

LANCASTER COUNTY LIVESTOCK MARKET AUCTIONS

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New Holland Livestock Auction

New Holland, Pa.
Report Supplied By USDA
Monday, September 8, 2003
Cattle Calves Hogs Sheep Goats

MONDAY	488	237	559	1619	1874
WEEK AGO	388	264	697	773	1048
LAST YEAR	328	246	315	1112	1160

Compared to Thursday, Lean slaughter cows sold steady to weak, with fleshier cows trading weak to 1.50 lower. The quality of the run was below average, and included several full and weaker-type cows. Slaughter bulls sold steady to firm. There was a very nice supply of high dressing, empty bulls; which drew good buyer interest. The cattle supply included 218 head of slaughter cows, 45 slaughter bulls, 58 slaughter steers, 10 slaughter heifers, with 157 head of feeder cattle.

Slaughter Cows: Percent Lean Weight Bulk Low Dressing Premium White 65-70 Over 1600 lbs 48.00-53.75 Breakers 70-75 Over 1400 lbs 48.00-52.75 44.25-48.50 Boners 75-80 Over 1200 lbs 44.25-47.50 41.00-44.00 Lean (Hi-Yield) 80-85 Over 1200 lbs 41.50-43.75 39.00-42.00 Lean 85-90 Over 1000 lbs 36.00-41.50 33.00-39.00 Lean (Light-Wt) 85-90 750-1000 lbs 33.00-37.00 27.00-31.00

Slaughter Bulls: Yield Grade 1 1185-1660 lbs 55.00-60.00, higher dressing 62.50-68.00, extremely fancy and empty 68.00-73.00. Yield Grade 2 1370-1945 lbs 49.00-54.75, lighter and young 1040-1090 lbs 53.50-54.50.

Feeder Steers and Heifers: Medium and Large 2 (some being used for slaughter) 165-190 lbs 94.00-104.00; 225-290 lbs 95.00-99.00, plain-er 81.50-89.00; 335-385 lbs 78.00-85.00; 400-495 lbs 76.00-81.00, single 88.00, Holsteins 63.00, package 510 lb Holsteins 60.00; couple 680 lbs 79.00.

Calves. Compared to last Thursday, slaughter calves sold mostly steady. Holstein bull calves going into special-fed veal barns sold 5.00-10.00 lower. There were not enough heifers to fully test the market.

Slaughter Calves: Standard and Utility 55-110 lbs 40.00-70.00, weaker 12.00-35.00. Calves Going Into Special-fed Veal Barns: Hol-

stein Bulls 90-125 lbs 105.00-155.00. Plain-type Holstein Bulls 90-125 lbs 70.00-100.00; 80-85 lbs 65.00-80.00. Weaker Holstein Bulls 90-125 lbs 60.00-82.00; 75-85 lbs 47.00-57.00.

Couple Holstein heifers 90-110 lbs 300.00-390.00; 70 lbs 120.00.

HOGS: Barrows and gilts were mostly 5.00 to 7.00 higher, sows were mostly 2.00 to 4.00 higher, boars were fully steady. BARROWS AND GILTS: 49-54% lean 220-270 lbs 43.00-45.00, fancier singles 45.00-46.00, larger groups 42.60-44.75, 45-50% lean 220-270 lbs 41.00-43.50, larger groups 41.75-42.75, 40-45% lean 220-300 lbs 38.25-41.00.

SOWS: US 1-3 300-400 lbs 31.00, 400-500 lbs 31.00-33.00, 500-700 lbs 33.00-36.00.

BOARS: 300-700 lbs 12.00-13.00, 200-300 lbs 22.50-25.50.

Sheep and Lambs: Compared to last Monday, slaughter lambs sold mostly 15.00-25.00 lower. Lightweight lambs were very hard to come by, as there was a very good supply of 80-100 pound lambs on hand; although the supply seemed to have outweighed the overall demand. Slaughter sheep sold mostly 4.00 lower.

Slaughter Lamb: Choice and Prime 2-3 few 40-45 lbs 120.00-138.00; 50-60 lbs 104.00-112.00, fancier up to 136.00; 60-70 lbs 110.00-135.00, few 102.00; 70-80 lbs 110.00-120.00; good supply 80-90 lbs 102.00-114.00; good supply 90-100 lbs mainly 100.00-112.00, few packages 98.00-100.00, fancier up to 124.00; 100-125 lbs 98.00-102.00, few 93.00, fancier up to 122.00; 125-150 lbs 78.00-90.00.

Slaughter Sheep: Utility and Good 1-3 sheep 100-170 lbs 42.00-48.00, few up to 50.00; 170-225 lbs 44.00-54.00. Bucks 210-305 lbs 38.00-42.00.

