

# LANCASTER COUNTY LIVESTOCK MARKET AUCTIONS

## New Holland Livestock Auction

New Holland, Pa.  
Thursday, Nov. 20, 2003  
Report Supplied By USDA

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Goats
MONDAY	1251	806	476	399
LAST WEEK	1356	736	333	269
LAST YEAR	1282	624	205	333

Compared to last Thursday, slaughter steers sold 1.50-2.50 lower, with heavy Choice steers as much as 3.00 lower at times. The quality of the run was average, and included primarily Choice cattle that continue to bring from mostly 103.00-105.00. The high Choice and Prime cattle are still heavily sought after by kosher buyers, with prices from mostly 110.00-112.00, the only problem is there is currently not near the supply of high quality cattle that the area is known for. Prices remain outstanding for finished steers, especially considering what levels producers were selling cattle for this time last year. Receipts remain light as well, as around 300 head of steers were checked in on Thursday. That 300 head includes Holsteins, black and mixed pen cattle. So in reality, there were around 175 head that would grade Select or better. It came as somewhat of a surprise that bids were not lower than they were at the Thursday sale, after most major mid-western markets moved steers lower mid-week. The direct feedyards in Nebraska still show lists from 98.00-99.00 live on Thursday, which is 1.00-2.00 lower. The CME has not been overly bullish or bearish, with the current spot November live cattle contract closing at 99.42 on Thursday (which is perfectly aligned with the cash trade), and December closing at 94.50. In fact, live futures prices taper off slowly clear to August of 2004, which closed at 73.57. Take that for what it's worth. Slaughter Holstein and heifer numbers remain light and a trend was not established. Slaughter cows sold 1.00-2.00 higher, with Boning cows as much as 3.00 higher. Demand continues to be high for Premium White cows as packers are willing to pay up to 65.00 for them to keep their chains full, as most are still shying away from procuring too many of these high priced steers. Slaughter bulls sold with a higher undertone, although the run was lighter than last week; and higher cow prices, as can be expected, have added some fire onto the bull market. The supply included 316 head of slaughter steers, 47 head of slaughter heifers, 550 head of slaughter cows, 69 head of slaughter bulls, with 269 head of feeder cattle.

Note: The New Holland Sales Stables will be closed on Thursday November the 27th in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. However, there will be a sale held on Friday the 28th at the regular time.

Slaughter Steers: High Choice and Prime 2-4 1230-1480 lbs 107.50-114.00, mostly 110.00-112.00, fancier 113.00-118.50, few heavy 1505-1545 lbs 104.00-108.00, Choice 2-3 1120-1470 lbs 102.00-106.50, mostly 103.00-105.00, fancier 106.50-108.50, heavy 1500-1645 lbs 100.00-102.50. High yielding Choice 1-2 1265-1450 lbs 109.00-110.50 includes some Charolais-crosses. High Select and low Choice 2-3 1155-1490 lbs 99.00-103.00, mostly 100.00-101.00. Select 1-2 1040-1490 lbs 91.00-98.50, mostly 94.00-96.00, high dressing 103.00-107.00. Standard 1-2 1085-1435 lbs 80.00-89.00, mostly 83.00-86.00 with some returning to feed.

Holstein Steers: Choice 2-3 1285-1550 lbs 88.50-91.00, couple red and white beef-crosses 97.00-98.00. Select 1-2 1210-1485 lbs 80.00-85.00, mostly 80.50-83.00, few 1605-1615

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## Market At A Glance

Lancaster County Livestock Auction Averages

(Price Per Hundredweight)

Week Ending Friday, November 21, 2003

Supplied By Market Staff

	This Wk	Wk Ago	Yr Ago
Steers, Choice 2-3	103.50	107.25	70.25
Heifers, Choice 2-3, few Prime	102.50	103.50	67.25
Cows, Breakers, 75-80% lean	55.00	53.00	41.75
Cows, Boners, 80-85% lean	48.50	45.50	36.75
Bulls, YG 1,	58.00	55.00	46.00
Hogs, 49-54% lean, Monday	40.00	37.85	28.75
Lambs, Choice/Prime 80-110 lb.	118.00	113.00	91.00

day sale Both runs consisted of mostly average Choice and high Select cattle, with a good portion of the Tuesday sale weighing up pretty full. The cattle complex is quiet through Tuesday. The Mercantile Exchange posted limit-up gains on Tuesday in the live cattle pits, although it wasn't able to spark any sort of western trade. Boxed beef cutout values were reported higher Tuesday morning, with Choice carcasses from 167.00-169.00. It's the time of year when Turkey specials takes up a good portion of your grocers meat counter, and it would be safe to say that most stores are having a hard time convincing shoppers to pick a high priced red meat item in place of the traditional turkey.

