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# **Weekly Market Summary**

For the week ending October 3, 2025

**Compared to last week**, fed cattle trade in the Southern Plains was non-existent with Northern Plains trade lower. Feeder cattle were lower with stocker calves steady. Live cattle futures were mixed with feeder cattle futures slightly higher. The dressed beef cutouts continued their downward spiral.

# **Cattle/Beef Market-Strength Indexes**

10 Day Index Trendline

60 Day Index Trendline

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Change from Previous Day: +1.52% Change from 10 Days Ago: -3.93% Change from 60 Days Ago: +9.30% Change from 60 Day High: -13.81%

Indexes track the daily market values for the past 10 & 60 days. Each value is the weighted total of the Gain/(Loss) for 15 major market factors compared to the previous trading day.

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**Fed Cattle**: No trade in the Southern Plains with Northern Plains trade 5.00 lower at 230.00. In the 3 front months, Live Cattle futures were 0.78 lower to 0.32 higher. USDA steer carcass weights are not available this week due to the government shutdown.

S: Last Week: 235.00 / Month Ago: 242.50 / Year Ago: 186.00 / 5 Year Avg: 162.32 N: This Week: 230.00 / Month Ago: 242.50 / Year Ago: 187.00 / 5 Year Avg: 163.94

**Feeder Steers**: The national average price for feeder steers was 366.91, 1.24 lower with trade mostly 3.00 lower to 1.00 higher. In the 3 front months, Feeder Cattle futures were 0.17 to 1.90 higher.

This Week: 366.91 / Month Ago: 366.45 / Year Ago: 247.39 / 5 Year Avg: 210.32

**Stocker Steers**: The national average price for stocker steers was 432.42, 0.18 higher with trade mostly 4.00 lower to 5.00 higher.

This Week: 432.42 / Month Ago: 431.31 / Year Ago: 286.91 / 5 Year Avg: 248.92

CME Feeder Cattle Index: Posted daily by CME with a lag of one business day.

362.57... -2.47 - Historic High: 367.61 on 9/26/25

This Week: 362.57 / Month Ago: 363.96 / Year Ago: 246.78 / 5 Year Avg: 208.32

**Boxed Beef Cutout**: The Choice cutout was 9.16 lower at 362.27 and the Select cutout was 7.06 lower at 345.38. The Choice/Select spread is 16.89, 2.10 narrower.

This Week: 362.27 / Month Ago: 410.76 / Year Ago: 302.58 / 5 Year Avg: 293.96

Cutter Cow Cutout: 2.52 lower at 336.45.

**Slaughter Cows**: Trade mostly steady to 2.00 lower.

**Total red meat production** under Federal inspection unavailable this week due to the government shutdown.

**Corn**: December futures closed at 4.1900, 0.0300 lower.

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## **Market Overview:**

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www.cattlerange.com	10/03/25	Last Week	1 Month Ago	1 Year Ago	5 Yr. Avg.
CME Feeder Index	362.57	365.04	363.96	246.78	208.32
Live Cattle Futures	10/03/25	Last Week	1 Month Ago	1 Year Ago	5 Yr. Avg.
October	231.02	231.80	235.97	187.00	161.36
December	234.50	234.30	237.45	187.00	161.63
February	236.82	236.50	238.67	187.95	162.96
Feeder Futures	10/03/25	Last Week	1 Month Ago	1 Year Ago	5 Yr. Avg.
October	357.17	357.00	359.82	249.62	210.16
November	355.42	354.47	357.90	249.27	212.67
January	349.72	347.82	356.15	244.37	214.82
Fed Cattle	10/03/25	Last Week	1 Month Ago	1 Year Ago	5 Yr. Avg.
S. Central	235.00	237.00	242.50	186.00	162.32
N. Central	230.00	235.00	242.50	187.00	163.94
Feedyard Closeouts	10/03/25	Last Week	1 Month Ago	1 Year Ago	5 Yr. Avg.
Current	369.13	492.50	563.67	(121.47)	31.52
Future (Projected)	(118.24)	(152.05)	(106.81)	(29.96)	(103.64)
Avg. National Prices	10/03/25	Last Week	1 Month Ago	1 Year Ago	5 Yr. Avg.
Feeder Steers	366.91	368.15	366.45	247.39	210.32
Stocker Steers	432.42	432.24	431.31	286.91	248.92
<b>Boxed Beef Cutout</b>	10/03/25	Last Week	1 Month Ago	1 Year Ago	5 Yr. Avg.
Choice	362.27	371.43	410.76	302.58	293.96
Select	345.38	352.44	385.19	287.61	275.44
Spread	16.89	18.99	25.57	14.97	18.51
<b>Cutter Cow Cut-Out</b>	336.45	338.97	339.15	276.69	237.39
Crude Oil Futures	60.74	65.27	62.02	74.47	75.22
Grain Prices	10/03/25	Last Week	1 Month Ago	1 Year Ago	5 Yr. Avg.
Omaha Corn	3.87	3.95	3.87	4.09	5.52
Kansas City Wheat	4.71	4.75	4.63	5.38	6.69
Dec. Corn Futures	4.1900	4.2200	4.1800	4.2475	5.3797
Dec. Wheat Futures	5.1525	5.1975	5.1950	5.8975	6.7762
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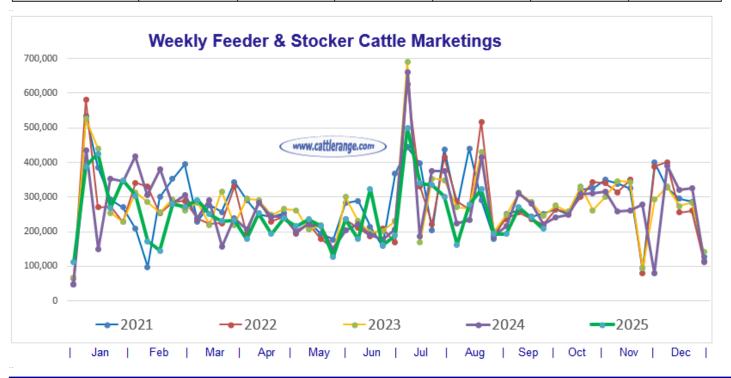


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## **National Feeder & Stocker Cattle Sale Receipts:**

Data released by USDA on Monday, 9/29/25 for week ending Saturday, 9/27/25

Week Ending:	9/27/25	Last Week	1 Year Ago	2 Years Ago	3 Years Ago	3 Yr. Avg.
Auctions	169,700	157,400	173,500	195,900	195,800	188,400
Direct Sales	36,100	36,000	40,800	47,300	19,500	35,867
Video/Internet	2,500	47,400	6,100	2,600	3,600	4,100
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Total	208,300	240,800	220,400	245,800	218,900	228,367
This Week +/-	-	-13.5%	-5.5%	-15.3%	-4.8%	-8.8%



**The Feeder & Stocker Cattle prices below** are statewide average prices compiled to show the overall price trend and do not represent prices for any specific market/region within a state.

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## **Feeder Steers:**

700 lb 800 lb. Steers	10/03/25	Last Week	1 Month Ago	1 Year Ago	5 Yr. Avg.	
Dakotas www.cattlerange.com	390.12	394.23	391.56	264.82	226.07	
Iowa	373.84	376.80	383.73	257.12	219.38	
Missouri	381.71	380.71	384.20	256.88	216.50	
Montana	377.26	376.54	372.81	254.13	218.26	
Nebraska	391.87	391.18	397.26	262.51	227.35	
Wyoming	380.92	380.76	376.14	256.49	220.63	
North Central Avg.	382.62	383.37	384.28	258.66	221.36	
Arkansas	352.25	355.95	363.41	240.98	204.92	
Colorado	367.22	368.06	377.96	246.18	215.31	
Kansas	382.65	381.65	384.14	256.87	216.52	
New Mexico	375.32	379.23	380.11	245.17	209.33	
Oklahoma	379.19	384.86	384.55	253.57	215.16	
Texas	380.24	378.10	375.12	250.74	211.08	
South Central Avg.	372.81	374.64	377.55	248.92	212.05	
Alabama	339.18	340.58	343.56	232.48	198.35	
Florida	327.69	330.67	330.67	226.60	192.16	
Georgia	336.87	338.10	339.10	230.55	197.70	
Kentucky	346.98	350.94	352.94	240.85	203.78	
Louisiana	334.63	337.61	338.60	230.52	197.71	
Mississippi	335.24	338.22	339.21	230.94	198.11	
Tennessee	346.71	350.67	352.66	238.55	202.78	
Virginia	344.28	348.22	350.19	237.71	201.98	
Southeast Avg.	338.95	341.88	343.37	233.53	199.07	
Arizona	361.62	363.09	357.65	240.51	204.72	
California	372.08	373.56	364.12	249.66	209.02	
Idaho	378.82	377.44	361.27	251.59	210.49	
Nevada	372.55	371.32	361.07	248.72	208.62	
Oregon	378.05	376.59	359.43	250.32	209.80	
Utah	371.38	369.58	360.44	248.08	208.69	
Washington	378.45	377.45	360.18	250.42	210.17	
Western Avg.	373.28	372.72	360.59	248.47	208.79	
Overall Average	366.91	368.15	366.45	247.39	210.32	
This Week +/-	-	-0.3%	0.1%	48.3%	74.5%	

