

LANCASTER COUNTY LIVESTOCK MARKET AUCTIONS

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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 24, 2003

	Cattle	Calves	Hogs	Sheep	Goats
MONDAY	471	281	407	1166	1439
WEEK AGO	414	283	645	1230	1581
LAST YEAR	406	300	699	506	1695

Compared to Thursday, Lean slaughter cows sold firm to 1.00 higher, with fleshier cows trading mostly steady to weak; although there was not near as many Premium White and Breaking cows that were available late last week. The quality of the supply fluctuated heavily throughout the sale, as did the weigh-ups, and was not as fancy as the Thursday run. However, prices remain good for most classes. Slaughter bulls sold 2.00-3.00 higher. The cattle supply included 204 slaughter cows, 45 slaughter bulls, 23 slaughter steers, 25 slaughter heifers, and 174 head of feeder cattle.

Slaughter Cows: Percent Lean Weight Bulk Low Dressing Premium White 65-70 Over 1600 lbs 59.50-65.25, mostly 61.00-64.00 Breakers 70-75 Over 1400 lbs 52.50-57.75, 48.50-52.00.

High Dressing 57.75-60.75 Boners 75-80 Over 1200 lbs 46.00-50.25, 40.00-45.50. High Dressing up to 52.25 Lean (high-yield) 85-90 Over 1200 lbs 44.50-48.00 Lean 85-90 Over 1000 lbs 40.75-45.00, 36.00-40.50 mostly 41.00-44.00 Lean (light-weight) 85-90 Over 750 lbs 37.00-41.00 31.00-35.50.

Slaughter Bulls: Yield Grade 1-2 1275-2200 lbs 57.00-66.00, bulk 61.00-65.00, fancier up to 68.00, bullocks 65.00-72.00.

Calves: Compared to Thursday, slaughter calves sold mostly steady. Holstein bull calves returning to the farm sold fully steady with late last week. Holstein heifers sold with a firmer undertone on a very light test.

Slaughter Calves: Standard and Utility 55-110 lbs bulk 40.00-75.00, weaker 11.00-30.00. Calves Going Into Special-fed Veal Barns: Holstein Bulls 90-125 lbs 115.00-127.00; 80-90 lbs 92.00-105.00. Plainer-type Holstein Bulls 90-125 lbs 85.00-100.00; 80-90 lbs 77.00-90.00. Weaker Holstein Bulls 90-125 lbs 65.00-75.00.

Holstein Heifers 85-110 lbs 400.00-560.00. Plainer-type Holstein Heifers 150.00-200.00.

HOGS: Barrows and gilts mostly 2.50 to 4.00 lower on the bulk of the run, down from the 2.00 to 4.00 higher seen last week. BARROWS AND GILTS. 49-54% lean 220-270 lbs 36.00-38.00, few 270-300 lbs 35.50-36.35, 45-50% lean 220-270 lbs 33.25-36.00, 270-300 lbs 32.50-35.00, few 300-350 lbs 34.00-36.00, few 40-45% lean 220-270 lbs 32.00-32.85, few 270-300 lbs 31.25-32.85, 300-400 lbs 33.00-35.00.

SOWS: 1-3 400-500 lbs 28.00-33.00, 500-700 lbs 32.00-35.57.

BOARS: 300-700 lbs 10.00-13.00.

Sheep and Lambs: Compared to last Monday, slaughter lambs sold sharply higher on a high quality run. Demand remains high for light weight fresh weaned lambs as several small packages sold over the 300.00 mark. Slaughter sheep also sold sharply higher on an above average run, while bucks sold mostly steady. Buyer attendance was moderate, however bidding was active through the duration of the sale.

Slaughter Lambs: Choice and Prime 2-3 20-30 lbs 240.00-280.00; 30-40 lbs 130.00-155.00,

Market At A Glance

Lancaster County Livestock Auction Averages
(Price Per Hundredweight)
Week Ending Wednesday, November 26, 2003
Supplied By Market Staff

NOTE: This week's averages are based on sales Monday and Tuesday.

