

www.cattlerange.com Weekly Market Summary For the week ending March 22, 2024 For the week, fed cattle in the Southern Plains & Northern Plains were higher, as were feeder cattle and stocker calves. Live cattle and feeder cattle futures were mostly lower. The dressed beef cutouts were lower with corn higher. After a good week, most market indicators were lower on Friday. Cattle/Beef Market Velocity Trendlines +/-**10 Day Index Trendline** 60 Day Index Trendline Change from Previous Day: -3.25% Change from 60 Days Ago: +32.38% Change from 10 Days Ago: +4.52% Change from 60 Day High: -3.25% 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: Southern Plains trade was 2.00 higher at 188.00 with Northern Plains trade 2.50 higher at 190.00. In the 3 front months, Live Cattle futures closed the week from 1.12 lower to 0.25 higher. USDA's carcass weight data showed weights averaged 922 lbs. this week, compared to 919 lbs. last week, and 903 lbs. last year.

S: This Week: 188.00 / Month Ago: 183.00 / Year Ago: 163.00 / 5 Year Avg: 134.63 N: This Week: 190.00 / Month Ago: 183.00 / Year Ago: 164.50 / 5 Year Avg: 135.98

Feeder Cattle: The national average price for feeder steers was 259.93, 3.30 higher with trade mostly steady to 5.00 higher. In the 3 front months, Feeder Cattle futures closed the week from 2.23 lower to 0.68 higher.

This Week: 259.93 / Month Ago: 249.28 / Year Ago: 191.39 / 5 Year Avg: 166.87

Stocker Calves: The national average price for stocker steers was 325.09, 3.20 higher with trade mostly steady to 6.00 higher. This Week: 325.09 / Month Ago: 310.09 / Year Ago: 235.97 / 5 Year Avg: 193.27

CME Feeder Cattle Index: 251.38, 2.38 higher than last Friday. This Week: 251.38 / Month Ago: 245.00 / Year Ago: 188.85 / 5 Year Avg: 165.29

Boxed Beef Cutouts: The Choice cutout was 1.18 lower at 310.72 and the Select cutout 0.93 lower at 301.47. The Choice/Select spread at 9.25, 0.25 narrower.

This Week: 310.72 / Month Ago: 300.61 / Year Ago: 279.88 / 5 Year Avg: 263.74

Cutter Cow Cutout: 1.30 higher at 257.10.

Slaughter Cows: Trade mostly 1.00 to 7.00 higher.

Total red meat production under Federal inspection for the week ending Saturday, March 23, 2024 was estimated at 1049.8 million lbs. according to the USDA Marketing Service. This was 1.3 percent higher than a week ago and 0.4 percent lower than a year ago. Cumulative meat production for the year to date was 1.7 percent lower compared to the previous year.

Corn: Omaha Corn was 0.10 higher at 4.53 with May futures at 4.3925, 0.0250 higher.

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			1 Month Ago		
CME Feeder Index	251.38	249.00	245.00	188.85	165.29
Live Cattle Futures	This Week	Last Week	1 Month Ago	1 Year Ago	5 Yr. Avg.
April	187.50	187.25	185.60	163.00	133.83
June	182.90	183.60	187.90	156.60	134.88
August	181.50	182.62	183.87	156.42	136.78
Feeder Futures	This Week	Last Week	1 Month Ago	1 Year Ago	5 Yr. Avg.
March	249.95	249.27	254.57	189.65	167.71
April	251.50	252.12	259.67	194.80	170.63
May	253.77	256.00	262.07	197.55	173.30
Fed Cattle	This Week	Last Week	1 Month Ago	1 Year Ago	5 Yr. Avg.
S. Central	188.00	186.00	183.00	163.00	134.63
N. Central	190.00	187.50	183.00	164.50	135.98
Feedyard Closeouts	This Week	Last Week	1 Month Ago	1 Year Ago	5 Yr. Avg.
Current	(176.27)	(195.85)	(235.39)	28.10	(49.09)
Future (Projected)	(211.66)	(170.63)	(129.98)	(156.89)	(72.89)
Avg. National Prices	This Week	Last Week	1 Month Ago	1 Year Ago	5 Yr. Avg.
Feeder Steers	259.93	256.63	249.28	191.39	166.87
Stocker Steers	325.09	321.89	310.09	235.97	193.27
Boxed Beef Cutout	This Week	Last Week	1 Month Ago	1 Year Ago	5 Yr. Avg.
Choice	310.72	311.90	300.61	279.88	263.74
Select	301.47	302.40	286.31	268.75	245.76
Spread	9.25	9.50	14.30	11.13	17.98
Cutter Cow Cut-Out	257.10	255.80	242.02	215.50	204.68
Crude Oil Futures	80.63	81.04	76.49	69.26	84.72
Grain Prices	This Week	Last Week	1 Month Ago	1 Year Ago	5 Yr. Avg.
Omaha Corn	4.53	4.43	4.12	6.72	5.34
Kansas City Wheat	5.35	5.10	5.03	7.94	6.60
May Corn Futures	4.3925	4.3675	3.9975	6.4300	5.1658
May Wheat Futures	5.5475	5.2850	5.7350	6.8850	6.6164