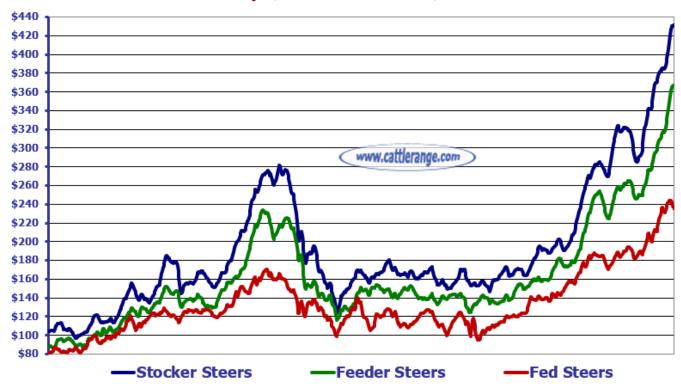
**Stocker Steers:** 

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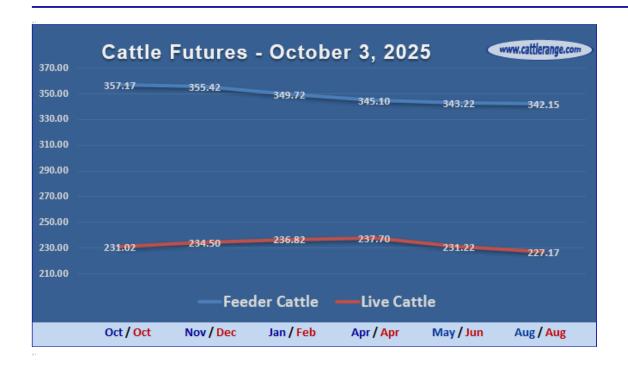
500 lb 600 lb. Steers	10/03/25	Last Week	1 Month Ago	1 Year Ago	5 Yr. Avg.	
Dakotas www.cattlerange.com	459.26	454.02	449.22	302.88	265.77	
Iowa	441.60	0 448.05 451.0		295.72	259.52	
Missouri	441.87	444.21 450.82		293.66	255.76	
Montana	442.28	438.56	442.29	293.55	259.40	
Nebraska	470.24	464.27	458.21	310.19	269.96	
Wyoming	446.19	442.91	445.29	296.27	261.70	
North Central Avg.	450.24	448.67	449.48	298.71	262.02	
Arkansas	411.89	415.86	431.10	275.75	243.28	
Colorado	436.98	435.49	443.56	290.66	258.50	
Kansas	440.73	443.15	449.65	292.65	255.00	
New Mexico	440.93	441.44	437.64	285.87	249.07	
Oklahoma	446.53	453.29	457.88	295.56	254.69	
Texas	437.29	438.65	439.52	287.55	248.76	
South Central Avg.	435.73	437.98	443.23	288.01	251.55	
Alabama	408.50	410.48	411.46	267.53	235.16	
Florida	392.61	398.57	396.58	264.56	229.04	
Georgia	398.87	399.88	405.45	261.28	233.86	
Kentucky	387.69	390.67	402.25	275.24	234.69	
Louisiana	397.15	396.52	401.54	265.55	232.38	
Mississippi	398.86	399.15	403.47	266.82	233.41	
Tennessee	387.38	391.33	403.22	272.05	233.64	
Virginia	384.66	387.62	402.33	271.45	232.84	
Southeast Avg.	394.47	396.78	403.29	268.06	233.13	
Arizona	437.70	432.21	428.77	283.57	245.38	
California	456.65	453.87	437.75	293.49	250.61	
Idaho	451.30	448.23	429.31	295.89	250.52	
Nevada	449.19	445.36	427.73	293.81	248.79	
Oregon	449.72	446.05	427.65	294.68	249.41	
Utah	449.36	444.23	427.66	293.41	248.39	
Washington	450.72	448.76	425.84	295.24	249.84	
Western Avg.	449.23	445.53	429.24	292.87	248.99	
Overall Average	432.42	432.24	431.31	286.91	248.92	
This Week +/-	-	0.0%	0.3%	50.7%	73.7%	

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## Stocker, Feeder & Fed Steers Moving Averages February 3, 2009 thru October 3, 2025



2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025





Trade Date	Futures Volume
09/26/2025	154,428
09/29/2025	119,415
09/30/2025	145,661
10/01/2025	174,888
10/02/2025	170,298

Trade Date	Futures Open Interest
09/26/2025	839,357
09/29/2025	834,577
09/30/2025	833,270
10/01/2025	832,274
10/02/2025	824,121

Top Expiration	Top Expirations Traded On: 10/02/2025							
Product Description	Month	Volume	OI					
FDR CATTLE FUT	OCT25	4,022	11,511					
FDR CATTLE FUT	NOV25	11,348	30,873					
FDR CATTLE FUT	MAR26	3,521	10,683					
FDR CATTLE FUT	JAN26	8,236	18,586					
FDR CATTLE FUT	APR26	1,850	4,096					
Total Feeder Car	ttle Futures	30,665	81,924					
Product Description	Month	Volume	OI					
LV CATTLE FUT	OCT25	15,215	32,966					
LV CATTLE FUT	DEC25	32,168	148,478					
LV CATTLE FUT	APR26	11,517	57,007					
LV CATTLE FUT	FEB26	12,499	78,332					
LV CATTLE FUT	JUN26	6,152	27,580					
Total Live Ca	ttle Futures	83,298	373,374					
Product Description	Month	Volume	OI					
LEAN HOGS FUT	OCT25	8,510	24,517					
LEAN HOGS FUT	DEC25	26,297	152,038					
LEAN HOGS FUT	APR26	5,661	56,997					
LEAN HOGS FUT	FEB26	9,503	76,081					
LEAN HOGS FUT	JUN26	3,229	31,096					
Total Lean H	log Futures	56,335	368,790					
Product Description	Month	Volume	OI					
PORK CUTOUT FUT	DEC25	0	33					
Total Pork Cut	out Futures	0	33					

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## **Mexican Feeder Cattle Weekly Import Summary:**

Due to the New World screwworm, the border is closed for livestock imports until further notice.

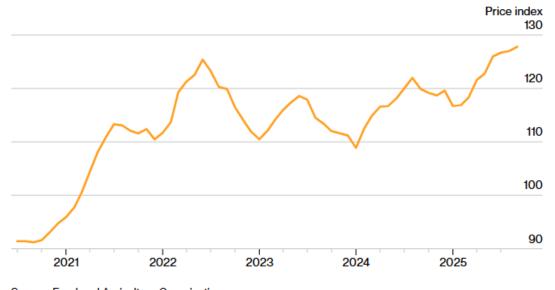
• The suspension will continue on a month-by-month basis.

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#### **Chart of the Week:**

# Global Meat Prices See Longest Rally Since 2021

Prices rose for an eighth month, driven by beef costs



Source: Food and Agriculture Organization

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#### Photo of the Week:



Angus Cross Bred Heifers... Northeast OK



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## "Shootin' the Bull" Weekly Analysis:

In my opinion, the bull market has ground to a halt. Only cattle producers continue to operate at the elevated price levels. Retail grocers, restaurants and consumers are showing reserve in spending, reflected by the box beef price. The inability to push the higher price of cattle onto the consumer, in the form of beef, is believed to increase the risks cattle feeders are assuming, recognizable by the historic price being paid for feeder cattle. With great expectation of government interference, it is difficult to foresee whether consumers are stimulated by a handout, what grain farmers are enticed to do if paid a subsidy, or if any export business can be revived. As the number of cattle is limited, and a growing number unavailable to the open market, the next consideration has to be the underutilized feeding capacity that some are now experiencing. The rationing of cattle is believed to have ended when a significant

percentage through this year were contracted into a vertically integrated supply chain. Leaving even fewer to the open market. The rationing of feeding capacity is believed the next step. More times than not, price tends to be a motivator of action. In this case, it has done the opposite in cattle production. Cow/calf operations have not been enticed to hold back cattle at the higher prices; they have been enticed to sell their heifers and hold back cows for the past couple of years. While I won't argue this to the ground, but in the time frame where some analysts have listed drought as the reason for the lower cow herd, I disagree. I believe it was the 6 trillion dollars thrown into the economy, and 20 plus million more mouths to feed, that caused the price rise and desire to make more money with the one in the hand, than attempt the two in the bush. The only information I have for disagreeing with the drought aspect is from listening to clients discuss what they did with the drought payments made over the years. I did not hear one of them say they liquidated, or moved cattle, but simply bought more cattle. It may not be that important as to why, but what it does suggest is that cow/calf operators are in no hurry to stop making money so the rest of the industry can operate with more volume. This makes the case stronger for some form of reduction in feeding capacity.

I was not let down in my expectations of increased volatility and wide price expanse. Futures traders have helped cattle feeders out more than you can imagine by holding up the price of December, February and April futures to produce a positive basis with this week's cash trade of \$230.00. Cattle feeders have been able to secure a minimum sale floor at just under \$3.00 from this week's cash trade out to February with just an at the money put option. Although this year has given producers a tutorial on hedging into a bull market, causing some to either forego risk management, or revert to just long put options, but the better business decision appears to still be the fence options spread that will help to moderate basis risk, or potentially capture a portion of, if becomes available. The risks and rewards of this hedge strategy need to be addressed before application, due to unlimited risk and margin requirements. I can tell you with little reservation that regardless of what may take place between the time you apply the hedge to the time you take it off with the sale of the cattle, the end result will be exactly as you penciled out prior to placing the hedge. If there were any discrepancies, it would be on the cash side in the form of basis. The increased input costs to raise cattle, combined with the increased value of, leaves a great deal of room for loss, were prices to move lower and questionable returns if higher. As the sideways pattern continues to evolve, we are witnessing whether or not the packer needs more cattle than they are currently leading you to believe, potentially leading to new contract highs of futures, or cash trade.

In the feeder cattle market, we are witnessing whether or not cattle feeders will compete more fiercely to sustain a seat at the table, potentially leading to new contract highs of futures, or cash. The current triangulation of the chart pattern of both fats and feeders, leaves a great deal of room for error. New highs suggest the industry has not reached a level of vertical integration desired, while a lower trade would suggest, to a point, reduction in feeding capacity is taking place. Even with the Mexican border closed, and no way of knowing what the next step will be when the screw fly is here, it's like a black swan that everyone can see, but ignores for the moment. I don't expect the border opening to be the event that turns the market. I do believe that were forms of rationing to be taking place, leading to less pen space to fill, it could exaggerate a move lower that may have already be in play. Other than this, cattle feeders will be assuming more risks and in great need of more working capital than ever before. Lenders have stretched lines of credit to widths never imagined by them or the producer. Some believe the vulnerability of a price decline is muted, due to the supply issue. I don't. I know that demand, or lack of, can turn the best laid plans into a worst-case scenario within a short period of time. Not to say this will be the issue, but I have no reservations about the price of cattle's ability to move lower over higher in such a tight supply situation. A discussion this week led to a common thread of education. Even with a plethora of derivatives to help manage the potential of adverse price risk, few are educated enough to use them, or use them effectively. No doubt, I can hear the mumbling of those that did not make as much as what they could have, but most all will find they made what they had planned on when applying the hedge. The clarity of hindsight will always be 20/20.

