

LANCASTER COUNTY LIVESTOCK MARKET AUCTIONS

Some markets not available because of the holiday

New Holland Livestock Auction

New Holland, Pa.
Report Supplied By USDA
Monday, December 22, 2003

Cattle Calves Hogs Sheep Goats

MONDAY

443 325 631 1252 1932

WEEK AGO

417 266 474 1004 1409

LAST YEAR

388 386 679 295 997

Compared to Thursday, 1 lean slaughter cows sold steady to firm, with the fleshier supply trending 100-200 lower. Slaughter bulls sold 300-500 higher due to very good demand and buyer attendance. The cattle supply included 248 slaughter cows, 24 slaughter bulls, 24 slaughter steers, 25 slaughter heifers, and 122 head of feeder cattle.

Slaughter Cows Percent Lean Weight Bulk Low Dressing Breakers 70-75 Over 1400 lbs 51 00-57 25 46 00-52 00 Boners 75-80 Over 1200 lbs 45 00-49 75, 41 50-46 50 High Dressing up to 52 25 Lean (Hi-Yield) 80-85 Over 1200 lbs 44 25-48 50 40 00-43 75 Lean 85-90 Over 1000 lbs 40 00-45 00 37 50-40 50 Lean (Lt-Weight) 85-90 750-1000 lbs 39 00-43 50 33 50-38 00 Slaughter Bulls Yield Grade 1 1010-2095 lbs 59 50-64 75, high dressing 65 75-68 00, light-weights 820-1010 lbs 53 00-58 50 Few Yield Grade 1-2 1655-2400 lbs 57 50-62 50

Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 1-2 blacks and Charolais-crosses 390-500 lbs 88 00-92 00 Calves Compared to Thursday, slaughter calves sold mostly steady. Holstein bull calves returning to the farm sold mostly 20 00 to 25 00 higher on heavier weight calves. Holstein Heifers sold steady to firm on a light run.

Slaughter Calves Good and Choice fancy 405 lbs 92 00, 275-370 lbs 84 00 89 00, couple 215-275 lbs 94 00-98 00 Standard and Utility 55-130 lbs 30 00-65 00, few weaker 11 00-27 00 Calves Going Into Special-fed Veal Barns Holstein Bulls 90 125 lbs 152 00-182 00, 80-90 lbs 105 00-145 00 Plainer-type Holstein Bulls

90-125 lbs 115 00-147 00, 80-90 lbs 80 00-110 00 Weaker Holstein Bulls 90-125 lbs 40 00-70 00

Holstein Heifers 85-110 lbs 390 00-510 00 Plainer-type Holstein Heifers 200 00-345 00

HOGS Barrows and gilts mostly 1 00 to 2 00 lower on the bulk of the run, sows were 3 00 to 4 00 lower, boars sold steady. BARROWS AND GILTS few 49-54¢ lean 220-270 lbs 37 75-38 25, 45-50¢ lean 220-270 lbs 34 00-37 00, large groups 33 10-33 85, 270-300 lbs 31 75-33 25, few 40-45¢ lean 270-300 lbs 29 25-31 75, few 300-400 lbs 26 50-31 25

SOWS 400-500 lbs 24 00-28 50, 500-700 lbs 28 00-31 00

BOARS 200-300 lbs 20 00-26 00, junior boars 20 00-26 00, 300-700 lbs 13 00

Sheep and Lambs Compared to last Monday, slaughter lambs sold firm to sharply higher, with the bulk of the supply 10 00 to 12 00 higher. Light weight lambs sold with a firmer undertone on a very light supply, however several packages of 40-50 lbs lambs sold as much as 20 00-40 00 higher than this time last week. The bulk of the run consisted of middle weight lambs between 70-100 lbs, with several larger, higher quality packages to choose from. Heavy weight lambs were in short supply. Slaughter sheep sold mostly to steady on an average run, slaughter bucks sold steady to firm on a large supply. Buyer attendance was good with good demand on all classes as many buyers were filling last minute holiday orders. 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 20-40 lbs few head 130 00-187 00, 40-50 lbs 152 00-190 00, few fancy 205 00-240 00, 50-60 lbs 134 00-150 00, few individuals 170 00-190 00, 60-70 lbs 130 00-136 00, few fancy 156 00-164 00, 70-80 lbs 126 00-140 00, 80 90 lbs 126 00-142 00, 90-100 lbs 122 00-132 00, 100-125 lbs 120 00-130 00, 125-150 lbs 100 00-110 00 Good 2-3 40-50 lbs 130 00-144 00, 70-80 lbs 110 00-120 00, 80-90 lbs 114 00-120 00, 90-125 lbs 108 00-118 00

