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week to the next. There was 216 head of bulls in the overall graded run that will see a kill floor in the near future, which goes to show demand is increasing. Holstein bull calves going into special-fed veal barns sold sharply higher on all grades 94-96 lb Number 2 bulls sold as much as 8.00 higher than the same weight in the Number 1 supply. The real bell-ringer was on a 27 head set of 94-96 lb Number 2 bulls which sold for 200.00, or 23.00 higher than the same weight in the Number 1 calves. Needless-to-say, demand was good throughout the graded sale, and obviously grew by the time the auctioneer got to the Number 2 side of the graded sheet. Holstein heifers sold steady to weak on a fairly light supply. The PA Department of Agriculture graded 586 head of bulls for the graded sale, with an estimated 64 percent of the graded run going into veal barns.

Slaughter Calves: Number 2, Number 3, and Utility 60-120 lbs 64.00-86.00 in the graded sale. Standard and Utility in the regular sale 70-125 lbs 70.00-85.00, weaker 27.00-45.00.

Calves Going into Special-fed Veal Barns: Graded Number 1 Holstein bulls 120-124 lbs 145.00; 114-118 lbs 160.00; 90-112 lbs 175.00-180.00; 80-88 lbs 78.00-81.00. Graded Number 2 Holstein bulls 120-124 lbs 135.00; 106-118 lbs 157.00-162.00; 102-104 lbs 180.00; 98-100 lbs 188.00; 94-96 lbs 200.00; 88-92 lbs 160.00. Graded Number 3 Holstein bulls 105-130 lbs 95.00-97.00. Few nice Holstein bulls 130-135 lbs in the regular sale 120.00-144.00. Holstein heifers 90-125 lbs 560.00-600.00. Plain-er heifers 90-125 lbs 380.00-520.00; 80-90 lbs 260.00-410.00; 70-80 lbs up to 230.00. Weaker heifers 90-125 lbs 130.00-220.00; 80-90 lbs 110.00-180.00; 70-80 lbs 100.00-170.00.

Sheep and Lambs: Compared to Monday, slaughter lambs sold with a higher undertone. However, remember the late week supply is usually much lighter than the Monday run; therefore, even moderate demand late in the week can greatly outweigh the late week supply, thus driving prices higher. Slaughter sheep sold with a steady to firm undertone.

Slaughter Lambs: Choice and Prime 2-3 three 20 lbs 152.00; 50-60 lbs 108.00-134.00, fancy 147.00-175.00; 60-70 lbs 107.00-135.00; 70-80 lbs 112.00-120.00; 80-90 lbs 103.00-113.00; 90-100 lbs 97.00-115.00, mostly 100.00-107.00; 100-125 lbs 89.00-100.00, mostly 96.00-100.00.

Slaughter Sheep: Utility and Good 1-3 sheep 100-200 lbs 40.00-59.00, mostly 46.00-50.00; couple 210-220 lbs 30.00-37.00.

Slaughter Goats: Compared to Mondays 1100 head run, a light test of all classes sold with a higher undertone. This was due to the excellent late week demand. However, just like the lambs, when the run fluctuates so much from early to late week even moderate demand can translate into much higher prices. All goats are sold by the head, weights are estimated.

Kids: Selection 1-2 20-40 lbs 36.00-50.00. Selection 3 20-40 lbs 30.00-40.00, poorer 15.00-25.00; couple 40-50 lbs 46.00.

Yearlings: Selection 1-2 60-80 lbs 62.00-70.00. Nannies: Selection 1 70-100 lbs 83.00-86.00; 150 lb individual 92.00. Selection 2 50-70 lbs 40.00-62.00; 70-100 lbs 56.00-72.00; 100-150 lbs 74.00-82.00. Selection 3 50-70 lbs 30.00-38.00, includes some pigmies; 70-100 lbs 52.00-60.00, poorer 44.00-46.00; 100-150 lbs 65.00-78.00.

Billies: Selection 1 70-100 lbs 88.00-98.00; 100-150 lbs 100.00-126.00; 150-250 lbs 134.00-158.00, couple fancy 168.00-174.00. Selection 2 70-100 lbs 84.00-92.00; 100-150 lbs 92.00-118.00; one 170 lbs 140.00. Selection 3 70-100 lbs 68.00-76.00.

Wethers: Few 50-100 lbs 52.00-74.00; 100-150 lbs 114.00-124.00.

