

## The Week in the Meat Goat Markets

Last week in New Holland, Selection 1 fancy kids received price premiums. Selection 1 20-lb. to 40-lb. kids received an average \$19/head more than non-fancy kids and 60-lb. to 80-lb. kids received an average \$11/head more. Overall, kid prices softened with the week-to-week supply increase of 790 head to 1,628 and with perhaps a post-Easter softer demand. Orders may have been filled perhaps up to 10 days prior to the Greek Orthodox Easter on April 27.

Last week in San Angelo, 3,188 goats sold, up from 2,386 head the previous week, but down from 5,285 head three weeks ago. Selection 1 kid prices mostly held or gained with some price softening for 80-lb. to 100-lb. kids.

After the Easter holidays, kid prices soften in San Angelo, but perhaps surprisingly, often strengthen in Pennsylvania. New Holland has a handful of regular buyers that are in the market every week filling orders. Most likely, the sudden drop in supply after Easter often causes these buyers to bid up prices in order for them to secure supplies. May's average kid price has been higher than April's average four out of six years since 2002. In 2005, the monthly price gain in May was an average \$2/head for Selection 1 kids and \$11/head higher in May 2007.

### Market Trends for Week Ending April 18, 2008

		Last Week	Percentage Change from Previous Week (%)	Percentage Change From the Same Week a Year Ago (%)
<b>Number of Head Slaughtered, 4/5/08</b>		10,803	-15	-35
<b>San Angelo, TX Prices<sup>1</sup> (\$/cwt.), Selection 1</b>				
Kids	20-40 Lbs.	127.50	0	na
	40-60 Lbs.	145.00	1	3
	60-80 Lbs.	146.00	4	1
	80-100 Lbs.	107.00	-2	1
Bucks	70-100 Lbs.	99.50	3	6
	100-150 Lbs.	90.00	0	16
	150-250 Lbs.	82.00	1	10
Does	50-80 Lbs.	30.50	-28	-39
	80-130 Lbs.	44.00	-7	-25
	130-180 Lbs.	50.50	3	-11
<b>New Holland (Lancaster), PA Prices (\$/head), Selection 1</b>				
Kids	20-40 Lbs.	46.00	-25	-10
	40-60 Lbs.	88.50	-4	23
	60-80 Lbs.	110.00	0	39
	80-100 Lbs.	118.00	-4	17
Bucks	70-100 Lbs. *Pygmies	65.00	-40	na
	100-150 Lbs.	128.00	-2	2
	150-250 Lbs.	153.00	-9	22
Does	50-80 Lbs. *Pygmies	35.00	-51	na
	80-130 Lbs.	75.00	4	3
	130-180 Lbs.	89.00	na	na

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Marketing Service (USDA/AMS); Julie Shiflett.

<sup>1</sup>San Angelo, TX and Lancaster, PA are the two auction markets with goat sales exceeding 50,000 head in a year.

<sup>2</sup>na = Price not available.

## **Meat Goat Market Report Source**

The goat prices published in this report are gathered from prices published by the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). Agricultural Marketing Service Market New Reporters across the country visit select sheep and goat auctions weekly and monthly to record goat prices and goat volumes. Current and historical prices are available on AMS' website: [www.ams.usda.gov](http://www.ams.usda.gov).

Current market news reports for San Angelo, TX and Lancaster, PA, the two largest auctions, are available at the following links:

[http://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/SA\\_LS320.txt](http://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/SA_LS320.txt);

[http://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/LN\\_LS320.txt](http://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/LN_LS320.txt);

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Historical prices are available through AMS' Livestock & Grain Market News Portal at <http://marketnews.usda.gov/portal/lg>.

The number of goats slaughtered each week can be found at [http://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/SJ\\_LS711.txt](http://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/SJ_LS711.txt), also a USDA/AMS report.