LANCASTER COUNTY LIVESTOCK MARKET AUCTIONS

New Holland Livestock Auction

New Holland, Pa.
Report Supplied By USDA
Monday, October 6, 2003
Cattle Calves Hogs Sheep 361 WEEK AGO 239 692 1092 1293 326 825 1164 LAST YEAR 372

Compared to Thursday, slaughter cows sold Compared to Thursday, slaughter cows sold mostly 1 00-2 50 higher. Bidding was very active for the entirety of the sale with buyer attendance relatively light. Lean slaughter bulls sold amostly steady, Yield Grade 2 bulls sold as 2.00 higher. The cattle supply included 166 slaughter cows, 45 slaughter bulls, 76 slaughter steers, with 75 head of feeder cattle.

Slaughter Cows: Percent Lean Weight Bulk Low Dressing Premium White 65-70 Over 1600 lbs 50.00-53.75 47.25-50.00 Breakers 70-75 Over 1400 lbs 45.00-49.50 Boners 75-80 Over 1200 lbs few 42.00-45.25 38.25-40.00 Lean (Hi-Yield) 80-85 Over 1200 lbs 36.75-39.75 34.00-37.50 Lean 85-90 Over 1000 lbs 32.50-36.50 28.00-33.00 Lean (Light-Wt) 85-90 750-1000 lbs 29 00-32.25 25.50-29.00

Slaughter Bulls: Yield Grade 1 1075-1995 lbs 47.00-54.00 which includes some high dressers. Yield Grade 2 1235-1995 lbs 45.50-48.25, few up to 50.75, low dressing 43.00-44.50.

Calves: Compared to Thursday, slaughter calves sold mostly steady. Holstein Lull claves going into special-fed veal barns sold sharply lower, but steady to firm when compared to last Monday. There were not enough heifers to fully test the market.

Slaughter Calves: Standard and Utility early 55-110 lbs 50.00-77.00, weaker 11.00-30.00. Calves Going Into Special-fed Veal Barns: Hol-stein Bulls 90-125 lbs 120.00-160.00; 80-90 lbs 105.00-130.00. Plainer-type Holstein Bulls 90-125 lbs 90.00-120.00; 80-90 lbs 90.00-95.00. Weaker Holstein Bulls 90-125 lbs 65.00-87.00.

HOGS: Barrows and gitts opened 1.00 to 3.00 lower, mostly 2.00 to 3.00 lower, sows were mostly steady, instances .50 lower, boars were fully steady. BARROWS AND GILTS: 49-54% lean 220-270 lbs 38.00-40.75 mostly 38.35-39.00, show hogs 43.50-46.25, 45-50% lean 220-270 lbs 36.25-38.25, 270-300 lbs 34.00-36.25, 300-350 lbs mostly 34.10 mostly 34.10

SOWS: 1-3 300-400 lbs 27.50, 400-500 lbs 7.50-33.00, 500-700 lbs 33.00-35.00 mostly

BOARS: 300-700 lbs 12.00.

Sheep and Lambs Compared to last Monday, slaughter lambs sold steady to firm, with heaver saughter lambs soul steady to lifth, with neavest weight lambs seeing the greatest advances. Lightweight lambs continue to be in high demand; however prices remain steady. Slaughter sheep sold steady to firm on a larger than average run, while slaughter bucks traded 5.00 higher Buyer attendance and bidding activity was good through the course of the sale. Slaughter Lambs: Choice and Prime 2-3 few

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40-50 lbs 114 00-130.00, fancy 135.00-138.00,
50-60 lbs 112.00-130.00, fancy 134.00; 60-70 lbs
112.00-124 00, fancy 130.00-138.00, 70-80 lbs
108.00-124 00, 80-90 lbs 110 00-126.00; 90-100
lbs 102 00-112 00, few between 118.00-120.00;
100-125 lbs 96 00-108.00, few 116 00; 125-150
lbs 94 00-106 00 Good 2-4 90-100 lbs
96 00-100 00; 100-150 lbs 80 00-90 00.
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Slaughter Sheep Utility and Good 1-3 Sheep 75-100 lbs 38.00-48.00, 100-150 lbs 40.00-50.00, high dressing 54.00-62.00, 150-200 lbs 40.00-48 00, few higher dressing 54.00-60 00 Bucks few 100-150 lbs 62.00-66.00; 150-200 lbs 38.00, 200-225 lbs 40.00-50.00, few 55.00-62 00. Yearlings 100-150 lbs 50.00-63.00, few 68.00-84.00; 150-200 lbs 64.00-66.00.

