60 00, 100-150 lbs 58 00-66 00 Billies Selection 1 individual 100-150 lbs 126 00, 150-250 lbs 125 00-150 00 Selection 2 70-100 lbs 74 00-82 00, few package pigmies 41 00-48 00, 100-150 lbs 94 00-106 00, few packages of pigmies 52 00-63 00, 150-250 lbs 112 00-130 00 Selection 3 few 70-100 lbs 66 00-74 00, 100-150 lbs 76 00-82 00, 150-250 lbs 92 00 Wethers 50-70 lbs 56 00-70 00, few 48 00-54 00, 100-150 lbs 74 00-86 00, few weaker 66 00-68 00, 100-150 lbs 86 00-100 00, few fancy 108 00-117 00

Vintage Livestock Auction

Vintage, Pa.
August 25-26, 2003
Report Supplied By USDA

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Goats
THIS WEEK	744	1034	0	0
LAST WEEK	609	986	11	1
LAST YEAR	861	864	3	0

Compared to Thursday, Choice slaughter steers sold mostly steady on Monday, with the lower quality cattle trading a full 1 00 higher, with sales up to 2 00 higher at times on the Select and low Choice stock. However, as the quality increased on Tuesday, bids did not. Granted there were a handful of higher quality cattle on offer that brought as much as 87 00, but the overall Tuesday run sold steady to weak. The combined two-day run was light, with buyers making due with what was available to fill their early week needs, which was very apparent on Monday as steers that might have a tough time grading Choice brought in the low-80's. Nationally, the Western direct feed yards have opened up the flood gates for the second consecutive week on a Tuesday. This week live cattle sold 1 00 higher in Texas from 81 00-82 00, with Kansas sales steady to 2 00 higher at mostly 82 00. The direct yards are pretty much in line with the August spot contract at the Mercantile Exchange; even though the August contract expires at the end of the week, September closed at 81 40 on Tuesday as the Board remains very bullish. Locally, the Tuesday Holstein supply was very light, and was not tested. Although, there was an outstanding supply of high Choice and Prime Holstein steers on Monday that sold up to 1 00 higher, and still had people talking on Tuesday morning. The slaughter heifer supply was to light to test Lean slaughter cows sold firm to 1 00 higher, with the fletcher cows trading mostly 1 00-2 00 lower. The cow run was made up of primarily Leaner-types, with the fletcher cows a light presence. Slaughter bulls sold steady to 1 00 higher. The two-day run was comprised of 245 head of slaughter steers, 44 slaughter heifers, 424 slaughter cows, 14 slaughter bulls, and 17 head of feeder cattle.

Market At A Glance

Lancaster County Livestock Auction Averages
(Price Per Hundredweight)
Week Ending Friday, August 29, 2003
Supplied By Market Staff

	This Wk	Wk Ago	Yr Ago
Steers, Choice 2-3	83.25	81.25	65.00
Heifers, Choice 2-3, few Prime	80.00	78.85	64.00
Cows, Breakers, 75-80% lean	48.35	48.35	43.00
Cows, Boners, 80-85% lean	42.25	41.85	38.00
Bulls, YG 1,	56.50	55.00	54.00
Hogs, 49-54% lean, Monday	38.85	42.75	26.00
Lambs, Choice/Prime 80-110 lb.	110.00	100.00	76.00

Slaughter Steers High Choice and Prime 2-4 1170-1435 lbs 83 00-86 00, three head 86 50-87 00 Choice 2-3 1070-1480 lbs 80 00-83 25, mostly 80 00-82 00 on Tuesday, Charolais-crosses 81 00-84 50, few heavy 1500-1535 lbs 80 00-82 25, Few Choice 4, some full 1210-1350 lbs 78 00-79 25 Select and low Choice 2-3 1010-1490 lbs 79 75-81 75, mostly 77 00-80 50 on Tuesday, Charolais-crosses 78 25-81 25, Select 1-2 1075-1375 lbs 73 75-77 50 Holstein Steers: High Choice and Prime 2-3 1370-1560 lbs 72 75-75 85 on Monday, fancy single 77 75, one 1600 lbs 72 50, Couple Choice 2-3 1375-1450 lbs 69 50-70 00, one 1605 lbs 66 00 Few Select and low Choice 1-3 1300-1510 lbs 65 00-67 00 Slaughter Heifers Choice, few Prime 2-3 1130-1300 lbs 79 00-82 25 which includes a few Charolais-crosses Select and low Choice 2-3 1030-1360 lbs 75 00-79 00