Slaughter Goats: Compared to last Monday, Kid goats sold 2.00-10.00 lower, with the Yearling supply not fully tested. Nannies sold 4.00-16.00 lower, with the majority 10.00-15.00 lower. Losses were not as severe on the Selection 3 Nannies, but even the lower quality females were 4.00-9.00 lower. Billies sold mostly 8.00-15.00 lower, with sales as much as 20.00 lower at times. Selection 1 Billies were not hit quite as hard, with prices 2.00-10.00 lower. Middle and heavy weight Wethers sold 6.00-16.00 lower, with the lighter weight Wethers trading 2.00-4.00 lower. The Wether supply did include over 60 head of fancy fair goats, with only a few of the fancier groups bringing a premium, as

Market At A Glance

Lancaster County Livestock Auction Averages
(Price Per Hundredweight)
Week Ending Friday, September 19, 2003
Supplied By Market Staff

	This Wk	Wk Ago	Yr Ago
Steers, Choice 2-3	91.75	90.50	65.00
Heifers, Choice 2-3, few Prime	87.75	89.00	63.50
Cows, Breakers, 75-80% lean	49.25	51.00	42.00
Cows, Boners, 80-85% lean	44.50	44.75	37.75
Bulls, YG 1,	58.00	56.75	53.50
Hogs, 49-54% lean, Monday	44.00	38.00	28.00
Lambs, Choice/Prime 80-110 lb.	106.00	120.00	76.00

the bulk sold right with the rest of them. The supply was nearly twice as large as last Monday's run. And any time the supply outweighs the demand, losses are almost always guaranteed as buyers do not have to be nearly as aggressive in filling their orders. All goats are sold by the head, with estimated weights. Kids: Selection 1 20-40 lbs 54.00-60.00; 40-60 lbs 60.00-72.00; 60-80 lbs 76.00-80.00. Selection 2 20-40 lbs package 58.00; 40-60 lbs 48.00-58.00; 60-80 lbs 58.00-70.00. Selection 3 20-40 lbs 26.00-32.00, lighter weight and weak 20.00-28.00; 40-60 lbs 36.00-42.00; few 60-80 lbs 57.00-58.00. Yearlings: Selection 1-2 few 60-80 lbs 60.00-78.00. Selection 3 60-80 lbs primarily poor quality 28.00-40.00. Nannies: Selection 1 few 50-70 lbs 56.00-60.00; 70-100 lbs 66.00-70.00; 100-150 lbs 70.00-82.00. Selection 2 50-70 lbs 50.00-56.00, pigmies 36.00-50.00; 70-100 lbs 52.00-66.00, few full 50.00; 100-150 lbs 60.00-74.00. Selection 3 50-70 lbs 44.00-53.00, weak 30.00-42.00; 70-100 lbs 48.00-55.00. Billies: Selection 1 70-100 lbs 77.00-88.00; 100-150 lbs 100.00-112.00; 150-250 lbs 120.00-132.00, individual 152.00, few 108.00-120.00. Selection 2 70-100 lbs 70.00-80.00, mostly 70.00-75.00, pigmies 40.00-50.00; 100-150 lbs 80.00-98.00; 150-250 lbs 100.00-112.00. Selection 3 70-100 lbs 54.00-70.00, mainly 56.00-60.00; 100-150 lbs 70.00-84.00, few weaker groups 54.00-63.00; 150-200 lbs package 80.00. Wethers: 50-70 lbs 60.00-76.00, few fancier up to 88.00, weak 50.00-52.00; 70-100 lbs 64.00-88.00, bulk 64.00-74.00, few fancier up to 92.00; 100-200 lbs 92.00-108.00, weak 70.00-78.00.

Compared to Thursday, slaughter steers sold mostly steady, with instances weaker on Tuesday. The supply was mixed, and included a lot of high Select and low Choice cattle; especially on Tuesday. That's not to say there were not a few of the higher quality cattle, which continue to bring in the mid-90's. The cattle industry seems to be in a wait-and-see mode right now. Records have been shattered, now one can only speculate where the market is heading. The spot September live cattle contract at the Merc closed at 89.25 on Tuesday, with the Board waiting for news a positive or negative Western market before it makes any more adjustments. A very fancy load of reputation-fed Holstein steers sold up to 5.00 higher on Monday. You know the market has some spark left in it when high Choice Holsteins bring form 83.00-88.00. Slaughter heifers sold near steady, with sales 1.00 lower on the over-finished heifers. Fleshier slaughter cows sold mostly 2.00-3.00 lower, with the exception of Premium Whites which traded as much as 5.00 lower. Lean cows sold mostly 1.00-2.00 lower. The two-day run consisted of 320 head of slaughter steers, 73 head of slaughter heifers, 447 slaughter cows, 19 slaughter bulls, and 15 feeder cattle.

