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on a light test Nannies sold steady to weak on a below average run, while Billies sold steady to firm. Wethers sold mostly steady. Over all quality was average, with moderate bidding activity. All goats are sold by the head, with estimated weights.

Kids Selection 1 few 40-60 lbs 60.00-74.00 Selection 2 20-40 lbs 43.00-50.00, 40-60 lbs 58.00-68.00, few pigmies 38.00-45.00; 60-80 lbs 68.00-74.00 Selection 3 20-40 lbs 27.00-30.00, 40-60 lbs 40.00-55.00

Yearlings Selection 1 few 80-100 lbs 84.00-90.00 Selection 2 few 60-80 lbs 64.00-78.00

Nannies Selection 1 100-150 lbs 82.00-88.00 Selection 2 50-70 lbs 52.00-58.00, 70-100 lbs 62.00-74.00, 100-150 lbs 68.00-82.00 Selection 3 few 50-70 lbs 40.00-46.00, 70-100 lbs 44.00-54.00, 100-150 lbs 51.00-60.00

Billies Selection 1 100-150 lbs 115.00-127.00, 150-250 lbs 142.00-165.00, individual 177.00 Selection 2 70-100 lbs 75.00-82.00, few package pigmies 48.00, 100-150 lbs 94.00-108.00, 150-250 lbs 120.00-137.00 Selection 3 few 70-100 lbs 67.00-75.00, 100-150 lbs 82.00-92.00

Wethers. 50-70 lbs 58.00-72.00; 70-100 lbs 84.00-86.00, 100-150 lbs 102.00-107.00.

Lancaster County Weekly Cattle

New Holland, Pa.
Report Supplied by USDA
Friday, Aug. 29, 2003

	CATTLE	CALVES
THIS WEEK	2114	2119
LAST WEEK	2173	1909
LAST YEAR	2539	1475

Compared to last week, slaughter steers sold mostly steady early in the week, with the lower quality cattle trending 1.00-2.00 higher on Monday. It was another bell ringer on Thursday as prices were a full 2.00-3.00 higher on the light run. In May of this year prices for Prime steers got up to 90.00 in Lancaster County, with many producers and analysts assuming that the market would eventually slide into its historical summer-time lows. However, every time there is a hint of weakness, the fat cattle market comes back to life. This held true on Thursday as once again several small packages of high Choice and Prime steers sold from 88.00-89.60,

with one head at 90.00. The beef industry is in relatively unfamiliar territory, especially as we head into early September. Boxed beef cutout values are holding firm, with heavy and light Choice carcasses both at 143.00. The current August live cattle contract at the CME will expire by week's end, but it is going down fighting as there have been several limit-up rallies over the past couple of weeks; it closed at 84.05 on Thursday. Spot September and October are set to pick up right where August leaves it, at 83.30 and 82.05 respectively. The western direct feed yards moved their steers from 81.00-84.00 live, and from 131.00-132.00 on a dressed basis, with the MPR office in St. Joseph, MO reporting nearly 240,000 head traded by Thursday afternoon. Maybe the prices of these live price feeders are justified, with the December live cattle contract currently at 80.20, with February at 79.30. Although when you are giving over 90.00 for 8-9 weights you had better be a pretty efficient feeder. It's anyone's guess right now where things are heading, you used to be able to point to the phases of the moon when the market was good, bad, or ugly. Who knows, maybe it's the once in a lifetime look at the planet Mars in the southeastern sky that has the pot stirred up; let's just hope that unlike Mars, we won't have to wait another 300 years before we see such a hot summer market. Local Holstein prices were mostly steady on Tuesday and Thursday, with a very nice run of high Choice and Prime steers up to 1.00 higher on Monday. The heifer runs were to light to test this week. Lean slaughter cows sold steady to 2.00 higher this week, with all other classes trending steady to 3.00 lower. Slaughter bulls sold unevenly steady. Yield Grade 1 bulls sold steady to 3.00 higher, with the fleshier bulls trading steady to 2.00 lower. The reported supply this week in Lancaster County included 605 head of slaughter steers, 90 head of slaughter heifers, 1075 head of slaughter cows, 114 head of slaughter bulls, and 230 head of feeder cattle.

Slaughter Steers. High Choice and Prime 2-4 1170-1480 lbs 86.10-89.60, individual 90.00, 83.00-86.00 early in the week, full and Yield Grade 4-5 83.00-85.50. Choice 2-3 1070-1495 lbs 82.00-86.50, majority 83.00-86.00 late in the week, 80.00-83.25 early in the week, few lighter 1000-1100 lbs 80.00-83.00, heavy 1500-1550 lbs 82.75-85.00, Charolais and Limu-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 1010-1495 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 1325-1560 lbs 72.00-75.85 with the bulk on Monday, fancy single 77.75, couple 1600-1665 lbs 71.50-72.50. Choice 2-3 1145-1595 lbs 69.50-72.75, few heavy 1605-1750 lbs 65.25-66.50. Select and low Choice 1-3 1120-1515 lbs 65.00-70.75. 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. 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,

