

LANCASTER COUNTY LIVESTOCK MARKET AUCTIONS

Some markets not available because of the holiday

New Holland Livestock Auction

New Holland, Pa.
Monday, September 1, 2003
Report Supplied By USDA

NEW HOLLAND (Lancaster Co.) — Because of the Labor Day holiday, Monday's cattle, calf, sheep and hog markets were not reported by the PDA or USDA. However, the following report for the goat auction was released by the USDA market news office.

NEW HOLLAND, PA, Mon., Sept. 1 — (USDA-PA Dept of Ag Market News) — GOATS: Monday: 975; Week Ago: 1047; Last Year: 1744.

SLAUGHTER GOATS: Compared to last Monday, Kid goats sold steady to weak, with poor quality offerings trading as much as 10.00 lower. Yearlings were not well tested, however majority of sales were steady. Nannies sold steady to weak on all grades; while Billies sold steady on light weight goats and up to 20.00 lower on heavier weights. Wethers sold steady. The overall quality of the run was below average, with the majority of the offerings Selection 3's. Light demand was seen for heavier weight goats, particularly Nannies, which were in abundant supply. Pigmy goats were in large supply, selling mostly steady to firm; with the exception of Kid Pigmies trading steady to weak. All goats sold by the head, with estimated weights. Enjoy your Labor Day, a full report will be issued next week.

KIDS: Selection 1: 40-60 lbs 62.00-72.00, 60-80 lbs 74.00-84.00. Selection 2: 20-40 lbs 38.00-42.00, pigmies 30.00-46.00; 40-60 lbs 50.00-60.00, few pigmies 42.00-54.00; 60-80 lbs 62.00-68.00. Selection 3: 20-40 lbs 27.00-32.00, weaker 22.00-26.00; 40-60 lbs 50.00-60.00, weaker 22.00-34.00.

YEARLINGS: Selection 2: few 60-80 lbs 64.00-76.00. Selection 3: few 60-80 lbs 54.00-64.00.

NANNIES: Selection 1: 100-150 lbs 80.00-90.00. Selection 2: 50-70 lbs 48.00, pigmies 30.00-40.00; 70-100 lbs 56.00-70.00, pigmies 39.00-54.00; 100-150 lbs 66.00-74.00. Selection 3: 50-70 lbs 40.00-46.00, weaker 30.00-40.00; 70-100 lbs 38.00-52.00; 100-150 lbs 48.00-62.00.

BILLIES: Selection 1: 70-100 lbs individual 102.00; 100-150 lbs individual 110.00; 150-250

lbs 120.00-130.00, individual 146.00. Selection 2: 70-100 lbs 78.00-84.00, few package pigmies 40.00-54.00; 100-150 lbs 86.00-94.00, pigmies 64.00-72.00; 150-250 lbs 96.00-110.00. Selection 3: 70-100 lbs 60.00-72.00, weaker 50.00-58.00; 100-150 lbs 68.00-88.00.

WETHERS: 50-70 lbs 62.00-72.00, package pigmies 56.00; 70-100 lbs 70.00-86.00; 100-150 lbs 80.00-98.00, few heavier weights 102.00-128.00.

Vintage Livestock Auction

Vintage, Pa.
September 1-2, 2003
Report Supplied By USDA

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Goats
THIS WEEK	799	952	2	0
LAST WEEK	744	1034	0	0
LAST YEAR	912	808	0	2

Compared to Thursday's very active market, slaughter steers sold mostly steady on Monday, with a very light (around 85 head) Tuesday run trading fully steady to firm; prices are a full 3.00 higher when compared to last Tuesday's run. Bidding was fairly active both days as prices for finished steers continue to impress even the seasoned farmer/feeders and buyers as high Choice and Prime steers are bringing from 86.00-89.00; with a few fancier singles flirting with 90.00. What is even more impressive is that prices are as high as they are the first week of September. This time one year ago high Choice and Prime steers were bringing from mostly 65.00-67.00 at the Vintage Sales Stables, with Choice steers from 63.00-65.50. Who would have ever guessed there would have been a 20.00 difference in prices a year later? The corn crop was also in bad shape this time last year as the hot summer temperatures combined with a lack of rain, and wrecked havoc on the majority of the fields. This year most farmers are worried about having too much rain, as corn fields have had more than an ample amount of moisture, and could use some sunshine. Unfortunately, the second day of September feels more like the first day of fall as temperatures have dropped, and more heavy rains swept through the area Monday night through Tuesday. A light test of Holstein steers sold with a higher undertone. Slaughter heifers were not well tested due to the mixed supply. Nationally, the spot CME September live cattle contract closed at 84.80 on Tuesday, with December at

