The Cattle Range

www.cattlerange.com

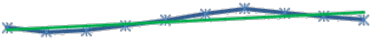
Weekly Market Summary

For the week ending April 17, 2026

Compared to last week, fed cattle, feeder cattle & stocker calves were moderately higher with cattle futures lower. The boxed beef cutouts were mixed with corn slightly higher.

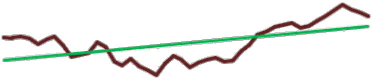
Cattle/Beef Market-Strength Indexes

10 Day Index Trendline



Change from Previous Day: -0.80%
Change from 10 Days Ago: +1.83%

60 Day Index Trendline



Change from 60 Days Ago: +5.46%
Change from 60 Day High: -2.52%

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

Click Here **to receive the WMS** on Saturday mornings or to have it sent to friends & associates.

Fed Cattle: Trade in both the Southern and Northern Plains was 1.00 higher at 248.00. In the 3 front months, Live Cattle futures were 1.82 to 1.93 lower. USDA's steer carcass weight data showed weights averaged 981 lbs. this week, compared to 983 lbs. last week and 949 lbs. a year ago.
S: This Week: 248.00 / Month Ago: 235.00 / Year Ago: 210.00 / 5 Year Avg: 175.42
N: This Week: 248.00 / Month Ago: 235.00 / Year Ago: 213.00 / 5 Year Avg: 177.02

Feeder Steers: The national average price for feeder steers was 391.17, 3.09 higher with trade mostly steady to 4.00 higher. In the 3 front months, Feeder Cattle futures were 2.83 to 7.08 lower.
This Week: 391.17 / Month Ago: 379.66 / Year Ago: 298.06 / 5 Year Avg: 234.57

Stocker Steers: The national average price for stocker steers was 500.14, 3.16 higher with trade mostly 2.00 lower to 6.00 higher
This Week: 500.14 / Month Ago: 485.65 / Year Ago: 370.27 / 5 Year Avg: 280.11

CME Feeder Cattle Index: Posted daily by CME for the prior business day
377.67… +11.00 ~ Historic High: 379.09 on 4/15/26
This Week: 377.67 / Month Ago: 362.06 / Year Ago: 292.42 / 5 Year Avg: 231.60

Boxed Beef Cutout: The Choice cutout was 0.16 higher at 381.06 with the Select cutout 4.74 lower at 376.60. The Choice/Select spread is 4.46, 4.90 wider.
This Week: 381.06 / Month Ago: 400.11 / Year Ago: 331.52 / 5 Year Avg: 309.51

Cutter Cow Cutout: 0.50 higher at 347.33.

Slaughter Cows: Trade mostly 1.00 higher to 2.00 lower.

Total red meat production under Federal inspection for the week ending Saturday, April 18th was estimated at 1011 million lbs. according to the USDA Marketing Service. This was 0.7 percent higher than a week ago and 1.1 percent lower than a year ago. Cumulative meat production for the year to date was 3.7 percent lower compared to the previous year.

Corn: July futures closed at 4.5750, 0.0025 lower.

Point to Ponder: Through March, cow slaughter compared to the same period last year is down 5% or about 57,000 head.

Contents:

- Weekly Market Overview
- Stocker & Feeder Cattle Weekly Receipts
- Feeder & Stocker Steer Prices
- 5 Year Moving Avg. - Stocker, Feeder, & Fed Steers
- Regional Auction Reports
- Direct Sales of Feeder & Stocker Cattle by State
- Cattle Futures' Long-Term Market Outlook
- Mexican Feeder Cattle Weekly Import Summary
- Chart of the Week
- Photo of the Week
- "Shootin' the Bull" Weekly Analysis
- **April Cattle on Feed Report**
- Fed Cattle
- Feedyard Closeouts: Profit/(Loss)
- Feeder Steers/Corn Correlation
- Slaughter Cattle by Class
- Canadian Fed Cattle
- Boxed Beef Cutouts
- USDA National Retail Beef Report
- Est. Weekly Meat Production Under Federal Inspection
- Drought Conditions & Weather Outlook
- National Grain Summary

- Selected Auction Reports
- Direct Sales of Feeder & Stocker Cattle
- Weekly Hay Reports

Links to the articles below *are included because we found them to be of interest but their content does not necessarily reflect the views of The Cattle Range.*

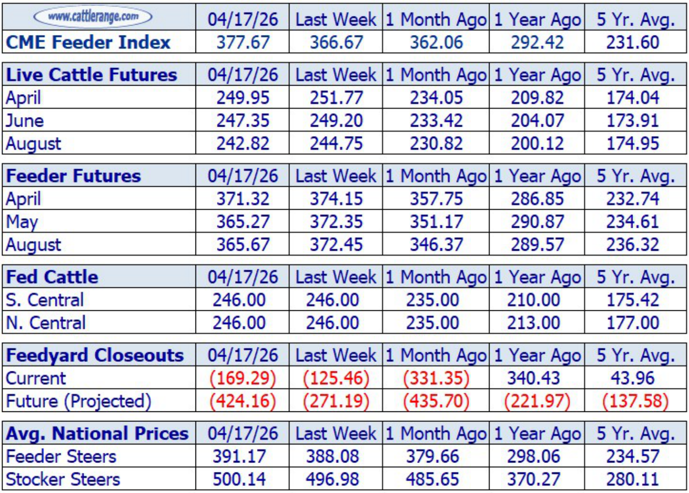
Click your "Back Button" to return to the WMS.

- Prevention & Treatment Options if New World Screwworm Reaches US Livestock
- Lonesome Report: Crooked Cattle and Beef Business
- Below-Average Snowpack Signals Problems for Western Agriculture
- Supply of Prime & Choice Beef Continues to Increase
- Global Beef Production and Exports
- JBS Workers in Greeley CO Vote to Ratify Agreement with Company
- New World Screwworm Found 90 Miles South of Texas
- Beef is becoming Unaffordable for many Americans

---

^ Contents

Market Overview:



www.cattlerange.com	04/17/26	Last Week	1 Month Ago	1 Year Ago	5 Yr. Avg.
CME Feeder Index	377.67	366.67	362.06	292.42	231.60

Live Cattle Futures	04/17/26	Last Week	1 Month Ago	1 Year Ago	5 Yr. Avg.
April	249.95	251.77	234.05	209.82	174.04
June	247.35	249.20	233.42	204.07	173.91
August	242.82	244.75	230.82	200.12	174.95

Feeder Futures	04/17/26	Last Week	1 Month Ago	1 Year Ago	5 Yr. Avg.
April	371.32	374.15	357.75	286.85	232.74
May	365.27	372.35	351.17	290.87	234.61
August	365.67	372.45	346.37	289.57	236.32

Fed Cattle	04/17/26	Last Week	1 Month Ago	1 Year Ago	5 Yr. Avg.
S. Central	246.00	246.00	235.00	210.00	175.42
N. Central	246.00	246.00	235.00	213.00	177.00

Feedyard Closeouts	04/17/26	Last Week	1 Month Ago	1 Year Ago	5 Yr. Avg.
Current	(169.29)	(125.46)	(331.35)	340.43	43.96
Future (Projected)	(424.16)	(271.19)	(435.70)	(221.97)	(137.58)

Avg. National Prices	04/17/26	Last Week	1 Month Ago	1 Year Ago	5 Yr. Avg.
Feeder Steers	391.17	388.08	379.66	298.06	234.57
Stocker Steers	500.14	496.98	485.65	370.27	280.11

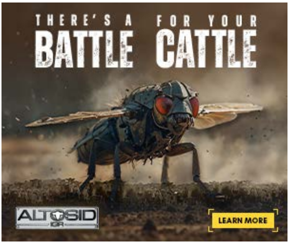
Boxed Beef Cutout	04/17/26	Last Week	1 Month Ago	1 Year Ago	5 Yr. Avg.
Choice	381.06	380.90	400.11	331.52	309.51
Select	376.60	381.34	392.94	315.55	291.42
Spread	4.46	(0.44)	7.17	15.97	18.08

Cutter Cow Cut-Out	347.33	346.83	343.94	293.91	253.18

Crude Oil Futures	84.64	111.47	98.81	64.45	77.37

Grain Prices	04/17/26	Last Week	1 Month Ago	1 Year Ago	5 Yr. Avg.
Omaha Corn	4.37	4.33	4.42	4.73	5.48
Kansas City Wheat	5.45	5.42	5.52	5.48	6.67
July Corn Futures	4.5750	4.5125	4.6550	4.9025	5.3491
July Wheat Futures	5.9925	5.8075	5.9525	5.6225	6.6998

GOBOB
PIPE & STEEL
America's Farm & Ranch Equipment
HAY TRAILER CAPITAL of the WORLD
FINANCING AVAILABLE
We Deliver!
Check out the "Smokin' Hot Deals" page on our website !
GoBobCattleRange.com
844-737-8506


THERE'S A BATTLE FOR YOUR CATTLE
ALTOSID IGR
LEARN MORE

TRADITION OF QUALITY.
CAVENDER RANCHES
Selling IN APRIL
REGISTERED AND COMMERCIAL BRANGUS FEMALES
ANNUAL SPRING FEMALE SALE
APRIL 24-25, 2026
CAVENDER'S NECHES RIVER RANCH | JACKSONVILLE, TX
ATTENTION PLEASE
NEW SALE TIME
12 PM, FRIDAY, APRIL 24TH
SELLING OVER 800 HEAD OF BRANGUS & BRANGUS INFLUENCED FEMALES
INCLUDING
640 COMMERCIAL FEMALES
436 SPRING CALVING BRANGUS, SUPER BALDIE, F1 TIGER STRIPES & BLACK F1
INCLUDING APPROXIMATELY 250 PAIRS
100 FALL BRED BRANGUS & SUPER BALDIE HEIFERS
50 OPEN BRANGUS HEIFERS

Four States Classic
SPRING TURNOUT
Replacement Female Sale
SATURDAY
APRIL 18,2026
1 PM
HOPE LIVESTOCK
HOPE, ARKANSAS
Four States Classic
Replacement Female Sale
LBJCATTLE.COM

^ Contents

National Feeder & Stocker Cattle Sale Receipts:

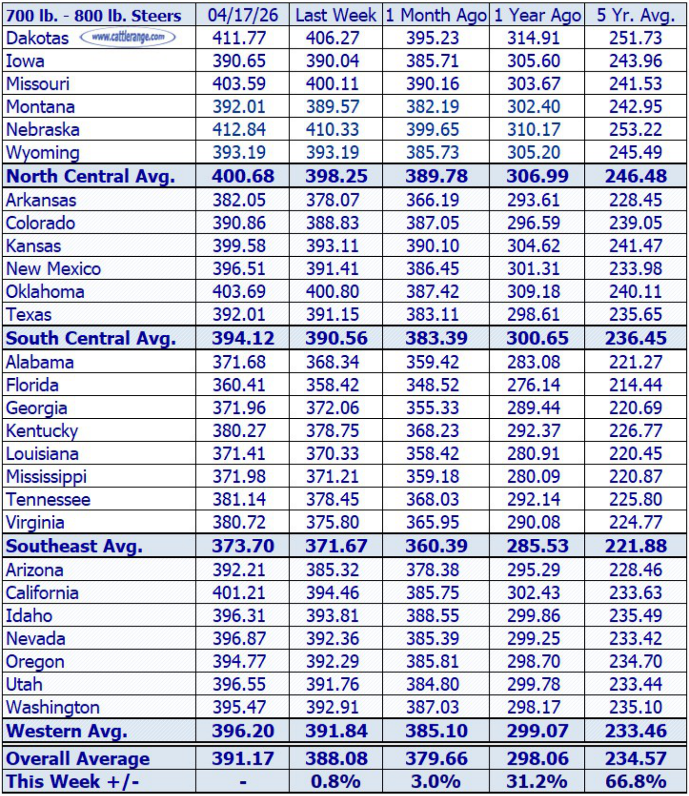
Report unavailable this week... USDA has discontinued their text report and is replacing it with a National Feeder & Stocker Cattle Dashboard that is updated every Sunday. Unfortunately, it appears the dashboard will not contain data for the past week, but data for 2 weeks ago.

For example, the 4/19 report will not contain data for the week ending 4/18 but for the week ending 4/11.

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.