Lancaster County Weekly Cattle

New Holland, Pa.
Report Supplied By USDA
Friday, Oct. 3, 2003

	CATTLE	CALVES
THIS WEEK	2275	1925
LAST WEEK	2468	1856

This week in Lancaster County, the bulk of the Choice and high Choice slaughter steers sold mostly steady, with some weakness noted late in the week. Low Choice grades and lower sold steady to firm, with heavier muscled Select steers as much as 2.00 higher late in the week. Receipts in Lancaster County are becoming lighter as the high market over the past couple of months has brought a lot of steers to town. This is making it somewhat difficult to find the really hard and long-feds. Nationally, the western direct feedyards gained 1.00-2.00 this week

with live sales in Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas at mostly 90.00. Nebraska feedyards received from 93.00-95.00 for their live cattle, mostly 1.00 higher Nebraska dressed sales from 145.00-147.00, or 2.00 higher. Live cattle contracts at the CME are pretty much aligned with the current cash trade, with spot October closing at 89.50 on Thursday. The spot October feeder cattle contract at the Merc closed at 101.57 on Thursday as feeder cattle markets remain very bullish. There is starting to be some weakness noted on calves across the U.S., especially if they are unvaccinated and bawling. Everyone knows that fall brings pleasant days and cold nights, making it tough to get a load of calves lined out. However, yearling demand couldn't be any better, with a very good run (over 2300 head) of feeder cattle late last week in Staunton, VA quoting heavy 7 weights up to 102.00, with heavy 8 weights up to 96.00; which had locals talking early in the week. Cutout values have come down a little over the week, but are still good; Choice cuts from around 157.00-158.00, with the Select cutout still holding a hefty discount at mostly 123.00. Back in the County, Holstein slaughter steers sold steady to firm, with a fancy load of reputation-fed Holsteins on Monday fetching as much as 86.00. Slaughter heifers sold steady to 1.00 higher. Slaughter cows sold 1.00-3.00 lower early in the week, with late week demand picking up with Lean cows up to 1.00 higher, and fleshier cows as much as 3.50 higher. Slaughter bulls sold 1.00-4.00 lower for the week. The reported supply this week in Lancaster County included 636 head of slaughter steers, 112 head of slaughter heifers, 1036 head of slaughter cows, 197 head of slaughter bulls, and 294 head of feeder cattle.

Slaughter Steers: High Choice and Prime 2-4 singles 1140-1420 lbs 93.00-96.75, two superb individuals 98.00-98.75, packages 1195-1440 lbs 93.25-96.10. Choice 2-3 singles 1130-1490 lbs 89.25-92.75, packages 1130-1375 lbs 89.00-92.50, few full 88.00-89.75. Higher yielding Choice 1-2 includes Charolais-crosses 1100-1335 lbs 91.00-95.75, mostly 94.00-95.50, couple fancier 97.50-98.00. High Select and low Choice 2-3 1045-1480 lbs 86.00-89.50, higher yielding up to 91.00, 82.50-84.50 early in the week. Select 1-2 1020-1440 lbs 80.00-86.50, primarily 82.00-85.00, heavier muscled 86.50-89.25. Fair amount returning to feed: 1085-1295 lbs 76.00-80.00, better-quality 80.25-84.00.

Holstein Steers: Fancy load of High Choice and Prime 2-3 1380-1585 lbs 83.75-86.00, three head of outstanding individuals 87.00-89.50, one 1620 lbs 83.75, few late in the week 85.25-86.50. Choice 2-3 1140-1565 lbs 79.00-82.25. High Select and low Choice 2-3 1170-1570 lbs 73.75-77.75, few heavy 1685-1690 lbs 70.00-71.50. Select 1-2 1125-1505 lbs 68.75-70.00.

Slaughter Heifers: Couple high Choice and Prime 1165-1245 lbs 94.25-95.75. Choice 2-3 singles 1015-1265 lbs 89.00-92.00, groups 1150-1180 lbs 89.50-92.75. High Select and low Choice 2-3 1070-1375 lbs 85.00-88.25, couple Charolais and Limu-crosses 86.50-89.50. Heiferettes: Commercial to Choice 2-4 1220-1330 lbs 1220-1330 lbs 69.50-73.00.

