

LANCASTER COUNTY LIVESTOCK MARKET AUCTIONS

Some markets not available because of the holiday

New Holland Livestock Auction

New Holland, Pa.
Report Supplied By USDA
Monday, October 13, 2003

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Goats
MONDAY	573	287	1143	1392
WEEK AGO	361	239	1092	1293
LAST YEAR	369	255	813	1225

Compared to Thursday, lean slaughter cows sold mostly 1.50-2.00 higher; while fleshier offerings sold steady to weak. Bidding was moderately active with light buyer attendance. Slaughter bulls sold 2.00 with instances of 3.00 higher. The cattle supply included 210 head slaughter cows, 58 slaughter bulls, 38 slaughter steers, with 267 head feeder cattle.

Slaughter Cows: Percent Lean Weight Bulk Low Dressing Premium White 65-70 Over 1600 lbs 54.75-57.25, 51.75-53.50 High Dressing 58.50-59.25 Breakers 70-75 Over 1400 lbs 46.50-50.25, 42.00-45.25 High Dressing 51.75-54.50 Boners 75-80 Over 1200 lbs 42.00-46.75 38.00-42.75 Lean (Hi-Yield) 80-85 Over 1200 lbs 42.00-45.25 38.50-39.50 Lean 85-90 Over 1000 lbs 37.75-41.50 33.50-37.00 Lean (Light-Wt) 85-90 750-1000 lbs 32.50-36.50 29.00-31.50.

Slaughter Bulls: Yield Grade 1 1010-1910 lbs 54.00-60.00, high dressing 61.50-65.75. Yield Grade 2 1585-1930 lbs 45.00-52.75, low dressing 42.00-45.50. Bullocks: Select 1-2 1015-1165 lbs 84.00-88.00.

Calves: Compared to Thursday, slaughter calves sold steady to mostly 3.00 higher. Holstein bull calves going into special-fed veal barns sold steady to weak. There were not enough heifers to fully test the market.

Slaughter Calves: Standard and Utility early 55-110 lbs 55.00-90.00, weaker 11.00-45.00.

Calves Going Into Special-fed Veal Barns: Holstein Bulls 90-125 lbs 120.00-160.00; 80-90 lbs 105.00-145.00. Plainer-type Holstein Bulls 90-125 lbs 90.00-120.00; 80-90 lbs 80.00-115.00. Weaker Holstein Bulls 90-125 lbs 65.00-77.00.

Sheep and Lambs: Compared to last Monday, slaughter lambs sold steady, with instances of 10.00 higher. Light weight lambs continue to be hard to find due to time of year, with 40 lbs lambs trading as high as 255.00. Slaughter sheep sold steady on a high quality run. Buyer attendance and bidding activity was good through the course of the sale.

Slaughter Lambs: Choice and Prime 2-3 30-40 lbs individual 255.00; 40-50 lbs individual

158.00; 50-60 lbs 116.00-125.00, fancy 134.00; 60-70 lbs 120.00-136.00; 70-80 lbs 116.00-128.00; 80-90 lbs 114.00-128.00; 90-100 lbs 108.00-124.00; 100-125 lbs 108.00-118.00; 125-150 lbs 94.00-96.00.

Slaughter Sheep: Utility and Good 1-3 Sheep 75-100 lbs 36.00-38.00; 100-150 lbs 42.00-52.00; 150-200 lbs 42.00-48.00. Bucks 150-200 lbs 50.00-52.00, fancier 60.00-70.00; 200-225 lbs 34.00-46.00.

Slaughter Goats: Compared to last Monday, Kid goats sold steady to firm, while Yearlings were not well tested. Nannies sold mostly steady, with Billies trading steady to weak on a large run. A good supply of Wethers sold steady to firm. 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 56.00-64.00; 40-60 lbs 74.00-76.00. Selection 2 20-40 lbs 40.00-54.00, few pigmies 28.00-42.00; 40-60 lbs 52.00-68.00, bulk 58.00-68.00; 60-80 lbs 64.00-74.00. Selection 3 20-40 lbs 30.00-40.00, few light and weaker 18.00-26.00; 40-60 lbs 44.00-52.00, few weaker 34.00-40.00; 60-80 lbs few 56.00-60.00. Yearlings: Selection 2 few 60-80 lbs 64.00-76.00, few pigmies 62.00. Selection 3 few 60-80 lbs 48.00-56.00. Nannies: Selection 1 50-70 lbs 60.00-64.00; few 70-100 lbs 68.00. Selection 2 50-70 lbs 46.00-60.00, pigmies 40.00-50.00, few weaker pigmies 30.00-36.00; 70-100 lbs 54.00-66.00; 100-150 lbs 60.00-70.00. Selection 3 50-70 lbs 38.00-48.00; 70-100 lbs 52.00-58.00. Billies: Selection 1 100-150 lbs 96.00-104.00; 150-250 lbs 122.00-124.00. Selection 2 70-80 lbs 70.00-72.00, few pigmies 36.00-50.00; 100-150 lbs 80.00-96.00; 150-250 lbs 100.00-120.00. Selection 3 70-100 lbs 50.00-68.00; 100-150 lbs 64.00-76.00; 150-250 lbs 96.00-98.00. Wethers: 50-70 lbs 60.00-72.00, fancier 78.00-80.00, few lighter and weaker 48.00-56.00, few pigmies 40.00-48.00; 70-100 lbs 74.00-82.00, few weaker 68.00-72.00; 100-150 lbs 82.00-100.00.