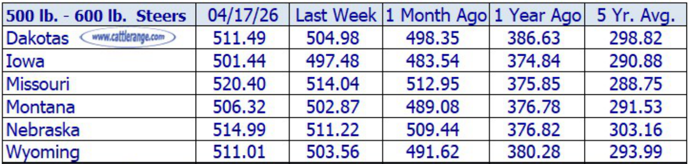
^ Contents

Feeder Steers:



700 lb. - 800 lb. Steers	04/17/26	Last Week	1 Month Ago	1 Year Ago	5 Yr. Avg.
Dakotas	411.77	406.27	395.23	314.91	251.73
Iowa	390.65	390.04	385.71	305.60	243.96
Missouri	403.59	400.11	390.16	303.67	241.53
Montana	392.01	389.57	382.19	302.40	242.95
Nebraska	412.84	410.33	399.65	310.17	253.22
Wyoming	393.19	393.19	385.73	305.20	245.49
North Central Avg.	**400.68**	**398.25**	**389.78**	**306.99**	**246.48**
Arkansas	382.05	378.07	366.19	293.61	228.45
Colorado	390.86	388.83	387.05	296.59	239.05
Kansas	399.58	393.11	390.10	304.62	241.47
New Mexico	396.51	391.41	386.45	301.31	233.98
Oklahoma	403.69	400.80	387.42	309.18	240.11
Texas	392.01	391.15	383.11	298.61	235.65
South Central Avg.	**394.12**	**390.56**	**383.39**	**300.65**	**236.45**
Alabama	371.68	368.34	359.42	283.08	221.27
Florida	360.41	358.42	348.52	276.14	214.44
Georgia	371.96	372.06	355.33	289.44	220.69
Kentucky	380.27	378.75	368.23	292.37	226.77
Louisiana	371.41	370.33	358.42	280.91	220.45
Mississippi	371.98	371.21	359.18	280.09	220.87
Tennessee	381.14	378.45	368.03	292.14	225.80
Virginia	380.72	375.80	365.95	290.08	224.77
Southeast Avg.	**373.70**	**371.67**	**360.39**	**285.53**	**221.88**
Arizona	392.21	385.32	378.38	295.29	228.46
California	401.21	394.46	385.75	302.43	233.63
Idaho	396.31	393.81	388.55	299.86	235.49
Nevada	396.87	392.36	385.39	299.25	233.42
Oregon	394.77	392.29	385.81	298.70	234.70
Utah	396.55	391.76	384.80	299.78	233.44
Washington	395.47	392.91	387.03	298.17	235.10
Western Avg.	**396.20**	**391.84**	**385.10**	**299.07**	**233.46**
Overall Average	**391.17**	**388.08**	**379.66**	**298.06**	**234.57**
This Week +/-	**-**	**0.8%**	**3.0%**	**31.2%**	**66.8%**

Stocker Steers:



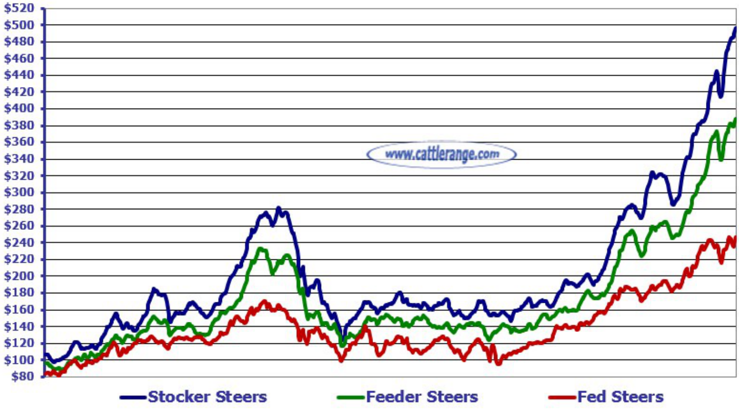
500 lb. - 600 lb. Steers	04/17/26	Last Week	1 Month Ago	1 Year Ago	5 Yr. Avg.
Dakotas	511.49	504.98	498.35	386.63	298.82
Iowa	501.44	497.48	483.54	374.84	290.88
Missouri	520.40	514.04	512.95	375.85	288.75
Montana	506.32	502.87	489.08	376.78	291.53
Nebraska	514.99	511.22	509.44	376.82	303.16
Wyoming	511.01	503.56	491.62	380.28	293.99

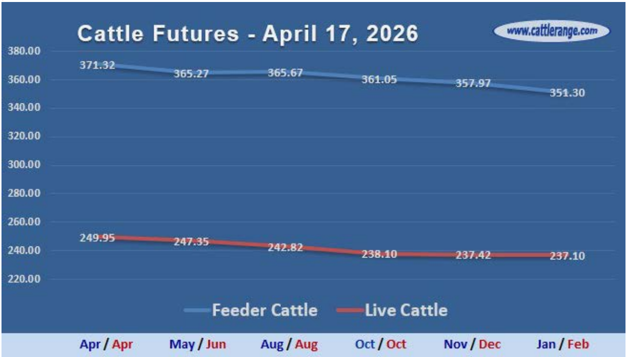
North Central Avg.	**510.94**	**505.69**	**497.50**	**378.53**	**294.52**
Arkansas	487.41	489.40	477.46	365.18	272.95
Colorado	505.43	501.44	496.48	379.96	289.67
Kansas	521.04	513.88	512.78	374.35	287.96
New Mexico	503.21	499.28	487.39	372.42	280.80
Oklahoma	522.03	520.11	507.26	384.94	288.17
Texas	509.24	506.32	494.55	370.95	280.42
South Central Avg.	**508.06**	**505.07**	**495.99**	**374.63**	**283.33**
Alabama	482.95	481.23	465.07	354.89	264.58
Florida	469.05	469.04	454.06	342.88	258.11
Georgia	479.09	481.07	467.94	363.67	263.50
Kentucky	486.96	483.77	464.24	357.90	262.59
Louisiana	475.22	479.03	462.10	351.91	261.27
Mississippi	476.29	478.29	464.32	353.60	262.46
Tennessee	485.36	484.11	465.22	355.62	261.60
Virginia	484.16	483.18	463.55	353.11	260.47
Southeast Avg.	**479.89**	**479.97**	**463.31**	**354.20**	**261.82**
Arizona	497.25	494.02	483.11	368.54	276.27
California	508.23	504.41	493.64	375.57	283.06
Idaho	501.78	496.28	484.71	376.84	282.28
Nevada	501.82	498.44	486.70	373.46	280.86
Oregon	500.21	494.36	482.54	373.38	281.04
Utah	501.32	497.67	487.39	372.88	280.34
Washington	501.03	495.15	482.46	375.27	281.50
Western Avg.	**501.66**	**497.19**	**485.79**	**373.71**	**280.77**
Overall Average	**500.14**	**496.98**	**485.65**	**370.27**	**280.11**
This Week +/-	**-**	**0.6%**	**3.0%**	**35.1%**	**78.6%**

---

^ Contents

Stocker, Feeder & Fed Steers Moving Averages
August 14, 2009 thru April 17, 2026





Cattle Futures: **Charts of Commitment of Traders**

---

^ Contents

Mexican Feeder Cattle Weekly Import Summary:

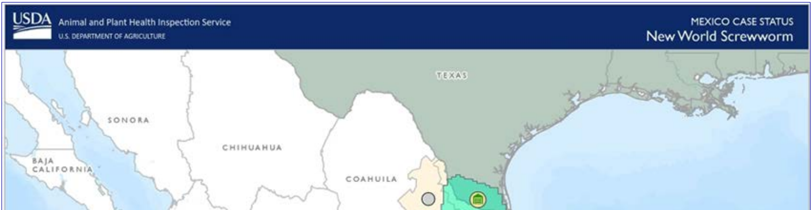
Due to the New World screwworm, the border is closed for livestock imports until further notice.

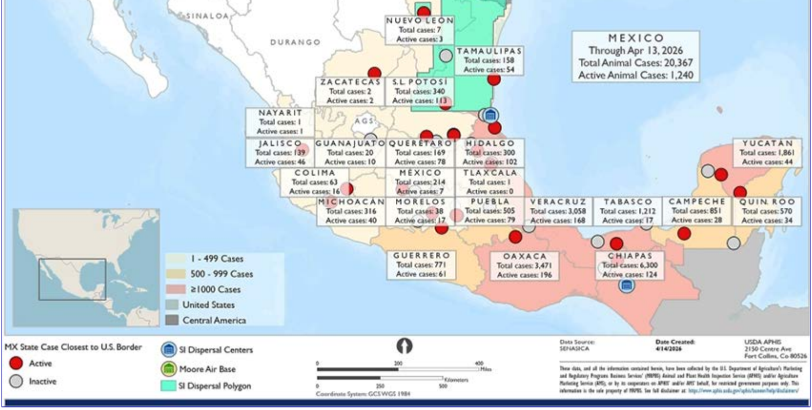
- The suspension will continue on a month-by-month basis.

---

^ Contents

Chart of the Week:


USDA
Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
MEXICO CASE STATUS
New World Screwworm
TEXAS
SONORA
CHIHUAHUA
BAJA CALIFORNIA
COAHUILA


SINALOA
DURANGO
NUEVO LEON
Total cases: 7
Active cases: 3
TAMAULIPAS
Total cases: 158
Active cases: 54
MEXICO
Through Apr 13, 2026
Total Animal Cases: 20,367
Active Animal Cases: 1,240
ZACATECAS
Total cases: 2
Active cases: 2
S.L. POTOSI
Total cases: 340
Active cases: 113
NAYARIT
Total cases: 1
Active cases: 1
AGS
JALISCO
Total cases: 139
Active cases: 46
GUANAJUATO
Total cases: 20
Active cases: 10
QUERETARO
Total cases: 169
Active cases: 78
HIDALGO
Total cases: 300
Active cases: 102
YUCATAN
Total cases: 1,861
Active cases: 44
COLIMA
Total cases: 63
Active cases: 16
MEXICO
Total cases: 214
Active cases: 7
TLAXCALA
Total cases: 1
Active cases: 0
MICHOACAN
Total cases: 316
Active cases: 40
MORELOS
Total cases: 38
Active cases: 17
PUEBLA
Total cases: 505
Active cases: 79
VERACRUZ
Total cases: 3,058
Active cases: 168
TABASCO
Total cases: 1,212
Active cases: 17
CAMPECHE
Total cases: 851
Active cases: 28
QUIN. ROO
Total cases: 570
Active cases: 34
GUERRERO
Total cases: 771
Active cases: 61
OAXACA
Total cases: 3,471
Active cases: 196
CHIAPAS
Total cases: 6,300
Active cases: 124
1 - 499 Cases
500 - 999 Cases
≥1000 Cases
United States
Central America
MX State Case Closest to U.S. Border
Active
Inactive
SI Dispersal Centers
Moore Air Base
SI Dispersal Polygon
0
200
400
Miles
0
250
500
Kilometers
Coordinate System: GCS WGS 1984
Data Source: SENASICA
Date Created: 4/14/2026
USDA APHIS
2150 Centre Ave
Fort Collins, Co 80526

---

^ [Contents]

Photo of the Week:

- **41 Angus & Black Baldy Cows... SW Missouri**

Swift Trading Company
Commodity Futures & Options

^ Contents

"Shootin' the Bull" Weekly Analysis:

In my opinion, the cattle market is believed moving into equilibrium. Rationing has caused significant shifts in domestic production and processing. Enough so that it is believed going to be difficult to continue shifting without the loss of some production or processing capacity. The closing of the Mexican border is reshaping US beef imports. The closure has increased production and processing capabilities for which Mexico is now circumventing the border closure towards cattle, by simply shipping the beef across. All the while, the Mexican cow herd is believed to have expanded as there isn't a lot for the bulls, cows, and heifers to do while waiting to either cross the border, or place into beef production. China is believed circumventing US beef through Canada. High prices tend to increase competition, with Canada and Mexico now believed benefiting greatly from the US cattle and beef markets. There seems to be a lull in domestic beef demand for the moment that is causing some of the equilibrium. The inability to push beef prices higher, while manipulating the slaughter lower, isn't a good sign for beef movement. If we see more evidence of equilibrium, or simply stagnation in prices, a great deal of the projected negative margins may come to fruition, even if prices don't move lower. Cattlemen stretched themselves a little further starting the week off, but as the projected negative margins grew worse, futures traders decided to let the cattlemen assume their own risk by swapping basis from negative to positive by over $22.00 in two trading days. The combination of higher index reading, caused by cattlemen, and lower futures, caused by traders, helped to exaggerate the basis swing. Observation of, the earlier in the week price structure of the board, led to multiple recommendations to achieve a minimum sale floor at or near historical high. Most strategies would have allowed for several dollars higher were that to have been achieved. Thursday and Friday's significant trade lower of futures spread basis sharply positive now, pushing the balance of risk back to the producer.

This week's price movement was record breaking in all weight categories. Not many found this week's events to be as interesting as others with only a fledgling increase of open interest, and that came on Wednesday, at the contract high. So, some of the sharply lower trading on Thursday and Friday may be attributed to a lot of new longs at the top of the known market. Friday's price action did not disappoint in volatility and price expanse. I still don't know the reason for the price action, but it was wild all day long. With this week's price action, whether the market has topped, or is still topping, will be the points of discussion going forward. For the moment, the volume of selling on Thursday and Friday suggests some are going to head for the exit door. As well, it may be that commercial cattle feeders are going to be more aggressive in their hedging programs due to width of projected negative margins. I thought that maybe last week's higher cash trade would pull the cattle feeder out of the red. It did not, and I am not sure this week will either. Now, the industry has two major sectors in the red with packers believed negative to the tune of over $220.00 per head and maybe another $100.00 or less per head loss to the cattle feeder. To cap it all off, it appears the spread between all lighter weight categories and feeder cattle widened further.

More inflation is anticipated with quantitative easing in full swing; checks supposedly handed out from the Tariff's, and commodity inflation still roaring, even if not as hot as two days ago. The enormous price fluctuations in energy will take a lot of time to digest and begin lower on the retail side. Retail prices will not come down nearly as quickly as what the futures can. I anticipate the formation of huge sideways trading range to develop in the energy market with an upward bias. Corn and soybean oil, both components of energy, sold off sharply when they reopened at 8:30am Friday, after the announcement of the Strait's being open. By the close, most had come well off their lows, with beans getting plus on the day. Although the energy component may be fading some, planting hasn't even taken place yet with the entire growing season to go. There is no shortage of price fluctuation that is going to take place the remainder of this year. Bonds ended higher as the President is hellbent on trying to lower interest rates. The quantitative easing is moving towards overdrive as government spending increases by the day. I anticipate grains to take a step forward in being a part of the commodity inflation.

Christopher B. Swift is a commodity broker and consultant with Swift Trading Company in Nashville, TN. Mr. Swift authors the daily commentaries "mid day cattle comment" and "Shootin' the Bull" commentary found on his website @ **www.shootinthebull.com**

An investment in futures contracts is speculative, involves a high degree of risk and is suitable only for persons who can assume the risk of loss in excess of their margin deposits. You should carefully consider whether futures trading is appropriate for you in light of your investment experience, trading objectives, financial resources and other relevant circumstances. PAST PERFORMANCE IS NOT NECESSARILY INDICATIVE OF FUTURE RESULTS.