Slaughter Sheep Utility and Good 1-3 Sheep 75-100 lbs 58 00-64 00, 100-150 lbs 54 00-66 00,

Market At A Glance

Lancaster County Livestock Auction Averages
(Price Per Hundredweight)
Week Ending Wednesday, December 24, 2003
Supplied By Market Staff

	This Wk	Wk Ago	Yr Ago
Steers, Choice 2-3, ltd	95 00	97 75	73.25
Heifers, Choice 2-3, few Prime, ltd	94.00	96 25	69.50
Cows, Breakers, 75-80¢ lean	53.50	55.00	41.50
Cows, Boners, 80-85¢ lean	46 25	48 75	36 75
Bulls, YG 1, ltd.	61 50	59.50	47 50
Hogs, 49-54¢ lean, Monday	38.00	39 50	32.65
Lambs, Choice/Prime 80-110 lb.	126 00	115 00	95.00

150-200 lbs 50 00-58 00, few heavy fleeced 38 00-44 00, 200-250 lbs 26 00-38 00 Bucks 100-150 lbs 56 00-64 00, 150-200 lbs 56 00-68 00, 200-300 lbs 40 00-56 00

Slaughter Goats Compared to last Monday, Kid goats sold mostly 6 00-12 00 higher, with instances up to 20 00 higher. Yearlings also sold sharply higher with the bulk of the run 10 00 higher. Nannies sold between 6 00 and 18 00 higher. Billies sold 15 00 to 20 00 higher, with a good supply of higher quality offerings. Wethers also sold sharply higher. Buyer attendance was high with good bidding activity as many buyers are trying to fill last minute holiday orders. The overall quality of the run was mostly average with a few outstanding packages of boar Kid, Billie, and Nannies. All goats are sold by the head, with estimated weights Kids Selection 1 20-40 lbs 64 00-70 00, 40-60 lbs 70 00-86 00, 60-80 lbs 86 00-104 00 Selection 2 20-40 lbs 54 00-64 00, few pigmies 39 00-52 00, 40-60 lbs 58 00-70 00, 60-80 lbs 68 00-84 00 Selection 3 20 40 lbs 40 00-50 00, few light and weaker 18 00-36 00, 40-60 lbs 48 00-60 00 Yearlings Selection 1 60-80 lbs 94 00-96 00, few replacements 100 00-112 00, 80-100 lbs 104 00-112 00, few replacements 120 00-130 00 Selection 2 60-80 lbs 76 00-84 00, 80-100 lbs 88 00-98 00 Selection 3 60-80 lbs 64 00-72 00 Nannies Selection 1 70-100 lbs 80 00-90 00, 100-150 lbs 100 00-120 00 Selection 2 50-70 lbs 56 00-68 00, few pigmies 52 00-60 00, 70-100 lbs 68 00-82 00, bulk 70 00-78 00, 100-150 lbs 82 00-102 00, bulk 82 00-96 00 Selection 3 50-70 lbs 44 00-50 00, 70-100 lbs 54 00-66 00, 100-150 lbs 72 00-80 00 Billies Selection 1 70-100 lbs 112 00-132 00, 100-150 lbs 140 00-165 00, 150-250 lbs 172 00-192 00 Selection 2 70-100 lb 80 00-102 00, pigmies 52 00-66 00, 100-150 lbs 120 00-137 00, 150-250 lbs 147 00-155 00 Selection 3 70-100 lbs 72 00-86 00, 100-150 lbs 120 00 Wethers 50-70 lbs 78 00-80 00, 70-100 lbs 80 00-98 00, few fancier 104 00-108 00, 100-150 lbs 114 00-130 00, few weaker 98 00-104 00

Vintage Livestock Auction

Vintage, Pa.
December 22-23, 2003
Report Supplied By USDA

Cattle Calves Sheep Goats

THIS WEEK

631 1124 4 0

LAST WEEK

1185 994 3 1

LAST YEAR

390 469 0 0

Compared to Thursday, slaughter steers sold mostly 200-300 lower on Monday, with the very light Tuesday run trending mostly steady with Monday. Receipts were traditionally light on both days as Christmas is on Thursday. Packers will be dark for at least one day this week, which was evident in the light early week demand. The current finished market is still pretty good if it stays in the high 80's and low 90's, however if it gets below those levels the producers who were paying 116 00-118 00 for heavy 7 weight feeder cattle a few months ago may have a hard time breaking even. The Board is still supportive in the nearby months, with the spot January live cattle contract closing at 92 35 on Thursday. However, futures are in the 70's when you get as far out as this summer. There were not enough slaughter Holstein steers or slaughter heifers for a market test. Lean slaughter cows sold mostly 25 to 100 lower, while fleshier cows sold between 200-400 lower. The combined two-day run included 152 head of slaughter steers, 31 head of slaughter heifers, 409 head of slaughter cows, 17 head of slaughter bulls, and 22 head of feeder cattle. On behalf of the USDA I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas. I hope you all have a good holiday season.