Slaughter Goats: Compared to last Monday, Kid goats sold mixed from 10.00 higher to 10.00 lower. Yearlings were not well tested. Nannies

and Billies sold steady to firm, with the exception of fancy heavy weight Billies trading sharply lower. A good supply of Wethers sold steady to weak. Good buyer attendance through the duration of the sale, with moderated demand. All goats are sold by the head, with estimated weights. Kids: Selection 1 20-40 lbs 54.00-66.00, bulk 54.00-58.00; 40-60 lbs 72.00-78.00; 60-80 bulk 54.00-58.00; 40-60 lbs 72.00-78.00; 60-80 lbs 82.00-88.00. Selection 2 20-40 lbs 40.00-52 00, lighter 22.00-24.00, few pigmies 32.00-40.00; 40-60 lbs 50.00-68.00, bulk 54.00-62.00; 60-80 lbs 68.00-74.00. Selection 3 20-40 lbs 30.00-40.00, few light and weaker 20.00-22.00, 40-60 lbs 38.00-48.00, few weaker 28.00-34.00; 60-80 lbs few 58.00 Yearlings: Selection 1 few 60-80 lbs 68.00-86.00. Selection 2 few 60-80 lbs 66.00-78.00, few pigmies 72.00 Selection 3 few 60-80 lbs 48.00-56.00. Nannies Selection 1 70-100 lbs 68.00-78.00; few 100-150 Selection 1 70-100 lbs 68.00-78.00; few 100-150 lbs 76.00. Selection 2 50-70 lbs 48.00-57.00, piglbs /6.00. Selection 2 50-70 lbs 48.00-5/.00, pig-mies 42.00-54.00, few weaker pigmies 24.00-34.00; 70-100 lbs 58.00-66.00, bulk 58.00-62.00; 100-150 lbs 60.00-70.00. Selection 3 50-70 lbs 39.00-48.00; 70-100 lbs 50.00-58.00, few weaker 44.00-48.00; 100-150 lbs 60.00-68.00. Billies: Selection 1 70-100 lbs 86.00-96.00; 100-150 lbs 106.00-117.00; 150-250 lbs 130.00-144.00. Selection 2 70-80 lb 70.00-84.00, few pigmies 44.00-58.00; 100-150 lbs 90.00-106.00; 150-250 lbs 104.00-114.00. Selection 3 70-100 lbs 40.00-66.00; 100-150 lbs 64.00-82.00. Wethers: 50-70 lbs 60.00-66.00, fancier 74.00-80.00, few lighter and weaker 46.00-52.00, few pigmies 44.00; 70-100 lbs 74.00-80.00, few pigmies 44.00; 70-100 lbs 74.00-80.00, few fancy 88.00-92.00, few weaker 50.00-66.00; 100-150 lbs 84.00-100.00, heavier offerings 106.00-114.00, weaker 60.00-70.00.

Vintage Livestock Auction

Vintage, Pa.
October 6, 7, 2003
Report Supplied By USDA
Cattle Calves Sheep Goats THIS WEEK 723