---

^ Contents

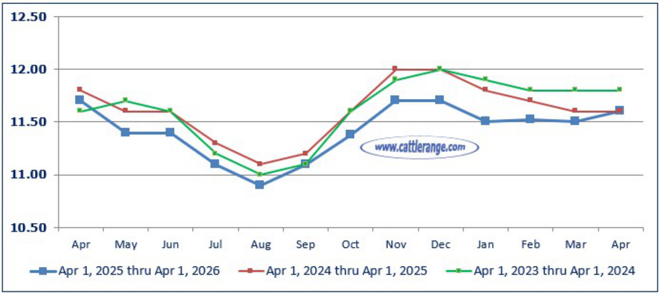
USDA April Cattle on Feed Report: Released by USDA on April 17, 2026

United States Cattle on Feed Down 1 Percent

- **Cattle and calves on feed** for the slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.6 million head on April 1, 2026. The inventory was 1 percent below April 1, 2025. The inventory included 7.26 million steers and steer calves, down slightly from the previous year. This group accounted for 63 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.32 million head, down 1 percent from 2025.
- **Placements in feedlots** during March totaled 1.71 million head, 7 percent below 2025. Net placements were 1.66 million head. Placements were the second lowest for March since the series began in 1996. During March, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 320,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 250,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 435,000 head, 800-899 pounds were 474,000 head, 900-999 pounds were 170,000 head, and 1,000 pounds and greater were 60,000 head.
- **Marketings of fed cattle** during March totaled 1.63 million head, 6 percent below 2025. Marketings were the second lowest for March since the series began in 1996.
- **Other disappearance** totaled 50,000 head during March, 9 percent below 2025.

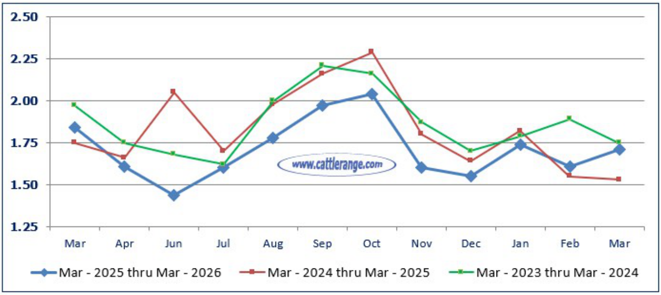
View Complete Report

Cattle on Feed in 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots as of April 1st



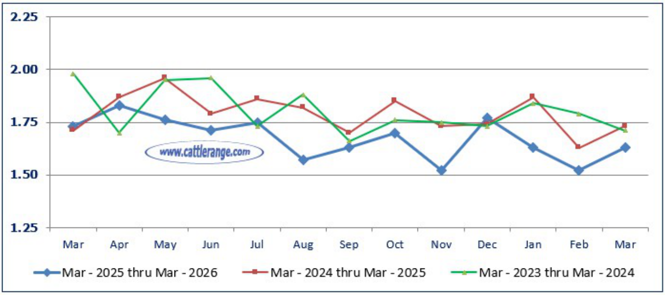
Millions of Head

Cattle Placed on Feed in 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots in March

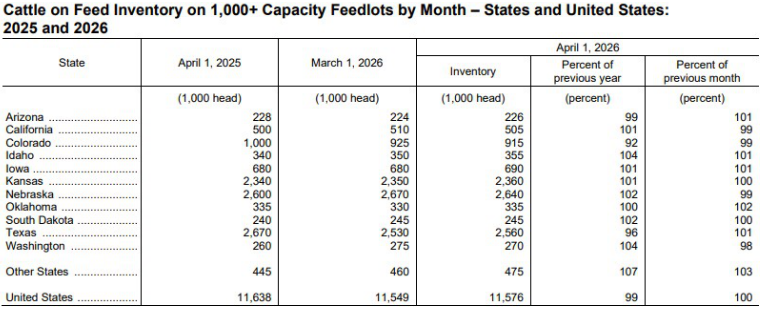


Millions of Head

Cattle Marketed from 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots in March



Millions of Head



Cattle on Feed Inventory on 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots by Month – States and United States: 2025 and 2026

State	April 1, 2025	March 1, 2026	April 1, 2026		
			Inventory	Percent of previous year	Percent of previous month
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(percent)
Arizona	228	224	226	99	101
California	500	510	505	101	99
Colorado	1,000	925	915	92	99
Idaho	340	350	355	104	101
Iowa	680	680	690	101	101
Kansas	2,340	2,350	2,360	101	100
Nebraska	2,600	2,670	2,640	102	99
Oklahoma	335	330	335	100	102
South Dakota	240	245	245	102	100
Texas	2,670	2,530	2,560	96	101
Washington	260	275	270	104	98
Other States	445	460	475	107	103
United States	11,638	11,549	11,576	99	100

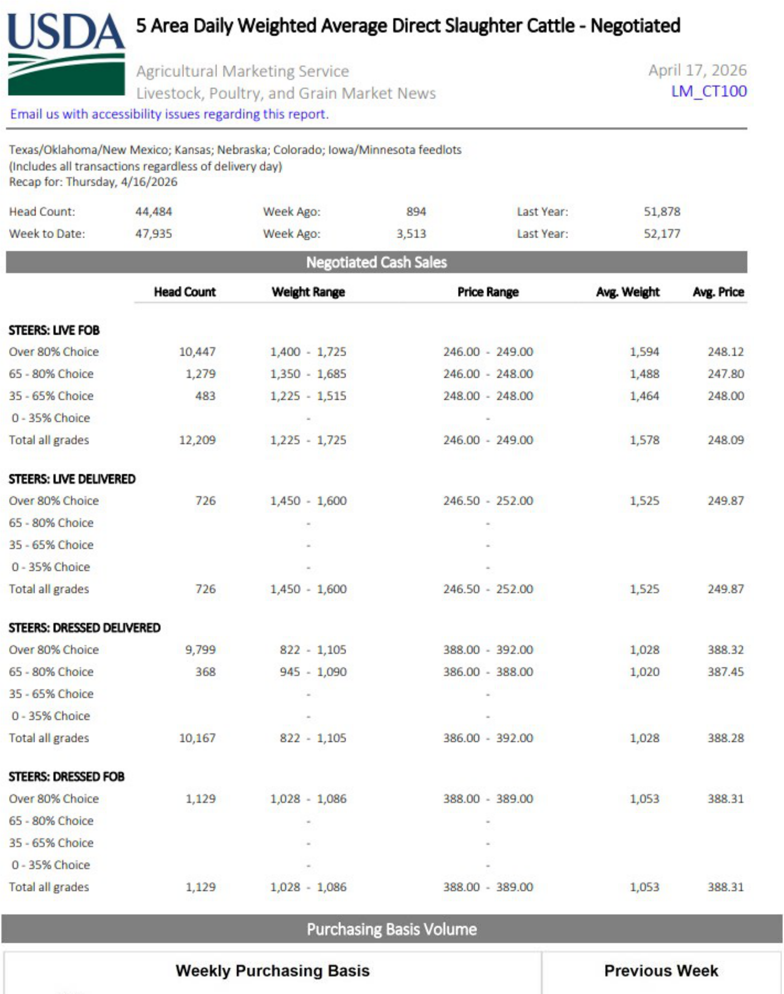
Thousands of Head

---

^ Contents

Fed Cattle:

USDA reported on Friday afternoon that negotiated cash trade has been moderate on good demand in all major feeding regions. Compared to Thursday in the Texas Panhandle, live purchases have been steady to 1.00 lower at 248.00. Compared to Thursday in Kanas, live purchases have been steady at 248.00. Compared to Thursday in Nebraska, live purchases have been steady to 1.00 lower from 248.00-249.00, mostly 248.00, and dressed purchases have been steady at 388.00. Compared to Thursday in the Western Cornbelt, live purchases have been steady at 248.00 and dressed purchases have been steady at 388.00.



USDA

5 Area Daily Weighted Average Direct Slaughter Cattle - Negotiated

Agricultural Marketing Service
Livestock, Poultry, and Grain Market News

April 17, 2026
LM_CT100

Email us with accessibility issues regarding this report.

Texas/Oklahoma/New Mexico; Kansas; Nebraska; Colorado; Iowa/Minnesota feedlots
(Includes all transactions regardless of delivery day)
Recap for: Thursday, 4/16/2026

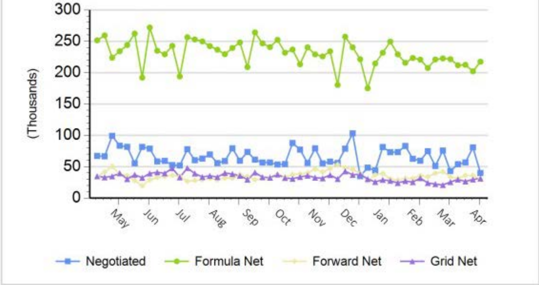
Head Count:	44,484	Week Ago:	894	Last Year:	51,878
Week to Date:	47,935	Week Ago:	3,513	Last Year:	52,177

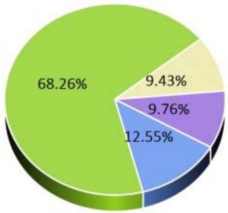
Negotiated Cash Sales

	Head Count	Weight Range	Price Range	Avg. Weight	Avg. Price
STEERS: LIVE FOB					
Over 80% Choice	10,447	1,400 - 1,725	246.00 - 249.00	1,594	248.12
65 - 80% Choice	1,279	1,350 - 1,685	246.00 - 248.00	1,488	247.80
35 - 65% Choice	483	1,225 - 1,515	248.00 - 248.00	1,464	248.00
0 - 35% Choice		-	-		
Total all grades	12,209	1,225 - 1,725	246.00 - 249.00	1,578	248.09
STEERS: LIVE DELIVERED					
Over 80% Choice	726	1,450 - 1,600	246.50 - 252.00	1,525	249.87
65 - 80% Choice		-	-		
35 - 65% Choice		-	-		
0 - 35% Choice		-	-		
Total all grades	726	1,450 - 1,600	246.50 - 252.00	1,525	249.87
STEERS: DRESSED DELIVERED					
Over 80% Choice	9,799	822 - 1,105	388.00 - 392.00	1,028	388.32
65 - 80% Choice	368	945 - 1,090	386.00 - 388.00	1,020	387.45
35 - 65% Choice		-	-		
0 - 35% Choice		-	-		
Total all grades	10,167	822 - 1,105	386.00 - 392.00	1,028	388.28
STEERS: DRESSED FOB					
Over 80% Choice	1,129	1,028 - 1,086	388.00 - 389.00	1,053	388.31
65 - 80% Choice		-	-		
35 - 65% Choice		-	-		
0 - 35% Choice		-	-		
Total all grades	1,129	1,028 - 1,086	388.00 - 389.00	1,053	388.31

Purchasing Basis Volume

Weekly Purchasing Basis	Previous Week





---

^ Contents

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 $20 per head for freight to feedyard.

Typical closeout for un-hedged steers sold this week:

- Placed On Feed 200 days ago = September 29, 2025
- Projected P/(L) based on the futures when placed on feed: **($312.54)**

***Cost** of 800 lb. steer @ $367.61 per cwt. + $20 freight:	$2,960.88
Feed Cost for 700 lbs. @ $1.11 per lb.	$777.00
Interest on cattle cost for 200 days:	$133.85
Interest on feed cost:	$17.56
Total Cost & Expense:	**$3,889.29**
****Sale proceeds:** 1,500 lb. steer @ **$248.00** per cwt:	**$3,720.00**
This week's Profit/(Loss) per head:	**($169.29)**
Profit/(Loss) per head for previous week:	($125.46)
Change from previous week:	-$43.83
Sale price necessary to breakeven:	**$259.29**

**CME Feeder Cattle Index* ***USDA Market News*

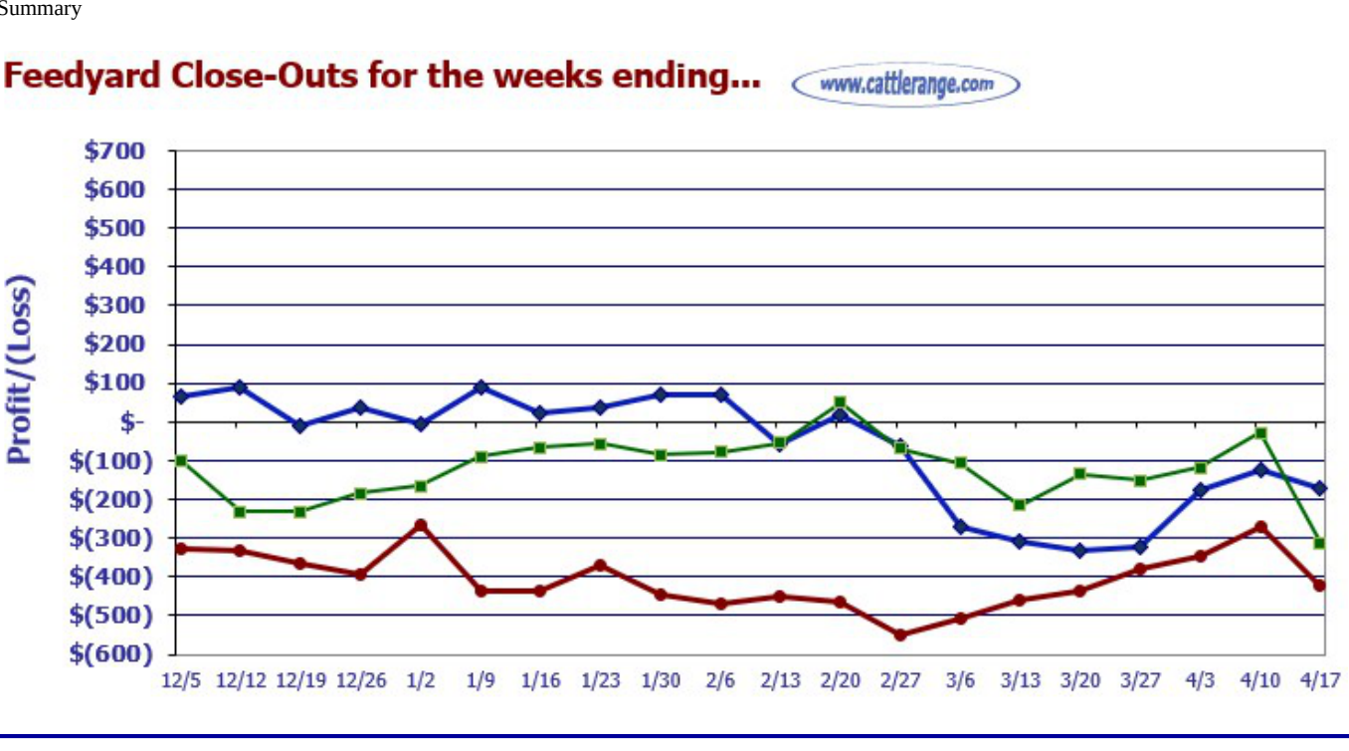
Projected closeout for steers placed on feed this week:

