

LANCASTER COUNTY LIVESTOCK MARKET AUCTIONS



Monday was the beginning of deer hunting season, so some markets are not available

New Holland Livestock Auction

New Holland, Pa.
Report Supplied By USDA
Monday, December 1, 2003

	Cattle	Calves	Hogs	Sheep	Goats
MONDAY	308	264	428	1145	1245
WEEK AGO	471	281	407	1166	1439
LAST YEAR	271	214	483	947	1308

Compared to Thursday, slaughter cows sold mostly steady on a light test. Buyer attendance was light, as many migrated out of the barn and into the woods to partake in opening day of hunting season for many of the local areas.

Slaughter bulls were scarce. The cattle supply included 161 slaughter cows, 23 slaughter bulls, 7 slaughter steers, 6 slaughter heifers, 111 head of feeder cattle.

Slaughter Cows Percent Lean Weight Bulk Low Dressing Premium White 65-70 Over 1600 lbs 59.75-63.25, Breakers 70-75 Over 1400 lbs 55.00-58.00, 49.00-53.75 Boners 75-80 Over 1200 lbs 48.00-50.50, 43.75-46.00 Lean 85-90 Over 1000 lbs 42.00-46.00, 35.00-40.75

Calves Compared to Thursday, slaughter calves sold mostly steady to weak. Holstein bull calves returning to the farm sold 10.00 to 15.00 higher on weights over 90 lbs, while Holstein Heifers sold mostly steady to weak.

Slaughter Calves Standard and Utility 55-110 lbs bulk 40.00-72.00, weaker 11.00-40.00 Calfes Going Into Special-fed Veal Barns Holstein Bulls 90-125 lbs 127.00-140.00, 80-90 lbs 115.00-130.00 Plainer-type Holstein Bulls 90-125 lbs 97.00-115.00, 80-90 lbs 77.00-90.00 Weaker Holstein Bulls 90-125 lbs 60.00-75.00

Holstein Heifers 85-110 lbs 400.00-460.00 Plainer-type Holstein Heifers 160.00-300.00

HOGS Barrows and gilts were mostly steady to weak on a very light test, sows were mostly 1.00 lower, boars were mostly steady. BARROWS AND GILTS 45-50% lean 220-270 lbs 33.00-34.50, 270-300 lbs 33.50-35.25, few 40-45% lean 220-270 lbs 31.00-33.50, few 270-300 lbs 33.00-33.25

SOWS 400-500 lbs 27.00-32.00, 500-700 lbs 32.00-34.10

BOARS 300-700 lbs 12.00-13.25

Sheep and Lambs Compared to last Monday, slaughter lambs sold mixed. The bulk of the light weight supply selling steady to 10.00 lower, with greatest losses seen in fancier offerings after the Holiday week. Heavier weight lambs sold mostly steady to firm. There was a very good supply of slaughter sheep that traded steady to firm. Buyer attendance was moderate with good bidding activity.

Slaughter Lambs Choice and Prime 2-3 20-40 lbs 170.00-210.00, 40-50 lbs 147.00-155.00, 50-60 lbs 136.00-166.00, 60-70 lbs 118.00-136.00, few fancy 158.00-166.00, 70-80 lbs 126.00-140.00, few fancy packages 156.00-160.00, 80-90 lbs 134.00-140.00, 90-100 lbs 116.00-128.00, 100-125 lbs 110.00-124.00

Slaughter Sheep Utility and Good 1-3 Sheep 100-150 lbs 58.00-68.00, 150-200 lbs 56.00-68.00 Bucks 200-255 lbs 50.00-60.00

Slaughter Goats Compared to last Monday, Kid goats and Yearlings sold mostly steady to weak. Nannies and Billies sold mostly steady to 10.00 lower, while Wethers sold steady. Bidding was active through the duration of the sale with good to moderate buyer attendance. All goats are sold by the head, with estimated weights Kids Selection 1 20-40 lbs 42.00-56.00, 40-60 lbs 60.00-70.00 Selection 2 20-40 lbs 38.00-40.00, 40-60 lbs 48.00-60.00, 60-80 lbs 74.00-78.00 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 2 few 60-80 lbs 68.00-78.00 Selection 3 few 60-80 lbs 56.00-68.00 Nannies Selection 1 70-100 lbs 66.00-74.00, 100-150 lbs 90.00-94.00 Selection 2 50-70 lbs 52.00-64.00, 70-100 lbs 62.00-72.00, 100-150 lbs 66.00-82.00 Selection 3 50-70 lbs 38.00-46.00, 70-100 lbs 50.00-60.00, 100-150 lbs 58.00-64.00 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 lbs 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 100.00-106.00

Market At A Glance

Lancaster County Livestock Auction Averages
(Price Per Hundredweight)
Week Ending Friday, December 5, 2003
Supplied By Market Staff