Market At A Glance

Lancaster County Livestock Auction Averages
(Price Per Hundredweight)
Week Ending Friday, September 5, 2003
Supplied By Market Staff

	This Wk	Wk Ago	Yr Ago
Steers, Choice 2-3	86.00	83.25	64.35
Heifers, Choice 2-3, few Prime	82.00	80.00	No Test
Cows, Breakers, 75-80% lean	49.00	48.35	42.00
Cows, Boners, 80-85% lean	41.00	42.25	37.85
Bulls, YG 1,	57.00	56.50	53.00
Hogs, 49-54% lean, Monday	31.50	38.85	19.00
Lambs, Choice/Prime 80-110 lb.	110.00	110.00	76.00

81.37. The spot September feeder cattle contract closed at 96.42 on Tuesday, with January at 88.87; if the contracts are any indication, the next several months could be very bullish to say the least. Lean slaughter cows sold steady to 1.00 lower. Flesher (65-80 percent lean) slaughter cows sold 2.00-3.00 lower. There were not enough slaughter bulls for a market test. The two-day run was comprised of 277 head of slaughter steers, 38 head of slaughter heifers, 378 slaughter cows, 10 slaughter bulls, and 8 head of feeder cattle.

Slaughter Steers: High Choice and Prime 2-4 1145-1430 lbs 86.00-89.00, couple fancy individuals 89.25-89.75, few Yield Grade 4-5 83.25-85.00. Choice 2-3 1095-1475 lbs 83.00-86.50, majority 84.00-86.75 on Tuesday, Charolais- crosses 84.25-89.00. Few higher yielding Choice 1-2 1255-1450 lbs 87.00-89.00. Choice 4, some full 1230-1440 lbs 80.00-83.00. Select and low Choice 2-3 1050- 1405 lbs 80.00-82.75, up to 83.75. Charolais-crosses 80.00-82.50. Select 1-2 1020-1320 lbs 76.00-80.00, few heavy muscled as high as 85.00.

Holstein Steers: High Choice and Prime 2-3 1175-1455 lbs 74.25-77.50. Choice 2-3 1175-1510 lbs 68.75-71.25, better test on Tuesday 73.00-75.75. Select and low Choice 1-3 1105-1450 lbs 66.25-69.00, Tuesday 68.00-70.00. Select 1-2 1195-1485 lbs 64.00-68.00. Standard 1-2 1090-1375 lbs 54.25-60.75, few 62.75-64.25 on Tuesday.

Slaughter Heifers: Primarily Choice, few Prime 3-4 1085-1355 lbs 79.00- 82.50. Select and low Choice 2-3 1015-1195 lbs 77.00-78.25.

Slaughter Cows: Percent Lean Weight Bulk Low Dressing Premium White 65-70 over 1600 lbs 52.75-55.00, 50.00-51.25 High Dressing 55.75-56.75 Breakers 70-75 over 1400 lbs 44.25-48.00, 39.75-42.50 High Dressing few 51.25 Boners 75-80 over 1200 lbs 39.50-43.25, 34.00-39.75 High Dressing 44.00-46.00 Lean (Hi-Yield) 85-90 over 1200 lbs 38.50-42.50 Lean 85-90 over 1000 lbs 34.25-39.75 30.50-34.00 Lean (Light-wgt) 85-90 over 750 lbs 33.00-37.75 26.25-30.00

Slaughter Bulls: Light test of Yield Grade 1 1110-2110 lbs 49.25-54.75, low dressing 42.00-45.75.

Calves: Compared to last Thursday's sale, slaughter calves sold sharply higher, with 90 lbs calves trading for as much as 70.00. Holstein bull calves suitable for special-fed veal barns sold mixed. Graded Number One bull calves sold steady on weights under 90 lbs, and up to

50.00 lower on heavier weight calves. Graded Number Two bull calves sold more uniform with the majority trading steady with late last week. Graded Number Three bull calves sold firm to 30.00 higher. Graded heifers sold steady with last week. Demand was mixed with lighter demand for the heavier weight, higher quality calves, and a battle over calves moving directly to slaughter, as many out sold the Graded Number Threes. The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture graded 772 head of heifers and bulls for the sale, with an estimated 80 percent of the graded run going back to feed.

