

## The Week in the Meat Goat Markets

In the two largest goat auctions last week heavier supplies most likely contributed to weaker prices. In San Angelo kid prices were marginally softer with a heavy 3,946-head offering. Compared to the previous week, kid prices were weaker in New Holland as well. Last week a heavier supply, 1,780 head, was offered compared to 1,303 two weeks ago and compared to 1,970 head a year ago.

On Thursday, July 10 at the Barren River Livestock Auction, Bowling Green, Kentucky Graded Goat and Sheep Sale, 797 goats sold. No Selection 1 goats were recorded. It was interesting to note that some Selection 2 kids received more than last week's prices in San Angelo. Selection 2 60-80 lbs. brought \$110/cwt. and 80-100 lbs. received \$108/cwt. It is possible that high freight costs has helped to support Selection 2 prices if Selection 1 goats are scarce.

As a reminder, a deadline for grants for goat market development is August 1, 2008. The American Sheep and Goat Center (ASGC) provides competitive grants for "product or business development, producer information or education, marketing and promotion for sheep or goats or their products, genetic retention, and animal health." More information can be found at [www.asgusa.org](http://www.asgusa.org) or by calling Steven Lee, Executive Director 202-350-9065 or 207-236-6567.

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

		Last Week	Percentage Change from Previous Week (%)	Percentage Change From the Same Week a Year Ago (%)
<b>Number of Head Slaughtered, July 5, 2008</b>		12,227	-2	-5
<b>San Angelo, TX Prices<sup>1</sup> (\$/cwt.), Selection 1</b>				
Kids	20-40 Lbs.	100.00	-1	na
	40-60 Lbs.	101.00	0	na
	60-80 Lbs.	105.00	-1	na
	80-100 Lbs.	106.25	0	na
Bucks	70-100 Lbs.	80.00	-9	na
	100-150 Lbs.	77.00	-2	na
	150-250 Lbs.	67.50	-4	na
Does	50-80 Lbs.	41.50	-5	na
	80-130 Lbs.	44.00	-3	na
	130-180 Lbs.	29.00	-3	na
<b>New Holland (Lancaster), PA Prices (\$/head), Selection 1</b>				
Kids	20-40 Lbs.	na	na	na
	40-60 Lbs.	67.00	0	3
	60-80 Lbs.	86.00	-1	-1
	80-100 Lbs.	103.50	-4	-15
Bucks	70-100 Lbs.	na	na	na
	100-150 Lbs.	165.50	40	na
	150-250 Lbs.	178.50	17	10
Does	50-80 Lbs.	57.00	-30	na
	80-130 Lbs.	105.00	28	19
	130-180 Lbs.	na	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);

[http://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/LN\\_LS321.txt](http://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/LN_LS321.txt); and

[http://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/LN\\_LS322.txt](http://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/LN_LS322.txt).

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.