	This Wk	Wk Ago	Yr Ago
Steers, Choice 2-3	No Test	103.50	72.35
Heifers, Choice 2-3, few Prime	No Test	102.50	71.00
Cows, Breakers, 75-80% lean	53.85	55.00	41.00
Cows, Boners, 80-85% lean	46.75	48.50	37.00
Bulls, YG 1, ltd.	60.00	58.00	51.00
Hogs, 49-54% lean, Monday	37.00	40.00	29.10
Lambs, Choice/Prime 80-110 lb.	121.00	118.00	107.00

few fancy individuals 280.00-310.00; 40-50 lbs 150.00-175.00, few fancy individuals 300.00-325.00; 50-60 lbs 140.00-165.00, few fancy 180.00-255.00; 60-70 lbs 138.00-152.00, few fancy packages 160.00-162.00; 70-80 lbs 132.00-142.00, few head 150.00-152.00; 80-90 lbs 122.00-140.00; 90-100 lbs 112.00-130.00; 100-125 lbs 100.00-114.00, few fancy 120.00-126.00; 125-150 lbs 86.00-108.00. Good 2-3 30-40 lbs 107.00; 40-60 lbs 120.00-128.00; 70-80 lbs 118.00-120.00.

Slaughter Sheep: Utility and Good 1-3 Yearlings 75-150 lbs 76.00-90.00. Sheep few 75-100 lbs 68.00-78.00; 100-150 lbs 60.00-75.00; 150-200 lbs 50.00-58.00; 200-250 lbs 40.00-48.00. Bucks 100-150 lbs 86.00; 150-200 lbs 58.00-64.00; 200-225 lbs 50.00-58.00.

Slaughter Goats: Compared to last Monday, Kid goats and Yearlings sold steady to firm. Nannies sold mostly 4.00 to 6.00 higher. Billies sold mostly steady to 10.00 higher; 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. Nannies were in good supply, with good demand seen for heavier weight Nannies and Billies. The quality of the run was mostly average with the exception of several nice packages of Kid and a good mix of Wether goats. All goats are sold by the head, with estimated weights. Kids: Selection 1 20-40 lbs 44.00-54.00; 40-60 lbs 60.00-80.00; 60-80 lbs 80.00-94.00. Selection 2 20-40 lbs 38.00-50.00, few pigmies 26.00-38.00; 40-60 lbs 50.00-70.00, few pigmies 38.00-48.00; 60-80 lbs 70.00-82.00. Selection 3 20-40 lbs 24.00-38.00, few light and weaker 10.00-20.00; 40-60 lbs 39.00-54.00, few weaker 20.00-38.00; 60-80 lbs few 66.00. Yearlings: Selection 1 few 80-100 lbs 84.00-100.00. Selection 2 few 60-80 lbs 70.00-84.00; 80-100 lbs 86.00-92.00. Selection 3 few 60-80 lbs 56.00-68.00 Nannies: Selection 1 70-100 lbs 76.00-84.00; 100-150 lbs 90.00-94.00. Selection 2 50-70 lbs 52.00-64.00, pigmies 40.00-58.00; 70-100 lbs 60.00-74.00, bulk 64.00-72.00; 100-150 lbs 66.00-82.00. Selection 3

50-70 lbs 40.00-54.00; 70-100 lbs 52.00-68.00; 100-150 lbs 66.00-72.00. Billies: Selection 1 70-100 lbs 98.00-100.00; 100-150 lbs 117.00-138.00; 150-250 lbs few individuals 150.00-170.00. Selection 2 70-80 lb 80.00-96.00, pigmies 52.00-76.00; 100-150 lbs 100.00-118.00; 150-250 lbs 120.00-137.00. Selection 3 70-100 lbs 68.00-78.00; 100-150 lbs 82.00-92.00; 150-250 lbs 102.00-114.00. Wethers: 50-70 lbs 64.00-74.00, few fancy 82.00-90.00, few pigmies 52.00-58.00; 70-100 lbs 78.00-92.00, few 94.00-102.00; 100-150 lbs 90.00-98.00, few fleshier 80.00-86.00; few fancier/heavier 104.00-124.00.

Vintage Livestock Auction

Vintage, Pa.
November 24-25, 2003
Report Supplied By USDA

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Goats
THIS WEEK	617	999	1	0
LAST WEEK	1069	830	0	0
LAST YEAR	1098	873	0	4

Compared to Thursday, there were not enough slaughter steers for a market test as there were only 65 head available on Monday, and 31 head on Tuesday.

