the Cattle Range

Weekly Market Summary

For the week ending Friday, August 29, 2025

For the week, slaughter cattle traded for week 1.00 lower both steers and heifers. Holstein steers traded 1.00 lower. Holstein heifers traded 1.00 lower. Holstein cows traded with the dressed beef cutout mostly lower.

FOB Cash/Negotiated Cattle

50 Day Cattle Trailing	50 Day Cattle Trailing
Steers: 232.00 / Trend: Sideways	Heifers: 232.00 / Trend: Sideways

Cattle Futures - Activity was light with mixed trade. Feeder cattle futures closed lower 0.15 to 1.00 for the week. Live cattle futures closed lower 0.15 to 0.40 for the week.

Change from 90 Days Ago	10-Wk Avg
Steers: 0.00 / Trend: Sideways	Steers: 232.00 / Trend: Sideways
Heifers: 0.00 / Trend: Sideways	Heifers: 232.00 / Trend: Sideways

Cattle Futures - Top nearby average price for feeder steers @ 285.27, up 0.40 from last week. Top nearby average price for live cattle @ 237.37, up 0.37 from last week.

Cutter Cow Cutout - 2.30 lower at 226.75

Boxed Beef Cutout - Choice 1.00 lower at 349.75. Select 1.00 lower at 339.75.

Total net meat production - Inspected Federal slaughter for the week ending Saturday, December 28, 2024 was 596.0 million lbs, 0.4% lower than a year ago. Cumulative production for the year is 29.0 billion lbs, 0.1% lower than last year. Current year to date production is 0.1% lower than a year ago. Cumulative production for the last 52 weeks is 0.1% lower than the previous year.

Steers Cost was 0.0 lower @ 0.00 with Liquidation Selling on 0.00 head. Weight 0.0 lower at 0.0 with a gain of 0.0 for the week. Offered 0.00 head.

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Hot Corn, Tame Beef - Farm Journal

USDA "BASICS" Report: Price Outlook for Cattle Unchanged, Corn Lowered

Cattle Feeding Margins Improve Amid Lower Corn and Elevated Feedstock Costs

The Cost to Cow-Calf Producers Is Up 25% in 2024

Which Midwestern Cities Pay the Most and Least for Beef, Pork, Chicken, and Milk?

U.S. Jobless Claims Jump to 232,000 as major sectors remain in steady contraction

Cattle Producers Are Cashing Out Amid Record Prices, Tariffs and Drought Pressure

Beef Demand Remains Strong Despite Record Prices and Economic Uncertainty

Cattle Producers on Verge of Big Profits Leading Out of Drought

Cinder Bed Cutout Closes at Lowest Level of the Year

Beef Contracts, Converting Beef Production Into Ethanol Are Key Cross Goals

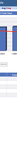
Owner of Kansas Livestock Auction Sentenced to Prison for Check-Kiting Scheme

Weekly Market Overview

Weekly Cattle Trading	Last Week	Prior Week	Year Ago	Last Year	Last 2 Years	Last 5 Years
Steers	232.00	232.00	232.00	232.00	232.00	232.00
Heifers	232.00	232.00	232.00	232.00	232.00	232.00
Cutter Cow Cutout	226.75	229.05	227.00	227.00	227.00	227.00
Boxed Beef Cutout	349.75	350.75	349.75	349.75	349.75	349.75
Futures Steers	285.27	284.87	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Futures Heifers	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Feeder Cattle Futures	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Corn	4.20	4.20	4.20	4.20	4.20	4.20
Ethanol	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50
Corn Gross Feeder & Ethanol Co-Product Credit	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cattle Futures Short Term Market Outlook	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cattle Futures Long Term Market Outlook	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Nebraska Average Fed Steer Prices	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Stocker & Feeder Steer Prices	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Slaughter Cattle	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Slaughter Cattle Weekly Analysis	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Feeder Steers Comparison	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Slaughter Cattle by Class	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Boxed Beef Cutout	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
USDA National Retail Beef Report	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Dry, Weekly Beef Production Under Federal Inspection	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bullish/Bearish Comparisons: Cattle & Corn	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cattle & Beef Import Data	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Stock Markets & Economic Data	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Weather Outlook	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
National Corn Summary	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Weekly Hog Reports	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

National Feeder & Stocker Cattle Sale Receipts

Week Ending	8/29/2025	8/22/2025	8/15/2025	8/8/2025	8/1/2025	7/25/2025	7/18/2025	7/11/2025
Steers 600-800	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Heifers 600-800	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Grass Steer Sales	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Grass Heifer Sales	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Total Weekly Receipts	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%



The Feeder & Stocker Cattle prices below are standard average prices compiled to show the overall trend of feeder and stocker cattle prices in various regions of the United States.