Slaughter Cows Percent Lean Weight Bulk Low Dressing Premium White 65-70 Over 1600 lbs few 53 00-54 50 48 50-51 25 Breakers 70-75 Over 1400 lbs 47 25-49 50 42 75-45 25 Boners 75-80 Over 1200 lbs 40 75-45 25, 37 75-40 75 High Dressing 46 75-47 00 Lean (Hi-Yield) 85-90 Over 1200 lbs 39 50-43 00 Lean 85-90 Over 1000 lbs 34 75-39 75 32 00-35 00 Lean (Light-wgt) 85-90 Over 750 lbs 33 00-36 75 29 50-32 00 Slaughter Bulls Yield Grade 1-2 1220-2075 lbs 50 50-58 00, low dressing 46 00-47 25, Bullocks: Couple Select 1-2 one 1380 lbs 62 25, one 1460 lbs 70 00

Feeder Steers: Medium and Large 1 black package 849 lbs 78 25

Calves Compared to Thursday's graded sale, slaughter calves sold sharply higher; mostly due to an increase in buyer numbers. A large percentage of graded calves also moved directly to slaughter, with many buyers having already filled their veal barns. Holstein bull calves suitable for special-fed veal barns sold mixed. Heavier weight Graded Number One calves sold as much as 35 00 higher, while all other graded calves trading steady to sharply lower. Graded Holstein Heifers sold sharply higher on heavier weight offerings compared to late last week with Number 1's as high as 500 00. The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture graded 831 head of bull and heifer calves for the sale, with an estimated 63 percent of the graded run going back to feed.

Slaughter Calves Standard and Utility 60-125 lbs 22 00-47 00, weaker 10 00-20 00 Returning to Feed Graded Number One Holstein Bulls 122 lbs 145 00, 95-112 lbs 165 00-180 00, 90 lbs 90 00-100 00, 80-85 lbs 40 00-60 00 Graded Number Two Holstein Bull calves 100-113 lbs 100 00-117 00, 95 lbs 80 00; 80-90 lbs 35 00-43 00, package 73 lbs 23 00 Graded Number Three Holstein Bull calves 90-110 lbs 42 00-47 00, 80 lbs 33 00 Graded Number One Holstein heifers 90-102 lbs 485 00-500 00; package 83 lbs 310 00; package 73 lbs 140 00 Graded Number Two Holstein heifers 90-103 lbs 435 00-450 00, package 82 lbs 200 00, package 72 lbs 100 00, package 64 lbs 60 00 Few Beef-type Heifers and Bulls 60 00-190 00

New Holland Livestock Auction

New Holland, Pa.
Thursday, Aug. 28, 2003
Report Supplied By USDA

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Goats
MONDAY	964	766	310	284
LAST WEEK	1221	662	520	272
LAST YEAR	1422	625	285	202

Compared to Tuesday, slaughter steers sold 2 00-3 00 higher. The quality of the run was pretty good, or at least buyers are hoping they grade as high as they paid for them. The supply was light as there was barely 300 head of steers on offer. The first steer that walked through the door last week weighed over 1500 lbs and brought 84.25, with the first steer through the door this week tipping the scales at 1510 and bringing 84.75. Needless-to-say, it was de-ja-vu as the sale was extremely active from then on. You could easily say there were some national factors that might have had some heavy influence on the late week run. Such as the western trade breaking loose mid-week with steers as much as 2 00 higher, or it could be a higher boxed beef trade, or an extremely bullish Board that posted a couple more rounds of limit-up gains this week, with spot September at 83.30 and October at 82.05 at Thursday's close. Whatever the reason, producers are ecstatic to be receiving in the upper 80's for their Prime steers; with the current market not showing a lot of signs of slowing down. Holstein steers sold steady to weak when compared to the nice Monday run, with prices trending with a firmer undertone when compared to last Thursday. There were not enough slaughter heifers on offer to test the market. Lean slaughter cows sold mostly steady. Flesher slaughter cows sold mixed, with the bulk of the supply trending near steady. All grades of cows were mostly a full 1 00 lower when compared to last Thursday's market. Yield Grade 1 slaughter bulls sold mostly 3 00 higher when compared to last Thursday, with the flesher Yield Grade 2 bulls trading 1 00-2 00 lower. The supply included 309 head of slaughter steers, 459 slaughter cows, 28 slaughter heifers, 62 slaughter bulls, with 106 head of feeder cattle.