- Projected Sale Date @ 200 days on feed = November 3, 2026

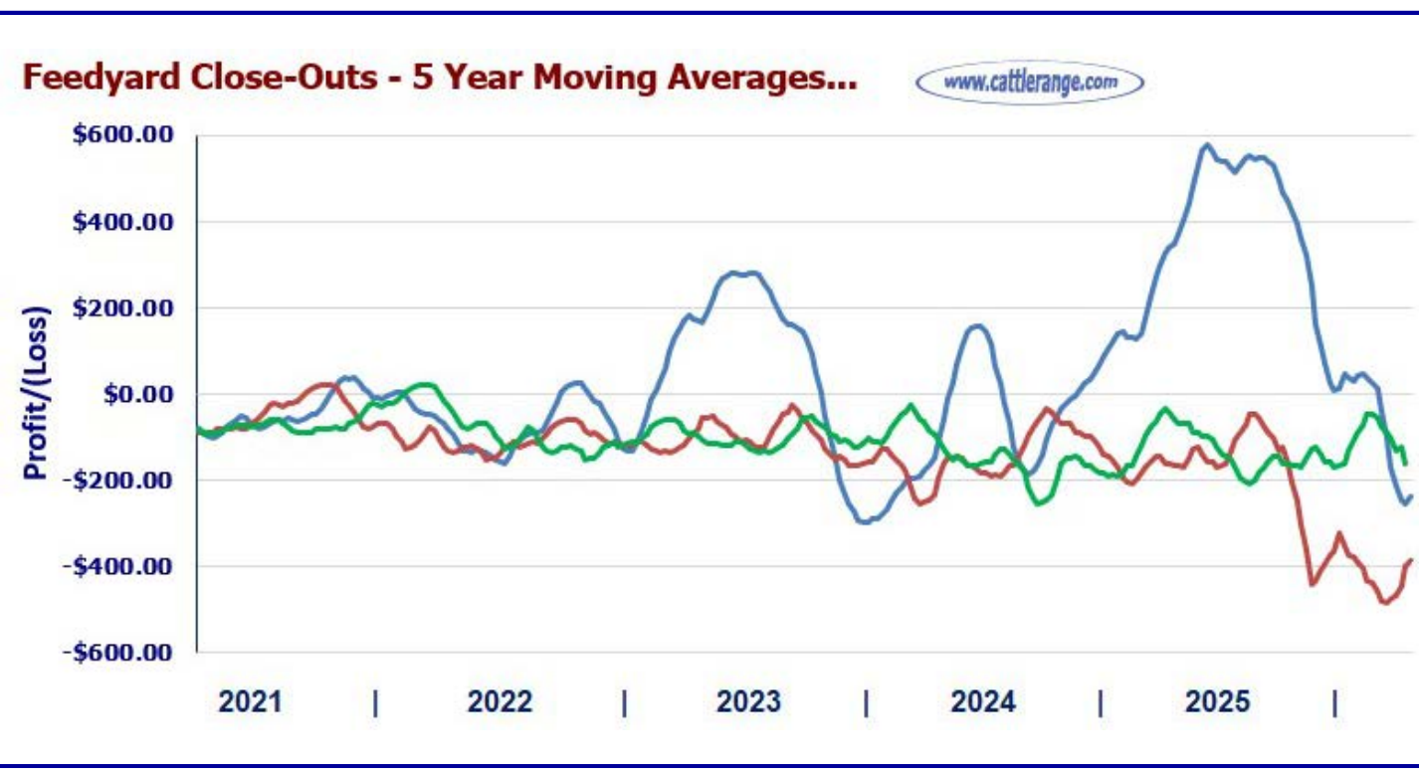
***Cost** of 800 lb. steer @ $377.67 per cwt. + $20 freight:	$3,041.36
Feed Cost for 700 lbs. @ $1.14 per lb.	$798.00
Interest on cattle cost for 200 days:	$129.15
Interest on feed cost:	$16.94
Total Cost & Expense:	**$3,985.46**
****Sale proceeds:** 1,500 lb. steer @ **$237.42** per cwt:	**$3,561.30**

This week's Profit/(Loss) per head:	**($424.16)**
Profit/(Loss) per head for previous week:	($271.19)
Change from previous week:	-$152.97
Sale price necessary to breakeven:	**$265.70**

**CME Feeder Cattle Index* ***December Live Cattle Futures Contract*



Closeout for un-hedged steers placed on-feed 200 days ago & sold this week:	**($169.29)**
Projection based on the futures when placed on-feed 200 days ago:	**($312.54)**
Projection based on the futures for steers placed on-feed this week:	**($424.16)**

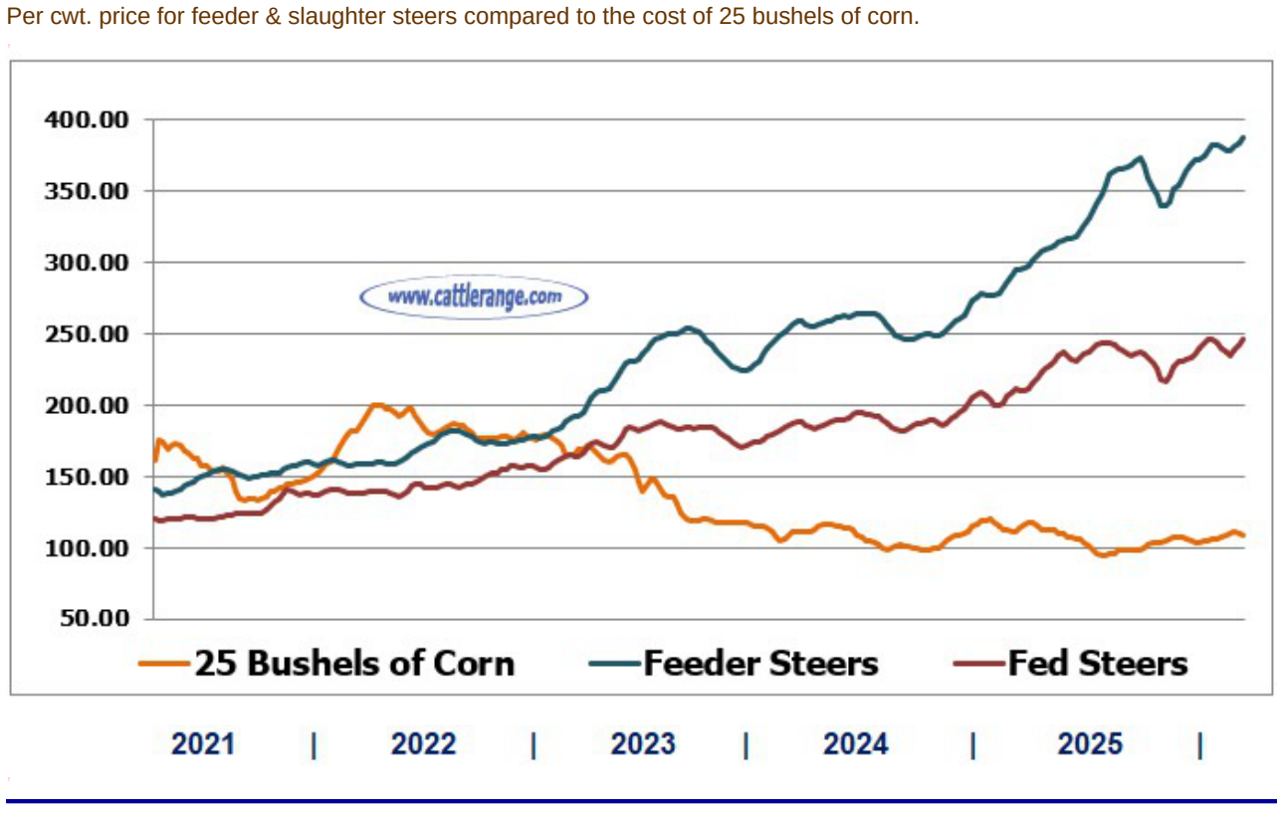


---

^ Contents

Feeder Steers/Corn Correlation: 5 Year Moving Average

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



---

^ Contents

Federally Inspected Slaughter Cattle by Class:

Released by USDA Market News Service for last week.

	Head	% of Total
Steers	256,721	48.6%
Heifers	174,634	33.1%
Dairy Cows	50,358	9.5%
Other Cows	37,708	7.1%
Bulls	8,405	1.6%
Total	**527,826**	

Livestock Slaughter under Federal Inspection:

Livestock & Poultry Slaughter

Current Day Slaughter

Fri Apr 17, 2026		Week Ago	Year Ago	WTD	Prev Week WTD	Last Year WTD	2026 YTD	2025 YTD	YTD % Change
Calves	1,000	1,000	524	5,000	5,000	1,938	34,186	39,787	-14.1%
Cattle	77,000	83,000	90,821	506,000	508,000	567,107	8,084,614	8,997,462	-10.2%
Hogs	457,000	484,000	391,480	2,425,000	2,324,000	2,329,810	38,424,733	38,756,869	-0.9%
Sheep	4,000	4,000	4,659	34,000	30,000	44,791	570,806	593,796	-3.9%
Chicken (Young)	30,507,000	31,896,000	29,820,000	171,151,000	172,186,000	169,350,000	2,763,102,000	2,796,567,000	-1.2%

Sat Apr 18, 2026		Week Ago	Year Ago	WTD	Prev Week WTD	Last Year WTD	2026 YTD	2025 YTD	YTD % Change
Calves	0	0	7	5,000	5,000	1,945	34,186	39,794	-14.1%
Cattle	8,000	4,000	10,519	514,000	512,000	577,626	8,092,614	9,007,981	-10.2%
Hogs	77,000	148,000	37,413	2,502,000	2,472,000	2,367,223	38,501,733	38,794,282	-0.8%
Sheep	0	0	92	34,000	30,000	44,883	570,806	593,888	-3.9%
Chicken (Young)	169,000	1,600,000	0	171,320,000	173,786,000	169,350,000	2,763,271,000	2,796,567,000	-1.2%

Alberta Fed Cattle Prices: Alberta Beef Producers - Calgary AB

Alberta direct cattle sales so far this week have seen light trade develop with dressed sales ranging from $550.00-555.00/cwt delivered, $4.00-5.00/cwt higher than the previous week. Cattle that traded were being scheduled for delivery throughout the month of May. US packer interest was quiet on the Western Canadian cash market. Fed cattle from Saskatchewan and Manitoba are coming west into Alberta for slaughter. Most if not all the cattle that were sold were yearlings. There were some fed calves offered this week, but none ended up trading. Producers were looking for more money and longer lift dates.

Canadian Prices expressed in Canadian Dollars

---

^ Contents

Boxed Beef Cutouts:

USDA Estimated Boxed Beef Cut-out Values as 4/17/26

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.

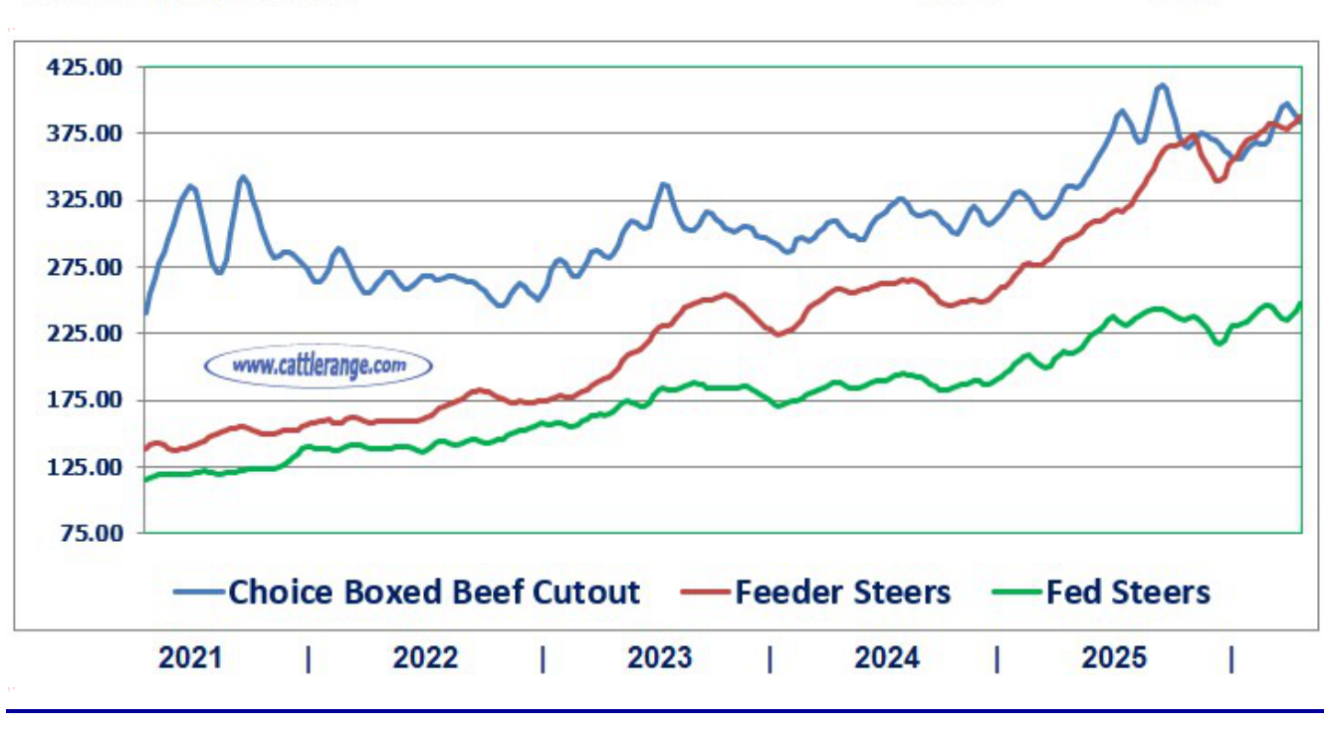
	Choice 600-900	Select 600-900
Current Cutout Values:	381.06	376.60
Change from prior day:	(0.51)	(1.88)
Choice/Select spread:	4.46	
Total Load Count (Cuts, Trimmings, Grinds):	92	