Slaughter Holsteins and heifers were also in light supply, and were not tested. Lean slaughter cows sold 1.00-2.00 lower, with the fleshier supply trading 1.50-3.00 lower. Slaughter bulls sold with a firmer undertone. The combined two-day run included 98 head of slaughter steers, 28 head of slaughter heifers, 435 head of slaughter cows, 15 head of slaughter bulls, and 40 head of feeder cattle.

Note: A special feeder sale is scheduled for December 15th at the Vintage Sales Stables set to begin right after the fat cattle sale.

Slaughter Steers: High Choice and Prime 2-4 1230-1445 lbs 109.00-112.50. Choice 2-3 1155-1470 lbs 104.25-106.50, few fancier 106.50-110.00, 1500 lbs single 106.50. Few high yielding Choice 1-2 1285-1475 lbs 107.50-110.00. High Select and low Choice 2-3 1110-1495 lbs 101.00-104.25, mostly

102.00-103.00, up to 106.50 on Tuesday, couple heavy 1555-1580 lbs 98.00-101.50. Select 1-2 1290-1405 lbs 93.75-99.50, high dressing single 106.00, 1575 lbs single 92.50.

Holstein Steers: Choice 2-3 1445-1550 lbs 90.25-94.25. High Select and Low Choice 2-3 1400-1615 lbs 85.25-89.25. Slaughter Heifers: High Select, mostly Choice 2-4 1065-1455 lbs 98.25-102.50, high dressing single 107.00, from 102.00-105.25 on Tuesday.

Slaughter Cows: Percent Lean Weight Bulk Low Dressing Premium White 65-70 over 1600 lbs 58.00-63.25 Breakers 70-75 over 1400 lbs 51.50-55.00, 48.00-50.50 High Dressing few 56.00-58.75 Boners 75-80 over 1200 lbs 45.00-49.75, 41.00-44.25 High Dressing few 52.00-55.75 Lean (Hi-Yield) 85-90 over 1200 lbs 43.00-47.50 40.00-43.75 Lean 85-90 over 1000 lbs 39.00-43.00 34.50-38.00 Lean (Lt-weight) 85-90 750-1000 lbs 35.00-38.75 30.50-33.00.

Slaughter Bulls: Yield Grade 1 1110-1945 lbs 58.25-63.50, high dressing single 2200 lbs 64.00. Calves: Compared to last Tuesday, slaughter calves sold mostly steady to weak. Holstein bull calves going into special-fed veal barns sold mixed, with heavier weight Graded Number One's 10.00 to 20.00 lower, while the bulk of the Graded run sold steady to firm. Greatest demand was seen for calves weighing between 95 and 105 lbs. Buyer attendance was good with bidding moderately active. Holstein heifers sold mostly steady on a light supply. The PA Department of Agriculture graded 862 head of bulls for the graded sale, with an estimated 78 percent of the graded run going into veal barns.

Slaughter Calves: Number 3, and Utility 71-111 lbs 46.00-72.00, few 62-63 lbs 20.00 in the graded sale. Standard and Utility in the regular sale 55-125 lbs 40.00-74.00, weaker 20.00-36.00. Calves Going Into Special-fed Veal Barns: Graded Number 1 Holstein bulls 121-122 lbs 95.00-105.00; 111-112 lbs 125.00-126.00; 95-103 lbs 132.00-143.00; 80-90 lbs 90.00-110.00. Graded Number 2 Holstein bulls 113-115 lbs 130.00-131.00; 101-102 lbs 137.00-145.00; few 95 lbs 72.00; 93-90 lbs 90.00-92.00; 74 lbs 52.00. Graded Number 3 Holstein bulls 82-111 lbs 62.00-72.00. Graded Number 1 Holstein heifers 111 lbs 435.00; 92-101 lbs 475.00-485.00; 81 lbs 275.00. Graded Number 2 Holstein heifers 92-100 lbs 425.00-450.00; 81-82 lbs 225.00-260.00; 75 lbs 150.00; 62 lbs 80.00.

New Holland Livestock Auction

New Holland, Pa.

Thursday, November 27, 2003
No Sale - Thanksgiving Day
NOTE: Regular Thursday sales took place Friday, Nov. 28. No report was available at presstime.

Lancaster County Weekly Cattle

New Holland, Pa.

Report Supplied By USDA
Friday, November 28, 2003
No report was available at presstime. Regular Thursday sales at New Holland Sales Stables took place Friday, and the USDA's weekly summary report was delayed until after the auction ended.

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