Slaughter Steers High Choice and Prime 2-4 1210-1420 lbs 96 00 99 00, mostly 97 00-98 00, one head 100 00, couple heavy 1500-1545 lbs 95 00-97 00 Choice 2-3 1200-1475 lbs 93 00-97 00, mostly 94 00 95 50, few Charolais-crosses 1340-1550 lbs 96 00-98 50 High Select and low Choice 2-3 1120-1450 lbs 91 00-93 50 Select 1-2 1060-1425 lbs 86 00-89 50, mostly 87 00-88 00, several higher yielding Limis 1375-1530 lbs 92 00 98 00 Standard 1-2 1050-1355 lbs 77 00 82 00, up to 89 50

Market Notice

Because New Year's Day occurs on Thursday this year, auction reports from that day's sales may not be available in *Lancaster Farming* for Jan. 3 issue.

Slaughter Holstein Steers Few Select 1-2 1220-1355 lbs 73 75-75 25 Few Standard 1-2 1340-1380 lbs 68 00-70 00
Slaughter Heifers Couple Choice 2-3 1175-1235 lbs 93 00-95 00 Couple high yielding Select 1-2 1030-1285 lbs 94 50-99 50
Slaughter Cows Percent Lean Weight Bulk Low Dressing Premium White 65-70 over 1600 lbs 60 00-63 75, 55 00-59 25 High Dressing up to 66 25 Breakers 70-75 over 1400 lbs 51 00-55 50, 48 00-51 50 High Dressing 56 75-57 75 Boners 75-80 over 1200 lbs 45 50-49 75, 42 00-46 00 High Dressing 51 00-54 00 Lean (Hi-Yield) 85-90 over 1200 lbs 42 00-46 50 37 75-42 00 Lean 85-90 over 1000 lbs 40 00-44 00 35 00-40 00 Lean (Lt-weight) 85-90 few 750-1000 lbs 38 00-40 50 32 00-37 25

Slaughter Bulls Yield Grade 1 1115-2270 lbs 57 75-64 00, couple low dressing 1045-1640 lbs 49 00-55 75, several nice high yielding bullocks 1095-1525 lbs 75 00-79 50

Calves Compared to last Tuesday, slaughter calves sold sharply lower as one buyer was able to set the market. Holstein bull calves going into special-fed veal barns sold steady to 10 00 lower on heavy weight calves over 100 lbs. However, the bulk of the Graded run sold sharply lower, in-part due to the size of the pre-holiday run, buyers had over 1100 to choose from. Holstein heifers sold mostly steady to weak the majority of the supply, however, light weight Number One's and Two's sold sharply lower. The PA Department of Agriculture graded 947 head of bulls for the graded sale, with an estimated 80 percent of the graded run going into veal barns.

Slaughter Calves Number 2 & 3, and Utility 59-108 lbs 800-27 00 Standard and Utility in the regular sale 55-125 lbs 15 00-25 00, mostly 15 00, weaker 5 00-10 00

Calves Going into Special-fed Veal Barns Graded Number 1 Holstein bulls 121-123 lbs 105 00-110 00, 95-113 lbs 150 00-159 00, 85-92 lbs 72 00-80 00, 80 lbs 50 00 Graded Number 2 Holstein bulls 103-114 lbs 150 00-155 00, one package 170 00, 95 lbs 70 00-80 00, 90 lbs 50 00, 73-83 lbs moving directly to slaughter 12 00-20 00 Graded Number 3 Holstein bulls 108 lbs 37 00, 82-94 lbs moving directly to slaughter 15 00-20 00 Graded Number 1 Holstein heifers 93-117 lbs 430 00-470 00, 83 lbs 300 00, 73 lbs 85 Graded Number 2 Holstein heifers 104 lbs 450 00, 92-93 lbs 360 00-370 00 81-82 lbs 160 00, 74 lbs 40 00-50 00, 61 lbs 15 00

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New Holland, Pa.
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