Composite Primal Values

Primal Rib	520.76	502.40
Primal Chuck	319.33	321.42
Primal Round	320.20	317.37
Primal Loin	510.88	501.28
Primal Brisket	354.39	346.05
Primal Short Plate	309.41	309.41
Primal Flank	224.40	227.30

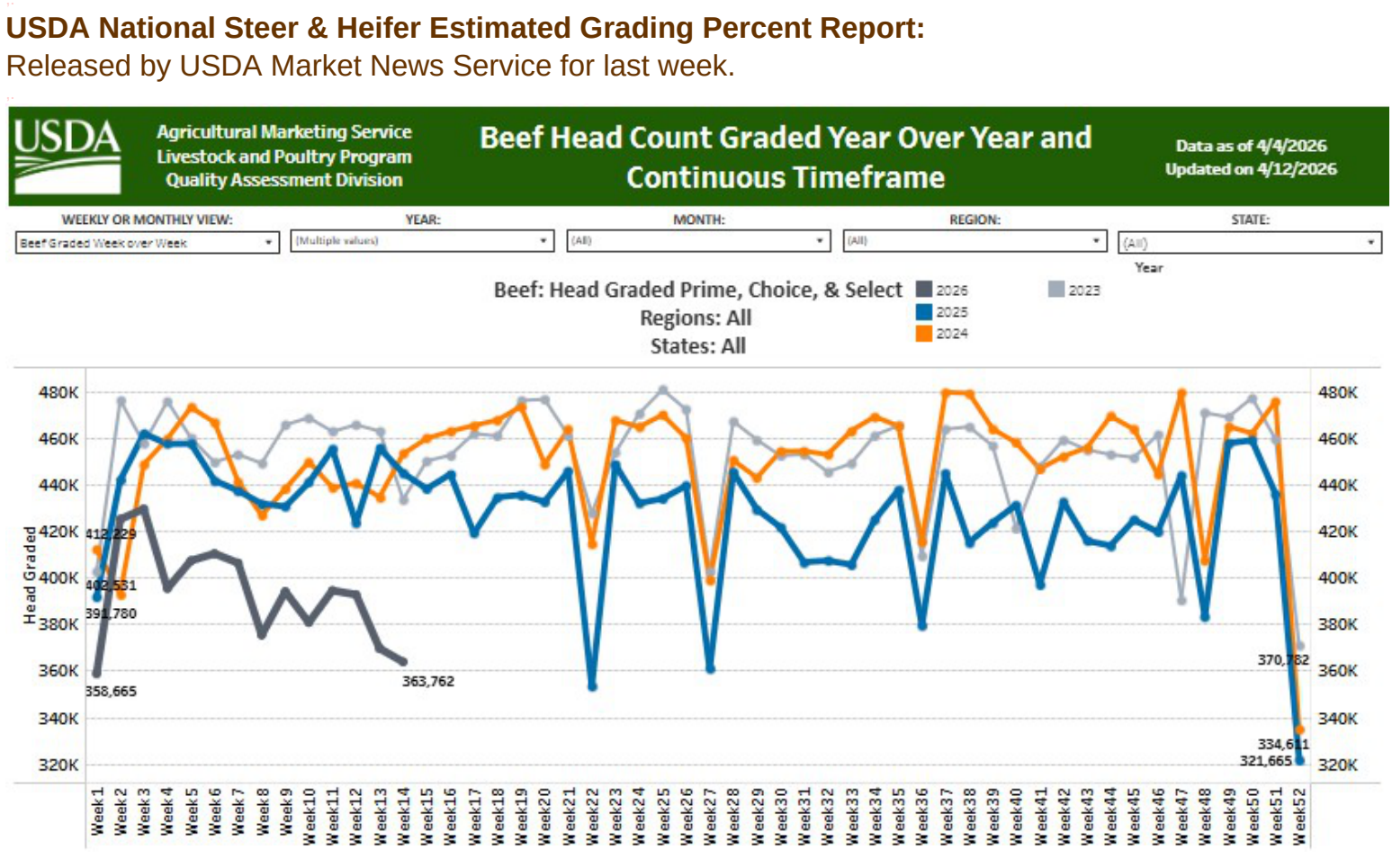
Load Count And Cutout Value Summary For Prior 5 Days

Date	Choice	Select	Trim	Grinds	Total	Choice 600-900	Select 600-900
04/16	73	9	10	12	104	381.57	378.48
04/15	84	5	7	9	106	381.98	378.58
04/14	62	15	6	11	95	383.20	379.80
04/13	38	6	12	14	70	381.92	383.64
04/10	56	5	5	18	84	380.90	381.34
Current 5 Day Simple Average:						381.91	380.37



USDA National Steer & Heifer Estimated Grading Percent Report:

Released by USDA Market News Service for last week.



Last Week's Beef Trade Data:

- **Net sales** of 12,100 MT for 2026 were down 31 percent from the previous week, but up 12 percent from the prior 4-week average.
- **Exports** of 13,400 MT were up 1 percent from the previous week, but down 2 percent from the prior 4-week average.

---

^ Contents

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 2.2 percent and the Activity Index increased by 11.6 percent. Compared to last week, items from the brisket, chuck, sirloin, ground, and variety meat sections showed a decrease in ad space while items from the loin, rib, round, other/misc., and deli sections showed an increase in ad space.

Metric	Current Week (CW)	Previous Week (PW)	Previous Year (PY)
Total Outlets	25,521	25,521	24,824
Activity Index	104,394	93,516	84,788
Feature Rate (%)	94.4%	96.6%	74.0%

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.

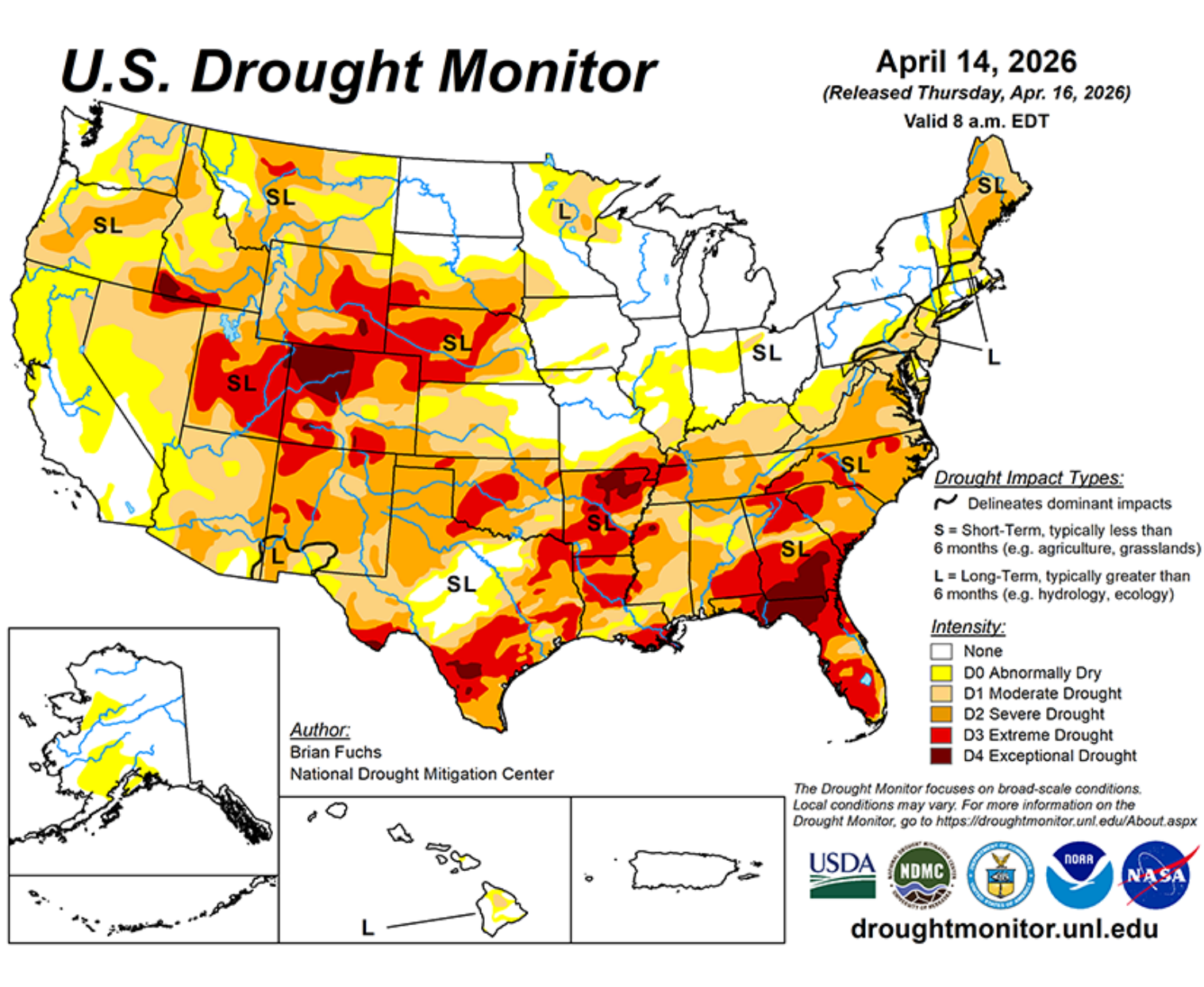
---

^ Contents

Est. Weekly Meat Production Under Federal Inspection:

Total red meat production under Federal inspection for the week ending Saturday, April 18th was estimated at 1011 million lbs. according to the USDA Marketing Service. This was 0.7 percent higher than a week ago and 1.1 percent lower than a year ago. Cumulative meat production for the year to date was 3.7 percent lower compared to the previous year.

Drought Conditions & Weather Outlook:


U.S. Drought Monitor
April 14, 2026
(Released Thursday, Apr. 16, 2026)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT
SL
L
Drought Impact Types:
Delineates dominant impacts
S = Short-Term, typically less than 6 months (e.g. agriculture, grasslands)
L = Long-Term, typically greater than 6 months (e.g. hydrology, ecology)
Intensity:
None
D0 Abnormally Dry
D1 Moderate Drought
D2 Severe Drought
D3 Extreme Drought
D4 Exceptional Drought
Author:
Brian Fuchs
National Drought Mitigation Center
The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx
USDA
NDMC
NOAA
NASA
droughtmonitor.unl.edu

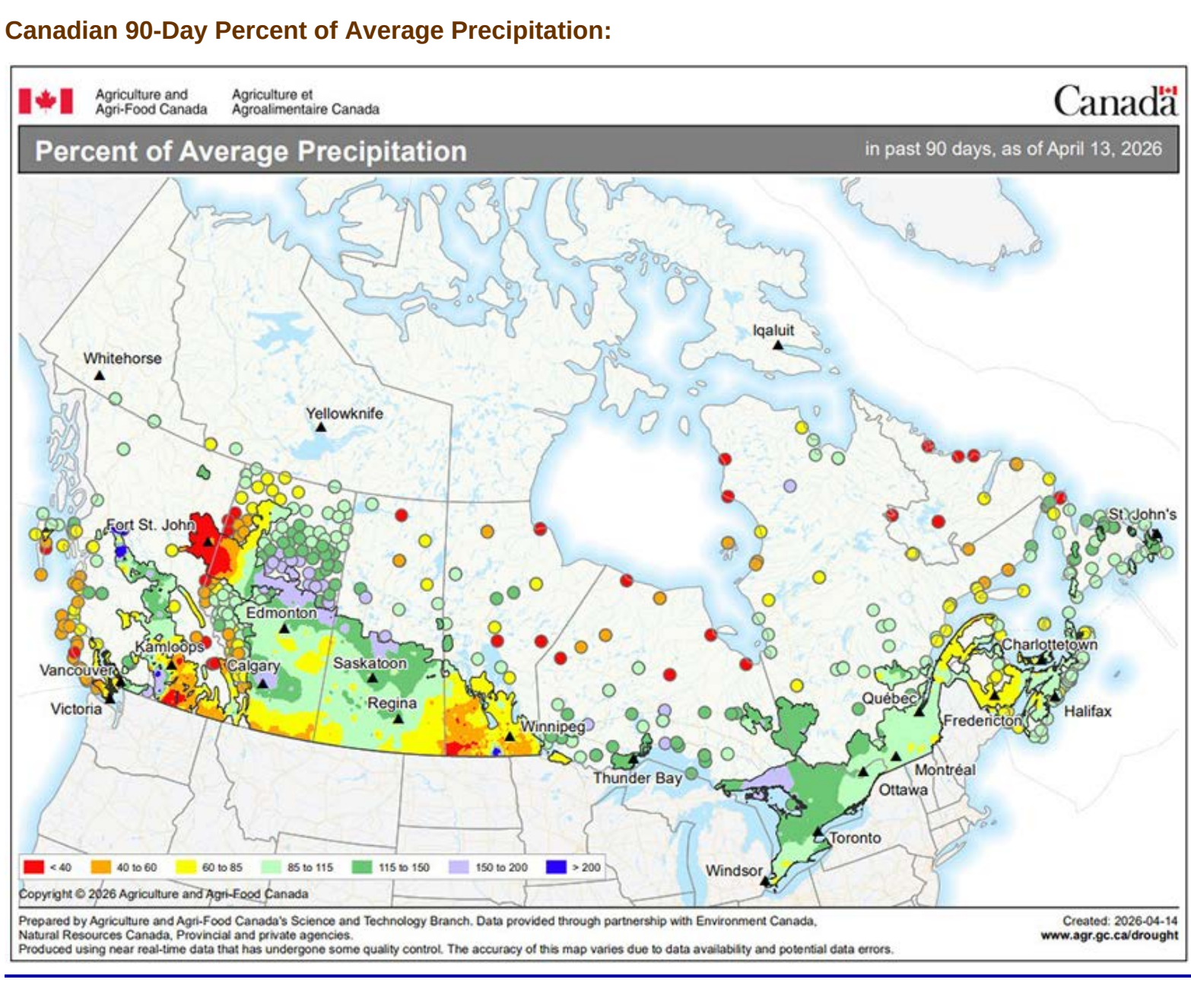
Click Here to view a Slide Show of Drought Monitor maps for the last 12 weeks