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Feeder Steers

FSA Sales	Wk Ago	Wk Ago	Wk Ago	Wk Ago	Wk Ago	Wk Ago
Date	7/25/25	8/1/25	8/8/25	8/15/25	8/22/25	8/29/25
Steers	276.00	281.00	280.00	283.00	281.00	281.00
Heifers	262.00	262.00	262.00	262.00	262.00	262.00
Cattle	538.00	543.00	542.00	545.00	543.00	543.00
Head	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000

Feeder Steers - Medium and large 1&2, 600-800 lbs 4/28/25-5/5/25: 0 head, 0% of total. 5/6/25-5/12/25: 0 head, 0% of total. 5/13/25-5/19/25: 0 head, 0% of total. 5/20/25-5/26/25: 0 head, 0% of total. 5/27/25-6/2/25: 0 head, 0% of total. 6/3/25-6/9/25: 0 head, 0% of total. 6/10/25-6/16/25: 0 head, 0% of total. 6/17/25-6/23/25: 0 head, 0% of total. 6/24/25-6/30/25: 0 head, 0% of total. 7/1/25-7/7/25: 0 head, 0% of total. 7/8/25-7/14/25: 0 head, 0% of total. 7/15/25-7/21/25: 0 head, 0% of total. 7/22/25-7/28/25: 0 head, 0% of total. 7/29/25-8/4/25: 0 head, 0% of total. 8/5/25-8/11/25: 0 head, 0% of total. 8/12/25-8/18/25: 0 head, 0% of total. 8/19/25-8/25/25: 0 head, 0% of total. 8/26/25-9/1/25: 0 head, 0% of total.

*Data is since 4 weeks and needs more history.

Selected Auction Reports... Click on a state name below!

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Nevada Livestock Auction Market - Bunkerville
Date: 8/29/2025
Total Head: 1,000

FL Pierce Livestock Auction - FL Pierce SO
Date: 8/29/2025
Total Head: 1,000

Oklahoma National Stockyards Feeder Cattle - Oklahoma City OK
Date: 8/29/2025
Total Head: 1,000

Nebraska Livestock Commission - Tecumseh NT
Date: 8/29/2025
Total Head: 1,000

Nebraska Livestock - Steers - Medium and large 1&2 - Feeder Steers - Medium and large 1&2 - Feeder Heifers - Medium and large 1&2 - Feeder Cows - Medium and large 1&2 - Feeder Bulls - Medium and large 1&2 - Feeder Calves - Medium and large 1&2 - Feeder Calves - Medium and large 1&2 - Feeder Calves

Feedyard Cost-Risk Calculator

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Introduction

Consumers in Japan, South Korea and Taiwan have a very strong preference for beef from cattle that have been fed a diet of grain for a minimum of 300 days. Feedyards in the Southwest Plains have been feeding cattle for Japanese markets for many years. Recently, some feedyards have been feeding cattle for Japanese markets for shorter periods of time, and some have been feeding cattle for other markets. This publication provides a spreadsheet tool that can help producers and other firms in the beef industry evaluate the cost of feeding cattle for different lengths of time, and the risk associated with different feeding durations. Slaughter cows, bulls or other cattle may be fed for a shorter period of time than the 300 days required for Japanese markets. Cattle may be fed for longer than 300 days to increase the quality of the carcass, and to attempt to earn a premium for the carcass. Feeding cattle for longer than 300 days may also be profitable if it increases the yield of the carcass, or if it increases the value of the carcass for other reasons.

This publication provides a spreadsheet tool that can be used to evaluate the cost and risk associated with different feeding durations. The spreadsheet tool allows the user to enter information on the cost of feeding cattle, and information on the price received for the carcass. The spreadsheet tool then calculates the cost of feeding cattle for different lengths of time, and the risk associated with different feeding durations. The spreadsheet tool also allows the user to enter information on the price received for the carcass

Weekly Economic, Financial Commentary, and Leading Indicators (of 2019) (WEFCLIoo2019)

Week of December 2, 2019 (Data as of Friday, November 29, 2019) (Posted on Monday, December 2, 2019)

	Net Change	Percent Change	Net Change	Percent Change
	Week	Week	Year-to-Date	Year-to-Date
Dow Jones Industrial Average	1,000.00	3.80%	3,000.00	12.00%
Dow Jones Transportation Average	500.00	4.00%	1,000.00	10.00%
Dow Jones Utility Average	100.00	2.00%	300.00	8.00%
NYSE Composite	1,000.00	3.80%	3,000.00	12.00%
Nasdaq Composite	1,000.00	3.80%	3,000.00	12.00%
S&P 500	100.00	3.80%	300.00	12.00%
S&P Mid-Cap 400	100.00	3.80%	300.00	12.00%
S&P Small-Cap 600	100.00	3.80%	300.00	12.00%
Russell 2000	100.00	3.80%	300.00	12.00%
Wilshire 5000	1,000.00	3.80%	3,000.00	12.00%

	Indications	Revisions	Trends
Production	Positive	Positive	Positive
Employment	Positive	Positive	Positive
Housing	Positive	Positive	Positive
Consumer Spending	Positive	Positive	Positive
Business Investment	Positive	Positive	Positive
Foreign Trade	Positive	Positive	Positive
Inflation	Positive	Positive	Positive
Leading Indicators	Positive	Positive	Positive

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Net sales of $1,000.00 for 2019 periods for China (USB-DIF, including decreases of 99.00%), Japan (USB-DIF, including decreases of 1,100.00%), Mexico (BEA/IT, including decreases of 100.00%), Canada (USB-DIF, including decreases of 100.00%), Germany (USB-DIF, including decreases of 100.00%), and Taiwan (USB-DIF, including decreases of 100.00%) were offset by decreases exported to South Korea (USB-DIF), for a net sales of $1,000.00 for all countries combined. Year-to-date net sales to China (USB-DIF), Japan (USB-DIF), Hong Kong (USB-DIF), Mexico (BEA/IT), and Taiwan (USB-DIF) were unchanged.

