

# LANCASTER COUNTY LIVESTOCK MARKET AUCTIONS

## New Holland Livestock Auction

New Holland, Pa.  
Report Supplied By USDA  
Monday, October 27, 2003

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Goats
MONDAY	602	325	529	1594
WEEK AGO	1210			
	446	253	464	1484
LAST YEAR	1227			
	411	246	519	598
	1274			

Compared to Thursday, lean slaughter cows sold mostly 2.00 lower; while fleshier offerings traded steady to weak on a light supply. Slaughter bulls sold mostly steady with the Thursday run. The cattle supply included 252 slaughter cows, 65 slaughter bulls, 55 slaughter steers, with 230 head of feeder cattle.

Slaughter Cows: Percent Lean Weight Bulk Low Dressing Premium White 65-70 Over 1600 lbs 52.00-55.25 47.00-49.50 Breakers 70-75 Over 1400 lbs 46.00-52.00 42.00-45.00 Boners 75-80 Over 1200 lbs 41.50-45.00 37.50-41.00 Lean (Hi-Yield) 80-85 Over 1200 lbs 39.75-42.00 Lean 85-90 Over 1000 lbs 35.00-40.00 30.50-35.00 Lean (Light-Wt) 85-90 750-1000 lbs 28.50-30.00 24.50-26.00

Slaughter Bulls: Yield Grade 1-2 1160-2065 lbs 49.50-58.00 mostly 52.00-57.00 Bullocks: Select 2 individual 1060 lbs 62.50

Calves Compared to Thursday, slaughter calves sold mostly steady. Holstein bull calves going into special-fed veal barns sold sharply steady to 15.00 higher on nicer quality offerings compared to late last week, however mostly steady with last Monday. There were not enough heifers to fully test the market.

Slaughter Calves: Good 215-235 lbs 104.00-106.00; 375-525 lbs 74.00-80.00, couple 82.00-85.00, package 530 lbs 83.00. Standard and Utility 55-110 lbs 50.00-77.00, weaker 11.00-30.00

Calves Going Into Special-fed Veal Barns: Holstein Bulls 90-125 lbs 120.00-155.00; 80-90 lbs 105.00-140.00. Plainer-type Holstein Bulls 90-125 lbs 90.00-120.00; 80-90 lbs 90.00-100.00. Weaker Holstein Bulls 90-125 lbs 62.00-85.00.

HOGS Barrows and gilts were 2.00 to 3.00 lower on lighterweight groups, while hogs over 300 lbs were mostly steady, sows were mostly steady to firm, boars were steady. BARROWS AND GILTS: 49-54% lean 220-270 lbs 36.00-39.75, few 270-300 lbs 35.00-36.00, 45-50% lean 220-270 lbs 33.75-35.75, large groups 32.10-32.85, 270-300 lbs 31.10-32.75, 300-350 lbs 33.50-35.00.

SOWS: 1-3 400-500 lbs 27.00-32.00, up to 33.00, 500-700 lbs 34.00-36.00, up to 37.00

BOARS: 300-700 lbs 12.00-13.00

Sheep and Lambs: Compared to last Monday, slaughter lambs sold steady to weak, on a short supply. Light weight lambs are continuing to be hard to find due to time of year. A good supply of 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 145.00; 40-50 lbs

138.00-166.00; 50-60 lbs 118.00-136.00, fancy 156.00; 60-70 lbs 118.00-136.00, few fancy 144.00-146.00; 70-80 lbs 108.00-122.00; 80-90 lbs 110.00-122.00; 90-100 lbs 102.00-118.00, 100-125 lbs 96.00-114.00, few 125-150 lbs 80.00-95.00.

Slaughter Sheep: Utility and Good 1-3 Yearlings 100-150 lbs 66.00-70.00, 150-200 lbs 60.00-62.00. Sheep 75-100 lbs 40.00-44.00; 100-150 lbs 46.00-56.00, few 38.00-44.00; 150-200 lbs 38.00-48.00. Bucks 150-200 lbs 45.00-55.00; 200-225 lbs 40.00-48.00.