51%
of the U.S. and 61.03% of the lower 48 states are in drought this week.
↑ 1.6% since last week
↑ 12.9% since last month

148.8 Million
people in the U.S. and 148.7 Million in the lower 48 states are affected by drought this week.
↑ 12.4% since last week
↑ 3.3% since last month

45
U.S. states are experiencing Moderate Drought (D1) or worse this week.
↑ 1 state since last week
– No change since last month

Canadian 90-Day Percent of Average Precipitation:


Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada
Agriculture et Agroalimentaire Canada
Canada
Percent of Average Precipitation
in past 90 days, as of April 13, 2026
Whitehorse
Yellowknife
Iqaluit
Fort St. John
Edmonton
Kamloops
Calgary
Saskatoon
Regina
Vancouver
Victoria
Winnipeg
Thunder Bay
Windsor
Toronto
Ottawa
Montréal
Québec
Fredericton
Charlottetown
Halifax
St. John's
< 40
40 to 60
60 to 85
85 to 115
115 to 150
150 to 200
> 200
Copyright © 2026 Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada
Prepared by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada's Science and Technology Branch. Data provided through partnership with Environment Canada, Natural Resources Canada, Provincial and private agencies.
Produced using near real-time data that has undergone some quality control. The accuracy of this map varies due to data availability and potential data errors.
Created: 2026-04-14
www.agr.gc.ca/drought

Looking ahead...

Over the next 5–7 days, precipitation is expected to be most prominent across the southern Plains, Midwest, and Northeast. The heaviest precipitation is likely from eastern Kansas into Missouri and northward into eastern Iowa, northern Illinois, and the Great Lakes.

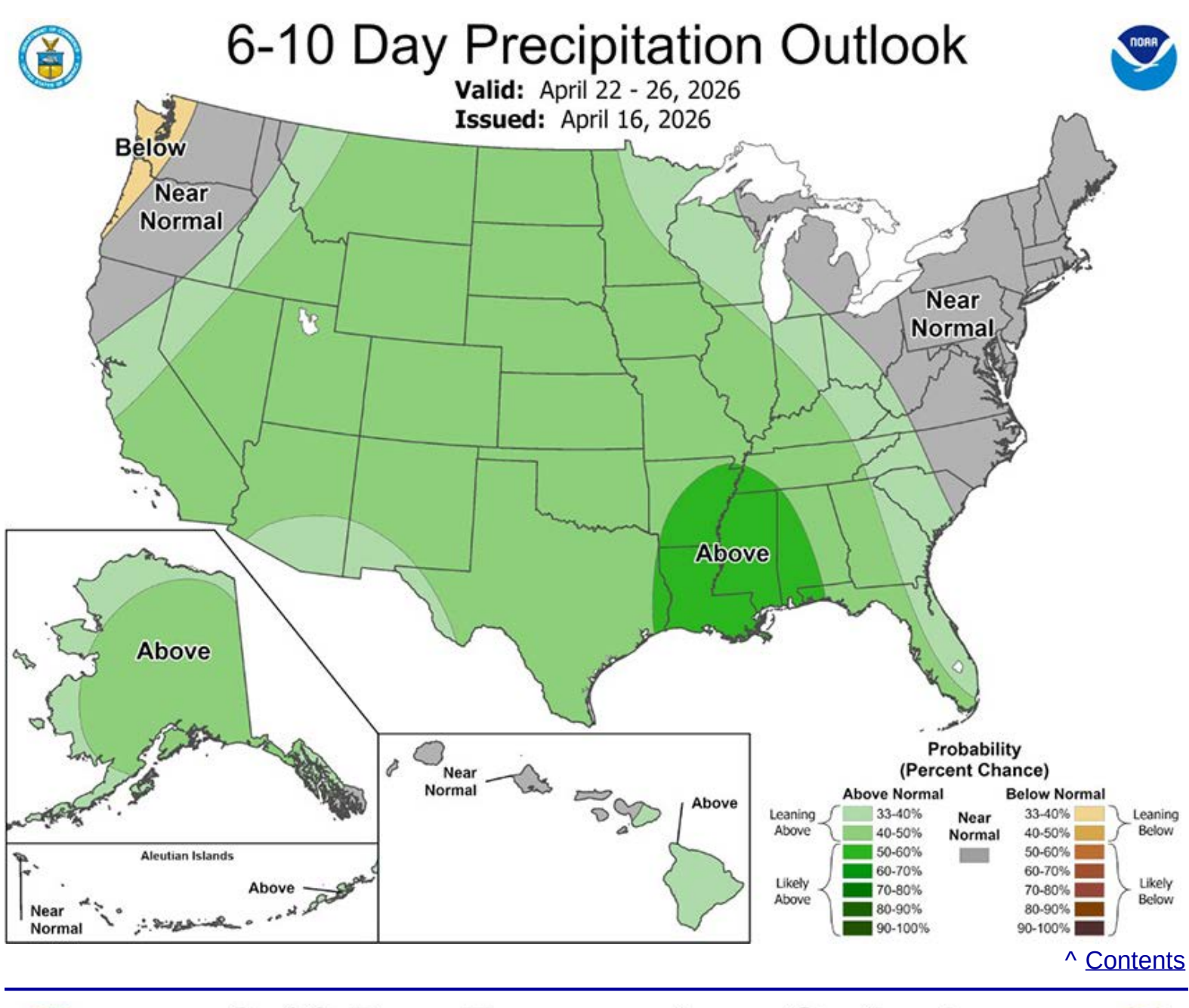
Additional precipitation is expected from the Pacific Northwest into the northern Rockies and High Plains. Dryness is likely to persist across much of the Southwest and Southeast.

Temperatures are expected to be above normal from the northern Rockies into the High Plains, with the greatest departures in western Nebraska, eastern Colorado, and central Montana (10–13 degrees above normal). Cooler-than-normal temperatures are anticipated across much of central Texas (5–9 degrees below normal), while warmer-than-normal conditions are expected across the Mid-Atlantic (5–7 degrees above normal).

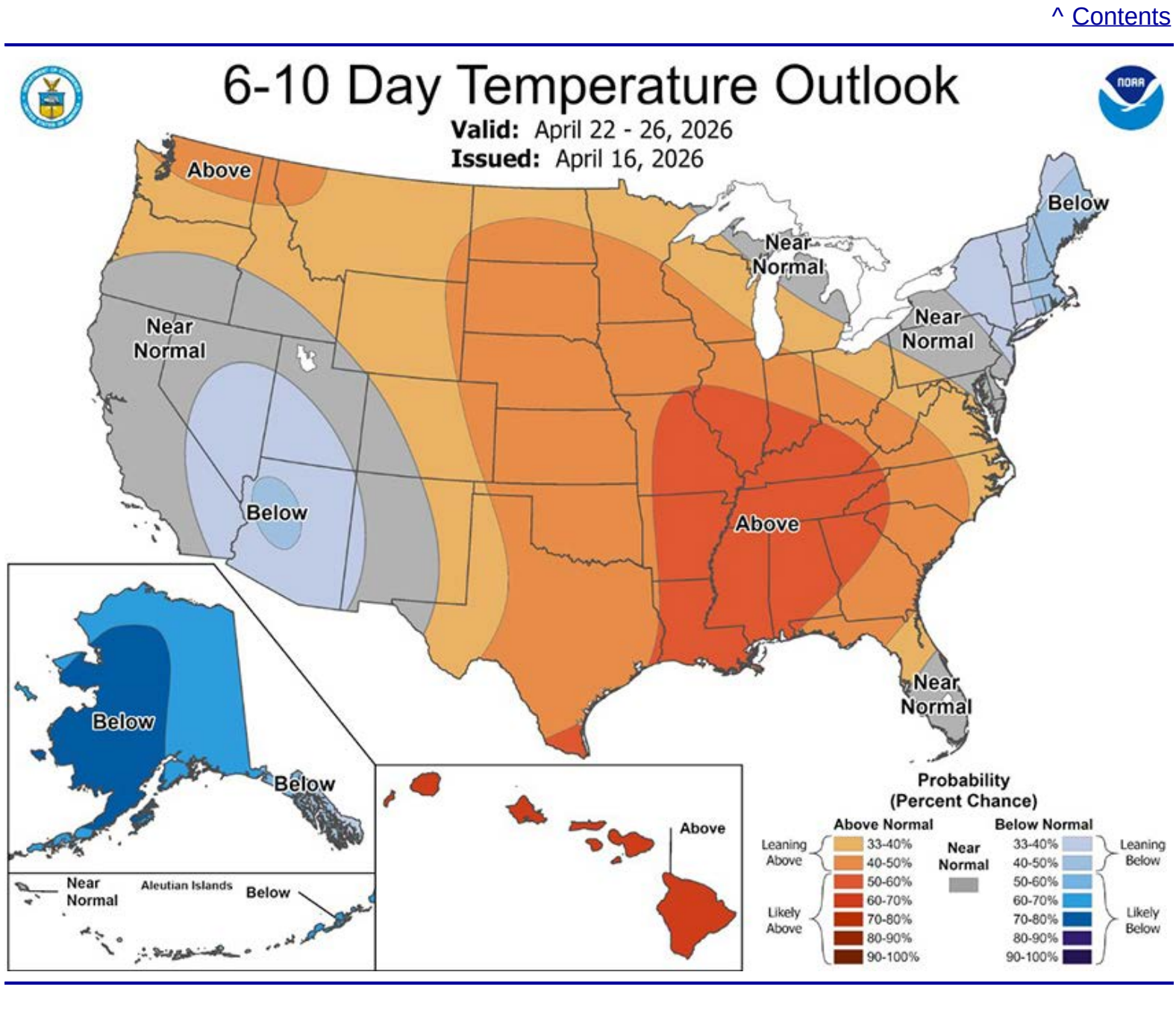
The 6-10 day outlooks show that the locations with the best chances of experiencing below- normal temperatures are in the Southwest, especially those locations in Arizona and southern Nevada and California as well as in New England with the best chances in both Arizona and Maine. There is a high likelihood of above-normal temperatures over much of the Midwest, Plains, and into the South and Southeast with the best chances over Kansas, Missouri, Arkansas, Oklahoma into southern Nebraska and Iowa.

Precipitation chances are expected to be near-normal over southern Florida and southern areas of New Mexico and Arizona. Near-normal precipitation is also expected over the Pacific Northwest, upper Midwest and into the Northern Plains. In the Northeast, there will be a mix of near-normal to below-normal precipitation chances. Most of the rest of the country has above-normal chances of recording above-normal precipitation with the greatest chances over an area from northern Louisiana to Indiana.

Precipitation & Temperature Outlooks:



^ Contents

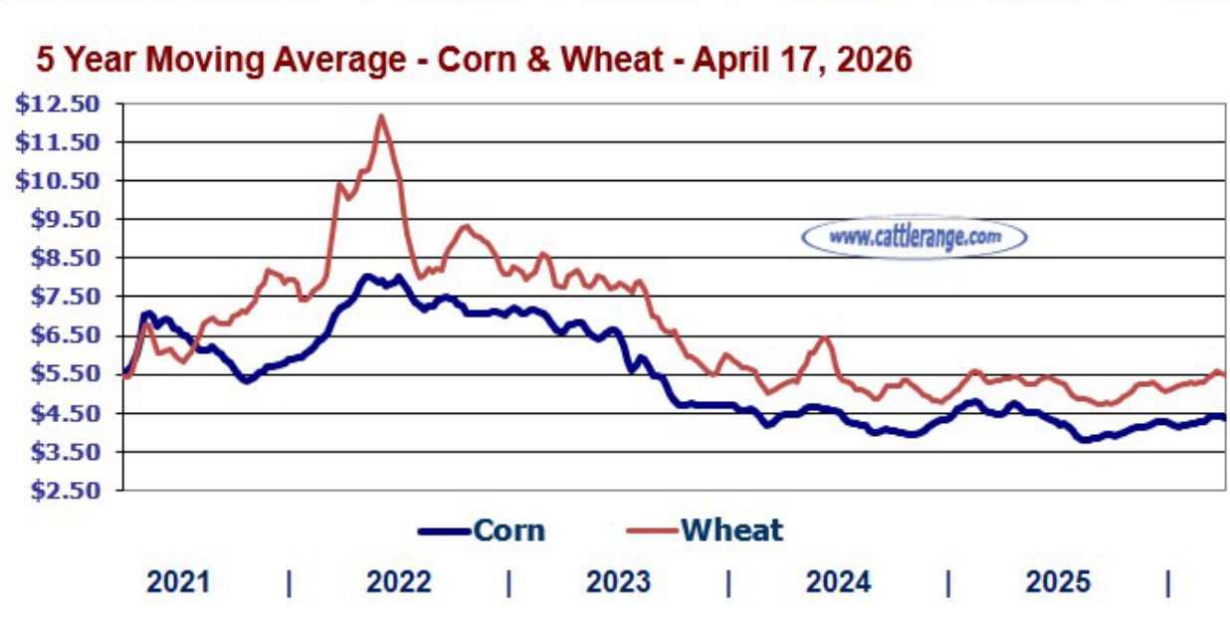


---

^ Contents

Weekly Grain Market Review:

Grain Prices	04/17/26	Last Week	1 Month Ago	1 Year Ago	5 Yr. Avg.
Omaha Corn	4.37	4.33	4.42	4.73	5.48
Kansas City Wheat	5.45	5.42	5.52	5.48	6.67
July Corn Futures	4.5750	4.5125	4.6550	4.9025	5.3491
July Wheat Futures	5.9925	5.8075	5.9525	5.6225	6.6998



Last Week's Corn Trade Data:

- **Net sales** of 1,400,600 MT for 2025/2026 were up 3 percent from the previous week and 14 percent from the prior 4-week average.
- **Exports** of 1,558,700 MT were down 15 percent from the previous week and 14 percent from the prior 4-week average.