The slaughter heifer and Holstein markets were not tested. Slaughter cows sold weak to 2.00 lower, although demand remains good especially for Premium White cows, as many packers are shying away from the continued high price of slaughter steers. The combined two-day run included 312 head of slaughter steers, 87 head of slaughter heifers, 422 head of slaughter cows, 17 head of slaughter bulls, and 289 head of feeder cattle.

Slaughter Steers: Few High Choice and Prime 2-4 265-1440 lbs 105.00-107.50, couple full 104.00. Choice 2-3 1180-1470 lbs 100.00-106.00, mostly 102.00-104.00, few fancier up to 110.00, full 96.00-101.25. High Select and low Choice 2-3 1210-1435 lbs 96.25-100.00, few up to 102.50, mostly 99.00-100.00, heavy 1505-1570 lbs 95.50-100.00, full 94.00-99.50 few from 91.00-94.00. Select 1-2 1055-1490 lbs 92.00-98.25, mostly 94.00-97.00, high dressing 98.00-102.00. Standard 1-2 returning to feed 1005-1235 lbs 82.75-90.00. Holstein Steers: High Select and low Choice 1-3 1305-1485 lbs 82.25-89.00, one 90.50. Select 1-2 1215-1470 lbs 75.00-79.50. Standard 1-2 1215-1455 lbs 70.25-73.25.

Slaughter Heifers: Choice 2-3 1185-1390 lbs 101.00-103.25. High Select and Low Choice 2-3 1035-1360 lbs 95.75-101.50. Select 1-2 1020-1310 lbs 89.50-92.75. Standard 1-2 1065-1175 lbs 78.50-82.00.

Slaughter Cows: Percent Lean Weight Bulk Low Dressing Premium White 65-70 over 1600 lbs 59.00-63.00, High Dressing few 65.00-68.75 Breakers 70-75 over 1400 lbs 50.00-53.00, 45.00-49.00 High Dressing few 55.00-59.25 Boners 75-80 over 1200 lbs 43.25-48.00, 35.00-43.00 High Dressing few 49.75-53.75 Lean (Hi-Yield) 85-90 over 1200 lbs 43.00-47.00 40.50-42.00 Lean 85-90 over 1000 lbs 37.00-42.75 32.00-36.00 Lean (Li-weight) 85-90 750-1000 lbs 35.00-39.50 29.00-32.00.

ever bidding was active through the duration of the sale. Slaughter Lambs: Choice and Prime 2-3 30-50 lbs 125.00-136.00, individuals 197.00; 50-60 lbs 125.00-150.00, few individuals 185.00-195.00; 60-70 lbs 120.00-130.00, few 135.00-146.00; 70-80 lbs 118.00-132.00, few 140.00; 80-90 lbs 116.00-130.00, few 130.00-134.00; 90-100 lbs 112.00-125.00, 100-125 lbs 100.00-112.00, few 114.00-122.00; few 125-150 lbs 96.00-106.00. Good 2-3 90-100 lbs 100.00-108.00

Slaughter Sheep Utility and Good 1-3 Yearlings 75-100 lbs 82.00-90.00; 100-150 lbs 64.00-74.00; 150-200 lbs 58.00-60.00. Sheep few 75-100 lbs 46.00-60.00, 100-150 lbs 50.00-58.00; 150-200 lbs 40.00-56.00; 200-250 lbs 40.00-46.00 Bucks 100-150 lbs 68.00-76.00, 150-200 lbs 62.00-70.00; 200-225 lbs 40.00-52.00.

