

According to the December 23rd USDA Livestock Monthly Slaughter Report, dairy cow slaughter was 241,000 head for November, which was up 10,000 head from the previous month of October

at 231,000 cows. Compared to November 2009, dairy cow slaughter for November 2010 climbed over 13% higher. For November 2010 it represents 8.5% of the total number of all cows slaughtered. The week

ending November 13th had the largest single-week slaughter for the year at 60,700 cows.

Dairy cow prices dipped in November. The average U.S. dairy cow slaughter price for November was \$51.90/cwt, off .80/cwt from the October price of \$52.70/cwt. However, 2010 brought much higher

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prices for cows compared to 2009. For November 2009 dairy cow prices in the U.S. averaged \$41.70/cwt, \$10.20/cwt lower compared to November 2010.

MARKETWATCH

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	Top Springer	Top Average	Medium Holstein Springer	Shortbreds	Open Heifers Light	Open Heifers Heavy	Heifer Calves	Bull Calves	Breeding Bulls
Mammoth Cave Dairy Auction, Inc. Smiths Grove, KY (800) 563-2131 (sale 12/28/10)	\$1,360 \$90 ▼	\$1,190 \$60 ▼	\$980 \$30 ▼	\$1,000 \$50 ▲	\$380 \$20 ▲	\$525 \$195 ▼	\$160 \$20 ▲	\$115 \$20 ▲	N/T
New Holland Sales Stables New Holland, PA (717) 354-4341 (sale 12/29/10)	\$1,700 \$75 ▲	\$1,525 \$50 ▲	\$1,325 \$75 ▲	N/T	\$700 \$200 ▲	\$1,000 \$75 ▲	N/T	N/T	\$875 \$125 ▲
Mid-Georgia Livestock Auction Jackson, GA (770) 775-7314 (sale 12/14/10)	\$1,650 NC	\$1,575 NC	\$1,250 NC	N/T	\$475 NC	\$525 NC	\$170 NC	\$70 NC	N/T
Central Livestock Association Albany, MN (800) 733-6828 (sale 12/17/10)	\$1,525 \$100 ▲	\$1,200 \$10 ▼	\$1,175 \$275 ▲	\$1,150 NC	\$133cwt \$8 ▲	\$120/cwt \$20 ▲	N/T	N/T	\$900 \$100 ▼
Equity Co-op Livestock Stratford, WI (715) 687-4101 Rocky Olsen (608) 434-4037 (sale 12/28/10)	\$1,300 \$100 ▼	\$1,100 \$100 ▼	\$1,100 \$50 ▲	\$1,050 \$100 ▲	\$550 NC	\$825 \$25 ▲	N/T	N/T	N/T
Topeka Livestock Auction Topeka, IN (206) 593-2522 (sale 12/28/10)	\$1,485 \$135 ▲	\$800 NC	N/T	N/T	\$700 \$200 ▼	\$1,000 \$350 ▼	\$200 \$150 ▲	N/T	\$935
United Producers, Inc Marion, MI (517) 294-3484 (sale 12/17/10)	\$1,575	\$1,400	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$400	\$700	N/T	N/T	\$975
Brush Livestock of Colorado Brush, CO (970) 842-2801 (sale 12/12/10)	\$1,460 NC	\$1,450 NC	\$1,290 NC	\$1,310 NC	N/T	N/T	\$235 NC	\$135 NC	\$1050 NC
Chehalis Livestock Market Chehalis, WA (360) 748-3191 (sale 12/27/10)	\$1,350 \$50 ▲	\$1,350 \$160 ▲	\$1,100 \$25 ▼	N/T	\$521	N/T	N/T	\$40 \$35 ▼	N/T
Producers Livestock Jerome, ID (208) 324-4345 (sale 12/22/10)	\$1,450 \$50 ▲	\$1,300 \$20 ▲	\$1,240 \$90 ▲	N/T	N/T	N/T	N/T	N/T	\$1,000
Smithfield Livestock Auction Smithfield, UT (435) 563-3259 (sale 12/16/10)	\$1,310 \$225 ▲	\$1,150 \$100 ▲	\$1,010 \$10 ▲	\$1,030 NC	\$.80/CWT NC	\$1.04/cwt NC	N/T	N/T	N/T
Sulphur Springs Livestock and Dairy Auction Sulphur Springs, TX (903) 885-7739 (sale 12/16/10)	\$1,400 \$25 ▼	\$1,000 \$50 ▲	\$1,000 \$300 ▲	N/T	\$400 NC	\$650 \$50 ▼	\$185 \$25 ▼	\$65 \$10 ▼	\$1,050
Tulare County Sales Dinuba, CA (559) 591-0884 (sale 12/21/10)	\$1,500 NC	\$1,350 \$50 ▼	\$1,250 \$25 ▼	\$950 \$150 ▼	\$550	\$850	\$165 \$65 ▲	\$50 \$10 ▼	\$800 NC

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