

Carlisle Livestock

Carlisle, Pa.
Report Supplied by Auction
Tuesday, December 23, 2003
SLAUGHTER CATTLE COWS, ACTIVE AND FULLY STEADY BREAKERS 55 00-61 25, BONERS 45 00-54 75, LEAN 40 00-53 50, BIG MIDDLE, LOW DRESSING, LIGHTS 35 00-47 50, SHELLY 34 00 AND DOWNS

FEEDER CATTLE FEEDER HEIFERS 200-400 LBS 57 00-73 00

CALVES RETURNING TO THE FARM, HOLSTEIN BULLS +N1 90-130 LBS 110 00-120 00

SWINE HOGS US+N1-3 210-580 LBS 29 00-40 00, SOWS 300-600 LBS 29 50-32 50, BOARS, ALL WEIGHTS 6 50-20 50, FEEDER PIGS BY THE LB 19-45 LBS 100 00-200 00, 60-80 LBS 60 00-61 00, 115-130 LBS 38 50-41 00

GOATS BY THE HEAD, LARGE NANNIES 60 00-105 00, MEDIUM TO LARGE BILLIES 62 00-175 00, FLESHY KIDS 42 00-66 00, SMALL, THIN 30 00-41 00

LAMBS GOOD 40-60 LBS 142 00-180 00, GOOD AND CHOICE 65-100 LBS 105 00-125 00

SHEEP ALL WEIGHTS 44 00-64 00

SALE EVERY TUES, 5 P.M FOR RABBIT, POULTRY AND EGGS, 6 P.M FOR LIVESTOCK, STARTING WITH CALVES SPECIAL FED CATTLE SALE PIGS, JAN 6 STATE GRADED FEEDER TUF SALE FRIDAY, JAN 16 RECEIVING 7 30 A.M - 10 30 A.M SALE 1 P.M NO RED CARPET HORSE AND TACK IN DEC SELLING ON TUES, JAN 20 AFTER FEEDER CATTLE 5 BRED REG SIMMENTAL COWS AND 1 HEIFER WITH PAPERS, ALL BRED TO REG BWF SIMMENTAL BULL WHICH WILL ALSO BE SOLD VET CHECKED DUF JAN -MARCH

SMALL ANIMAL SALE
December 23, 2003
RABBITS AND BUNNIES 80-97 50

CHICKENS 1 20-4 25
BANTIES 30-2 00
PIGEONS 1 50
PHEASANTS 5 50-6 00
GUINEA PIGS 50-3 00
TURKEYS 9 00-19 00
DUCKS 2 00-2 50
POULTRY SOLD BY THE HEAD SALE STARTS AT 5 P.M

Lebanon Valley Livestock

Fredericksburg, Pa.
Report Supplied By PDA
December 23, 2003

CATTLE 77...PDA...Compared with last week's sale...sl. steers and heifers none on offer, sl. cows were 2.00 to 4.00 lower with Breakers steady to weak.

COWS: Breakers 75-80% lean 53.25-60.00, Boners 80-85% lean 44.75-52.00, Lean 85-90% lean 35.00-42.00, high dressing to 44.75. Shells 33.25 and down.

BULLS: few Y old Grade 2 1525-1715 lbs 48.00-50.00.

FEEDER CATTLE: STEERS: one Small 4 510 lbs 34.00; BULLS: one lot Large 3 240 lbs Holstein 55.00.

CALVES 150...VEALERS: Standard and Good 75-120 lbs 25.00-40.00, Utility 50-100 lbs 10.00-25.00, FARM CALVES: Holstein bulls 20.00 to 40.00 lower on sluggish trading, Holstein heifers were fully steady...No 1 Holstein bulls 95-120 lbs 92.00-127.00, few 130.00-142.00, 80-90 lbs 60.00-80.00, No 2 80-120 lbs 40.00-65.00, few to 80.00; No 1 Holstein heifers 90-100 lbs 300.00-400.00, No 2 70-90 lbs 42.00-52.00.

Few beef cross bulls and heifers 95-110 lbs 47.00-85.00.

HOGS 3...SOWS: 1-3 510-525 lbs 25.00-27.00.