Slaughter Cows: Percent Lean, Weight, Bulk, Low Dressing. Premium White, 65-70, Over 1600 lbs, 46.75-54.50, 42.75-47.50, High dressing 55.00-60.00. Breakers, 75-80, Over 1400 lbs, 41.00-47.00, 36.00-41.50, High dressing 45.50-51.75. Boners, 80-85, Over 1200 lbs, 36.00-42.50, 32.50-37.00, High dressing 41.00-45.75. Lean (Hi-Yield), 85-88, Over 1200 lbs, 37.00-40.50, 35.00-37.00. Lean, 88-90, Over 1000 lbs, 31.00-36.50, 27.50-31.00. Lean (Light-We), 85-90, 750-1000 lbs, 29.00-33.25, 26.00-30.00.

Slaughter Bulls: Yield Grade 1 1310-1920 lbs 46.50-55.50, high dressing 57.00-59.00. Yield Grade 2 1005-2085 lbs 43.00-46.50, low dressing 1475-2515 lbs 41.25-45.75. Bullocks: Select 1-2 990-1295 lbs 51.50-57.50, fancy single 64.00. Nice load of Charolais-crosses which went to slaughter or were put on feed 815-1040 lbs 55.00-62.50, few fancier up to 64.00, all sold individually.

Calf Summary: For the week, slaughter calves sold steady to 10.00 higher as buyer demand and attendance remain good at sales throughout the County. Holstein bull calves that are going into special-fed veal barns sold sharply higher for the week. Buyers only threw more gas on the fire on Thursday as a large pen of Number 2 graded bulls weighing from 94-96 lbs brought 200.00, holding a 23.00 premium to the same weight of Number 1 bulls. Holstein heifer demand remains good, with graded heifers trading as high as 600.00. Northeast hide-off veal carcasses are reported with a lower undertone from 255.00-285.00. The Pennsylvania De-

partment of Agriculture graded 1352 head this week, compared to 1382 last week.

Slaughter Calves: Number 2, Number 3, and Utility 60-135 lbs 60.00-87.00 in the graded sales. Standard and Utility in the regular sales 70-125 lbs 40.00-85.00, weaker 27.00-45.00.

Holstein Calves Going Into Special-fed Veal Barns:

Monday- Holstein Bulls 90-125 lbs 120.00-150.00; 80-90 lbs 85.00-115.00. Plainertype Holstein Bulls 90-125 lbs 108.00-125.00; 80-90 lbs 72.00-85.00. Weaker Holstein Bulls 90-125 lbs 80.00-92.00; 80-90 lbs 62.00-67.00.

Tuesday- Graded Number One Holstein Bulls package 123 lbs 140.00; 95-115 lbs 160.00-168.00; 80-90 lbs 130.00-142.00. Graded Number Two Holstein Bulls package 113 lbs 147.00; 95-105 lbs 160.00-167.00; few packages 90 lbs 130.00-140.00; few head 95 lbs 132.00, larger package 92.00; few head 73 lbs 60.00. Graded Number Three Holstein Bulls package 107 lbs 100.00; 94-95 lbs 125.00-130.00, package 93 lbs 102.00; few packages 80-81 lbs 87.00. Graded Number One Heifers 90-110 lbs 575.00-600.00; package 82 lbs 375.00; package 75 lbs 140.00; few head 63 lbs 75.00. Graded Number Two Holstein Heifers 92-105 lbs 500.00-575.00; package 82 lbs 200.00; 63-71 lbs 55.00-75.00.

Thursday- Graded Number 1 Holstein bulls 120-124 lbs 145.00; 114-118 lbs 160.00; 90-112 lbs 175.00-180.00; 80-88 lbs 78.00-81.00. Graded Number 2 Holstein bulls 120-124 lbs 135.00; 106-118 lbs 157.00-162.00; 102-104 lbs 180.00; 98-100 lbs 188.00; 94-96 lbs 200.00; 88-92 lbs 160.00. Graded Number 3 Holstein bulls 105-130 lbs 95.00-97.00. Few nice Holstein bulls 130-135 lbs in the regular sale 120.00-144.00. Holstein heifers 90-125 lbs 560.00-600.00. Plain-er heifers 90-125 lbs 380.00-520.00; 80-90 lbs 260.00-410.00; 70-80 lbs up to 230.00. Weaker heifers 90-125 lbs 130.00-220.00; 80-90 lbs 110.00-180.00; 70-80 lbs 100.00-170.00.

Pennsylvania Livestock Auction

Waynesburg, Pa.

