

## The Week in the Meat Goat Markets

Slaughter kid prices firmed up last week under stronger demand and steady numbers. Last week in San Angelo, 4,118 goats sold, about even with the sale of 4,194 head two weeks ago. The heaviest Selection 1 kids brought up to 4% higher week-to-week.

“Fancy” kids received substantial price premiums in New Holland last week. Selection 1 80-lb. to 90-lb. kids received an average \$104.50 per head, but the equivalent fancy kids received up to \$128 per head. Similarly, 90-lb. to 100-lb. kids received \$102 per head and fancy kids received \$132 per head. It is possible that genetics and care in handling are rewarded at auction.

San Angelo Selection 1 kid prices were an average 3% higher this June compared to a year ago. Tighter supplies may have helped support prices. This June 15,752 head sold, down almost 1,000 head from a year ago. Tighter supplies might be due to a lower reported goat crop in Texas this spring, but also because higher transport costs might be limiting supplies from other states. Price trends did differ by weight category. Selection 1 kids between 60 pounds and 80 pounds received up to 7% more this June compared to a year ago -- \$117.25/cwt. However, at \$105.88/cwt., the heavier 80-lb. to 100-lb. Selection 1 kids received 4% less this June compared to a year ago.

### Market Trends for Week Ending June 27, 2008

		Last Week	Percentage Change from Previous Week (%)	Percentage Change From the Same Week a Year Ago (%)
<b>Number of Head Slaughtered, June 14, 2008</b>		11,519	-7	-11
<b>San Angelo, TX Prices<sup>1</sup> (\$/cwt.), Selection 1</b>				
Kids	20-40 Lbs.	na	na	na
	40-60 Lbs.	106.50	0	0
	60-80 Lbs.	109.50	1	3
	80-100 Lbs.	110.00	4	na
Bucks	70-100 Lbs.	89.00	7	-2
	100-150 Lbs.	78.50	-1	12
	150-250 Lbs.	69.50	-7	16
Does	50-80 Lbs.	30.50	22	-27
	80-130 Lbs.	43.50	9	-24
	130-180 Lbs.	43.50	32	-19
<b>New Holland (Lancaster), PA Prices (\$/head), Selection 1</b>				
Kids	20-40 Lbs.	47.00	26	9
	40-60 Lbs.	74.00	26	10
	60-80 Lbs.	78.00	11	-8
	80-100 Lbs.	105.00	na	18
Bucks	70-100 Lbs.	na	na	na
	100-150 Lbs.	148.00	-1	8
	150-250 Lbs.	174.00	19	10
Does	50-80 Lbs.	na	na	na
	80-130 Lbs.	92.00	0	na
	130-180 Lbs.	88.00	0	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.