	This Wk	Wk Ago	Yr Ago
Steers, Choice 2-3	104.75	106.50	73.35
Heifers, Choice 2-3, few Prime	103.00	99.50	71.75
Cows, Breakers, 75-80% lean	54.00	53.85	41.00
Cows, Boners, 80-85% lean	47.50	46.75	36.75
Bulls, YG 1, ltd	59.50	60.00	51.00
Hogs, 49-54% lean, Monday	No Test	37.00	30.15
Lambs, Choice/Prime 80-110 lb	118.00	121.00	115.00

Vintage Livestock Auction

Vintage, Pa.
December 1-2, 2003
Report Supplied By USDA

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Goats
THIS WEEK	872	947	1	3
LAST WEEK	617	999	1	0
LAST YEAR	1098	873	0	4

Compared to Friday, the bulk of the slaughter steers sold steady to firm, with high Choice and Prime steers 1.50 higher. Bidding was moderately active with light to moderate buyer attendance on Monday, in part due to opening day in many local areas drawing crowds out of the barns and into the woods. The supply included a few high quality runs of Holstein steers on Monday, along with several nice packages of black and Charolais influenced cattle both days. Weigh-up conditions were average with very few full offerings. Slaughter cows sold mostly 1.00-2.00, the bulk of the supply consisted of 80-90 percent lean cows. Overall quality was average with below average weigh-up conditions. Slaughter bulls sold mostly steady on a light test. The slaughter supply included 304 steers, 43 heifers, 443 cows, and 16 bulls. There were 21 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 1270-1540 lbs 107.00-111.00, bulk 109.00-111.00, few fancier 112.00-115.00, low dressing 105.00-105.75 Choice 2-3 1190-1485 lbs 103.00-108.00, few full 101.00-103.75 Few high yielding Choice 1-2 including some Charolais-crosses 1385-1460 lbs 108.00-111.00, Tuesday 110.00-114.00 Few High Select and low Choice 2-3 1200-1435 lbs 98.75-105.00, high dressing 102.00-107.00 including some Charolais-crosses Few Select 1-2 1185-1440 lbs 95.00-98.50

Holstein Steers High Choice and Prime 2-4 1420-1585 lbs 99.25-101.50, few fancy 105.50-106.00 Choice 2-3 1305-1660 lbs 92.25-96.75, few beef-cross 99.75-100.00 High Select and low Choice 2-3 1245-1510 lbs 86.00-89.25, few beef cross 94.75-95.25 Few Se-

lect 1-2 1400-1605 lbs 82.00-86.25 Few Standard 1-2 1070-1455 lbs 73.00-77.00

Slaughter Heifers Few High Choice and Prime 2-4 1145-1315 lbs 105.00-108.50 Choice 2-3 1605-1345 lbs 100.00-104.00

Slaughter Cows Percent Lean Weight Bulk Low Dressing Premium White 65-70 over 1600 lbs 58.75-64.00, 50.00-52.25 High Dressing few 66.25-67.25 Breakers 70-75 over 1400 lbs 52.00-57.00 47.25-50.00 Boners 75-80 over 1200 lbs 46.50-50.25 43.50-46.00 Lean (Hi-Yield) 85-90 over 1200 lbs 45.00-48.25 42.50-44.50 Lean 85-90 over 1000 lbs 41.00-45.25 36.00-40.50 Lean (Lt-weight) 85-90 750-1000 lbs 39.00-43.00 35.00-38.50 Slaughter Bulls Yield Grade 1 1570-2115 lbs 62.50-63.75, high dressing single 1895 lbs 66.75 Yield Grade 1-2 1175-2435 lbs 53.50-58.00 Few feeder type bulls 850-955 lbs 52.00-55.00

Calves Compared to last Tuesday, slaughter calves sold 5.00 to 10.00 lower due to light demand. Holstein bull calves going into special-fed veal barns sold mixed, with heavier weight Graded Number One's 10.00 to 30.00 higher, while calves under 90 lbs sold mostly steady. In the Number Two run, heavy weight calves sold mostly steady to firm, while middle to light weight calves sold up to 30.00 higher. Buyer attendance was good with bidding moderately active.

Holstein heifers sold mostly 10.00 to 30.00 lower, with middle weight Number Two's as much as 50.00 lower. The PA Department of Agriculture graded 806 head of bulls for the graded sale, with an estimated 85 percent of the graded run going into veal barns.