Thursday, Oct. 2, 2003

Report Supplied By Auction

CATTLE: STOCK COWS: 37.00-55.00. **SLAUGHTER COWS:** Utility & Commercial 42.00-51.50; Boner & Boning Utility 36.00-48.20; Cutter & Boning Utility 35.00-43.00; Canner & Low Cutter 35.00-40.50; Shells 30.00 & down.

BULLS: YIELD GRADE 1 1500#-2000# 45.00-55.00; **YIELD GRADE 2** 1000#-1400# 38.00-60.00.

FEEDER STEERS: M & L 1 300-500# 80.00-117.00, 250-280# 80.00-120.00; **M** 600-900# 70.00-103.00.

HEIFERS: M 1 & L 1 300-500# 78.00-104.00, **L** 1 400-650# 60.00-94.00.

BULLS: M & L 1 300-620# 70.00-106.00. **CALVES: Veal Prime** 70.00-85.00; Choice 60.00-84.00; Good 35.00-70.00; Farm Calves #1 Holstein Bulls 90-120# Few 35.00-95.00; #2 Holstein Bulls 80-100# Few 10.00-50.00; Beef - Bull & Hfrs./Hd. 35.00-90.00.

HOGS: Barrows & Gilts #1-2 210-255# 42.00-51.50; #2-3 255-280# 35.00-44.00; **Sows** #1-3 300-500# 24.50-30.00; **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# 60.00-90.00; **Feeder Lambs** Good 65.00-94.00, Sheep 15.00-45.00; **Fat Sheep** 25.00 and down.

GOATS: Large 45.00-110.00/Hd.; **Medium** 30.00-71.00/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.

Report Supplied By Auction

Thursday, Oct. 2, 2003

RETURN TO FARM CALF: 100-585

GOOD VEAL 70.00-99.00.

COMMON VEAL 20.00-69.00

CHOICE STEERS: NONE.

SELECT STEERS: 70.00-80.00.

COMMON STEERS: 50.00-69.00.

COMMERCIAL COWS: 42.00-54.00

CANNERS/CUTTERS: 33.00-45.00

SHELLS 25.00-32.00.

CHOICE HEIFERS: NONE.

SELECT HEIFERS: 70.00-80.00

COMMON HEIFERS: 50.00-69.00.

GOOD FEEDERS: 80.00-98.00.

COMMON FEEDERS: 40.00-79.00.

BULLS: 43.00-54.00

SOWS: NONE.

LAMBS: NONE.

Indiana Livestock Auction

Homer City, Pa.

Thursday, Oct. 2, 2003

Report Supplied By PDA

CATTLE: 105. STEERS AND HEIFERS STEADY. **COWS STEADY. BULLS STEADY TO 3.50 LOWER.**

STEERS: HIGH CHOICE & PRIME 2-3 1235/1275 LBS. 91.25-94.00. **CHOICE** 1-3 1045/1150 LBS. 83.75-88.25.

HEIFERS: CHOICE 1-3 935/1305 LBS. 87.75-95.00. **SELECT** 1-2 79.50-85.00.

COWS: BREAKERS 75-80% LEAN 45.00-50.50, **ONE AT** 36.50. **BONERS** 80-85% LEAN 39.25-44.50. **LEAN** 85-90% LEAN 33.00-40.00. **SHELLS** 33.00 AND DOWN.

BULLS: YIELD GRADE 1 1095/1985 LBS. 48.00-51.00. **ONE YIELD GRADE 2** 1092 LBS. 45.50.

FEEDER CATTLE: FEW HEIFERS: M & L 1 440/800 LBS. 74.00-78.00.

CALVES: 70. VEALERS: STANDARD & GOOD 65/115 LBS. 30.00-55.00. **FARM CALVES: HOLSTEIN BULLS STEADY TO 85.00 HIGHER. NO. 1 HOLSTEIN BULLS** 95/125 LBS. 125.00-167.50, 80/90 LBS. 117.50-150.00. **NO. 2 BULLS** 80/110 LBS. 67.50-115.00. **BEEF CROSS BULLS AND HEIFERS** 85/90 LBS. 80.00-120.00.

HOGS: 10. BARROWS AND GILTS: COUPLE 49-54% LEAN 262 & 264 LBS. 44.50. **SOWS: US** 1-3 510/670 LBS. 22.00-29.00. **BOARS: COUPLE** 630 & 718 LBS. 11.00 & 12.00.