LAST WEEK 587 LAST YEAR

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Compared to Thursday, Monday sales were a full 1.00-2.00 higher, but only paved the way for an extremely active Tuesday sale. High Choice and Prime steers were as high as 104.00 or Tuesday, although all grades showed good advances as prices were as much as 5.00 higher. Granted, receipts were light, although numbers of good hard-fed cattle are becoming sparse of good hard-fed cattle are becoming sparse across the country. They are so hard to find in fact, that the Nebraska direct feedyards moved their black-huded steers 4.00-7.00 higher from 97.00-98 00 on Tuesday, with pens up to 100.00, with dressed sales from 150.00-155.00, or 5.00-8.00 higher. The Board did all it could over the last couple of days to align with the higher cash trade, with two days of limit-up gains leav-ing the October spot live cattle contract at 92.82 The meat markets had no choice but to respond as well, with Choice cutouts over 161.00 again, and Select cuts over 129.00; all of which is over 3.00 higher. Holstein steers in Vintage were as high as 90.00, which are 4.00 higher, with the heifer run to light to test. Slaughter cows were 2.00-4.00 higher, with the cow carcass cutout value 2.66 higher on Tuesday There were not enough slaughter bulls to test the market The two-day run included an estimated 238 head of slaughter steers, 35 slaughter heifers, 401 slaughter cows, 12 slaughter bulls, and 37 head of feeder cattle.

The Vintage Sales Stables will be holding a special feeder cattle sale on Monday October the 13th, set to begin around 1:00 pm. There are al-ready some nice black cattle consigned out of Maryland, with a fairly good overall selection

Market At A Glance

Lancaster County Livestock Auction Averages (Price Per Hundredweight) Week Ending Friday, October 10, 2003 **Supplied By Market Staff**

	This Wk	Wk Ago	Yr Ago
Steers, Choice 2-3	98.00	90.75	65.15
Heifers, Choice 2-3, few Prime	96.50	90.50	64.25
Cows, Breakers, 75-80% lean	48.35	45.00	42.00
Cows, Boners, 80-85% lean	41.50	39.75	38.50
Bulls, YG 1,	54.00	52.00	49.50
Hogs, 49-54% lean, Monday	38.75	42.00	33.00
Lambs, Choice/Prime 80-110 lb.	110.00	98.00	71.00

Cattle Watch

How high will they go?

Slaughter Steer Prices at the Lancaster County Auctions

Week Ending	*High Choice and Prime 2-4	*Choice 2-3	Choice Average
Aug. 29	\$86.10-89.60, one \$90	\$82.00-86.50	\$83.25
Sept. 5	\$88.00-93.00	\$84.50-88.25	\$86.00
Sept. 12	\$92.75-96.75, few \$100	\$90.00-93.25	\$90.50
Sept. 19	\$93.00 97.25, one \$100.25	\$90.00-93.50	\$91.75
Sept. 26	\$93.00-97.00	\$88.00-93.00	\$90.85
Oct. 3	\$93.00-96.75	\$89.00-92.75	\$90.75
Tuesday Oct. 7	\$94.00-101.25, top \$104	\$94.25-97.50	\$95.50

* Price spreads quoted from USDA market reports

Slaughter Steers: High Choice and Prime 2-4 singles on Monday 1130-1435 lbs 94.00-98.00, with 10 head 1260-1400 lbs 98.50-101.25; fancy supply on Tuesday 1285-1430 lbs 99.50-104.00, mostly 100.00-103.00. Choice 2-3 singles on Monday 1060-1400 lbs 91.50-94.00; Tuesday supply 1140-1430 lbs 94.25-97.50, Charolaiscrosses 92.50-95.50. Several high yielding Choice 1-2 on Tuesday 1170-1465 lbs 98.50-103.00, bulk 100.00-101.25. Few Choice 4 includes full 1170-1405 lbs 90.50-94.00. Select and low Choice 2-3 singles on Monday 1115-1385 lbs 90.50-93.00, few emptier up to 94.00; Tuesday supply 1110-1295 lbs 91.50-93.50. Select 1-2 singles on Monday 1015-1395 lbs 88.00-91.00, heavy muscled 91.75-94.00. 91,75-94,00.