Slaughter Goats Compared to last Monday, Kid goats sold mostly steady, while Yearlings were not well tested. Nannies sold mostly steady, while Billies traded steady on heavier offerings with lighter weights selling steady to firm. Wethers sold steady to firm on a light supply. Buyer attendance was good 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 58.00-64.00, 40-60 lbs 74.00-82.00; 60-80 lbs 78.00-88.00. Selection 2 20-40 lbs 44.00-56.00, few pigmies 24.00-34.00; 40-60 lbs 58.00-74.00, bulk 58.00-70.00; 60-80 lbs 63.00-76.00. Selection 3 20-40 lbs 32.00-44.00, few light and weaker 20.00-30.00; 40-60 lbs 42.00-56.00, few weaker 36.00-40.00; 60-80 lbs few 60.00-62.00. Yearlings: Selection 1 few 80.00-86.00; 80-100 lbs 90.00. Selection 2 few 60-80 lbs 64.00-78.00, few pigmies 40.00-42.00. Selection 3 few 60-80 lbs 60.00-68.00. Nannies: Selection 1 few 70-100 lbs 68.00-72.00; 100-150 lbs 80.00-92.00. Selection 2 50-70 lbs 40.00-60.00, pigmies 34.00-54.00, 70-100 lbs 54.00-66.00; 100-150 lbs 64.00-78.00. Selection 3 50-70 lbs 32.00-46.00; 70-100 lbs 48.00-58.00; 100-150 lbs 50.00-60.00. Billies: Selection 1 100-150 lbs 110.00-128.00; 150-250 lbs 132.00-146.00. Selection 2 70-80 lb 72.00-84.00, few pigmies 42.00-66.00; 100-150 lbs 88.00-108.00; 150-250 lbs 108.00-128.00. Selection 3 70-100 lbs 58.00-70.00; 100-150 lbs 72.00-88.00; 150-250 lbs 94.00-110.00. Wethers: 50-70 lbs 62.00-78.00, few pigmies 40.00-48.00; 70-100 lbs 80.00-88.00, few weaker 60.00-78.00; 100-150 lbs 82.00-112.00.

## Vintage Livestock Auction

Vintage, Pa.  
October 27, 28, 2003  
Report Supplied By USDA

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Goats
THIS WEEK	867	932	7	6
LAST WEEK	1076	960	6	0
LAST YEAR	817	775	0	2

Compared to Thursday, the bulk of the run was a full 1.00-2.00 lower on Monday. However, buyers were somewhat active on Tuesday as bids were a full 1.00-1.50 higher than the Monday sales, with the bulk of the increase on the average Choice and Select cattle. The quality of the two-day run was below average for the most part, with the exception of a few reputation fed lots. The cattle complex remains volatile early in the week. The spot October live cattle contract closed 1.50 lower on Tuesday at 100.20, with limit-down losses across the entire live cat-

## Market At A Glance

Lancaster County Livestock Auction Averages  
(Price Per Hundredweight)  
Week Ending Friday, October 31, 2003  
Supplied By Market Staff

	This Wk	Wk Ago	Yr Ago
Steers, Choice 2-3	102.00	103.75	66.75
Heifers, Choice 2-3, few Prime	100.00	97.505	62.50
Cows, Breakers, 75-80% lean	48.75	50.00	39.00
Cows, Boners, 80-85% lean	43.00	45.00	36.00
Bulls, YG 1,	54.00	56.50	48.25
Hogs, 49-54% lean, Monday	37.85	39.50	26.85
Lambs, Choice/Prime 80-110 lb.	116.00	112.00	95.00

tle board. The western direct feedlots are keeping a tight grip on cattle so far this week, a few live sales have trickled in at 101.00, but movement is extremely light so far. The wind has definitely been let out of the boxed beef market's sale as Choice cuts were another 2.80-3.50 lower on Tuesday from around 170.00-173.00; Select cuts from 4.30-5.22 lower, or around 147.00-148.00. It would be a safe guess that steady would be a huge victory for cattle feeders this week with so much bearishness in the air. Slaughter Holstein steers and slaughter heifers were in very light supply and a trend was not established. Lean slaughter cows sold 2.00; while fleshier cows sold 1.00 to mostly 2.00 lower, with the majority of the run between 80-90 percent lean with poorer weigh up conditions. A good run of Holstein slaughter bulls sold steady to 1.00 lower. The combined two-day run included 295 head of slaughter steers, 48 head of slaughter heifers, 471 head of slaughter cows, 26 head of slaughter bulls, and 27 head of feeder cattle.