Slaughter Calves Number 3, and Utility 61-109 lbs 36.00-57.00 Standard and Utility in the regular sale 55-125 lbs 45.00-67.00, weaker 10.00-32.00 Calves Going Into Special-fed Veal Barns Graded Number 1 Holstein bulls 121 lbs 112.00, 103-113 lbs 162.00-172.00, 95 lbs 160.00, 90 lbs 125.00 80-85 lbs 80.00-95.00, few head 75 lbs 50.00 Graded Number 2 Holstein bulls 102-114 lbs 147.00-155.00, 95 lbs 120.00-122.00, 90 lbs 100.00-120.00, 82-84 lbs 75.00-80.00, 74 lbs 42.00 Graded Number 3 Holstein bulls 110 lbs 110.00, 80-95 lbs 48.00-62.00 Graded Number 1 Holstein heifers 91-116 lbs 425.00-450.00, 83 lbs 250.00, 75 lbs 150.00 Graded Number 2 Holstein heifers 93-109 lbs 410.00-420.00, 83 lbs 210.00, 72 lbs 130.00, 61 lbs 70.00

New Holland Livestock Auction

New Holland, Pa.
Thursday, Dec. 4, 2003
Report Supplied By USDA

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Goats
THURSDAY	1542	786	210	132
LAST WEEK	741	216	37	50
LAST YEAR	954	317	263	101

Compared to last Friday, slaughter steers sold 1.00-2.00 lower, with the bulk of the sales a full 2.00 lower. However, last Friday's receipts were only half of this week's as nearly 420 head made their way through the ring this Thursday.

The first snow storm this winter is expected to hit eastern Pennsylvania late Thursday night with some of the cattle carrying some fill due to the weather. The quality of the run was mainly Choice, with the few high Choice or Prime cattle that are available still bringing as much as 112.50. You won't hear any complaints from the local producers though, as the majority of the cattle are still selling for over 100.00. The red meat trade has resumed to normal after millions of pounds of turkey were consumed last week, that is normal, if you consider volatile normal as boxed beef cutout values have been lower the past couple of days. Choice cuts were from 156.03-159.72 on Thursday, down from 111-180 when compared to the prior day. The Mercantile Exchange has not been farmer friendly either, with the December live cattle contract down 1.10 at 97.05 on Thursday, and January down 1.22 at 93.75. The slaughter Holstein steer and slaughter heifer markets were not well tested. Lean slaughter cows sold 75-1.25 lower, with fleshier cows trending 1.50-3.50 lower. There was an outstanding run of cows as 760 head were made available as supplies were very light last Friday and on Monday, leading to the major increase late this week. Slaughter bulls sold mostly 2.00 lower with several full bulls on offer. The Thursday supply included 416 head of slaughter steers, 78 head of slaughter heifers, 758 head of slaughter cows, 88 head of slaughter bulls, with 202 head of feeder cattle.

Slaughter Steers High Choice and Prime 2-4 1240-1465 lbs 105.50-112.50, mostly 107.00-109.00, 1510 lb single 108.00 Choice 2-3 1145-1480 lbs 102.50-106.00, mostly 103.00-105.00, full 1210-1490 lbs 99.00-101.50, heavy 1500-1540 lbs 99.50-102.50, Charolais-crosses 1325-1435 lbs 105.50-107.50 High Select and low Choice 2-3 1095-1460 lbs 99.00-102.50, mostly 100.00-101.00, several full 96.00-98.50, Charolais-crosses 1215-1455 lbs 102.00-103.50, heavy 1520-1645 lbs 93.00-97.00 Select 1-2 1050-1405 lbs 91.50-97.00, mostly 93.00-95.00 Standard 1-2 1090-1350 lbs 86.75-90.00

Holstein Steers Choice 2-3 1420-1480 lbs 91.00-95.00 including some beef-crosses, couple 97.00 High Select and low Choice 2-3 1545-1565 lbs 86.50-89.50, heavy 1645-1745 lbs 80.00-84.75 Select 1-2 1275-1470 lbs 77.50-84.50 Standard 1-2 1075-1430 lbs 70.00-74.50 with some returning to feed.

Slaughter Heifers High Choice and Prime 2-3 1170-1345 lbs 105.00-108.00 Choice 2-3 1110-1420 lbs 102.00-105.00, Yield Grade 4-5 1195-1300 lbs 94.50-99.00 High Select and low Choice 2-3 1120-1415 lbs 95.00-96.00

Slaughter Cows Percent Lean, Weight, Bulk, Low Dressing Premium White, 65-70, Over 1600 lbs 59.00-64.00, 54.00-58.50, High dressing 65.00-69.00 Breakers, 75-80, Over 1400 lbs 51.00-56.00, 47.00-51.00, High dressing 57.50-59.50 Boners, 80-85, Over 1200 lbs 45.50-50.00, 41.00-46.00 Lean (Hi-Yield), 85-88, Over 1200 lbs 45.50-48.50, 39.50-45.00 Lean, 88-90, Over 1000 lbs 41.75-44.75, 35.00-40.00 Lean (Light-Wt.), 85-90, 750-1000 lbs, 37.00-39.50, 33.00-36.00

Slaughter Bulls Yield Grade 1 1365-1715 lbs 56.00-63.50, high dressing 65.50-70.00, full 1035-1935 lbs 49.50-56.75

Feeder Steers Medium and Large 1-2 800-850 lbs 71.00-76.00

Feeder Holstein Steers Large 3 pkg 890 lbs 66.00, pkg 930 lbs 68.00

Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 1-2 400-450 lbs 82.00-86.00, 750-575 lbs 76.50-77.50, pkg 760 lbs 68.50

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