

LANCASTER COUNTY LIVESTOCK MARKET AUCTIONS

New Holland Livestock Auction

New Holland, Pa.
Report Supplied By USDA
Monday, December 15, 2003
Cattle Calves Hogs Sheep Goats

MONDAY	417	266	474	1004	1409
WEEK AGO	360	220	630	1348	1654
LAST YEAR	470	287	679	3401	2256

Compared to Thursday, slaughter cows sold steady to as much as 150 higher. Slaughter bulls sold with a firmer undertone on a very light test. The cattle supply included 200 slaughter cows, 25 slaughter bulls, 38 slaughter steers, 11 slaughter heifers, and 143 head of feeder cattle.

Slaughter Cows Percent Lean Weight Bulk
Low Dressing Premium White 65-70 Over 1600 lbs 58 00-61 00 52 00-56 00 Breakers 70-75 Over 1400 lbs 52 00-56 00 49 00-52 50 Boners 75-80 Over 1200 lbs 48 00-52 00, 42 00-47 25 High Dressing 52 75-53 50 Lean (Hi-Yield) 80-85 Over 1200 lbs 43 00-46 00 40 00-42 75 Lean 85-90 Over 1000 lbs 39 00-43 50 36 50-41 00 Lean (Light-Wt) 85-90 750-1000 lbs 37 50-41 00 32 00-36 50

Slaughter Bulls Yield Grade 1 1650-2085 lbs
62 00-65 50, couple high dressing 69 50 and 73 75, full 56 75 Yield Grade 2 2485 lbs 45 00 Calves Compared to Thursday, slaughter calves sold mostly steady. Holstein bull calves returning to the farm sold 30 00 higher on weights over 90 lbs, while Holstein Heifers sold mostly steady to weak on a light run.

Slaughter Calves Standard and Utility
55-110 lbs bulk 40 00-60 00, weaker 11 00-40 00 Calves Going Into Special-fed Veal Barns Holstein Bulls 90-125 lbs 145 00-167 00, 80-90 lbs 120 00-145 00 Plainer-type Holstein Bulls 90-125 lbs 120 00-147 00, 80-90 lbs 80 00-110 00 Weaker Holstein Bulls 90-125 lbs 50 00-75 00

HOGS Barrows and gilts sold mostly steady on bulk of the run, however heavier weight slaughter hogs were weaker, sows mostly steady to firm, boars mostly 1 00 higher. **BARROWS AND GILTS** 49-54% lean 220-270 lbs 38 50-40 50, few 270-300 lbs 39 00-40 00, 45-50% lean 220-270 lbs 36 75-38 00, 270-300 lbs 34 00-36 00, 300-400 lbs 33 25-35 00, few 400-500 lbs 31 25-32 00, few 40-45% lean 400-525 lbs 28 00-31 25

SOWS 400-500 lbs 25 75-32 00 500-700 lbs 32 00-34 00

BOARS 300-700 lbs 13 00-13 75
Sheep and Lambs Compared to last Monday, slaughter lambs sold mixed with light weight lambs 5 00-10 00 higher, while heavy weight lambs sold mostly 10 00 higher. The bulk of the lamb supply consisted of heavier weight lambs over 90 lbs. A good supply of slaughter sheep sold 8 00-10 00 higher. Buyer attendance was moderate with moderate to good demand on heavier offerings. All lambs are sold by the pound at time of sale, prices are reflected by the hundred weight.

Slaughter Lambs Choice and Prime 2-3
30 40 lbs 172 00-205 00, 40-50 lbs 130 00-150 00,

few fancy 170 00-185 00, 50-60 lbs 128 00-150 00, few individuals 158 00-162 00, 60-70 lbs 128 00-148 00, 70-80 lbs 120 00-136 00, fancy 136 00-140 00, 80-90 lbs 114 00-130 00, few individuals 140 00, 90-100 lbs 112 00-126 00, 100-125 lbs 110 00-126 00, 125-150 lbs 82 00-94 00 Good 2-3 50-60 lbs 110 00-120 00, 60-70 lbs 112 00, 70-80 lbs 110 00-118 00, 90-100 lbs 106 00, 100-125 lbs 100 00-108 00