Slaughter Steers: High Choice and Prime 2-4 1140-1455 lbs 92.00-97.00, majority 93.00-95.50, individual 99.00. Choice 2-3 1110-1470 lbs 89.00-92.75, Charolais-crosses 89.25-92.50. Choice 4, some full 1080-1340 lbs 83.00-88.75. Select and low Choice 2-3 1075-1400 lbs 84.50-90.50, bulk 85.00-88.00, up to 91.25 on Monday. Charolais-crosses 85.00-87.50. Select 1-2 1030-1395 lbs 79.00-83.00, heavier muscled up to 85.75. Returning to feed: 1025-1230 lbs 75.00-82.25.

Holstein Steers: Very nice supply of High Choice and Prime 2-3 on Monday 1270-1565 lbs 83.00-90.50; few on Tuesday from 83.25-83.75. Choice 2-3 1085-1510 lbs 78.00-82.00. High Select and low Choice 2-3 1250-1530 lbs 74.00-77.75. Few returning to feed: 1070-1135 lbs 60.00-62.50.

Slaughter Heifers: High Choice and Prime 2-4 1150-1360 lbs 86.75-90.00, few 92.00-94.00. Choice 2-4 1115-1275 lbs 85.50-87.75, few YG 5 at 93.75. Select and low Choice 2-3 1005-1350 lbs 80.50-83.75, up to 86.75 on Monday.

Vintage Livestock Auction

Vintage, Pa.
September 15-16, 2003
Report Supplied By USDA

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Goats
THIS WEEK	876	447	7	1
LAST WEEK	754	716	0	0
LAST YEAR	802	871	13	3

Slaughter Cows: Percent Lean Weight Bulk Low Dressing Premium White 65-70 over 1600 lbs 50.75-54.00 48.75-50.25 Breakers 70-75 over 1400 lbs 45.75-51.25 41.00-45.00 Boners 75-80 over 1200 lbs 40.00-45.50, 37.50-40.25 few High Dressing 47.00-48.00 Lean (Hi-Yield) 85-90 over 1200 lbs 41.75-44.00 Lean 85-90 over 1000 lbs 35.00-41.00 31.50-35.00 Lean (Light-wgt) 85-90 over 750 lbs 30.75-35.00 25.00-30.00.

Slaughter Bulls: Yield Grade 1-2 1260-1995 lbs 51.00-59.50.

Calves: Compared to last Tuesday's sale, slaughter calves sold mostly steady. Graded Holstein bull calves suitable for special fed veal barns sold weak to sharply lower with greatest losses seen in heavier weight calves of all grades. Graded Number One Holstein bull calves sold as much as 30.00 lower on weights between 90-110 lbs; while Graded Number Two calves sold mostly 40.00 lower on similar weight groups. Graded Number Three calves sold with a weaker undertone on all weights. Despite lower prices, bidding was active with good buyer attendance. Graded Holstein Heifer calves sold mostly steady to firm on heavier weight offerings, while lighter weights sold with a weaker undertone. The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture graded 769 head of heifers and bulls for the sale, with an estimated 70 percent of the graded run going back to feed.

Slaughter Calves: Standard and Utility 80-135 lbs 60.00-77.00; 55-80 lbs 20.00-45.00, weaker 10.00-15.00. Returning to Feed: Graded Number One Holstein Bulls 100-122 lbs 125.00-132.00; 95 lbs 102.00-105.00; 85-90 lbs 77.00-85.00; package 80 lbs 70.00; package of 4 head 74 lbs 50.00. Graded Number Two Holstein Bulls 100-115 lbs 82.00, one package 100.00; 83-95 lbs 65.00-72.00; package 81 lbs 57.00; package 74 lbs 35.00. Graded Number Three Holstein Bulls 94-110 lbs 68.00-72.00; two packages 81 lbs 55.00. Graded Number One Heifers package 102 lbs 450.00; package 92 lbs 535.00; package 83 lbs 310.00; package 75 lbs 200.00. Graded Number Two Holstein Heifers 94-100 lbs 475.00-510.00; package 83 lbs 235.00; package 73 lbs 170.00; package 63 lbs 60.00.

New Holland Livestock Auction

New Holland, Pa.
Thursday, Sept. 18, 2003
Report Supplied By USDA

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Goats
MONDAY	1370	555	226	214
LAST WEEK	1672	750	478	188
LAST YEAR	1180	623	372	132

Compared to last Thursday, the bulk of the slaughter steer run sold mostly steady. The quality of the run was a little lower than last week, with a lot of the cattle carrying some fill. Therefore, prices may be steady to firm in the meat. Also, when the ring man's starting call at 90 bucks, and they sell for 95.00 or 96.00, producers aren't concerned with fill or quality; and with a run of 700 head, buyers had enough to pick through to fill their specific needs. Hurricane Isabel slammed into the East coast, more specifically North Carolina, on Thursday. So far the natural disaster doesn't seem to have dealt a direct hit to the Eastern meat markets.

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