52.00-55.75, 46.25-51.25, High dressing 56.00-59.50 Breakers, 75-80, Over 1400 lbs, 45.00-50.25, 42.75-46.00, High dressing 51.00-53.00 Boners, 80-85, Over 1200 lbs, 40.00-45.75, 37.75-41.00, High dressing 46.00-47.00 Lean (Hi-Yield), 85-88, Over 1200 lbs, 39.50-43.00 Lean, 88-90, Over 1000 lbs, 34.75-39.75, 30.75-35.25, up to 41.50 Lean (Light-Wt), 85-90, 750-1000 lbs, 33.00-37.00, 27.50-32.75

Slaughter Bulls Yield Grade 1 1080-1960 lbs 50.75-60.00, high dressing up to 63.25, full 46.50-51.25 Yield Grade 2 1035-1990 lbs 48.25-53.00, low dressing 44.00-48.00. Bullocks Couple low Choice 2 73.50-80.25 Select 1-2 1085-1460 lbs 66.50-70.00

Calf Summary Compared to last week, slaughter calves sold steady to sharply higher early in the week, with late week prices mostly 2.00-10.00 lower. There is around 60-70 percent of the graded runs currently going to slaughter as producers have their veal barns filled up. Holstein bull calves suitable for special-fed veal barns sold steady to 3.00 higher, with instances sharply higher on the heavier weight bulls. The majority of the weakness was noted on the lighter weight Number 2 bulls, as they sold sharply lower on the Tuesday and Thursday sale. Holstein heifer calf prices have picked up some steam as the better heifers are bringing as much as 500.00 Northeast special-fed hide-off veal carcasses are as high as 340.00, as demand remains very good due to the light offerings. The reported supply this week included 1410 head of bulls and heifers that were graded by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, compared to 1269 head the prior week.

Slaughter Calves: Good and Choice 335-500 lbs 80.00-85.00 Standard and Utility 50-125 lbs 20.00-37.00, up to 47.00 on Tuesday, weaker 10.00-20.00

Calves Going Into Special-fed Veal Barns

Monday- 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

Tuesday- 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

Thursday- 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, 80-85 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

Pa. Receives \$3.9 Million For Farmland Preservation

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Agriculture Secretary Dennis C. Wolff and Douglas J. Lawrence, of the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, announced on Thursday that Pennsylvania will receive \$3.9 million in federal funds for farmland preservation this year, Pennsylvania's largest annual award to date and the top award in the nation for 2003.

"Pennsylvania leads the nation in the number of acres of prime farmland being protected and maintained for production agriculture," said Wolff. "Since 1996, when the federal government began reimbursing states for farmland it pre-

serves, Pennsylvania has received nearly \$5 million to purchase 72 agriculture conservation easements across the commonwealth. The funding commitment we are receiving today will significantly enhance our efforts to maintain prime farmland and strengthen Pennsylvania's agricultural economy."

More than 13,400 acres of prime Pennsylvania farmland have been preserved under the federal program.

On Thursday, the Pennsylvania Agricultural Land Preservation Board was expected to vote on preserving 50 additional farms, totaling 5,339 acres.

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HOGS Barrows & Gilts #1-2 210-255# 37.50-42.50, #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# 80.00-100.00, Choice 40-75# 85.00-117.00, Feeder Lambs Good 65.00-94.00, Sheep 15.00-45.00, Fat Sheep 25.00 and down

GOATS Large 45.00-95.00/Hd, Medium 30.00-67.00/Hd, Small 10.00-30.00/Hd

HORSES Horses 19.00-51.50, Ponies 20.00-48.00

Jersey Shore Livestock Market, Inc.

Jersey Shore, Pa.
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Thursday, Aug. 28, 2003

RETURN TO FARM CALF 100-330 GOOD VEAL 70.00-99.00 COMMON VEAL 10.00-69.00 CHOICE STEERS 77.00-80.00 SELECT STEERS 70.00-76.00

Greencastle Hay

Greencastle, Pa.
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Thursday, Aug. 28, 2003

HAY 7 loads, TOTAL 7 MIX HAY 32.50-117.50, 2 80/BALE, BIG BALES 35.00/BALE

COMMON STEERS 55.00-69.00 COMMERCIAL COWS 43.00-57.00 CANNERS/CUTTERS 35.00-46.00 SHELLS 25.00-34.00 CHOICE HEIFERS-NONE SELECT HEIFERS 72.00-77.00 COMMON HEIFERS 45.00-71.00 GOOD FEEDERS 70.00-85.00 COMMON FEEDERS 35.00-69.00 BULLS 44.00-60.00 SOWS NONE LAMBS NONE

Greencastle Livestock

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CATTLE 199 COWS 1 00-2 0 LOWER STEERS ONE STANDARD 2 57.50 HOLSTEIN STEERS COUPLE SELECT 1-2 AT 56.25-57.25 STANDARD 1-2 50.00-54.00 HEIFERS ONE STANDARD 2 51.00 COWS BREAKERS 75-80% LEAN 43.00-47.25, AVERAGE 44.90 BONERS 80-85% LEAN 38.75-45.00, LOW DRESSING 36.50-37.50, AVERAGE 41.15 LEAN 85-90% LEAN 34.00-42.75, AVERAGE 37.70 SHELLS 33.75 AND DOWN BULLS FEW YIELD GRADE 1 1620/1890 LBS 55.50-56.75 ONE YIELD GRADE 2 930 LBS. 50.25 FEEDER CATTLE HEIFERS FEW LARGE 3 HOLSTEINS 655/815 LBS 35.00-39.00, 860/970 LBS 54.00-56.00

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