Slaughter Goats. Compared to last Monday, Kid goats and Yearlings sold steady to weak Nannies sold mostly steady to 6.00 higher. Billies sold mostly steady, while Wethers sold steady to firm on a good test. Bidding was active through the duration of the sale with good to moderate buyer attendance. Good demand was noted on the heavier weight Nannies and Billies. The quality of the run was mostly average with the exception of several nice packages of Kid and lighter weight Wether goats. All goats are sold by the head, with estimated weights. Kids: Selection 1 20-40 lbs 52.00-58.00; 40-60 lbs 64.00-76.00, 60-80 lbs 70.00-82.00. Selection 2 20-40 lbs 36.00-50.00, few pigmies 30.00-49.00; 40-60 lbs 52.00-66.00, 60-80 lbs 61.00-74.00. Selection 3 20-40 lbs 24.00-38.00, few light and weaker 18.00-22.00; 40-60 lbs 40.00-56.00, few weaker 24.00-38.00, 60-80 lbs few 56.00-59.00. Yearlings Selection 1 few 80-100 lbs 79.00-86.00 Selection 2 few 60-80 lbs 62.00-78.00, 80-100 lbs 72.00-86.00. Selection 3 few 60-80 lbs 52.00-66.00 Nannies: Selection 1 few 70-100 lbs 68.00-78.00, 100-150 lbs 88.00-96.00. Selection 2 50-70 lbs 48.00-58.00, pigmies 46.00-56.00; 70-100 lbs 54.00-72.00, bulk 60.00-66.00, 100-150 lbs 60.00-82.00, bulk 60.00-76.00 Selection 3 50-70 lbs 36.00-44.00; 70-100 lbs 46.00-58.00; 100-150 lbs 56.00-66.00 Billies: Selection 1 70-100 lbs 86.00-102.00; 100-150 lbs 104.00-130.00; 150-250 lbs 126.00-140.00, few singles 150.00-162.00. Selection 2 70-80 lb 72.00-86.00, pigmies 60.00-87.00, 100-150 lbs 88.00-110.00; 150-250 lbs 110.00-128.00 Selection 3 70-100 lbs 62.00-78.00, few weaker 36.00-48.00, few pigmies 38.00-54.00, 100-150 lbs 72.00-86.00, 150-250 lbs 88.00-112.00. Wethers: 50-70 lbs 56.00-72.00, few fancy 74.00-78.00, weaker 48.00-50.00, few pigmies 42.00-52.00; 70-100 lbs 68.00-80.00, few 82.00-88.00; 100-150 lbs 82.00-92.00, few weaker 70.00-80.00, few fancier/heavier 96.00-114.00

## Vintage Livestock Auction

Vintage, Pa.  
November 17-18, 2003  
Report Supplied By USDA

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Goats
THIS WEEK	1127	930	0	0
LAST WEEK	856	860	0	0
LAST YEAR	827	759	2	4

Compared to Thursday, slaughter steers sold 3.00-5.00 lower at both the Monday and Tues-

## Market Notice

Because Thanksgiving and Christmas occur on Thursdays this year, auction reports from those sale dates will not be available in Lancaster Farming for issue dates of Nov. 29 and Dec. 27.

## New Holland Livestock Auction

New Holland, Pa.  
Report Supplied By USDA  
Monday, November 17, 2003

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Goats
MONDAY	414	283	1230	1581
WEEK AGO	550	301	1230	2444
LAST YEAR	415	235	1272	2175

Compared to Thursday, slaughter cows sold steady to 2.00 lower. However, the quality was not near as good as high as it was on Thursday, as there were several Breaking and Premium White cows on offer. Buyer attendance was average, with bidding activity moderate. The cattle supply included 184 slaughter cows, 38 slaughter bulls, 47 slaughter steers, with 125 head of feeder cattle.

Slaughter Cows Percent Lean Weight Bulk Low Dressing Premium White 65-70 Over 1600 lbs few 57.75-62.25 Breakers 70-75 Over 1400 lbs 48.00-56.75 43.00-46.50 Boners 75-80 Over 1200 lbs 45.75-49.00 Lean 85-90 Over 1000 lbs 39.50-43.25 34.00-39.50

Feeder Steers Medium 1 fancy package 450 lbs 88.00 Calves Compared to Thursday, slaughter calves sold mostly 10.00 lower. Holstein bull calves going into special-fed veal barns sold steady to 5.00 lower. Holstein Heifers sold mostly steady on a very light test.

Slaughter Calves. Standard and Utility 55-110 lbs bulk 40.00-67.00, weaker 11.00-20.00 Calves Going Into Special-fed Veal Barns. Holstein Bulls 90-125 lbs 120.00-142.00; 80-90 lbs 85.00-120.00. Plain-type Holstein Bulls 90-125 lbs 65.00-100.00; 80-90 lbs 75.00-90.00 Weaker Holstein Bulls 90-125 lbs 55.00-75.00

Holstein Heifers 85-110 lbs 240.00-390.00

HOGS Barrows and gilts opened mostly 2.00 to 4.00 higher on the bulk of the run. BARROWS AND GILTS: few 49-54% lean 220-270 lbs 38.50-42.00, 45-50% lean 220-270 lbs 36.00-38.75, large groups 37.00-38.75, 270-300 lbs 35.25-38.00, 300-350 lbs 37.00-39.00, few 400-460 lbs 37.00-38.75, 40-45% lean 220-270 lbs 33.00-35.00, 270-300 lbs 35.25-36.75, 300-400 lbs 35.00-37.50.

Sheep and Lambs Compared to last Monday, slaughter lambs sold steady to firm on a high quality run, with the bulk of the offerings weighing over 60 lbs.

Slaughter sheep sold mostly steady to firm on a large run. Buyer attendance was light, how-

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