Slaughter Sheep Utility and Good 1-3 Yearlings
70-150 lbs 78 00-88 00, 150-175 lbs 68 00-74 00 Sheep 100-150 lbs 52 00-64 00, 150-200 lbs 50 00- 58 00, 200-250 lbs 46 00-48 00 Bucks 150-200 lbs 52 00-58 00, 200-255 lbs 46 00-50 00

Slaughter Goats Compared to last Monday, Kid goats sold mixed with the bulk of the run selling mostly steady with the exception of a few fancier Selection 1 goats selling 8 00-10 00 higher. Yearlings sold mostly 2 00-8 00 higher. Nannies sold mostly 8 00-12 00 higher. Billies sold mostly 6 00-12 00 higher, with the exception of higher quality, heavier weight Billies, which were 20 00-40 00 higher on select individuals. Wethers sold steady to firm. The overall quality of the run was mostly average with a few outstanding packages of boar Kid, Billie, and Nannies. Demand stayed moderate through the duration of the sale. All goats are sold by the head, with estimated weights. Kids Selection 1 20-40 lbs 58 00-64 00, 40-60 lbs 66 00-76 00, 60-80 lbs 76 00-78 00 Selection 2 20-40 lbs 38 00-44 00, few pigmies 28 00-32 00, 40-60 lbs 50 00-62 00, few pigmies 36 00-50 00, 60-80 lbs 64 00-68 00 Selection 3 20-40 lbs 24 00-30 00, few light and weaker 10 00-20 00, 40-60 lbs 30 00-46 00, 60-80 lbs few 50 00-60 00 Yearlings Selection 2 60-80 lbs 68 00-78 00, 80-100 lbs 80 00-88 00 Selection 3 60-80 lbs 50 00-62 00 Nannies Selection 1 70-100 lbs 72 00-90 00, 100-150 lbs 94 00-106 00 Selection 2 50-70 lbs 46 00-56 00, few pigmies 38 00-50 00, 70-100 lbs 56 00-70 00, bulk 60 00-70 00, 100-150 lbs 76 00-92 00, bulk 76 00-80 00 Selection 3 50-70 lbs 38 00-49 00, 70-100 lbs 46 00-62 00, bulk 56 00-62 00, 100-150 lbs 66 00-76 00 Bilhes Selection 1 100-150 lbs 122 00-155 00, 150-250 lbs 156 00-177 00, several fancier 184 00-202 00 Selection 2 70-80 lb 84 00-92 00, pigmies 52 00-68 00, 100-150 lbs 98 00-120 00, 150-250 lbs 132 00-144 00 Selection 3 70-100 lbs 66 00-78 00, 100-150 lbs 80 00-99 00 Wethers 50-70 lbs 54 00-62 00, 70-100 lbs 76 00-89 00, few fancier 88 00-96 00, few pigmies 55 00-60 00, 100-150 lbs 93 00-110 00, few fancier/heavier 114 00-130 00

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Slaughter Steers High Choice and Prime 2-4
1215-1485 lbs 102 00-106 00, few from 100 00-102 00 on Tuesday Choice 2-3 1185-1490 lbs 98 00-101 00 on Monday, from mostly 97 00-100 50, full 95 00-97 50, Charolais and Lim-crosses 98 50-101 00, heavy 1515-1630 lbs 89 72-92 00 High Select and low Choice 2-3 1155-1485 lbs 94 75-97 75, mostly 95 00-97 00, full 93 00-95 75, organic fed 90 50-95 50 Select 1-2 1140-1465 lbs 90 00-94 75, mostly 91 00-93 00 Standard 1-2 1100-1335 lbs 82 75-89 50

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Market At A Glance

Lancaster County Livestock Auction Averages
(Price Per Hundredweight)
Week Ending Friday, December 19, 2003
Supplied By Market Staff

	This Wk	Wk Ago	Yr Ago
Steers, Choice 2-3	97.75	102.00	72.85
Heifers, Choice 2-3, few Prime	96.25	101.00	68.25
Cows, Breakers, 75-80% lean	55.00	53.25	39.35
Cows, Boners, 80-85% lean	48.75	45.50	35.75
Bulls, YG 1, Ltd.	59.50	60.00	48.75
Hogs, 49-54% lean, Monday	39.50	39.50	33.65
Lambs, Choice/Prime 80-110 lb.	115.00	110.00	100.00