I had been bullish energy, because of the government reports reflecting a good economy and the strife taking place in Europe and the middle-east. The erosion of price this week in energy though has been to an extent that signs of recession are believed more of a price impact than anything else. I say that due to

crude and gasoline having made new lows from the July high with diesel fuel not far behind. When coupled with the desire to lower interest rates, and push cash payments out to consumers, it looks as if the economy does need some stimulating. Bonds continued to stagnate, and ended lower on the day Friday without the release of the monthly Unemployment report. If any clues could be gleaned from this week's ADP report, it would lead one to anticipate another drop in employment. I am no longer bullish energy, barring escalation in Europe or the middle-east, but I am not bearish either. A trade back under \$60.00 for crude would begin to strengthen a bearish outlook on energy. I anticipate bonds to move higher as there is a great desire by this administration to do such, and now there appears signs and signals that the Biden era of money printing has run out and needs another shot of to keep from falling into a recession.

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#### **Fed Cattle:**

**USDA reported on Friday afternoon** that negotiated cash trade has been limited on moderate demand in the Western Cornbelt. There have not been enough live or dressed purchases for an adequate market test. The last established market test in the Western Cornbelt was Thursday with live purchases at 230.00 and dressed purchases at 360.00. Negotiated cash trade has been mostly inactive on light to moderate demand in all other feeding regions. The last established market in the Texas Panhandle was last week with live purchases at 237.00. The last established market in Kansas was last week with live purchases from 235.00-237.00. The last established market in Nebraska was live purchases at 230.00 Thursday and dressed purchases at 360.00 Wednesday.

#### 5 Area Weekly Fed Cattle Weighted Averages:

Texas/Oklahoma/New Mexico; Kansas; Nebraska; Colorado; Iowa/Minnesota feedlots

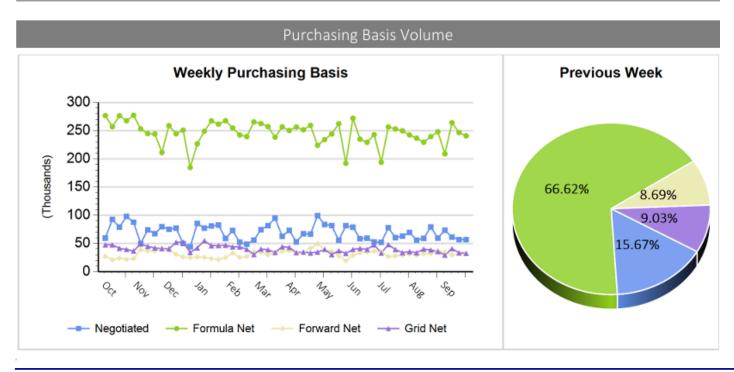
(Includes all transactions regardless of delivery day)

Recap for: Thursday, 10/2/2025

Head Count: Week to Date: 8,920 27,694 Week Ago: Week Ago: 35,258 38,308 Last Year: Last Year: 1,306 4,014

		Negotiated C	ash Sales		
	Head Count	Weight Range	Price Range	Avg. Weight	Avg. Price
STEERS: LIVE FOB					
Over 80% Choice	3,970	1,360 - 1,600	228.00 - 230.00	1,536	229.78
65 - 80% Choice		-	-		
35 - 65% Choice		-			
0 - 35% Choice		-	-		
Total all grades	3,970	1,360 - 1,600	228.00 - 230.00	1,536	229.78
STEERS: LIVE DELIVERE	D				
Over 80% Choice	720	1,500 - 1,575	232.00 - 232.50	1,525	232.22
65 - 80% Choice		-			
35 - 65% Choice		-	-		
0 - 35% Choice		-	-		
Total all grades	720	1,500 - 1,575	232.00 - 232.50	1,525	232.22
STEERS: DRESSED DELI	VERED				
Over 80% Choice	1,700	945 - 1,059	358.00 - 360.00	985	359.56
65 - 80% Choice		-	-		
35 - 65% Choice		-	-		
0 - 35% Choice		-	-		
Total all grades	1,700	945 - 1,059	358.00 - 360.00	985	359.56
STEERS: DRESSED FOB					
Over 80% Choice	720	953 - 961	360.00 - 360.00	957	360.00
65 - 80% Choice		-	-		
35 - 65% Choice		-	-		
0 - 35% Choice		-	-		
Total all grades	720	953 - 961	360.00 - 360.00	957	360.00

	Daily Formula Base Volume					
Tue Sep 23	Wed Sep 24	Thu Sep 25	Fri Sep 26	Mon Sep 29		
29,128	27,947	30,713	21,541	114,336		



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# This week's Feedyard Closeouts...

**Closeout projections** are for cattle placed on feed by a cattle owner at a commercial feedyard and not for cattle owned by a vertically integrated company such as a beef processing company or a feedyard feeding cattle at cost. Cattle cost, cost of gain, and selling price will vary on a regional basis. Cost includes \$15 per head for freight to feedyard.

## Typical closeout for un-hedged steers sold this week:

- Placed On Feed 200 days ago = March 17, 2025
- Projected P/(L) based on the futures when placed on feed: (\$169.80)

*Cost of 800 lb. steer delivered @ \$283.27 per cwt. + \$15 freight:	\$2,281.16
Feed Cost for 700 lbs. @ \$1.01 per lb.	\$707.00
Interest on cattle cost for 200 days:	\$106.25
Interest on feed cost:	\$16.46
Total Cost & Expense:	\$3,110.87
**Sale proceeds: 1,500 lb. steer @ \$232.00 per cwt:	\$3,480.00
This week's Profit/(Loss) per head:	\$369.13
Profit/(Loss) per head for previous week:	\$492.50
Change from previous week:	-\$123.37
Sale price necessary to breakeven:	\$207.39

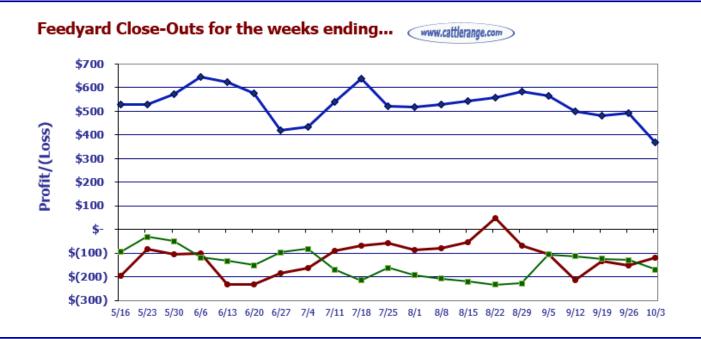
<sup>\*</sup>CME Feeder Cattle Index \*\*USDA Market News

## Projected closeout for steers placed on feed this week:

Projected Sale Date @ 200 days on feed = April 21, 2026

*Cost of 800 lb. steer delivered @ \$361.63 per cwt. + \$15 freight:	\$2,908.04
Feed Cost for 700 lbs. @ \$0.90 per lb.	\$630.00
Interest on cattle cost for 200 days:	\$131.46
Interest on feed cost:	\$14.24
Total Cost & Expense:	\$3,683.74
**Sale proceeds: 1,500 lb. steer @ \$237.70 per cwt:	\$3,565.50
This week's Profit/(Loss) per head:	(\$118.24)
Profit/(Loss) per head for previous week:	(\$152.05)
Change from previous week:	+\$33.81
Sale price necessary to breakeven:	\$245.58

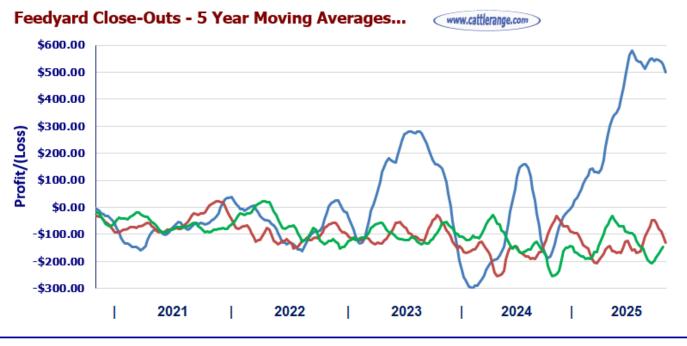
<sup>\*</sup>CME Feeder Cattle Index \*\* April Live Cattle Futures Contract



Closeout for un-hedged steers placed on-feed 200 days ago & sold this week: \$369.13

Projection based on the futures when placed on-feed 200 days ago: (\$169.80)

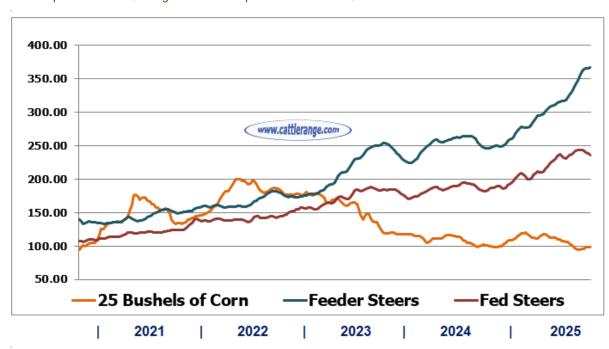
Projection based on the futures for steers placed on-feed this week: (\$118.24)



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## Feeder Steers/Corn Correlation: 5 Year Moving Average

Per cwt. price for feeder & slaughter steers compared to the cost of 25 bushels of corn.