Slaughter Steers: High Choice and Prime 2-4 1230-1475 lbs 103.00-107.00; 104.00-108.00 on Tuesday, fancier 109.00-115.00, one heavy 1500 lbs 102.00. Choice 2-3 1160-1450 lbs 99.00-102.75; 99.50-104.00 on Tuesday, mostly 100.00-104.00, fancier 103.00-105.50, full 97.00-99.75. Choice 2 1270-1410 lbs 105.00-110.00. Select and low Choice 2-3 1045-1415 lbs 95.00-99.00; 96.00-100.50 on Tuesday, higher dressing up to 102.75. Select 1-2 1045-1340 lbs 90.50-95.50, mostly 92.50-94.00, heavy muscled up to 99.50. Standard 1-2 1065-1270 lbs 86.50-90.25. Holstein Steers: Choice and Prime 2-3 1445-1545 lbs 90.00-93.25. Select and low Choice 1-3 1455-1515 lbs 85.50-88.75. Select 1-2 1235-1300 lbs 75.75-77.25.

Slaughter Heifers: Choice, few Prime 2-4 1035-1230 lbs 97.25-100.00. Few Select 1-2 1110-1160 lbs 91.00-91.50.

Slaughter Cows: Percent Lean Weight Bulk Low Dressing Premium White 65-70 few Over 1600 lbs 54.75-57.75 46.50-50.75 Breakers 75-80 Over 1400 lbs 46.00-50.50 40.00-43.00 Boners 80-85 Over 1200 lbs 41.00-44.25 36.00-40.50 Lean (Hi-Yield) 85-88 Over 1200 lbs 40.00-43.50 Lean 88-90 Over 1000 lbs 34.25-39.50 31.00-34.50 Lean (Light-Wt) 85-90 few 750-1000 lbs 30.00-34.00 25.00-28.00

Slaughter Bulls: Yield Grade 1-2 1145-1960 lbs 50.75-56.75, low dressing 45.50-46.50, few fancy 1710-1725 lbs 67.50-69.00. Calves. Compared to last Thursday, slaughter calves sold mostly steady, with a light percentage of the run moving to slaughter. Holstein bull calves going into special-fed veal barns sold mostly steady to firm. Graded Number 3 bull calves sold steady with the majority moving to slaughter. Holstein heifers sold steady to weak on heavier weights, while lighter calves sold sharply lower. Buyer attendance was good with active bidding. The PA Department of Agriculture graded 854 head of bulls for the graded sale, with an estimated 76 percent of the graded run going into veal barns.

Slaughter Calves Number 3, and Utility 60-109 lbs 30.00-86.00 in the graded sale. Standard and Utility in the regular sale 55-125 lbs 50.00-75.00, weaker 10.00-45.00. Calves Going into Special-fed Veal Barns: Graded Number 1 Holstein bulls 122 lbs 136.00; 111-112 lbs 150.00-155.00; 102 lbs 170.00-172.00; 95 lbs 145.00-150.00, 90-91 lbs 130.00; 80-85 lbs 100.00-105.00. Graded Number 2 Holstein bulls 114 lbs 162.00; 101-113 lbs 150.00-157.00; 90-95 lbs 110.00-120.00; 83 lbs 75.00-82.00; 73 lbs 66.00. Graded Number 3 Holstein bulls 95-109 lbs 79.00-86.00; 81-94 lbs 74.00-80.00. Graded Number 1 Holstein heifers 114 lbs 435.00; 92-103 lbs 475.00; 83 lbs 250.00. Graded Number 2 Holstein heifers 105 lbs 475.00; 92 lbs 300.00; 83 lbs 200.00; 73 lbs 100.00; 61 lbs 45.00

Slaughter Steer Weighted Average Report Vintage Monday and Tuesday Sale Combined (weights are combined into groups weighing from 900-1100 lbs, 1100-1300 lbs, and 1300-1500 lbs, and does not include and Holstein steers or slaughter heifers)