---

^ Contents

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

Last Friday & Saturday Auctions:

Burwell Livestock Auction Market - Burwell NE
This Week:
Last Reported:
Last Year:
No sale reported.

Ft. Pierre Livestock Auction - Ft. Pierre SD
This Week: 8,172
Last Reported: 7,138
Last Year: 6,057
Compared to last week: steers from 550 lbs to 599 lbs and 700 lbs to 749 lbs were 2.00 to 4.00 higher, steers from 600 lbs to 649 lbs were 6.00 to 8.00 lower, steers from 650 lbs to 699 lbs and steers from 750 lbs to 899 lbs were 10.00 to 15.00 higher: heifers from 600 lbs to 699 lbs and 800 lbs to 849 lbs were 10.00 to 15.00 higher, with instances of 20.00 higher, 700 lbs to 749 lbs were 4.00 to 6.00 lower, heifer from 750 lbs to 799 lbs were mostly steady. A big run of feeder cattle and replacement heifers for todays auctions.

Lexington Livestock Market - Lexington, NE
This Week:
Last Reported:
Last Year:
No sale reported.

Torrington Livestock Commission - Torrington WY
This Week: 2,345
Last Reported: 671
Last Year: 873
Compared to last week; slaughter and feeder cows traded 2,.00 to 4.00 higher. Slaughter bulls traded steady. A nice offering of cow calf pairs also with a very active internet. Also a nice selection of mainly bred aged cows

Cattleman's Livestock Auction - Belen NM
This Week: 441
Last Reported: 397
Last Year: 346
Compared to last week: With limited comparisons in calves and feeder classes. Steer and heifer calves sold 10.00-15.00 higher. Feeder steers and heifers sold 5.00-8.00 higher. Slaughter cows and bulls sold 3.00-5.00 higher. Trade moderate 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: 1,505
Last Reported: 426
Last Year: 1,423
Compared to the last special two weeks ago, the best test on feeder steers were weighing 600-800 lbs trading mostly 10.00-15.00 higher, with steer calves under 600 lbs and yearling steers over 800 lbs all trading with a higher undertone. Feeder heifers weighing under 700 lbs sold mostly 10.00-15.00 higher, with spots 20.00 higher on the 550-600 lb heifers and two pot loads of 930 lb heifers selling with a firm to higher undertone. Demand was good on a moderate offering.

Smith County Commission - Carthage TN
This Week: 964
Last Reported: 488
Last Year: 0
Compared to last week Feeder Steers under700lbs steady to 4.00 lower, over 700lbs 10.00 higher on a light test from the previous week; Feeder Heifers 6.00 higher on a light test with Heifers under 450lbs sharply higher; Feeder Bulls under 600lbs 2.00 to 4.00 lower, over 600 lbs 6.00 to 8.00 higher; Slaughter Cows/ Bulls well tested at 4.00 to 6.00 higher with Lean Cows being mostly steady; Quality fair to fancy with strong demand throughout the sale.

Carolina Stockyards – Livestock Auction – Siler City, NC
This Week: 1,050
Last Reported: 702
Last Year: 783
Slaughter cattle were 3.00 higher this week compared to last week . Feeder cattle were 4.00 to 6.00 higher this week compared to last week. Demand was moderate ; market activity and buyer interest were moderate. Offerings moderate with quality average.

Monday Auctions:

Sioux Falls Regional Livestock Report - Worthing SD
This Week: 5,597
Last Reported: 2,609
Last Year: 2,809
Compared to last week: Feeder steers and heifers 5.00 to 15.00 higher. A very large offering of feeder steers and heifers sold on a very active market. As the cattle futures complex makes new highs, and cash fed cattle reaching the 250.00 mark, there was a lot of optimism on display at the auction.

Tri-State Livestock Auction Market - McCook NE
This Week:
Last Reported:
Last Year:
Tri-State Livestock has discontinued their market reporting for the time being.

Oklahoma National Stockyards Feeder Cattle - Oklahoma City OK
This Week: 4,859
Last Reported: 2,733
Last Year: 3,693
Compared to last week's light test: Feeder steers steady to 5.00 higher. Feeder heifers 10.00-15.00 higher. Steer and heifer calves mostly steady, except 500-600 lb heifer calves up to 25.00 higher. Demand very good for feeder cattle. Several fleshy and or full cattle included and these selling near the average or even the top of the price range of last week. Quality improved with the day and average to attractive.

Tulsa Livestock Auction - Tulsa, OK
This Week: 1,899
Last Reported: 1,084
Last Year: 2,673
Compared to last week: Steers were 12.00 higher. Heifers were 13.00 higher. Both with a good quality and high demand especially on cattle weighing 700 to 800 lbs. Slaughter cows were steady. Slaughter bulls were 1.00 lower to steady with very few receipts making it a light test.

Roswell Livestock Auction - Roswell NM
This Week: 1,652
Last Reported: 776
Last Year: 1,160
Compared to last weeks sale; Steer calves 300-500 lbs had no comparable sales but a higher market was felt. 500-600 lbs sold 5.00-8.00 lower. Feeder steers 600-750 lbs 15.00--22.00 higher. Heifer calves 400-500 lbs sold 5.00-7.00 higher and 500-600 lbs sold sharply higher. Feeder heifers had larger numbers than last week and sold substantially higher. Slaughter cows sold steady-2.00 higher and slaughter bulls were 5.00-7.00 higher. Excellent buyer attendance.

Joplin Reg. Stockyards Feeder Cattle - Carthage MO
This Week: 9,109
Last Reported: 7,808
Last Year: 8,398
Compared to last week feeder steers sold steady to 10.00 lower with some exceptions. Light 4 weights and 3 weights sold 20.00-35.00 lower. Heavy 8 weights sold 5.00 higher. Feeder heifers sold steady to 12.00 higher. Supply was heavy with moderate demand.

Callaway Livestock Center - Kingdom City MO
This Week: 3,094
Last Reported: 1,315
Last Year: 3,536
Compared to last week's much lighter offering of calves, steers and heifer calves under 700 lbs sold with a higher to sharply higher undertone, with the pot loads of 850-950 lb steers trading 4.00-8.00 higher. Demand was good to very good on a moderate to heavy offering. There was a good quality offering of 400-650 lb steers calves on offer Monday along with the yearling steers all sold on and active market

Mid-South Livestock - Unionville TN
This Week: 982
Last Reported: 447
Last Year: 953
Compared to last week, Feeder Steers/Bulls under 550 lbs. steady to 10.00 lower; over 550 lbs. 5.00-15.00 higher; Feeder Heifers 5.00-15.00 higher; Slaughter Cows mostly steady, Slaughter Bulls mostly steady.

Saluda Livestock Exchange - Saluda, SC
This Week: 861
Last Reported: 564
Last Year: 733
Compared to last week feeder steers and feeder bulls unevenly steady, feeder heifers sharply higher, slaughter cows and slaughter bulls 4.00 higher. Moderate offerings of plain to average quality cattle with active buyer participation.

United Producers Inc. - Harned KY
This Week: 263
Last Reported: 800
Last Year: 160
Compared to last week: Feeder steers and feeder heifers sold 3.00 to 6.00 higher. Strong demand for all classes of feeders . Slaughter cows and bulls sold 3.00 to 5.00 higher. Strong demand for all slaughter cattle.

Tuesday Auctions:

Miles City Livestock Commission Auction - Miles City, MT
This Week: 702
Last Reported: 350
Last Year: 0
Compared to last week (4-7-26): All feeder cattle were too lightly tested last week to develop an accurate market trend, however higher undertones were noted. Demand for feeder cattle was moderate to good. Quality this week was mostly average to attractive, with higher feeder cattle receipts than last week's offering. Feeding cows sold on good demand for moderate offerings. Feeding cows were too lightly tested last week to develop an accurate market trend, however steady to lower undertones were noted. Slaughter cows sold on good demand. Slaughter cows overall sold 1.00 to 4.00 higher.

Winter Livestock Auction - Riverton, WY
This Week: 1,079
Last Reported: 464
Last Year: 1,880
Compared to last Tuesday sale on a feeder special; slaughter cows mostly steady, slaughter bulls firm with top bull instances 5.00 lower with feeder cows going back to feed firm with instances 7.00-9.00 higher. Several packages feeder calves and yearlings with higher overtones noted with no true comparisons available. Demand good with good buyer participation.

Winter Livestock - La Junta CO
This Week:
Last Reported:
Last Year:
Report unavailable.

Beaver Livestock Auction Feeder Cattle - Beaver, OK
This Week: 6,769
Last Reported: 6,945
Last Year: 2,320
Compared to last sale: Feeder steers and heifers over 600 lbs 2.00-10.00 higher, except for 750 lb and 950 lb feeder steer 5.00 lower on plainer stock. In a light comparison steer calves 10.00-12.00 higher, heifer calves steady - 7.00 higher. Quality ranged anywhere from plain to attractive with few fancy drafts.

OKC West Livestock Auction - El Reno, OK
This Week: 2,000
Last Reported: 7,880
Last Year: 5,970
Compared to last week: Steer calves over 500lbs 5.00-10.00 higher, under 500lbs steady. Last week, five-weight steers were only modestly higher while flyweight steers were dollars higher; this week was the exact opposite. Heifer calves were 5.00 to 10.00 higher. While no trend will be set on unweaned cattle, it was noteworthy that unweaned steer calves were lower, while unweaned heifer calves were higher. The steer market started the day inconsistent, with some weight classes trading lower and others higher, but improved as the sale progressed.

Lonestar Stockyards - Wildorado, TX
This Week: 1,241
Last Reported: 1,168
Last Year: 1,077
Compared to last week: Feeder heifers weighing between 500 to 700 lbs traded 15.00 to 20.00 higher. There were not enough comparable sales in other classes to establish a market trend. Quality was mixed, with a the majority of the supply consisting of plainer type cattle. A large consignment of Corriente-cross cattle were on offer, with most falling into the Medium 2 grade. Trading activity was active on good buyer demand as the board traded heavy into the green again today. Slaughter cows and bulls traded mostly 5.00 to 10.00 higher, with notably higher buyer demand.

Ozarks Regional Stockyards - West Plains MO
This Week: 2,213
Last Reported: 2,025
Last Year: 2,144
Compared to last week, feeder steers were steady to 6.00 higher with feeder heifers not well tested. Steer and heifer calves were uneven from 3.00 lower to 6.00 higher. Demand was good on a moderate supply. The quality of the offering was above average especially on several loads of yearlings.

Mid-State Stockyards LLP - Letohatchee, AL
This Week: 1,415
Last Reported: 940
Last Year: 1,650
Compared to one week ago: Slaughter cows and bulls sold 1.00 to 4.00 higher. Replacement cows sold steady. Feeder steers and bulls sold unevenly steady. Feeder heifers sold 5.00 to 10.00 higher.

Calhoun Stockyard - Calhoun, GA
This Week: 349
Last Reported: 257
Last Year: 307
Compared to one week ago, slaughter cows mostly steady, slaughter bulls steady to 3.00 higher, feeder steers lightly tested, feeder bulls and heifer unevenly steady, replacement cows steady.

Blue Grass Stockyards - Lexington, KY
This Week: 331
Last Reported: 1,201
Last Year: 1,090
Compared to last Tuesday feeder steers 600 lbs and under were steady with a lite test, while the yearling steers appeared 4.00 to 5.00 higher with a moderate supply and good demand. Feeder heifers 350-450 lbs were sharply higher, while the 500 lbs and over were unevenly steady with a good supply and good demand. Slaughter cows were mostly steady with a limited supply and slaughter bulls were 3.00 to 5.00 higher with strong demand.

Producers Livestock Auction - Salina, UT
This Week: 918
Last Reported: 965
Last Year: 851
Compared to last week, feeder steers sold sharply higher, with feeder heifers selling unevenly steady on calves and yearlings. While breakers sold steady, boning and lean cows sold 2.00 to 5.00 lower, with slaughter bulls selling steady to 2.00 higher on high yielding bulls on a light test. Trade was active with a good demand and a moderate supply.

Wednesday Auctions:

Hub City Livestock Auction - Aberdeen SD
This Week: 7,101
Last Reported: 5,579
Last Year: 5,893
Compared to last week: steers 700 to 749 lbs and 900 to 949 lbs 4.00 to 10.00 higher, 800 to 899 lbs and 950 to 999 lbs mostly steady, 750 to 799 lbs not well compared. Best test on heifers 700 to 749 lbs mostly steady, 750 to 799 lbs 6.00 to 9.00 higher. Another large offering of feeder cattle this week. Similar to last week, many sold in loads and strings but there were also many packages this week. Very good demand for all classes of cattle.