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## **Federally Inspected Slaughter Cattle by Class:**

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**Livestock Slaughter under Federal Inspection:** 

			Livestock	& Poultry	Slaughter				
Current Day Slau	ighter								
					Prev Week	Last Year	2025	2024	Υπ
Fri Oct 3,	2025	Week Ago	Year Ago	WTD	WTD	WTD	YTD	YTD	% Change
Calves	1,000	1,000	769	5,000	5,000	3,398		159,796	
Cattle	91,000	88,000	108,515	549,000	554,000	599,800		23,910,361	
Hogs	485,000	464,000	481,465	2,424,000	2,398,000	2,424,023		97,641,011	
Sheep	4,000	5,000	4,122	35,000	35,000	36,229		1,445,778	
Chicken (Young)	31,885,000	32,807,000	31,887,000	174,214,000	175,024,000	171,439,000	7,199,778,000	7,229,952,000	-0.4%
					Prev Week	Last Year	2025	2024	Υπ
Sat Oct 4,	2025	Week Ago	Year Ago	WTD	WTD	WTD	YTD	YTD	% Change
Calves	0	0	93	5,000	5,000	3,491		159,889	
Cattle	8,000	1,000	11,771	557,000	555,000	611,571		23,922,132	
Hogs	178,000	132,000	182,348	2,602,000	2,530,000	2,606,371		97,823,359	
Sheep	0	0	73	35,000	35,000	36,302		1,445,851	
Chicken (Young)	2,488,000	2,032,000	0	176,702,000	177,056,000	171,439,000	7,202,266,000	7,229,952,000	-0.4%

## Alberta Beef Producers... Calgary AB:

**Alberta direct cattle sales** this week have seen light trade develop with dressed sales ranging from \$508.00-516.00/cwt delivered, \$9.00-12.00/cwt lower than the previous week. Live sales have been reported from \$310.00-315.00/cwt, steady to a couple dollars higher than live sales seen last week. Lift times have started to stretch-out, cattle that traded would be picked up in November. Most of the cattle were for the second half of November delivery. US packer interest was supportive and light volumes of Western Canadian fed cattle were marketed South.

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#### **Boxed Beef Cutouts:**

USDA Estimated Boxed Beef Cut-out Values as of 2:30 PM on 10/3/25

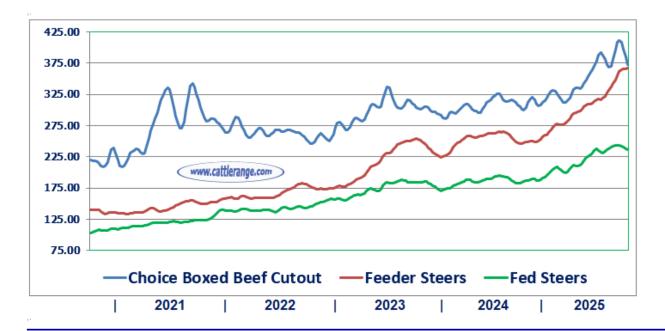
Based on negotiated prices and volume of boxed beef cuts delivered within 0-21 days and on average industry cutting yields. Values reflect U.S. dollars per 100 pounds.

	Choice 600-900	Select 600-900
Current Cutout Values:	362.27	345.38
Change from prior day:	(0.95)	1.98
Choice/Select spread:	16.	89
Total Load Count (Cuts, Trimmings, Grinds):	1	63

619.04	534.77
296.30	295.74
314.13	317.50
453.03	422.18
301.77	284.82
219.18	219.18
209.10	195.17
	296.30 314.13 453.03 301.77 219.18

Load Count And	Cutout Value	Summary	For Prior	5 Days
LUAU CUUITI AITU	Cutout value	Sullillialy	FOI PITO	J Days

						Choice	Select
Date	Choice	Select	Trim	Grinds	Total	600-900	600-900
10/02	87	17	13	15	132	363.22	343.40
10/01	93	35	7	15	151	368.47	346.89
09/30	83	25	8	7	122	371.03	347.25
09/29	66	20	17	13	117	370.68	348.89
09/26	55	10	19	11	95	371.43	352.44
Current 5	Day Simple A	verage:				368.97	347.77



# **USDA National Steer & Heifer Estimated Grading Percent Report:**

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#### **Last Week's Trade Data:**

#### Beef:

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## **USDA National Retail Beef Report:**

National Summary of Advertised Prices for Beef at Major Retail Supermarket Outlets

This week in beef retail the Feature Rate decreased by 3.3%, while the Activity Index remained steady, increasing by 0.6%. Compared to last week, items from the chuck, loin, sirloin, ground, deli, and variety meat sections showed an increase in ad space while items from the brisket, rib, round, and other/misc. sections showed a decrease in ad space. The carcass section remained steady. Chuck roasts, strip steaks, and sirloin steaks drove the increase in features in their respective sections. Ground beef features were more widely distributed between all lean percentages.

Metric	Current Week (CW)	Previous Week (PW)	Previous Year (PY)
Total Outlets	24,824	24,824	24,443
Activity Index	96,394	96,328	80,459
Feature Rate (%)	85.3%	88.6%	75.9%

#### **Explanatory Notes:**

Activity Index: A measure of the absolute frequency of feature activity equal to the total number of stores for each advertised item, e.g., a retailer with 100 outlets featuring 3 items has an activity index of 300.

Feature Rate: The amount of sampled stores advertising any reported item during the current week, expressed as a 'percentage of the total sample.

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#### **Est. Weekly Meat Production Under Federal Inspection:**

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#### 3 Year Bullish/Bearish Consensus Charts from SentimenTrader:

The theory behind the "Bullish/Bearish Consensus" indicator is when the public reaches a consensus, they are usually wrong:

They get too bullish after prices have risen and too bearish after they have already fallen.

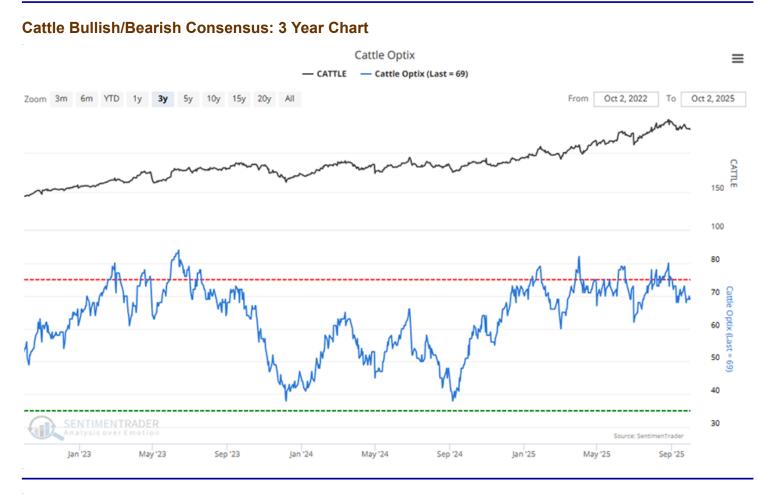
Because of this tendency, there are often extremes in opinion right before major changes in trend:

- When the public reaches a bullish extreme, i.e., a great majority thinks prices will keep rising, then prices often decline instead.
- And when they become too bearish, then prices tend to rise.

So when Public Opinion moves above the **red dotted line** in the chart, it means that compared to other readings over the past year, you're seeing **excessive optimism**. You also want to look at the absolute level of Opinion, too - if it's at 90%, then there's no question we're seeing an historic level of bullish

opinion. Watch for readings above 80% (or especially 90%) to spot those dangerous times when the public is overly enthusiastic about a commodity.

Conversely, when Public Opinion moves below the **green dotted line**, then the public is **excessively pessimistic** about the commodity's prospects for further gains compared to their opinion over the past year. Looking for absolute readings under 20% (or especially 10%) often indicates an upturn in the market.



Corn Bullish/Bearish Consensus: 3 Year Chart



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#### U.S. Dollar - 6 Month Chart:

May '23

Sep '23

Jan '24

Jan '23

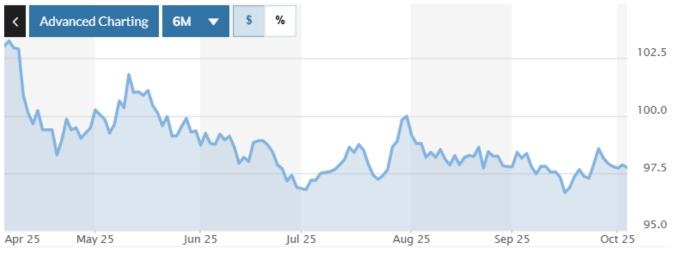
Over the past 5 years, an average of around 12% of U.S. beef production has been exported, making exports an extremely important factor affecting beef and cattle prices. A strong dollar depresses export demand.

May '24

Sep '24

Jan '25

May '25



U.S. Dollar Index

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#### **Stock Markets & Economic News:**

T. Rowe Price

## Stocks unfazed by government shutdown

Stocks posted solid gains, shrugging off the U.S. government shutdown that began on Thursday after legislators were unable to reach a funding agreement to keep nonessential government functions open. In a "bad news is good news" environment, equities appeared to draw support from the September private payrolls report from payroll processing firm Automatic Data Processing (ADP) showing jobs lost. The labor market data seemingly made it more likely that the Federal Reserve will cut rates at its October meeting. The technology-heavy Nasdaq Composite Index outperformed, and growth stocks outpaced value. The Russell 2000 Index of small-cap stocks, which tend to benefit more from lower rates, easily outperformed the broad market S&P 500 Index.

West Texas Intermediate crude oil, the U.S. benchmark, dropped over 7% after the OPEC+ group of major oil producing nations signaled that it will boost production in November, holding back value stocks. Other commodities fared much better, with gold gaining more than 3% to extend its strong year-to-date run. Copper, which is sometimes considered a barometer for the manufacturing sector because of its industrial uses, jumped over 7%.