Slaughter Steers Choice and Prime 2-3 Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price 7 1325-1425 1361 103.50-110.00 107.74 Charolais-X Slaughter Steers Choice and Prime 2-4 Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price 4 1230-1290 1260 103.50-108.00 105.49 30 1300-1475 1357 102.75-110.50 105.01 4 1335-1455 1384 110.00-115.00 112.69 Fancy 1 1320 1320 97.50 97.50 Full 2 1500 1500 102.00 102.00 Heavy Slaughter Steers Choice 2 Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price 1 1270 1270 105.00 105.00 3 1340-1410 1367 106.00-110.00 107.32 Slaughter Steers Choice 2-3 Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg

Price 34 1150-1285 1227 99.00-104.50 101.66 3 1165-1250 1193 105.00-105.75 105.49 Fancy 6 1200-1285 1233 98.50-98.75 98.58 Full 40 1300-1465 1372 99.00-103.00 100.84 2 1410-1445 1428 104.00-105.50 104.74 Fancy 4 1310-1395 1368 95.50-99.75 97.73 Full 3 1510-1535 1523 98.00-100.00 98.84 Heavy Slaughter Steers Select and Choice 2-3 Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price 4 1045-1080 1070 96.00-96.50 96.25 30 1100-1285 1194 95.00-101.00 98.00 2 1135-1175 1155 102.50-102.75 102.62 High Dressing 2 1270 1270 94.50 94.50 Full 10 1320-1415 1378 95.00-100.00 97.49 Slaughter Steers Select 1-2 Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price 1 1045 1045 93.50 93.50 1 1090 1090 98.50 98.50 High Dressing 10 1110-1255 1203 90.00-95.50 93.82 1 1240 1240 99.50 99.50 High Dressing 3 1325-1340 1333 94.50 94.50 1 1340 1340 98.00 98.00 High Dressing Slaughter Steers Standard 1-2 Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price 2 1065-1095 1080 83.50-88.50 85.97 7 1140-1270 1197 87.50-96.50 89.87

## New Holland Livestock Auction

New Holland, Pa.  
Thursday, Oct. 30, 2003  
Report Supplied By USDA

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Goats
MONDAY	1403	770	185	157
LAST WEEK	1311	743	580	308
LAST YEAR	1507	684	248	308

Compared to last Thursday, slaughter steers sold mostly steady. However, when compared to the Tuesday run Choice steers were 1.00 to nearly 2.00 higher. The run included a lot of average Choice and high Select steers on Thursday, as high Choice and Prime cattle remain hard to come by. However, the market is still very good as the bulk of the supply continues to bring over 100.00. A set of 1085 lb black steers brought 92.00 on Thursday to go back on feed, the same kind of cattle last week sold for 89.00, which goes to show there is still a few people out there that have a lot of faith in this finished market. Boxed beef cutout values were down .79-1.48 on Thursday, with Choice cuts from 165.51-167.72. Although, the lower meat market may be justified with Thanksgiving only about 4 weeks away, when traditionally consumers lean much heavier to the turkey and ham side of the meat cases; especially with the high price of red meat. There were not enough Holstein steers or slaughter heifers for a market test.

Lean slaughter cows sold mostly 1.00 to 2.00 lower; while fleshier offerings traded mostly steady to 1.50 lower than last week. The supply included 430 head of slaughter steers, 87 head of slaughter heifers, 542 head of slaughter cows, 66 head of slaughter bulls, with 277 head of feeder cattle.

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

Slaughter Steers: High Choice and Prime 2-4 1250-1455 lbs 103.75-110.00, mostly 104.00-105.00. Choice 2-3 1160-1475 lbs 100.00-104.25, mostly 102.00-103.00, fancier from 104.50-105.00, full 97.00-100.00, Charolais-crosses 102.00-105.50. High yielding Choice 1-2 1165-1395 lbs 106.00-110.50, heavy single 1545 lbs 103.00. Choice 4 1230-1480 lbs 94.00-97.50, few full 88.50-93.50. Select and low Choice 2-3 1120-1460 lbs 94.00-99.50, mostly 97.00-98.00, few 1015 lbs 97.50, full 92.00-94.25, Charolais-crosses 95.00-100.00. Select 1-2

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