BOARS: one 720 lbs 10.00.

FEEDER PIGS 0...NO MARKET TEST!

SHEEP 0...NO MARKET TEST!

GOATS 0...NO MARKET TEST!

Mercer Livestock Auction

Mercer, Pa.
December 23, 2003
Report Supplied By PDA

CATTLE 216 PDA Compared with last week's sale sl cows were 1 00 to 2 00 higher

STFERS Choice 1-3 1270-1525 lbs 89 00-95 00, Select 1-2 77 00-91 50, Standard 1-2 60 50-75 00

HEIFERS few Choice 1-3 1135-1170 lbs 93 00-93 50, few Select 1-2 78 00-82 00, few Standard 1-2 70 00-75 00

COWS Breakers 75-80% lean 53 00-65 00, couple to 69 50, Boners 80-85% lean 45 00-57 00, Lean 85-90% lean 41 50-49 50 Shells 40 50 and down

BULLS few Yield Grade 1 1330-1920 lbs 60 00-65 50, Yield Grade 2 1050-2145 lbs 46 75-57 75

FEEDER CATTLE STEERS one Medium 1 505 lbs 72.00, HEIFERS Medium 1 425-600 lbs 69 00-74 00, Medium 2 375-600 lbs 53 00-61 00, BULLS Medium 1 300-600 lbs 67 00-79 50

CALVES 77 VFALERS Standard and Good 70-100 lbs 20 00-35 00, Utility 50-80 lbs 5 00-20 00 FARM CALVES No 1 Holstein bulls 90-125 lbs 70 00-100 00, No 2 80-105 lbs 35 00-70 00, few No 2 Holstein heifers 90-125 lbs 70 00-170 00

Few beef cross bulls and heifers 80-130 lbs 55 00-120 00

HOGS 26 BARROWS AND GILTS 49-54% lean 240-245 lbs 40 75-42 00, 45-50% lean 230-250 lbs 39 25-39 50, few 40-45% lean 223 lbs 33 00

BOARS couple 590 & 675 lbs 7 50

FEEDER PIGS 0 NO MARKET TEST!

SHEEP 5 SLAUGHTER SHEEP one 38 00

GOATS 0 NO MARKET TEST!

Middleburg Livestock Auction

Middleburg, Pa.
December 23, 2003
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CATTLE Calves Sheep Goats

THIS WEEK 872 947 1 3
LAST WEEK 617 999 1 0
LAST YEAR 1098 873 0 4

CATTLE 218 PDA Supply included 53 steers and heifers, 119 cows, 10 bulls and 36 feeder cattle Compared with last week's sale steers were 2 00 to 3 00 lower, cows were 1 00 to 3 00 lower

STFERS Choice 1-3 1215-1425 lbs 91 50-97 50, few Select 1-2 83 50-90 50, few Standard 1-2 67 00-77 00

HOLSTEIN STFERS few Choice 2-3 1305 1525 lbs 79 50-82 00, Select 1-2 69 25-80 00, Standard 1-2 63 00-67 50

HEIFERS one Choice 1-3 1150 lbs 88 00, few Standard 1-2 62 25-73 00

COWS Breakers 75-80% lean 50 00-60 25 with one 64 75 mostly 52 00-57 00, Boners 80-85% lean 42 00-49 50 mostly 43 00-48 00, Lean 85-90% lean 38 00-46 00 mostly 39 50-44 75 Shells 37 00 and down

BULLS few Yield Grade 1 985-1980 lbs 59 50-66 00, one 70 00, few Yield Grade 2 975-2340 lbs 48 75-56 50

FEEDER CATTLE STFERS Medium and Large 3 295-365 lbs 50 00-58 00, 410-465 lbs 62 00-82 00, few 500-520 lbs 59 00-72 00, one 940 lbs 52 50, HEIFERS Medium 1-2 370-490 lbs 78 50-81 00, couple Large 3 270 & 310 lbs Holstein 69 00 & 75 00, BULLS few Large 3 445-485 lbs Holsteins 50 50-61 00, one 730 lbs Holstein 47 00