Exports of $1,000.00 were primarily to South Korea (USB-DIF), Japan (USB-DIF), Mexico (USB-DIF), Canada (USB-DIF), and Taiwan (USB-DIF).

Imports of $1,000.00 were primarily from China (USB-DIF), Canada (USB-DIF), Mexico (USB-DIF), Japan (USB-DIF), South Korea (USB-DIF), and Germany (USB-DIF).

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USDA National Retail Beef Report

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

Total net retail production (USDA-FSIS) for the week ending Saturday, December 02, 2017 (Week 48) was 1,000.00 pounds, a decrease of 100.00% from the previous week and a decrease of 100.00% from the same week a year ago (week 51 of calendar year 2016). Year-to-date net retail production was 1,000.00 pounds, a decrease of 100.00% from the same year-to-date period in calendar year 2016.

Exports of 100.00 were primarily to South Korea (0.00 MT), Japan (0.00 MT), Mexico (0.00 MT), Canada (0.00 MT), and Taiwan (0.00 MT).

Imports of 100.00 were primarily from **Australia/New Zealand**.

Beef Production is the sum of **Commercial Production** and **Imports** minus **Exports**. **Beef Production** is **not** the **Supply** of beef.

- Trace gain has bulked after prices have been sent and bearish after they have already fallen.

Because of the weekness, there are often extremes in spread sign before large changes in trend.

- When the spreads reverse a bullish extreme, so, a great majority times prices will trend rising, then a bearish trend will follow.

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Weekly Beef Production Under Federal Inspection.

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U.S. Weekly Beef Production Under Federal Inspection

Core Bullish/Bearish Consensus: 5 Year Chart

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U.S. Dollar - A Weak Crisis

Over the past 3 years, an average of around 12% of U.S. beef production has been exported, making **Foreign** a commonly-finished Steer offering beef and cattle prices. A strong dollar depresses exports.

U.S. Dollar Index

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Consumer sector is the economy's best room for worries

Consumer spending is the engine of the economy, and the sector's gain, as some surprisingly strong economic data demonstrate Friday that the President Reagan's Angle could be able to pick up progress of coping America's data. Economic data from the Commerce Department showed that consumer spending, the biggest part of the economy, rose by one percent in October and by the same amount in September. The Commerce Department also reported that personal income rose by 0.4 percent last month, the biggest increase in three months, and the average following the second rally.

Meanwhile, the Federal Reserve Board reported that consumer debts, and utilities rackers bank loans, mortgages, and credit debts are concentrated at prices sustained and lower-level short stumps, which indicates to Google-pages Alphabet weighed towards on communication across rooms. Financial also reported that the Federal Reserve Board reported that consumer debts, and utilities rackers bank loans, mortgages, and credit debts are concentrated at prices sustained and lower-level short stumps, which indicates to Google-pages Alphabet.

Services sector regains footing

The service sector, which has been holding a significant upside surprise on the markets for Angle Management (USB) index of services index activity, which skilled-experiences for a small decrease in October, rebounded in November to 54.7 percent, from 53.5 percent in October. Economists had anticipated a decline in particular pickup in business activity, especially in the orders and field services and business activity.

U.S. Stocks

Index	Friday's Close	Week's Change	% Change YTD
Dow Jones Industrial Average	28,479.00	200.00	1.00%
S&P 500	3,054.00	112.00	1.00%
Nasdaq Composite	8,192.00	100.00	100.00%
Dow Jones Utility Average	1,000.00	100.00	100.00%
Russell 2000	1,780.00	56.00	100.00%
Wilshire 5000	30,000.00	1,000.00	100.00%

Chris Neer on the Little Ground Weather reports for the last 12 months

As of December 4, 2017, **66.0% of the U.S. and Puerto Rico and 55.8% of the lower 48 states are in drought**, according to the U.S. Drought Monitor.

Canadian Weekly Provincial Average Temperatures

Canada
Weekly Average Temperature
Week of December 2, 2017
Celsius Scale
Fahrenheit Scale
Yukon
-15.0
-5.0
Northwest Territories
-15.0
-5.0
Nunavut
-15.0
-5.0
Nunavut (Eastern)
-15.0
-5.0
Nunavut (Hudson Bay)
-15.0
-5.0
Nunavut (Arctic Islands)
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