## Investors focus on ADP labor market report in absence of government data

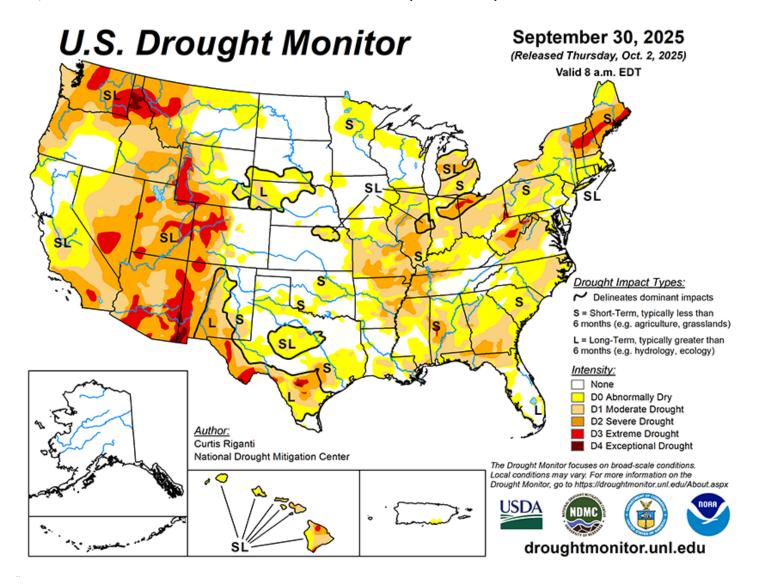
The major news was economic data that were not released—the closely watched September nonfarm payrolls report from the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), scheduled for Friday morning. The BLS was impacted by the government shutdown, which has furloughed approximately 750,000 government employees, according to the Congressional Budget Office. If the shutdown continues, other vital economic indicators provided by the government could be delayed, including the September consumer price index (CPI) report scheduled for October 15. This could make the economic situation even murkier in advance of the Fed's policy meeting in late October.

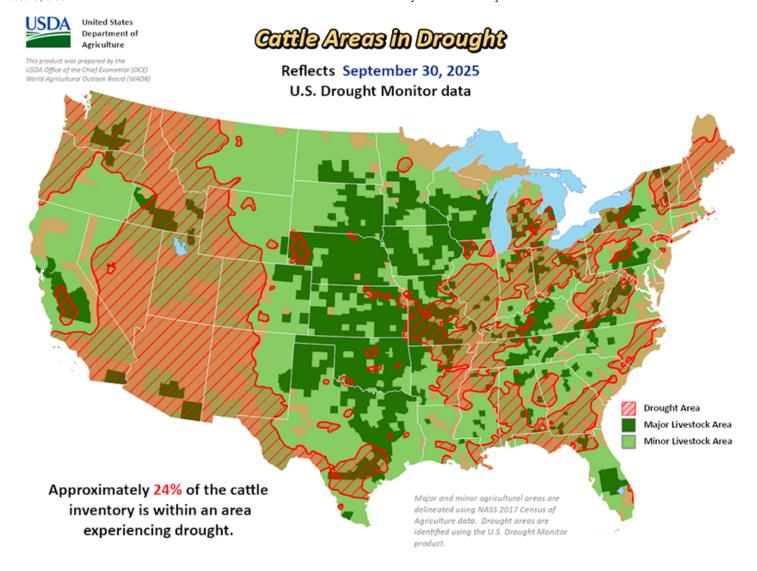
#### U.S. Stocks:

Index	Friday's Close	Week's Change	% Change YTD
DJIA	46,758.28	510.99	9.91%
S&P 500	6,715.79	72.09	14.18%
Nasdaq Composite	22,780.51	296.44	17.97%
S&P MidCap 400	3,288.93	21.14	5.38%
Russell 2000	2,476.18	41.86	11.03%

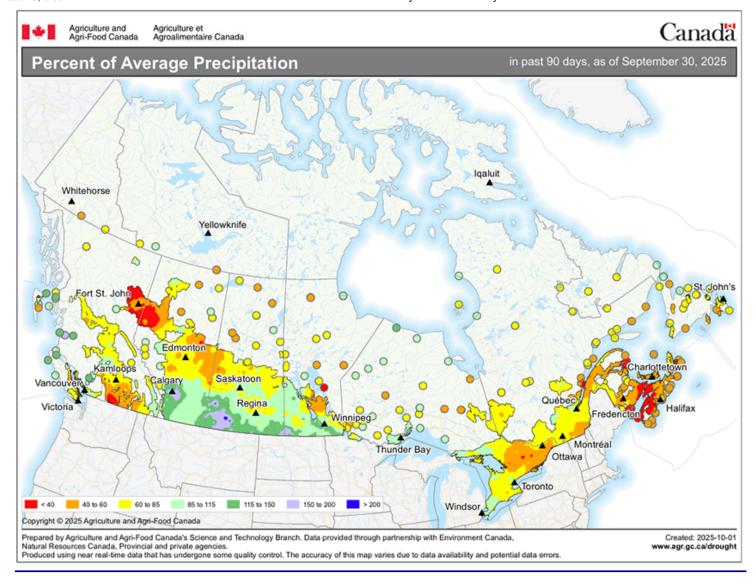
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## **Canadian 90-Day Percent of Average Precipitation:**

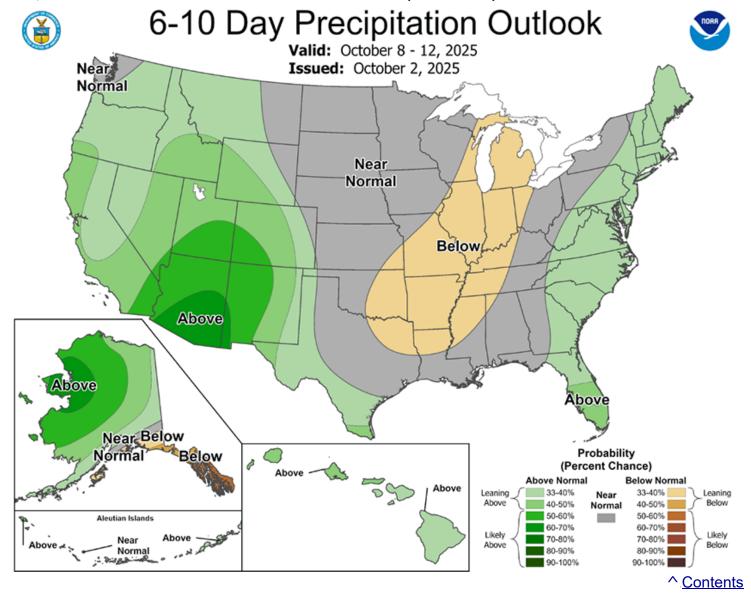


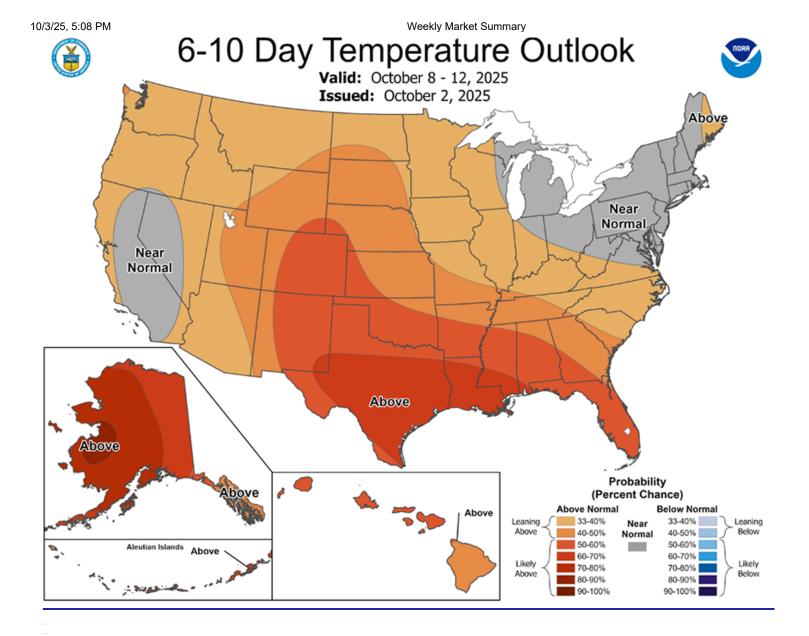
#### Looking ahead...

Between the evening of Wednesday, Oct. 1 and Monday, Oct. 6, the National Weather Service Weather Prediction Center is forecasting mostly dry weather across large portions of the Contiguous U.S., spanning from southern California east and northeast through the Ohio Valley, eastern Great Lakes and Northeast. Outside of the Southeast, precipitation amounts of at least 0.75 inches are confined to parts of the Sierra Nevada, northern Nevada, northern Utah, parts of Idaho, northern Wyoming, southern Montana, western South Dakota and central North Dakota. Heavier rain amounts are forecast in parts of southeast Louisiana and the Mississippi Gulf Coast, far southern South Carolina, far southeast Georgia and much of the Florida Peninsula. In the Florida Peninsula and far southeast Louisiana, rainfall amounts may exceed 4 inches.

Looking ahead to Oct. 7-11, forecasts from the National Weather Service Climate Prediction Center (CPC) strongly favor above-normal precipitation in the Southwest U.S., especially Arizona and New Mexico, while above-normal precipitation is moderately favored in parts of the central Great Plains, Upper Midwest and Florida Peninsula. The CPC forecast slightly favors below-normal precipitation in parts of the south-central U.S. and parts of the northern Pacific Coast. Most of the southwest, central and eastern U.S. are favored to see above-normal temperatures, alongside the far northwest. Portions of the West spanning California into central and eastern Montana may see near-normal temperatures.