Vintage Livestock Auction

Vintage, Pa.
October 13, 14, 2003
Report Supplied By USDA

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Goats
THIS WEEK	1074	924	12	2
LAST WEEK	723	912	0	0
LAST YEAR	842	782	6	0

Compared to Thursday, Tuesday's sales were

Market At A Glance

Lancaster County Livestock Auction Averages
(Price Per Hundredweight)
Week Ending Friday, October 17, 2003
Supplied By Market Staff

	This Wk	Wk Ago	Yr Ago
Steers, Choice 2-3	116.75	98.00	66.25
Heifers, Choice 2-3, few Prime	106.25	96.50	64.85
Cows, Breakers, 75-80% lean	50.00	48.35	43.50
Cows, Boners, 80-85% lean	46.00	41.50	39.50
Bulls, YG 1,	58.50	54.00	49.00
Hogs, 49-54% lean, Monday	39.00	38.75	35.00
Lambs, Choice/Prime 80-110 lb.	116.00	110.00	62.00

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
Oct. 10	99.00-105.75	94.25-101.75	98.00
Tuesday Oct. 14	120.00-125.50, top 132.50	115.50-121.00	118.00

* Price spreads quoted from USDA market reports

another 8.00-10.00 higher after the market was already a full 9.00-11.00 higher on Monday. The current finished market is playing leap frog with itself, as prices are drastically higher from one day to the next. After having over 40 head on Monday bring from 110.00-124.50, there was around another 50 head on Tuesday that sold for 120.00 or higher; with 11 head of high Choice and Prime steers weighing from 1255-1440 lbs trading from 130.00-132.50. It was another wild day in the national markets as well. The current October live cattle contract quickly moved up the limit first thing Tuesday morning to close at 100.32 at days end. It is worth noting that there was some bearishness in most of the further-out months at the Merc though, with contracts from Feb of 2004 and out closing down-the-limit across the Board.

Feeder cattle traders are also trying to keep from giving the current market too much rein, as the spot October feeder cattle contract closed down 137.50 at 107.30; with every month after Oct posting limit-down losses. However, meat markets hit the ground running on Tuesday, with the cutout values of Choice and Select carcasses from 7.00, to over 8.00 higher. Choice cuts from around 189.00-190.00; Select from 166.00-168.00. The Nebraska feedyards held out as long as they could (although its only Tuesday) to sell their finished supplies. They received 115.00 for their live cattle, which are 15.00 higher, and 177.00-180.00 for their dressed steers, which is 22.00-25.00 higher. Who

knows where this market is heading, the only thing that is apparent is that producers are absolutely besides themselves with joy, seasoned cattle buyers are shaking their heads in disbelief, and packers are hoping that this thing comes down to a 'reasonable' level. Slaughter cows in Vintage were steady to 3.00 higher, with some weakness noted on the fleshier cows. Slaughter bulls sold with a firmer undertone on a small test. The two-day run included an estimated 332 head of slaughter steers, 40 slaughter heifers, 371 slaughter cows, 15 slaughter bulls, and 279 head of feeder cattle. A full calf report will be issued Tuesday night.

The Vintage Sales Stables held a special feeder cattle sale on Monday the 13th, which can be viewed at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/LN-LS180.txt>.