Bassett Livestock Auction - Bassett NE
This Week:
Last Reported:
Last Year:
No sale report this week.

Huss Platte Valley Auction - Kearney NE
This Week:
Last Reported:
Last Year:
No sale report this week.

OKC West - El Reno OK
This Week: 7,923
Last Reported: 7,880
Last Year: 5,970
Compared to last week: Feeder steers over 800lbs unevenly steady, under 800lbs 5.00-15.00 higher. After last week's stout run in the heavyweight steer market, grazing steer prices caught up this week. Feeder heifers over 750lbs unevenly steady, under 750lbs 5.00-10.00 higher. Steer calves over 500lbs 5.00-10.00 higher, under 500lbs steady. Last week, five-weight steers were only modestly higher while flyweight steers were dollars higher; this week was the exact opposite. Heifer calves were 5.00 to 10.00 higher.

Clovis Livestock Auction - Clovis, NM
This Week: 1,658
Last Reported: 1,175
Last Year: 1,497
Compared to last weeks sale; Steer calves sold uneven on larger numbers with 550-600 lbs being 15.00-18.00 higher. Feeder steers sold steady-15.00 lower. Heifer calves 450-500 lbs were 18.00-20.00 higher. Feeder heifers 700-750 lbs sold 10.00 higher. Trade was moderate on larger numbers. Slaughter cows sold steady-5.00 higher and slaughter bulls were 3.00 lower. Excellent buyer attendance.

Winter Livestock Feeder Cattle Auction - Dodge City KS

This Week: 2,258
Last Reported: 2,674
Last Year: 2,932
Compared to last week, yearling steers and heifers sold steady to 5.00 higher while steer and heifer calves sold 10.00 to 20.00 higher. Boning utility slaughter cows sold steady to 3.00 higher while Breaker and Lean utility sold 9.00 lower. Load size, quality and condition were large contributor to buyers discretion today. Good demand for moderate supply.

Bloomfield Livestock Market - Bloomfield, IA
This Week:
Last Reported:
Last Year:
No sale report this week.

Springfield Livestock Auction - Springfield MO
This Week: 1,121
Last Reported: 2,538
Last Year: 989
Compared to last week, steers under 600lbs sold mostly 5.00 to 12.00 higher, and steers over 600 lbs sold with a steady to weaker undertone based on limited comparisons on heavier weights with last weeks high quality yearling special. Heifers under 550lbs sold mostly 3.00 to 7.00 higher and heavier weights sold with a steady undertone. Demand was good on a moderate supply.

South Central Regional Stockyards - Vienna, MO
This Week: 1,526
Last Reported: 1,326
Last Year: 1,756
Compared to the last reported sale two weeks ago, feeder steers under 450 lbs 5.00-10.00 higher, heavier weights mostly steady. Feeder heifers under 600 lbs 5.00-15.00 higher, over 600 lbs steady. Slaughter cows steady. Demand good. Supply moderate. Several high quality calves weighing 425-600 lbs with some weaned and some not although overall quality was not quite as good as two weeks ago.

Roanoke Stockyard - Roanoke AL
This Week: 881
Last Reported: 919
Last Year: 985
Compared to one week ago: Feeder steers and heifers sold 5.00 to 10.00 higher, feeder bulls sold 3.00 to 7.00 higher. Slaughter cows sold 5.00 to 9.00 higher, slaughter bulls sold 2.00 higher. Replacement cows and pairs sold mostly steady.

Blue Grass Stockyards - Albany KY
This Week: 588
Last Reported: 696
Last Year: 445
Compared to last week: Feeder steers and heifers sold steady to 4.00 higher. Slaughter cows sold 2.00 to 4.00 lower with slaughter bulls steady to 2.00 lower

Thursday Auctions:

Billings Livestock Commission Cattle Auction - Billings, MT
This Week:
Last Reported:
Last Year:
No sale report this week.

Mitchell Livestock Auction – Mitchell SD
This Week:
Last Reported:
Last Year:
No sale report this week.

Valentine Livestock Auction - Valentine NE
This Week: 450
Last Reported: 3,970
Last Year: 0
The auction today offered consignments for everyone. Special Pair, Spring and Fall bred cows and heifers started the day with, baby calves off the cow, first selected brought $1550. Majority of offerings all in good condition, pairs with calves at side tagged to match. followed by Spring bred females then onto Fall bred offerings. Next Auction Date May 7th Special Feeder Sale.

Apache Livestock Auction - Apache, OK
This Week: 1,763
Last Reported: 1,951
Last Year: 1,265
Compared to last week: Feeder steers steady to 5.00 higher. Feeder heifers 5.00 to 10.00 lower. Steer calves 5.00 to 10.00 higher and heifer calves 5.00 to 10.00 lower. Quality average to attractive with moderate demand. Slaughter cows mostly steady on a light test. Slaughter bulls 3.00 lower. A total of 206 cows and bulls sold with 37 percent going to packers.

Woodward Wtd Avg Cattle - Woodward OK
This Week: 3,029
Last Reported: 1,430
Last Year: 1,129
Compared to last week: Feeder steers 5.00 to 8.00 lower. Feeder heifers up to 12.00 lower. Steer and heifer calves mostly steady. Demand was moderate. Quality average to plain.

Winter Livestock Auction - Pratt KS
This Week: 3,563
Last Reported: 3,907
Last Year: 3,087
Compared to last week, feeder steers 675 lb to 975 lb sold 6.00 to 10.00 lower. Steers under 675 lb sold unevenly steady. Feeder heifers 800 lb to 950 lb sold steady to 5.00 lower. Heifers 650 lb to 800 lb sold 8.00 to 12.00 lower. Not enough heifers under 650 lb for a market test, however a higher trend was noted. Demand was moderate. Approximately 22% of the steer run weighed over 1,000 lb. Slaughter cows sold steady. Slaughter bulls sold 6.00 to 8.00 lower.

Farmers & Ranchers Livestock - Salina KS
This Week: 4,748
Last Reported: 4,908
Last Year: 3,685
Compared to last week, feeder steers under 800 lbs sold steady to 10.00 higher. An influx of heavy weight steers over 800 lbs sold steady. Feeder Heifers under 500 lbs not enough for market test, heifers over 500 lbs sold steady to 10.00 higher. Demand was good to very good on a high supply.

Cattleman's Livestock Auction - Dalhart TX
This Week: 1,822
Last Reported: 2,135
Last Year: 1,338
Compared to last week: Sentiment seemed to be mixed on few comparable sales. Both lighter steer and heifer calves seemed to be favored over their 600-700 pound counterparts. Average to high yielding boner cows were steady to lower. Trade was active on good demand.

Producers Livestock Cattle Auction - San Angelo, TX
This Week:
Last Reported:
Last Year:
No sale report this week.

New Cambria Livestock Market - New Cambria, MO
This Week: 1,287
Last Reported: 1,047
Last Year: 1,447
Compared to the last sale two weeks ago, steers and heifers under 600 lbs steady to 5.00 higher, heavier weights steady to 5.00 lower. Slaughter cows 4.00 to 10.00 higher. Supply moderate, demand moderate to good.

Bluegrass Stockyards South - Stanford KY
This Week: 1,195
Last Reported: 1,362
Last Year: 1,878
Compared to last Thursday: Feeder steers under 700 lbs steady, over 700 lbs 4.00-6.00 higher, Feeder and yearling heifers steady, Good demand for feeder and yearling classes. Slaughter cows 8.00-12.00 lower, Slaughter bulls 3.00-5.00 lower, Moderate demand for slaughter classes.

Paris Stockyards - Paris KY
This Week: 1,836
Last Reported: 1,579
Last Year: 2,502
Compared to last Thursday the feeder market was mostly stronger with a good quality offering. Feeder steers 400 lbs and under were sharply higher with strong demand, while the 500-650 lbs steers were 3.00 to 4.00 lower with a good supply and good demand. Feeder heifers 550 lbs and under were 6.00 to 10.00 higher or greater in spots with strong demand, while heifers 600 lbs and over were mostly steady. Slaughter cows were 2.00 to 3.00 lower with a good supply and slaughter bulls were steady with good demand.

Toppenish Livestock Auction - Toppenish, WA
This Week: 1,132
Last Reported: 1,860
Last Year: 1,600
Compared to last Thursday, stocker and feeder cattle steady in a light test. Feeder cattle futures posted losses of $3.67 to $4.62 on Thursday, with April down 42 cents. Slaughter bulls firm. Trade active with good demand especially for feeder type cows.

- **Extensive U.S. & Canadian Auction Results are available on The Cattle Range**

---

^ Contents

Direct Sales of Feeder & Stocker Cattle... Click Link to view entire report

Colorado Direct Cattle Report
This Week: 1,571
Last Reported: 5,262
Last Year: 400
Compared to last week: Not enough current FOB trades to establish a trend. Demand good. Supply included: 100% Feeder Cattle (100% Steers). 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. Livestock reported this week originated from CO, KS, OK, TX.

Eastern Cornbelt Direct Cattle Report (IL/IN/MI/MN/OH/KY)
This Week: 518
Last Reported: 1,541
Last Year: 564
Compared to last week: Not enough comparable Current FOB trades to test trends for both steers and heifers. Demand remains good. Supply included: 100% Feeder Cattle (11.2% Steers, 88.8% 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 8-18 cent slide > 600 lbs. Livestock reported this week originated from KY.

Kansas Direct Feeder Cattle Report
This Week: 4,663
Last Reported: 5,126
Last Year: 2,301
Compared to last week: Feeder steers and heifers traded mostly 2.00 lower. Cattle that traded early in the week were slightly higher, but dropped to 2.00 lower as the week progressed and the CME board dropped. Buyer demand remains good. A large portion of the supply this week consisted of cattle that are contracted for Early Summer to early Fall delivery. Supply included: 100% Feeder Cattle (70.5% Steers, 9.7% Dairy Steers, 19.9% Heifers). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 90%. 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. and up to a 25 cent slide < 600 lbs. Livestock reported this week originated from CO, KS, MS, OK, TX.

Missouri Direct Cattle Report
This Week: 452
Last Reported: 104
Last Year: 347
Compared to last week: Not enough feeder steers to test trends. Feeder heifers not established. Demand remains good. Supply included: 100% Feeder Cattle (100% Steers). 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 cent slide > 600 lbs. Livestock reported this week originated from MO.

Montana Direct Cattle Report
This Week:
Last Reported:
Last Year:
No trades this week.

New Mexico Direct Cattle Report
This Week: 813
Last Reported: 1,333
Last Year: 2,463
Compared to last week: Feeder heifers were mostly 5.00 higher on a light test. Not enough comparable sales on steers for a market trend. Buyer demand was good. Supply included: 100% Feeder Cattle (8% Steers, 92% 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:
Last Reported:
Last Year:
No trades this week

Oklahoma Direct Cattle Report
This Week: 2,481
Last Reported: 3,063
Last Year: 1,959
Compared to last week: Not enough current FOB trades to establish a trend. Demand good. Supply included: 100% Feeder Cattle (78.9% Steers, 21.1% 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 OK.

Southeast Direct Cattle Report (AL/AR/FL/GA/LA/MS/TN)
This Week: 515
Last Reported: 2,284
Last Year: 858
Supply included: 100% Feeder Cattle (55.9% Steers, 44.1% 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 up to a 15 cent slide >600 lbs and up to a 20 cent slide <600 lbs. Livestock reported this week originated from AL, GA, MS.

Southwest Direct Cattle Report (AZ/CA/NV)
This Week: 644
Last Reported: 0
Last Year: 0
Compared to last week, feeders have no comparison. Trade moderate, demand good. Supply included: 100% Feeder Cattle (15.8% Steers, 68.3% Dairy Steers, 15.8% Heifers). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 31%. 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, ID, TX.

Texas Direct Cattle Report
This Week: 13,130
Last Reported: 14,362
Last Year: 24,050
Compared to last week: Current FOB steers and heifers were unevenly steady depending on when in the week cattle were traded resulting in wide price spreads. Early sales looked to be higher while later in the week the CME board pulled back curbing prices and trades. Demand was moderate to good. Supply included: 100% Feeder Cattle (42.7% Steers, 0.8% Dairy Steers, 55.8% Heifers, 0.4% Beef/Dairy Steers, 0.4% Beef/Dairy Heifers). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 98%. 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, GA, KY, MS, NM, OK, TX.

Wyoming-Nebraska Direct Cattle Report
This Week: 456
Last Reported: 179
Last Year: 130
No comparable offerings for a market comparison. Demand was good. Several feedlots in Nebraska continue to seek out cattle to backfill empty pens. Feedlot sales mostly steady as the CME live cattle boards sold off throughout the week. Live sales sold at 248.00 and dressed sales sold at 388.00. Supply included: 100% Feeder Cattle (56.1% Steers, 43.9% 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 10-15 cent slide > 600 lbs. Livestock reported this week originated from AL, KS.

- **Extensive U.S. & Canadian Auction Results are available on The Cattle Range**

---

^ Contents

USDA Weekly Hay Reports: "Click" on links for detailed report

- Alabama
- California
- Colorado
- Idaho
- Iowa
- Kansas
- Missouri
- Montana
- Nebraska
- New Mexico
- Oklahoma
- Oregon
- South Dakota
- Texas
- WA/OR Columbia Basin
- Wyoming

---

^ Contents

Although all information is from sources believed to be accurate & timely, The Cattle Range expressly disclaims all warranties, expressed or implied, as to the accuracy of any of the contents provided and shall not be liable for decisions or actions taken based on the data/information/opinions contained within.

Copyright © 2026 - The Cattle Range - All Rights Reserved