## **Precipitation & Temperature Outlooks:**





**Corn Crop & Pasture Conditions:** 

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## Corn Condition - Selected States: Week Ending September 28, 2025

[These 18 States planted 92% of the 2024 corn acreage]

State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Colorado	2	5	30	55	8
Illinois	6	10	27	46	11
Indiana	5	9	29	48	9
lowa	1	5	23	53	18
Kansas	5	9	26	43	17
Kentucky	2	10	41	41	6
Michigan	3	13	41	37	6
Minnesota	2	5	20	51	22
Missouri	1	4	18	62	15
Nebraska	1	3	19	55	22
North Carolina	2	6	20	53	19
North Dakota	2	7	27	59	5
Ohio	2	11	41	40	6
Pennsylvania	4	15	30	35	16
South Dakota	3	5	17	46	29
Tennessee	7	10	31	38	14
Texas	2	6	30	40	22
Wisconsin	1	4	14	57	24
18 States	3	7	24	49	17
Previous week	3	7	24	49	17
Previous year	4	8	24	49	15

## Pasture and Range Condition - Selected States: Week Ending September 28, 2025

[National pasture and range conditions for selected States are weighted based on pasture acreage and/or livestock inventories]

State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	3	12	34	47	4
Arizona	62	26	7	5	
Arkansas	18	22	38	19	3
California	5	25	35	25	10
Colorado	6	32	31	24	7
Connecticut	-	-	100	-	-
Delaware	7	13	40	38	2
Florida	1	6	20	47	26
Georgia	4	22	34	35	5
Idaho	10	38	29	23	-
Illinois	22	29	32	14	3
Indiana	10	19	37	31	3
lowa	2	9	36	45	8
Kansas	4	8	26	51	11
Kentucky	14	28	37	21	
Louisiana	1	8	38	48	5
Maine	38	25	21	13	3
Maryland	10	8	31	44	7
Massachusetts	-		90	10	-
Michigan	6	17	38	29	10
Minnesota	3	6	32 45	43 29	16 4
Mississippi		14	_		
Missouri	5 26	27 34	36 30	29	3
Montana	4	17	36	10	14
Nebraska Nevada	35	55	10	29	14
	10	39	24	27	•
New Hampshire	2	5	29	55	9
New Jersey New Mexico	1	21	34	22	22
New York	4	27	40	27	2 2
North Carolina	1	4	20	73	2
North Dakota	1	6	24	62	7
Ohio	21	27	34	18	· .
Oklahoma	3	7	35	48	7
Oregon	21	26	32	19	2
Pennsylvania	13	18	35	28	6
Rhode Island			90	10	
South Carolina	11	24	38	23	4
South Dakota	5	20	33	33	9
Tennessee	9	16	31	42	2
Texas	10	22	42	23	3
Utah	3	16	51	29	1
Vermont	23	59	18	-	
Virginia	5	13	41	40	1
Washington	23	24	35	17	1
West Virginia	12	31	36	21	
Wisconsin	1	9	29	47	14
Wyoming	14	37	29	13	7
48 States	12	23	33	25	7
Previous week	13	23	30	26	8
Previous year	18	25	31	21	5

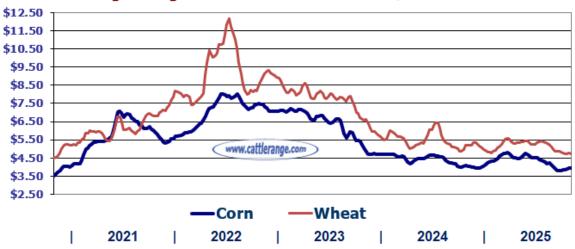
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## **Weekly Grain Market Review:**

Grain Prices	10/03/25	Last Week	1 Month Ago	1 Year Ago	5 Yr. Avg.
Omaha Corn	3.87	3.95	3.87	4.09	5.52
Kansas City Wheat	4.71	4.75	4.63	5.38	6.69
Dec. Corn Futures	4.1900	4.2200	4.1800	4.2475	5.3797
Dec. Wheat Futures	5.1525	5.1975	5.1950	5.8975	6.7762

## 5 Year Moving Average - Corn & Wheat - October 3, 2025



#### Last Week's Corn Trade Data:

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## Regional Auction Reports... Click Link to view entire report

## **Last Friday & Saturday Auctions:**

#### **Burwell Livestock Auction Market - Burwell NE**

This Week: 2,825 Last Reported: 1,125 Last Year: 2,770

A limited number of comparable offerings from two weeks ago with 950 lb steers trading 5.00 higher. Demand was good with several buyers and active internet bidding throughout the whole sale. Started the day with Fall calves then onto several loads of yearlings followed by the first show of weaned and unweaned Spring calves. Next Auction Date is Oct 10th.

#### Ft. Pierre Livestock Auction - Ft. Pierre SD

This Week: 3,794 Last Reported: 2,412 Last Year: 8,748

Compared to two weeks ago: No comparisons available on steers due to limited numbers for comparison; best test on heifers 800 lbs to 899 lbs were steady to 4.00 lower, heifers from 900 lbs to 949 lbs steady to 2.00 higher. Good to very good demand for todays offering of yearlings that were mostly off grass and in light to moderate flesh condition. An active market on the yearlings with mostly order buyers competing with internet buyers. Yearling consignments were mostly tested open replacement heifer, a few consignments of yearlings steers and spayed heifers.

## **Lexington Livestock Market - Lexington, NE**

This Week: Last Reported: Last Year:

No auction report this week.

#### **Torrington Livestock Commission - Torrington WY**

This Week: 940 Last Reported: 472 Last Year: 949 Compared to last week; slaughter and feeder cows traded mostly steady on a larger run than last week. Slaughter bulls traded 2.00 higher. A nice load of Bred Heifers also selling today. An active market continues with active bidding from the internet and the seats. Sale again next Friday.

## **Cattleman's Livestock Auction - Belen NM**

This Week: 1,214 Last Reported: 851

Last Year: 0

Compared to last week: Steer and heifer calves sold steady to 5.00 higher. Feeder steers sold steady, while feeder heifers sold 5.00-10.00 higher. Slaughter cows sold 3.00-5.00 higher while slaughter bulls sold 2.00-3.00 lower. Trade and demand good.

## Santa Teresa Livestock Auction (Imported Mexican Cattle) - Santa Teresa NM

Due to the New World screwworm, the border has been closed for livestock imports until further notice. The suspension will continue on a month-by-month basis.

## Eastern MO Commission Company - Bowling Green, MO

This Week: 1,510 Last Reported: 744 Last Year: 1,109

Compared to the last special two weeks ago, steer calves weighing under 550 lbs sold with a firm to higher undertone on a light offering from two weeks ago, 550-600 lbs sold firm to 6.00 higher, over 600 lbs traded steady to firm on comparable sales. Heifer calves weighing 450-600 lbs sold mostly 5.00-15.00 higher with 600-750 lbs trading steady on a light test, over 800- lbs pot loads and small groups all sold with a firm to higher undertone. Demand was good on a moderate offering.

## **Smith County Commission - Carthage TN**

This Week: 700 Last Reported: 762 Last Year: 464

Compared to last week Feeder Steers mostly steady; Feeder Heifers 10.00 to 14.00 higher; Feeder Bulls 10.00 to 16.00 higher; Slaughter Cows 5.00 to 8.00 higher; Slaughter Bulls steady to 5.00 higher. Quality good with strong demand throughout the sale.

## <u>Carolina Stockyards – Livestock Auction – Siler City, NC</u>

This Week: 916 Last Reported: 1,047

Last Year: 228

Slaughter cattle were steady this week compared to last week . Feeder cattle were steady this week compared to last week . Demand was moderate ; market activity and buyer interest were moderate . Offerings moderate with quality average.

## **Monday Auctions:**

## <u>Sioux Falls Regional Livestock Report - Worthing SD</u>

This Week: 3,056 Last Reported: 1,319 Last Year: 2,125

Compared to last week: Much larger offering of feeder steers and heifers, steers not well compared to last week's limited offerings, heifers unevenly steady. Light to moderate demand for spring born calves as farmer feeders are busy with fall harvest, overall quality was uneven but a good quality, green calf with two rounds of shots still was pretty easy to sell.

## **Tri-State Livestock Auction Market - McCook NE**

This Week: 4,020 Last Reported: 2,256 Last Year: 1,622

Compared to last week, steers was 4.00 - 15.00 lower and heifers were 11.00 - 15.00 lower. Buyers are looking for pre-condition calves. Demand was moderate to good.

## Oklahoma National Stockyards Feeder Cattle - Oklahoma City OK

This Week: 4,800 Last Reported: 4,420 Last Year: 5,878

Compared to last week: Feeder steers and heifers steady to 3.00 lower in a very light test. Steer and heifer calves 5.00-10.00 lower on lesser quality. Demand moderate. Cattle futures trading on both sides but closed all in the red. Quality plain to average. Wheat planting continues across the state.

## <u>Tulsa Livestock Auction - Tulsa, OK</u>

This Week: 2,904 Last Reported: 2,145 Last Year: 3,257

Compared to last week: Steers over 550lbs 5.00 higher, under 550lbs unevenly steady. Heifer steady to 4.00 higher except those under 400lbs 5.00-10.00 higher in a light test. Trade opened on plain-quality offerings, except for a few attractive drafts of unweaned calves. Quality improved as the sale progressed, lifting the market, with buyers placing more value on quality than on number of days weaned. Calves with the description Value-Added are fancy and unweaned. Slaughter cows steady to 2.00 higher. Slaughter bulls steady.

## **Roswell Livestock Auction - Roswell NM**

This Week: 1,428 Last Reported: 1,249 Last Year: 1,979

Compared to last weeks sale;. Steer calves 400-450 sold steady-15.00 higher and 450-550 lbs were 18.00-23.00 lower while 550-600 lbs sold 11.00 higher. Feeder steer yearlings 600-700 lbs were steady-5.00 lower. Heifer calves 350-450 lbs sold steady-2.00 higher while 450-550 lbs were 15.00-20.00 higher and 550-600 lbs sold 15.00 lower, Feeder heifers had no comparable sales.. Trade was good on larger numbers with good demand. Slaughter cows sold 4.00 lower and slaughter bulls were 3.00 higher.

## Joplin Reg. Stockyards Feeder Cattle - Carthage MO

This Week: 9,306 Last Reported: 9,206 Last Year: 6,406

Compared to last week feeder steers sold from 10.00 lower to 5.00 higher. Feeder heifers sold unevenly across all weight ranges from 5.00 lower to 5.00 higher. The largest lot of the day was 361 head of steers weighing 921 lbs. that sold for 333.00/cwt.. Supply was heavy with good demand.

## Callaway Livestock Center - Kingdom City MO

This Week: 1,833 Last Reported: 2,082 Last Year: 1,438

Compared to last week, steer calves under 600 lbs were lightly tested on a very limited offering, with the bulk of the feeder steers weighing over 600 lbs, 6 weight steers sold steady to firm, with 2 pot loads of upper 7 weight steers trading with a firm to higher undertone and 120 hd of 910 lb steers sold with a firm undertone. Heifer calves under 500 lbs were lightly tested, with 500-550 lbs trading firm to 7.00 higher, 550-600 lbs sold steady and over 600 lbs on a light offering sold mostly steady. Demand was good on a moderate supply.