Slaughter Steers: High Choice and Prime 2-4 singles 1135-1480 lbs 110.50-115.50 on Monday with fancier from 117.00-124.50; Tuesday sales 1190-1440 lbs 120.00-125.50 with several fancier from 126.50-132.50. Choice 2-3 singles 1145-1370 lbs 107.50-110.00 on Monday; Tuesday sales 1100-1450 lbs 115.50-121.00, mostly 116.00-119.00, few up to 122.50. Select and low Choice 2-3 singles 1250-1285 lbs 98.50-111.00 on Monday; Tuesday sales 1090-1470 lbs 107.00-112.00, primarily 109.00-112.00, as high as 115.00 at times. Select 1-2 singles 1070-1325 lbs 90.00-94.00 on Monday with heavy muscled from 101.00-104.00; light Tuesday sales 1165-1330 lbs 93.00-100.00, mostly 96.00-99.50, heavy muscled up to 110.00.

Holstein Steers: High Choice and Prime 2-3 1345-1560 lbs 99.25-105.00. Choice 2-3 1370-1390 lbs 92.50-94.75 on Monday; Tuesday sales 1315-1510 lbs 97.00-99.50. Select, few low Choice 1-3 1340-1560 lbs 84.50-90.25 on Monday.

Slaughter Heifers: High Choice or Prime 2-4 1030-1165 lbs 106.25-115.00, few 118.00-120.00. Choice 2-3 1060-1210 lbs 98.00-100.75 on Monday; Tuesday sales as high as 114.00. Select and low Choice 2-3 1070-1215 lbs 102.00-108.00. Select 1-2 945-1215 lbs 90.00-94.50.

Slaughter Cows: Percent Lean Weight Bulk Low Dressing Premium White 65-70 over 1600 lbs 55.75-59.25, 48.25-54.75 High Dressing few 60.00-65.25 Breakers 70-75 over 1400 lbs 47.00-50.25, 43.00-46.00 High Dressing few 51.50-55.00 Boners 75-80 over 1200 lbs 42.00-45.75, 38.50-41.25 High Dressing 46.25-49.75 Lean (Hi-Yield) 85-90 over 1200 lbs 41.75-45.75 39.25-40.75 Lean 85-90 over 1000 lbs 37.25-42.00 34.50-36.50 Lean (Light-wgt) 85-90 over 750 lbs 32.00-35.25 27.50-31.00 Slaughter Bulls: Yield Grade 1-2 1245-2030 lbs 52.00-58.50, fancy single 69.50, few on Monday from 50.00-52.75.

Calves: Compared to last Tuesday's sale, slaughter calves sold mostly steady. The number of calves moving directly to slaughter continues to increase over the past few weeks, with over 30 percent of the Graded run moving directly to the kill floor. Graded Holstein bull calves suitable for special fed veal barns sold mixed, with Graded Number One's 10.00 to mostly 25.00 lower; while Graded Number Two and Three's traded mostly steady to 5.00 lower on heavier weights. In the Meat Trade: USDA Carlot veal carcass reported contract calves slaughtered this week: 200.00-265.00. Packers base market 220.00-235.00, mostly 230.00. Future Contracts offered: Firm Bottom 210.00, mostly 215.00, Firm Top 230.00 and 235.00. Firm Bottom/Open Top, none offered. Firm Bottom 215.00, Split Half Top 230.00. Fixed, none offered. All prices on hot carcass basis, hide off. Graded Holstein Heifers sold steady to firm, topping out at 530.00. Buyer attendance was moderate with active bidding through the duration of the sale. The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture graded 826 head of heifers and bulls for the sale, with an estimated 69 percent of the graded run going back to feed.

Slaughter Calves: Standard and Utility 80-135 lbs 60.00-85.00; 55-80 lbs 30.00-50.00, few weaker 10.00-30.00. Returning to Feed: Graded Number One Holstein Bulls package 120-113 lbs 120.00-127.00; 102-112 lbs 142.00-157.00; few packages 95.00 lbs 130.00; package 92 lbs 90.00; 85-90 lbs 75.00; package 80 lbs 92.00; 73 lbs 62.00. Graded Number Two Holstein Bulls package 116 lbs 127.00; 101-113 lbs 145.00-150.00; 95 lbs 102.00-115.00; 83-90 lbs 72.00-76.00; few 63 lbs 40.00. Graded Number Three Holstein Bulls package 82-110 lbs 71.00-85.00. Graded Number One Heifers package 114 lbs 460.00; 90-105 lbs 500.00-530.00; package 83 lbs 380.00. Graded Number Two Holstein Heifers package 107 lbs 490.00; package 92 lbs 400.00; package 83 lbs 200.00; package 73 lbs 100.00; few head 60 lbs 35.00.

New Holland Livestock Auction

New Holland, Pa.
Thursday, Oct. 16, 2003
Report Supplied By USDA

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Goats
MONDAY	1746	901	236	280
LAST WEEK	1247	778	253	515
LAST YEAR	1633	628	170	230

Compared to last Thursday, high Choice and

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