Holstein Steers: High Choice and Prime 2-3 1275-1550 lbs 86.25-90.00, beef-crosses 1140-1455 lbs 87.00-90.00. Few Choice 2-3 1320-1565 lbs 80.75-84.25. Select 1-2 1185-1335

Slaughter Heifers: Few high Choice or Prime 2-4 1050-1270 lbs 92.00- 95.75, Charolais-cross 93.00 Couple Choice 2-3 1025-1270 lbs

Slaughter Cows: Percent Lean Weight Bulk Slaughter Cows: Percent Lean Weight Bulk Low Dressing Premum White 65-70 over 1600 lbs 51.00-55.00, High Dressing few 57.00-59.00 Breakers 70-75 over 1400 lbs 46.00-50.75 43.75-44.75 Boners 75-80 over 1200 lbs 41.25-44.00, 36.75-40.75 High Dressing 44.50-47.75 Lean (Hi-Yield) 85-90 over 1200 lbs 36.75-41.00 Lean 85-90 over 1000 lbs 33.00-37.50 28.50-32.00 Lean (Light-wgt) 85-90 over 750 lbs 30.00-34.00 25.25-27.50 Slaughter Bulls: Yield Grade 1-2 1655-1910 lbs

Calves: Compared to last Tuesday's sale slaughter calves sold mostly steady. Graded Holstein bull calves suitable for special fed veal barns sold mixed, with heavy weight calves seling steady to weak; while middle weight calves (95-110 lbs) sold steady to firm. Lighter weight Graded 1 and 2 calves sold sharply lower. Graded Number 3 calves also sold sharply Graded Number 3 calves also sold sharply lower. Graded Holstein Heifers showed the greatest losses of the night trading between 125.00-175.00 off from last week. Buyer attendance was good with active bidding through the duration of the sale. The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture graded 813 head of heifers and bulls for the sale, with an estimated 76 peract of the graded run oning back to feed.

and bulls for the sale, with an estimated 76 percent of the graded run going back to feed.
Slaughter Calves: Standard and Utility 80-135 lbs 60.00-86.00; 55-80 lbs 30.00-50.00, few weaker 12.00-30.00. Returning to Feed:
Graded Number One Holstein Bulls package 121 dbs 137.00; few packages 112 lbs 157:00-162.00; 95-102 lbs 170.00-177.00; few packages 90.00 lbs 135 00-145.00; 85 lbs 85.00-105.00; 73-85 lbs 67.00-70.00. Graded Number Two Holstein Bulls package 112-114s 142.00-145.00; 102 lbs 145.00-157.00; 95 lbs 120.00-145.00; few 90 lbs 100.00; 83-90 lbs 120.00-145.00; few 90 lbs 100.00; 83-90 lbs 77.00-82.00; few head 74 lbs 60.00. Graded Number Three Holstein Bulls package 81-108 lbs 75.00-87.00.

Graded Number One Heifers 90-115 lbs 410.00-475.00; package 82 lbs 350.00; package 74 lbs 125.00. Graded Number Two Holstein Heifers package 104 lbs 405.00; package 91 lbs 360.00; package 83 lbs 160.00; 73-75 lbs 100 00; few head 63 lbs 50.00.

New Holland **Livestock Auction**

New Holland, Pa. Thursday, Oct. 9, 2003 Report Supplied By USDA

Cattle Calves Sheep Goats MONDAY 515 253 LAST WEEK 1299 741 313 206 LAST YEAR 1365 693 322 380

Compared to last Thursday, high Choice and Prime slaughter steers sold 7.00- 8 00 higher Choice slaughter steers sold mostly 8 50 higher, while high Select and low Choice cattle sold as much as 9 00 higher. The runs continue to be light this week, as the finished plies seem to become more scarce. The supply was nixed in New Holland, which allowed an assortment of buyers to enter the market Holstein slaughter steers sold steady to 150 higher compared to early in the week The Holstein run was lighter as well, but buyers are still paying good money for them as they make a good supplement for high priced black cattle. Slaughter heifers mirrored the increase of their male counterparts; with Choice slaughter heifers up 4 00-6 00 Lean slaughter cows sold mixed with light weight leans mostly steady, while heavier leans sold between 1 00-5 00 higher Breaker and Boning cows (75-85 percent lean) sold up to 5 00 higher, with Premium Whites (65-70 percent lean) as much as 5.00-7 00 higher than last week Slaughter bulls sold 2 00-5.00 higher The supply included 440 head of slaughter steers, 59 head of slaughter heifers, 413 head of slaughter cows, 102 head of slaughter bulls, with 154 head of feeder cattle

Note The New Holland Sales Stables will be holding a special feeder cattle sale on Friday October the 31st, set to begin at 6:00 pm.