#### Mid-South Livestock - Unionville TN

This Week: 966 Last Reported: 1,033 Last Year: 672

Compared to last week, all classes of Feeder Cattle Steers, Bulls, and Heifers 3.00-10.00 higher;

Slaughter Cows mostly steady to 2.00 lower; Slaughter Bulls mostly steady.

## Saluda Livestock Exchange - Saluda, SC

This Week: Last Reported: Last Year:

Sale report unavailable.

#### **United Producers Inc. - Harned KY**

This Week: 710 Last Reported: 760 Last Year: 415

Compared to last Week: Feeder steers and feeder heifers 600 lbs and under stold mostly steady. Feeder

steers and heifers over 600 lbs sold 4.00 to 5.00 lower. Slaughter cows and bulls sold steady.

## **Tuesday Auctions:**

## Miles City Livestock Commission Auction - Miles City, MT

This Week: 1,136 Last Reported: 712 Last Year: 914

Compared to last week: Yearling steers were too lightly tested develop any market trend. Yearling heifers sold generally steady in a narrow comparison. Calves were too lightly tested last week to develop any market comparison. Demand was mostly good to very good for light to moderate offerings. Many small packages of yearling heifers were seen this week. Quality was mostly average to attractive with most offerings coming off grass.

## Winter Livestock Auction - Riverton, WY

This Week: 1,951 Last Reported: 581 Last Year: 2,767

Compared to last Tuesday on a calf and yearling special; slaughter cows on a light offering steady with instances 3.00-6.00 higher with slaughter bulls mostly steady instances 5.00 lower. Yearlings steers mostly steady, heifers higher overtones with instances 10.00-12.00 higher. Feeder calves steers and heifers on a higher higher market with demand and buyer participation very good.

#### Winter Livestock - La Junta CO

This Week: 1,263 Last Reported: 1,125 Last Year: 3,188

Trade activity and demand was good. Feeder steers under 650lbs sold mostly sharply higher. Steers over 650lbs sold 3.00 to 5.00 lower. Feeder heifers under 600 lbs sold sharply higher. Feeder heifers over 600 lbs sold 1.00 to 3.00 lower.

#### **OKC West Livestock Auction - El Reno, OK**

This Week: 2,500 Last Reported: 4,738 Last Year: 6,400

Compared to last week: Steers 10.00-15.00 lower. Heifers 10.00-20.00 lower. Quality mostly plain. Calf demand has eased with the arrival of October, as concerns with overall health weigh on the market.

## Lonestar Stockyards - Wildorado, TX

This Week: 1,238 Last Reported: 738 Last Year: 1,352

Compared to last week: Not enough comparable sales on steers or heifers but a higher undertone was noted. Trading activity was active on good buyer demand. Quality was mostly plain to attractive with several load lots of nice yearlings on offer. Discounts for unweaned steer calves are widening as we move into October. While discounts continue to be applied to heifer calves, tighter supplies of heifers on offer caused the unweaned discount to be notably smaller for heifers compared to their steer counterparts today.

## Ozarks Regional Stockyards - West Plains MO

This Week: 1,749 Last Reported: 1,905 Last Year: 1,759

Compared to last week, feeder steers sold steady to 3.00 higher while feeder heifers were not well tested. Steer and heifers calves sold uneven from 6.00 lower to 6.00 higher with the amount of preconditioning being the deciding factor. Demand was moderate to good, on a light supply. A couple of stick-out drafts were 7 head of 334 lb. fancy black steers which sold for 6.00/cwt and 14 head of 389 lb. fancy black heifers which sold for 490.00/cwt.

## Mid-State Stockyards LLP - Letohatchee, AL

This Week: 2,064 Last Reported: 1,819 Last Year: 1,361

Compared to one week ago: Slaughter and replacement cows were not covered. Feeder cattle sold 5.00 to

10.00 lower.

## Calhoun Stockyard - Calhoun, GA

This Week: 252 Last Reported: 0 Last Year: 310

No trends available due to market not being covered last week.

## Blue Grass Stockyards - Lexington, KY

This Week: 678 Last Reported: 1,254 Last Year: 959

Compared to last Tuesday the feeder market was spotty with a wide rage of quality, kind, and price throughout the sale. Feeder steers and heifers 600 lbs and under were steady to 4.00 lower with a moderate supply and spotty demand, while the yearling steers and heifers appeared stronger, but with

limited comparisons.

## **Producers Livestock Auction - Salina, UT**

This Week: Last Reported: Last Year:

Report unavailable.

## **Wednesday Auctions:**

## **Hub City Livestock Auction - Aberdeen SD**

This Week: 2,519 Last Reported: 2,344 Last Year: 4,673

Compared to last week: steers 950 to 999 lbs steady to 4.00 lower, 1000 to 1099 lbs 6.00 to 10.00 higher. Heifers not well compared. Good demand for yearlings this week with best demand for those light fleshed yearlings off grass.

## **Bassett Livestock Auction - Bassett NE**

This Week: 1,740 Last Reported: 4,455 Last Year: 7,010

A limited number of comparable offerings from last week, with 850 lbs steers trading 13.00 higher. Demand was good with several buyers and active internet bidding.

## **Huss Platte Valley Auction - Kearney NE**

This Week: Last Reported: Last Year:

Sale report unavailable.

## **OKC West - El Reno OK**

This Week: 7,435 Last Reported: 4,738 Last Year: 6,400

Compared to last week: Feeder steers 10.00-15.00 lower except for 800-850lbs 4.00 lower. Feeder heifers over 700lbs 15.00-18.00 lower, under 700lbs 8.00 lower. Feeder heifer supply consisted mostly of light-weight heifers. Feeder quality plain to average. Steer calves 10.00-15.00 lower. Heifer calves 10.00-20.00 lower. Quality mostly plain. Calf demand has eased with the arrival of October, as concerns with overall health weigh on the market.

## **Clovis Livestock Auction - Clovis, NM**

This Week: 1,444 Last Reported: 3,793 Last Year: 1,978

Compared to last weeks sale; Steer calves 300-400 lbs sold 20.00-32.00 lower and 400-450 lbs were 5.00 higher while 450-600 lbs sold 3.00-10.00 lower. Feeder steer yearlings 600-700 lbs were 3.00-13.00 lower and 700-800 lbs sold 5.00-15.00 higher. Heifer calves 300-350 lbs were 5.00 lower and 350-450 lbs sold steady to 5.00 higher while 450-600 lbs were 5.00-16.00 lower. Heifer yearlings 600-650 lbs sold 15.00 higher and 650-800 lbs were steady-12.00 lower while 800-850 lbs sold 15.00 higher. Trade was moderately lower on smaller numbers with good demand. Excellent buyer attendance.

## <u>Winter Livestock Feeder Cattle Auction - Dodge City KS</u>

This Week: 4,055 Last Reported: 1,550 Last Year: 1,635

Compared to last week, 700 weight steers sold 8.00 higher, steers over 800 lbs steers sold steady to 6.00 lower while under 800 lbs sold steady with a soft undertone. Heifers over 600 lbs sold steady, soft undertone and under 600 lbs sold steady, strong undertone. Larger packages of feeders were better quality and condition kept prices steady, smaller packages with less condition sold 10.00 lower. Breaker utility sold 3.00 higher, Lean Utility sold 3.00 to 10.00 higher while Boning Utility sold 4.00 to 6.00 lower.

#### Bloomfield Livestock Market - Bloomfield, IA

This Week: 1,157 Last Reported: 1,191 Last Year: 1,525

Compared to the sale two weeks ago, steers and heifers sold with a higher undertone though not well compared. Demand was good to very good today and included active internet bidding. Supply was moderate to heavy and included many bawling calves.

## <u>Springfield Livestock Auction - Springfield MO</u>

This Week: 908 Last Reported: 516 Last Year: 862

Compared to last week, steers sold mostly 6.00 to 11.00 higher. Heifers on a lighter test sold unevenly from 6.00 lower to 8.00 higher. Demand was very good on a moderate supply.

## South Central Regional Stockyards - Vienna, MO

This Week: 367 Last Reported: 1,332

Last Year: 0

Feeder supply not sufficient to establish a market trend. Slaughter cows steady. Good demand for a light offering with a nice run expected next week. Cattle futures were mixed on Wednesday with the back months seeing modest gains.

## Roanoke Stockyard - Roanoke AL

This Week: 990 Last Reported: 1,533 Last Year: 1,279

Compared to one week ago: Feeder bulls and heifers sold 4.00 to 6.00 higher, feeder steers sold 5.00 to 8.00 lower. Slaughter cows sold 2.00 to 4.00 higher, slaughter bulls sold 7.00 higher. Replacement cows and pairs sold mostly steady.

## Blue Grass Stockyards - Albany KY

This Week: 525 Last Reported: 579 Last Year: 493

Compared to last week: Feeder steers and heifers sold on a lighter test with low comparable receipts. Weaned, Preconditioned feeders still bringing premiums, with fleshy, bawling feeder calves facing large discounts. Slaughter cows sold steady to 2.00 lower. Slaughter bulls sold 3.00 to 5.00 lower.

## **Thursday Auctions:**

## **Billings Livestock Commission Cattle Auction - Billings, MT**

This Week: 864 Last Reported: 3,220 Last Year: 952

Compared to last week: Yearling steers and heifers were too lightly tested today to develop any market trend. Calves of both sexes sold with higher undertones in a narrow comparison. Demand was moderate to good for light offerings. Quality hampered demand this week as yearling offerings were mostly plain to average and offered in small packages. Demand for calves was mostly good to very good. Calf quality this week was average to attractive.

## Mitchell Livestock Auction - Mitchell SD

This Week: 706 Last Reported: 4,586 Last Year: 2,080

Compared to last week: Low numbers to compare with , trend not applicable. Feeders sold on a active market today. One large load lot on heavy steers. Most light calves were straight off cow, with many having some shots. Demand was good.

#### **Valentine Livestock Auction - Valentine NE**

This Week: 3,290 Last Reported: 2,470

Last Year: 0

No recent test of market, a trend will not be given for steers or heifers. Demand was good with several buyers and active internet bidding. Started the day with several loads of yearlings off Sandhill grass and finished the sale with pregged checked open heifers.