FEEDER PIGS: 10. 1-3 LBS. 20 LBS. 6.00-7.50.

SHEEP: NO MARKET TEST.

GOATS: 13. NANNIES: 70/100 LBS 50.00-62.50

National Feeder Cattle Weekly Review

St. Joseph, Mo.

September 26, 2003

Report Supplied By USDA

NATIONAL FEEDER & STOCKER CATTLE SUMMARY - Week Ending Sept. 26 - Total Receipts: 498,900; last week 421,700; last year 341,700. Direct: 85,100; last week 58,300; last year 64,900. Video/Internet: 74,700; last week 41,400; last year 3,900. Auctions: 339,100, last week 322,000; last year 272,900. This week's auction volume included 32 percent over 600 lb and 44 percent heifers.

Compared to last week, yearling feeder cattle sold steady to firm Demand continues to be very good, but buyers are becoming price cautious and are sacrificing numbers to stay within the boundaries of their orders.

Feedlots sold cattle steady to 1.00 lower this week as packers reduced chain speeds and showed limited interest in buying under finished cattle. The Choice-Select spread is nearly 35.00 and inventories of Select boxes are starting to back up Demand remains outstanding for Choice, but supplies are extremely limited. We are currently teetering on record prices for feeder cattle, slaughter cattle, and dressed beef. The chance of holding these levels looks very good with positive fundamental factors, but the market seems to have run out of steam for the time being.

Slaughter cow prices (which have also been at record highs) were sharply lower this week. The National Milk Producers Foundation unleashed a dairy cow buyout program to reduce milk production. Cooperatives Working Together (CWT) is projected to cull 33,000 cows by the end of October. Although this is largely boneless beef, a few retail cuts will be broken out and the program will definitely weigh on the fed cattle market.

Thin-weaned calves and large strings of fancy calves in the mountain states sold steady to 3.00 higher, but this week's calf market was dominated by un-weaned, fleshy new-crops and prices for these types were steady to 4.00 lower. Southeastern markets suffered the full decline in calf prices as winter wheat interests failed to hold the market. Plains wheat farmers are either too busy planting their crop or too busy doctoring the calves that they have already bought. Midwestern farmers have yet to enter the market also, as they are in the full swing of corn harvest. Producers who have calves to sell are better off spending the next few weeks weaning and vaccinating their calves, and waiting for the wheat crop to be put in the ground and the corn crop to be put in the bin.

Kentucky Feeder Cattle Sales

Lexington, Ky.

September 30, 2003

Report Supplied By USDA

BLUE GRASS STOCKYARDS Daily Auction: Actual Receipts, 3,052. Compared to Monday: Steer calves near steady, heifer calves steady to weak. Yearling steers and heifers steady to firm. Holsteins steady.

FEEDER STEERS: Med
ge. 1: 300-350 lbs few 111.50, few 350-400 lbs 113.00-115.00; 400-450 lbs 100.00-114.00, 450-500 lbs 98.00-107.00; 500-550 lbs 95.00-104.00; 550-600 lbs 91.00-99.50; 600-700 lb calves 89.00-98.00, 600-700 lb yearlings 96.00-104.50; 700-800 lbs 95.00-103.50; 800-900 lbs 94.00-99.05; 900-1000 lbs 90.00-95.70, 1000-1100 lbs 86.00-91.90, including 28 head(blk) 1026 lbs 91.90. **HOLSTEINS: Large** 3: cpl 353 lbs 76.00; 3 head 5425 lbs 74.00, 500-600 lbs 78.00-80.75; 6 head 698 lbs 79.00, few 700-800 lbs 74.00-75.50; 800-900 lbs 72.00-77.00; 5 head 968 lbs 70.00; 14 head 1179 lbs 66.95.

BULL CALVES: Med
ge. 1: 300-400 lbs 100.00-112.00; 400-500 lbs 91.00-104.00; 500-600 lbs 88.00-98.00; 600-700 lbs 81.00-91.00; 700-800 lbs 77.00-85.00, 800-900 lbs 76.00-80.00, 900-1000 lbs 70.00-75.00.

FEEDER HEIFERS: Med
ge. 1: 300-400 lbs few 95.00; 400-500 lbs 87.00-95.00; 500-600 lbs 85.50-94.00; few 600-700 lbs 88.00-94.50; 700-800 lbs 86.00-94.95.

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