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Slaughter Steers: High Choice and Prime 2-4 singles 1260-1455 lbs 101 50- 104.00, few superb individuals 105 00-105.75, packages 1275-1460 lbs 102.00- 105 35, few full 99 00. Choice 2-3 singles 1115-1440 lbs 98 00-101 25, packages 1130-1490 lbs 98 25-101.75, few full 98 00-98 75. Higher yielding Choice 1-2 includes Charolaus-crosses and Limi-crosses 1135-1390 lbs 101 25-102.00, few superb individuals 106.50-108 00 Choice 4 1150-1420 lbs 95.50-97 25. High Select and low Choice 2-3 singles 1070-1495 lbs 95 52-59 00, nacklow Choice 2-3 singles 1070-1495 lbs 95 25-99 00, packages 1235-1395 lbs 95 50-96 60, few full 92.25-94.50 Select 1-2 1065-1415 lbs 87.00-91 75. Fair amount returning to feed: 1045-1216 lbs 78 75-82 00, better-quality 86 00- 90 50.

Holstein Steers: Few high Choice and Prime 2-3 1400-1510 lbs 90.00-92.75, individual 94 50 Choice 2-3 1290-1580 lbs 85.50-89.00 High Select and low Choice 2-3 1200-1580 lbs 81.50-85.50, lower dressing 80 00-81 50 Few Select 1-2 1275-1505 lbs 73 50-77 00, majority 73.50-75 00. Standard 1-2 1080-1395 lbs

Slaughter Heifers: Individual Choice and Prime 1275 lbs 99.75. Choice 2-3 singles 1020-1445 lbs 95 50-97 50, single group 1102 lbs 98.25, few higher dressing 99 00-100 00.

Slaughter Cows: Percent Lean, Weight, Bulk, Low Dressing Premium White, 65-70, Over 1600 bs, 55 75-59 75, 50 50-54 25, High dressing 61 25-63 60 Breakers, 75-80, Over 1400 bs, 46.25-50 50, Breakers, 75-80, Over 1400 lbs, 46.25-30 50, 43 50-45 50, High dressing 51 00-53.00 Boners, 80-85, Over 1200 lbs, 42 50-45 75, 39 75-41 75, High dressing 45 75-48 75 Lean (Hi-Yield), 85-88, Over 1200 lbs, 88 75-42 00, 35.50-38 00 Lean, 88-90, Over 1000 lbs, 36 00-40 00, 32 00-36 00 Lean (Light-Wt), 85-90, few 750-1000 lbs, 30 75-33 75, 28 00-29 50

Slaughter Bulls Yield Grade 1 1235-2000 lbs 51 00-57 25, high dressing 60 50-65 00 Yield Grade 2 1140-1675 lbs 43 25-49 75. Bullocks Select 1-2 Nice load of Charolaus-crosses which went to slaughter or were put on feed 805- 1050 lbs 59 00-65 50. Fe younger bulls returning to service 1165-1505 lbs 70 00-75 00

Calves Compared to last Thursday, sid sold steady to weak. There was 308 head of bulls in the overall graded run that will see a kill floor in the nea Holstein bull calves going into special-fed veal barns sold sharply lower on all grades Graded Number One bull calves 10 00 to as much as 20,00 lower on middle weight calves. Number Two calves showed the greatest losses from 20 00-40 00 on heavier weight calves between 110-124 lbs, while middle and light weight calves sold 60 00 to over 100 00 lower, more than half off from last week. Holstein heifers sold significantly

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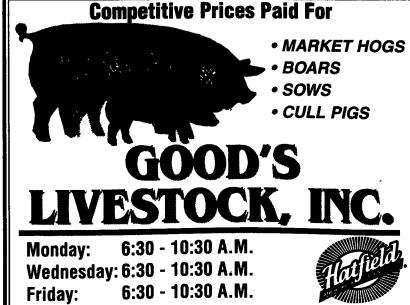
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