Slaughter Steers High Choice and Prime 2-4 1185-1480 lbs 86 10-89 60, individual 90 00, full and Yield Grade 4-5 83 00-85 50, Choice 2-3 1130-1495 lbs 82 00-86 50, majority 83 00-86 00, few lighter 1000-1100 lbs 80 00-83 00, few heavy 1505-1550 lbs 82 75-85 00, Charolais and Limi-crosses mostly 84.50-87 75 High yielding Choice 1-2 which includes some crosses 1210-1340 lbs 85 00-89 00. Select and low Choice 2-3 1105-1495 lbs 79 25-83 75, mainly 80 25-83 25, Charolais-crosses 80.50-83 25, heavy 1640-1665 lbs 75 00-79 50, couple 1735 lbs 70 00-70 25. Select 1-2 1110-1460 lbs 76 00-81 50, bulk 77 00-80 25. Standard 1-2 1005-1305 lbs 74 50-77 00 Few returning to feed: 1050-1120 lbs 74 00-76 50

Holstein Steers High Choice and Prime 2-3 1325-1535 lbs 72 00-75 75, 1665 lb single 71 50 Choice

2-3 1145-1595 lbs 71 00-72 75, few heavy 1625-1750 lbs 65 25-66 50 Select and low Choice 2-3 1190-1515 lbs 67 75-70 75 Few Select 1-2 1365-1390 lbs 65 00-65 75 Couple Standard 1-2 1275 lbs 59 00

Slaughter Heifers Couple fancy high Choice and Prime 2-3 1255-1270 lbs 83 00-85 00 Couple full Choice 3 1145-1310 lbs 79 00-79 75

Slaughter Cows Percent Lean, Weight, Bulk, Low Dressing Premium White, 65-70, Over 1600 lbs 52 00-55 75, 46 25-50 25, High dressing 56 00-59 50 Breakers, 75-80, Over 1400 lbs, 47 00-50 25, 43 00-46 00, High dressing 51 00-53 00. Boners, 80-85 Over 1200 lbs, 41 25-45 75, 38 00-41 00, High dressing 46 00-47 00 Lean (Hi-Yield), 85-88, Over 1200 lbs, 40 00-42 25 Lean, 88-90, Over 1000 lbs, 35 00-39 75, 30 75-35 25 Lean (Light-Wt), 85-90, 750-1000 lbs, 33 00-37 00, 28 50-32 75.

Slaughter Bulls Yield Grade 1 1080-1960 lbs 53 25-60 00, couple full 47 00-51 25 Yield Grade 2 1035-1990 lbs 48 25-53 00, low dressing 44 00-48 00 Bullocks, Couple Select 1-2 1085-1310 lbs 66 50-68 50

Calves Compared to last Thursday, slaughter calves sold 2 00-10 00 lower. Holstein bull calves going into special-fed veal barns sold mostly 7 00-30 00 higher. The only exception was on the lighter (80-90 lb) Number Two bulls, which sold 40 00-50 00 lower. Holstein heifer calves sold mostly steady. The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture graded 579 head of bull calves for the graded sale, with an estimated 65 percent of the graded run going back to feed.

Slaughter Calves Standard and Utility 50-120 lbs 20 00-37 00, weaker 11 00-20 00

Calves Going Into Special-fed Veal Barns. Graded Number One Holstein bulls 120-125 lbs 142 00, 115-120 lbs 162 00; 95-115 lbs 180 00-187 00; 90-95 lbs 120 00, 80-90 lbs 67 00-72 00 Graded Number Two Holstein bulls 95-120 lbs 124 00-137 00; 88-92 lbs 62 00; 80-86 lbs 44 00-46 00 Graded Number Three Holstein bulls 105-130 lbs 40 00 Holstein heifers 90-100 lbs 400 00-495 00; 80-85 lbs 400 00-470 00 Plainer-type heifers 90-110 lbs 260 00-365 00, 85 lbs 240 00-300 00 Weaker heifers 95-100 lbs 145 00-190 00, 80 lbs 165 00-270 00; 75 lbs 115 00-150 00, 60-70 lbs 80 00-135 00; 50-55 lbs 50 00-70 00 Few beef bulls and heifers 75-105 lbs 102 00-130 00

Sheep and Lambs Compared to Monday, slaughter lambs sold mostly steady to 10 00 higher on a light run of high quality lambs. The bulk of the supply consisted of 60-90 pound lambs. A light supply of heavier weight and show lambs sold with a lower undertone compared to early in the week. Slaughter sheep sold mostly steady on a light test. Bidding was active as many buyers were finishing off holiday orders. Slaughter sheep sold mostly steady.

Slaughter Lambs Choice and Prime 2-3 30-40 lbs 127 00-132 00; 40-50 lbs 125 00-138 00, few fancy 148 00-165 00, package 182 00, 50-60 lbs 122 00-138 00, few fancy 142 00; 60-70 lbs 125 00-137 00, few fancy 142 00, 70-80 lbs 120 00-129 00; 80-90 lbs 110 00-120 00, 90-100 lbs 98 00-110 00, 100-125 lbs 90 00-106 00; 125-150 lbs 80 00-93 00. Good 2-4 60-70 lbs 110 00-114 00; 70-80 lbs 112 00-118 00; 80-90 lbs 92 00-105 00.

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