Slaughter Calves: Standard and Utility 80-135 lbs 60.00-70.00; 55-80 lbs 20.00-57.00, weaker 12.00-17.00. Returning to Feed: Graded Number One Holstein Bulls 122 lbs 127.00; 95-115 lbs 127.00-137.00; 85-90 lbs 116.00-117.00; package 80 lbs 107.00. Graded Number Two Holstein Bulls 95-115 lbs 120.00-127.00, package 103 lbs 140.00; 90-95 lbs 92.00-110.00; 80-85 lbs 62.00-85.00; package 73 lbs 40.00. Graded Number Three Holstein Bulls 80-110 lbs 52.00-72.00. Graded Number One Heifers package 114 lbs 385.00; 95-105 lbs 450.00-500.00; package 81 lbs 350.00. Graded Number Two Holstein Heifers 90-105 lbs 430.00-435.00; package 82 lbs 225.00; package 73 lbs 160.00; package 64 lbs 125.00.

New Holland Livestock Auction

New Holland, Pa.
Thursday, Sept. 6, 2003
Report Supplied By USDA

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Goats
MONDAY	1402	767	240	346
LAST WEEK	964	766	310	284
LAST YEAR	1249	627	360	343

Compared to last Thursday, slaughter steers sold fully 2.00-3.00 higher. The Tuesday run was very light, although prices were 2.00-3.00 higher when compared to the early week run as well. This marks the third consecutive week that finished steers have gained 2.00-3.00 at the Thursday New Holland sale. When high Choice and Prime slaughter steers bring as much as 93.00, there is not much need for a commentary to explain trade activity, buyer participation, farmer/feeder attitude, etc. It is worth noting

Fed Steers To \$93.00 At New Holland; Record Price For County

NEW HOLLAND (Lancaster Co.) — New Holland Thursday Auction reports that a buyer for the kosher trade bought 10 head at \$93.00 a CWT. That price bests the county record set the week ending June 6, at 90.00 CWT from Vintage Auction.

High Choice and Prime cattle sold from \$88.00-93.00. Choice 2-3, \$86.00-88.00 few to \$89.00. Simple average at \$87.00 is \$3.75 higher than last week, which matched the record set the week ending May 30. See market report this page.

however, that kosher demand was very good, with the packer demand not too far behind. The farmer/feeders who have had the nerve to put that extra 30 days of feed on them were all but speechless after they sold their steers at Thursday's sale. Everyone knows that the market has been spiking sharply higher over the last month, so these producers should be commended for not only having ice water in their veins, but also for continuing to finish steers that are second to none. And the packer and kosher buyers who are willing to pay up to 93.00 for the fancy steers should also be commended as they must have an awful lot of confidence in how good the Lancaster County cattle kill. No matter what side of the fence you were on at Thursday's sale, whether you are a buyer or seller, you can bet it will be a long time before anyone will forget what facts brought the first week of September 2003 at the New Holland Sales Stables as records were truly shattered. Holstein steers sold mostly 1.00-2.00 higher when compared to last Thursday, with the slaughter heifer run to light over the past several weeks to test the late week supply. Flesher slaughter cows sold 3.00-5.00 higher due to a very good supply as well as good late week demand. Lean slaughter cows sold steady to 1.00 higher. When compared to last Thursday, slaughter bulls sold steady to firm. The supply included 575 head of slaughter steers, 564 slaughter cows, 88 slaughter heifers, 57 slaughter bulls, with 118 head of feeder cattle.

Slaughter Steers: High Choice and Prime 2-4 1170-1490 lbs 88.00-93.00, mostly 88.00-92.10, few full 86.50-87.75, few Yield Grade 4-5 85.00-85.75. Choice 2-3 1110-1495 lbs 84.50-88.25, majority 86.00-88.00, higher yielding Charolais and Limi-crosses 88.25-92.50, couple heavyweights 1575-1585 lbs 82.50- 84.25. Higher yielding Choice 1-2 1110-1455 lbs 88.00-91.50. Choice 4, few full 1135-1340 lbs 81.00-84.50. Select and low Choice 2-3

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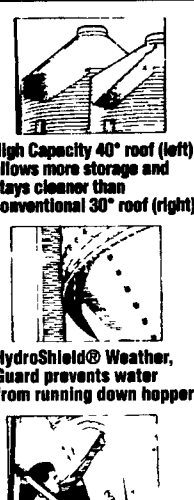
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