## **Apache Livestock Auction - Apache, OK**

This Week: 1,555 Last Reported: 2,106 Last Year: 2,661

Compared to last week: Feeder steers and feeder heifers 5.00 to 10.00 lower. Steer and heifer calves 10.00 higher to 10.00 lower. Quality average to attractive with good demand. Slaughter cows 2.00 to 6.00 lower. Slaughter bulls steady.

## **Woodward Wtd Avg Cattle - Woodward OK**

This Week: 1,630 Last Reported: 1,773 Last Year: 1,795

Compared to last week: Limited comparison of feeder cattle. Few feeder steers under 800 lbs sold 5.00 lower; over 800 lbs 6.00-8.00 higher. Feeder heifers under 700 lbs steady to 3.00 lower; over 700 lbs 4.00-8.00 higher. Demand moderate to good for feeder cattle. Steer calves sold steady to lower in a light test. Heifer calves 4.00-8.00 lower.

## **Winter Livestock Auction - Pratt KS**

This Week: 2,607 Last Reported: 2,309 Last Year: 2.025

Compared to last week, feeder steer 400 lb to 1,000 lb sold 8.00 to 10.00 higher, however thin fleshed and reputation calves sold up to 20.00 higher. Not enough feeder heifers 700 lb to 950 lb for a market test, however a higher trend was noted. Heifer calves 400 lb to 700 lb sold 10.00 to 40.00 higher, with most advance on reputation heifers. Demand was good Slaughter cows and bulls sold steady to 2.00 higher.

## Farmers & Ranchers Livestock - Salina KS

This Week: 2,478 Last Reported: 1,624 Last Year: 1,828

Compared to a week ago steer cattle over 750 lbs sold mostly 5.00 to 10.00 higher. There were not enough heifers this week for a good test. Most of the cattle today seemed to be un-weaned. Being unweaned or short weaned did not seem to affect the prices as long as they had shots. The receipts were moderate with good demand.

## **Cattleman's Livestock Auction - Dalhart TX**

This Week: 2,246 Last Reported: 2,588 Last Year: 2.044

Compared to last week: There were too few comparable sales on steer and heifer calves to determine a trend. However; sentiment seemed to favor a lower undertone with an offering of plainer type cattle. Steers and heifers in the 700 pound range were the stars of the show again this week. Steers brought 6.00 higher and their heifer counterparts brought 10.00 higher. Even the plainer, #2 type cattle closed the gap with some classes braking the 4.00 mark. Average to high yielding breaker and boner cows were up 7.00-8.00 higher this week, with active bidding.

## **Tulia Livestock Auction - Tulia, TX**

This Week: 929 Last Reported: 794 Last Year: 1,055

Compared to last week: Feeder steers and heifers were 1.00 to 4.00 lower on limited comparable sales. Demand was moderate to good.

## New Cambria Livestock Market - New Cambria, MO

This Week: 646

Last Reported: 331 Last Year: 478

Compared to the very light offering two weeks ago, feeder steers and heifers sold with a sharply higher undertones on the preconditioned and weaned cattle, those unweaned sold with steady undertones. Slaughter cows and bulls sold steady.

## Bluegrass Stockyards South - Stanford KY

This Week: 1,036 Last Reported: 1,237 Last Year: 1,461

Compared to last Thursday: Feeder steers under 400 lbs sharply lower, over 400 lbs 5.00-8.00 higher, Feeder heifers under 400 lbs steady, 400-600 lbs 12.00-15.00 lower, over 600 lbs 1.00-3.00 lower, Moderate to good demand for feeder and yearling classes. Slaughter cows and bulls steady, Good demand for slaughter classes.

## Paris Stockyards - Paris KY

This Week: 1,954 Last Reported: 1,765 Last Year: 1,493

Compared to last Thursday feeder steers under 500 lbs sold steady to 2.00 higher. Feeder steers over 500 lbs sold mostly steady. Feeder heifers sold 1.00 to 3.00 lower. There was good demand for feeder classes. Buyers still showing preference for long weaned and vaccinated calves. Those calves that are unweaned and unvaccinated facing discounts. Slaughter cows sold 6.00 to 8.00 higher. Slaughter bulls sold 2.00 to 4.00 higher. There was good demand for slaughter classes.

## Toppenish Livestock Auction - Toppenish, WA

This Week: 1,756 Last Reported: 1,872 Last Year: 1,270

Compared to last Thursday, stocker steers and heifers sharply lower. Feeder cattle steady in a light test. Feeder cattle futures are collapsing \$5.47 to \$6.20 so far at midday. Slaughter cows 1.0-4.00 lower and bulls steady. Trade active with very good demand especially for beef type cows returning to feed.

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## **Colorado Direct Cattle Report**

This Week: 1,881 Last Reported: 6,233 Last Year: 6,131

Compared to last week: Not enough current FOB trades to set a trend. Demand moderate to good. Supply included: 100% Feeder Cattle (47.5% Steers, 52.5% Heifers). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 100%. Unless otherwise noted, Feeder Cattle prices FOB based on net weights after a 2% shrink or equivalent, with a 8-10 cent slide > 600 lbs. Livestock reported this week originated from CA, CO, KY, OK, TX.

## Eastern Cornbelt Direct Cattle Report (IL/IN/MI/MN/OH/KY)

This Week: 499 Last Reported: 2,390 Last Year: 800

Compared to last week: Feeder steers 3.00 lower in a light comparison. Feeder heifers mostly steady. Demand moderate to good. Supply included: 100% Feeder Cattle (48.5% Steers, 37.3% Heifers, 14.2% Beef/Dairy Heifers). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 100%. Unless otherwise noted, Feeder Cattle

prices FOB based on net weights after a 2-3% shrink or equivalent, with an 8-12 cent slide > 600 lbs. Livestock reported this week originated from KY.

## **Kansas Direct Feeder Cattle Report**

This Week: 1,793 Last Reported: 2,809 Last Year: 4,112

Compared to last week: Not enough comparable sales on current FOB cattle for a market trend. Buyer demand was moderate to good. Supply included: 100% Feeder Cattle (6.1% Steers, 15.1% Dairy Steers, 78.8% Heifers). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 84%. Unless otherwise noted, Feeder Cattle prices FOB based on net weights after a 2% shrink or equivalent, with a 8-12 cent slide >600 lbs. Livestock reported this week originated from KS, NM, OK.

## **Missouri Direct Cattle Report**

This Week: Last Reported: Last Year:

Feeder cattle and calves not established this week.

## **Montana Direct Cattle Report**

This Week: Last Reported: Last Year:

No trades this week

#### **New Mexico Direct Cattle Report**

This Week: 308 Last Reported: 1,013 Last Year: 1,654

Compared to last week: Not enough comparable sales on steers or heifers for a market trend. Buyer demand is moderate to good. Supply included: 100% Feeder Cattle (16.2% Steers, 83.8% Heifers). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 100%. Unless otherwise noted, Feeder Cattle prices FOB based on net weights after a 2% shrink or equivalent, with a 8-12 cent slide > 600 lbs. and 15-20 cent slide < 600 lbs. Livestock reported this week originated from NM.

#### Northwest Direct Cattle Report (WA/OR/ID/UT)

This Week: 313 Last Reported: 2,905 Last Year: 970

Compared to last week: All cattle were delivered this week, no trend to set. Demand good. Supply included: 100% Feeder Cattle (66.5% Steers, 33.5% Heifers). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 100%. Unless otherwise noted, Feeder Cattle prices FOB based on net weights after a 2-3% shrink or equivalent, with a 8-14 cent slide > 600 lbs. Livestock reported this week originated from ID, OR.

## **Oklahoma Direct Cattle Report**

This Week: 2,325 Last Reported: 2,628 Last Year: 4,101

Compared to last week: Feeder steers 750lbs 4.00 higher. Feeder heifers 2.00-8.00 higher. Demand good. Supply included: 100% Feeder Cattle (29.6% Steers, 70.4% Heifers). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 95%. Unless otherwise noted, Feeder Cattle prices FOB based on net weights after a 2-3% shrink or equivalent, with a 8-16 cent slide > 600 lbs. and 25 cent slide < 600 lbs. Livestock reported this week originated from MS, OK, TX.

## Southeast Direct Cattle Report (AL/AR/FL/GA/LA/MS/TN)

This Week: 1,435

Last Reported: 1,326 Last Year: 1,411

Compared to last week: Not enough current FOB comparable sales for a trend. Demand was moderate to good. Supply included: 100% Feeder Cattle (55.8% Steers, 44.2% Heifers). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 86%. Unless otherwise noted. Feeder Cattle prices FOB based on net weights after a 2-3% shrink or equivalent, with up to a 15 cent slide >600 lbs and up to a 20 cent slide <600 lbs. Livestock reported this week originated from AL, AR, GA, MS.

## Southwest Direct Cattle Report (AZ/CA/NV)

This Week: 815 Last Reported: 1,400 Last Year: 1,435

Compared to last week, feeder steers sold steady on comparable sales. Trade active, demand good. Supply included: 100% Feeder Cattle (11% Steers, 84% Dairy Steers, 4.9% Heifers). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 15%. Unless otherwise noted. Feeder Cattle prices FOB based on net weights after a 2-3% shrink or equivalent, with a 5-10 cent slide on calves, 3-6 cent slide on yearlings. Delivered prices included freight, commissions, and other expenses. Livestock reported this week originated from CA, OH.

## **Texas Direct Cattle Report**

This Week: 11,081 Last Reported: 14,514 Last Year: 15,093

Compared to last week: Current FOB steers and heifers were steady to 5.00 lower. Some declines in CME cattle boards throughout the week with the direct trade markets following suit. Demand was moderate to good. Supply included: 100% Feeder Cattle (42.7% Steers, 53.8% Heifers, 3.5% Beef/Dairy Heifers).

Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 97%. Unless otherwise noted, Feeder Cattle prices FOB based on net weights after a 2-3% shrink or equivalent, with up to a 15 cent slide >600 lbs and up to a 20 cent slide <600 lbs. Livestock reported this week originated from AL, AR, CA, CO, GA, KS, KY, MS, NM, OK, TX.

## **Wyoming-Nebraska Direct Cattle Report**

This Week: 475 Last Reported: 120 Last Year: 1,490

No recent comparable offerings for a market comparison.

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