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Slaughter Bulls Yield Grade 1 1095-2075 lbs
57 00-63 00, one fancier 66 50, low dressing 50 00-56 00 One fancy black Yield Grade 2 1700 lbs 60 00

Calves Compared to last Tuesday, slaughter calves sold fully steady. Holstein bull calves going into special-fed veal barns sold steady on heavier weight calves (over 115 lbs), while the bulk of the run sold 10 00-30 00 higher. Demand was very light for lower weight calves as the bulk of the run weighing under 85 lbs moved directly to slaughter. Holstein heifers sold mostly steady to firm on the majority of the supply, however, light weight Number Ones sold sharply higher. Tuesday's nights supply consisted of a large number of single/non-Graded calves, giving buyers a larger than normal loose supply to choose from. Buyer attendance was high with active bidding through the duration of the sale. The PA Department of Agriculture graded 751 head of bulls for the graded sale, with an estimated 68 percent of the graded run going into veal barns.

Slaughter Calves Number 3, and Utility
58-109 lbs 20 00-61 00 Standard and Utility in the regular sale 55-125 lbs 40 00-70 00, weaker 10 00-37 00 Calves Going into Special-fed Veal Barns Graded Number 1 Holstein bulls 122-113 lbs 137 00-145 00, 95-112 lbs 161 00-170 00, 85-90 lbs 140 00-148 00, 80 lbs 125 00, few head 73 lbs 41 00 Graded Number 2 Holstein bulls 103-114 lbs 145 00-155 00, 102 lbs 162 00-175 00, 93-95 lbs 132 00-135 00, 90 lbs 110 00, 73-83 lbs 28 00-42 00, Graded Number 3 Holstein bulls 109 lbs 65 00, 81-94 lbs moving directly to slaughter 41 00-50 00 Graded Number 1 Holstein heifers 93-114 lbs 440 00-490 00, 83 lbs 400 00 Graded Number 2 Holstein heifers 100 lbs 460 00, 84-87 lbs 290 00-320 00, 73 lbs 155 00, 63 lbs 115 00

Few Beef-type calves 75-130 lbs 125 00-160 00

Market Notice

Because Christmas occurs on Thursday this year, auction reports from that sale date will not be available in Lancaster Farming for issue date December 27.

New Holland Livestock Auction

New Holland, Pa.
Thursday, Dec. 18, 2003
Report Supplied By USDA

Cattle Calves Sheep Goats

THURSDAY	1466	655	847	593
LAST WEEK	1510	638	365	215
LAST YEAR	1595	595	725	959

Compared to last Thursday, slaughter steers sold fully 3 50-4 00 lower. The quality of the run was greatly improved as there were a lot more long-fed cattle available. The steer supply was heavier as well, with live weights running in the 1300-1450 pound range on the majority of the high Choice and Prime steers, which suited the kosher buyers just fine. Finished prices in New Holland are back in the same ranges they were in around the first week of October. As most producers remember, prices on October 16th, 2003 in New Holland were as high as 130.50 for high Choice and Prime steers. And while the market is not in the 120 00-130 00 range, it's not in the low to mid-70's either (which is where it was the week before Christmas last year). It's funny how these 95 00-100 00 finished markets look real good to everyone as we were coming up through them, but they seemed to have lost some of their luster as we go back down through the same prices, although, most producers are going to close out the year with a smile on their faces. There were not enough slaughter heifers or Holstein steers on offer to adequately test the market. Slaughter cows sold 1 50-2 50 higher when compared to last Thursday. Lighter weight (1000-1500 lbs) slaughter bulls sold 2 00-3 00 lower, with heavier (1500-2100 lbs) bulls trending steady to weak. The Thursday supply included 285 slaughter steers, 121 slaughter heifers, 680 slaughter cows, 110 slaughter bulls, and 270 head of feeder cattle.

I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year from everyone at the USDA office in New Holland, PA. It has been a joy to work around all the wonderful producers here in Lancaster County over the past year, and I hope everyone has a prosperous 2004.

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