CAIVES 219 VEALERS Standard and Good 85-110 lbs 20 00-25 00, Utility 60-105 lbs 10 00-20 00, few down to 65 00 FARM CALVES Holstein bulls 20 00 to 30 00 lower No 1 Holstein bulls 90-130 lbs 90 00-145 00 mostly 100 00-122 00, 80-85 lbs 60 00-75 00, No

2 90-130 lbs 40 00-100 00, lighter weights down to 22 00, No 1 Holstein heifers 85-110 lbs 310 00-485 00, No 2 85-105 lbs 190 00-280 00

One beef cross bull and heifer 110 lbs 90 00
HOGS 51 Barrows and gilts 7 00 to 10 00 higher, sows were steady BARROWS AND GILTS 45-50% lean 225-280 lbs 40 00-48 00, 210-215 lbs, lightweights 45 00-48 50, 40-45% lean 295-425 lbs 34 00-44 00

SOWS 1-3 520-695 lbs 25 00-34 00

BOARS 485-660 lbs 6 00-9 50, one 380 lbs 17 00

FEEDER PIGS 17 1-3 35-50 lbs 23 00-33 00 --- per head

SHEEP 12 SLAUGHTER LAMBS few Choice 20-40 lbs 110 00-115 00, few 45-75 lbs 112 00-162 00

SLAUGHTER SHEEP 45 00-56 00, Yearlings to 60 00

GOATS 6 All goats sold by the head with weights estimated Kids Selection 1 one 35 lbs 40 00 Selection 2 one 40 lbs 35 00 Nannies one 60 lbs 50 00 Wethers one 85 lbs 80 00 Billies one 65 lbs 87 00

National Feeder Cattle Weekly Review

St. Joseph, Mo.
December 19, 2003

Report Supplied By USDA

NATIONAL FEEDER & STOCKER CATTLE SUMMARY for week ending Dec. 19 — Total Receipts 298,500, last week 412,900, last year 345,900 Direct 41,800, last week 57,700, last year 53,500 Video/Internet none, last week 32,000, last year 500 Auctions 256,700, last week 323,200, last year 291,900 This week's reported auction volume included 39 percent over 600 lbs and 43 percent heifers Compared to last week, feeder cattle and calves sold mostly steady across the nation with instances of 1.00-2.00 lower on light pre-holiday receipts

Most of the weakness was posted on heavy weights and lighter yearlings weighing from 600-750 lbs, each of which need to go straight to the feedlot but will not finish before summer Some firmness was noted on heavy yearlings that will be done in early spring and flyweight calves (under 500 lbs) that have plenty of marketing options

Southeastern auction market receipts were extremely light and demand was spotty as some order buyers scrambled early in the week to put loads together and other shippers didn't even want to take the chance and end up holding stale cattle over the holidays

Receipts were heavier in the Plains and Midwest as weather conditions were much better as some producers wanted to sell before most auctions take a two week hiatus This week's sellers were either hitting a good weather window or moving cattle off short-dry wheat

Demand was fairly good from feedlot buyers but sharp losses in the fed cattle arena kept any feeder market rally in check Showlots were sold 4 00 6 00 lower at mostly 92 00 as packers pushed the issue to get prices more in line with dressed beef prices Cattle feeders didn't have to sell, but holiday slaughter schedules will be much shorter for the next two weeks plus off wheat and calf arrivals are cramping pen space in some areas

Most industry members were on the edge of their seats for this Friday's cattle on feed report On-feed numbers were within expectations but placement and marketing figures were bullish As expected the lightweight cattle made up a larger number on-feed than usual with weights under 600 lbs being 15 percent higher than last year (heavier weight groups were all roughly 7-10 percent lower) Placements were slightly higher than expected with 97 percent of last year's total being put on feed in November and 89 percent of 2002's numbers were sold in November, which was significantly higher than most analysts had projected

It's hard to say if this report will help cattle markets before Christmas, after Christmas, or at all At least the data will help cattle feeders get through the holidays with a positive outlook

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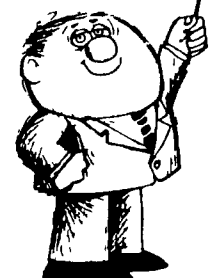
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