National Feeder & Stocker Cattle Sale Receipts:

Data released by USDA on Monday, 3/18/24 for week ending Saturday, 3/16/24

Week Ending:	3/16/24	Prior Week	1 Year Ago	2 Years Ago	3 Years Ago	3 Yr. Avg.	
Auctions	200,600	213,400	194,400	186,300	164,400	181,700	
Direct Sales	33,700	35,200	45,700	44,900	61,600	50,733	
Video/Internet	3,300	57,600	44,100	5,100	3,700	17,633	
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Total	237,600	306,200	284,200	236,300	229,700	250,067	
This Week +/-	-	-22.4%	-16.4%	0.6%	3.4%	-5.0%	



CME Feeder Cattle Index: 1 Year Change: +33.93% -- 52 Week Range: 187.69 to 254.09

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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.

Feeder Steers:

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700 lb 800 lb. Steers	This Week	Last Week	1 Month Ago	1 Year Ago	5 Yr. Avg.
Dakotas www.cattlerange.com	283.50	277.44	264.61	204.01	178.58
Iowa	273.10	272.89	260.44	199.19	174.01
Missouri	268.78	264.28	255.27	196.71	170.79
Montana	273.83	269.32	257.98	196.90	174.08
Nebraska	278.32	272.32	266.15	203.24	180.72
Wyoming	276.32	271.80	260.25	199.73	176.25
North Central Avg.	275.64	271.34	260.78	199.96	175.74
Arkansas	252.35	252.17	249.16	191.13	164.39
Colorado	257.73	254.59	248.70	188.80	172.54
Kansas	268.74	264.24	255.23	196.68	170.73
New Mexico	255.21	254.33	245.96	186.99	165.33
Oklahoma	266.74	262.73	252.71	194.54	169.39
Texas	256.33	256.18	248.17	193.25	166.38
South Central Avg.	259.52	257.37	249.99	191.90	168.13
Alabama	248.63	246.65	243.63	185.87	156.34
Florida	241.55	239.64	232.65	182.65	153.39
Georgia	247.72	247.88	241.70	186.54	156.89
Kentucky	252.75	250.42	245.07	189.13	160.96
Louisiana	248.49	247.63	241.69	185.72	158.30
Mississippi	249.07	248.14	242.07	186.76	156.34
Tennessee	251.65	248.03	243.26	187.96	159.99
Virginia	248.63	242.79	242.17	186.77	160.24
Southeast Avg.	248.56	246.40	241.53	186.43	157.81
Arizona	246.01	244.56	240.54	183.45	162.57
California	248.71	246.75	243.21	187.16	166.70
Idaho	261.45	255.23	247.37	189.05	166.86
Nevada	257.14	252.07	244.94	187.35	165.47
Oregon	260.43	254.40	246.41	188.31	166.37
Utah	257.48	252.08	244.58	187.06	165.83
Washington	260.85	254.83	246.80	188.61	166.86
Western Avg.	256.01	251.42	244.84	187.28	165.81
Overall Average	259.93	256.63	249.28	191.39	166.87
This Week +/-	-	1.3%	4.3%	35.8%	55.8%

Stocker Steers:

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This Week +/-	-	1.0%	4.8%	37.8%	68.2%
Overall Average	325.09	321.89	310.09	235.97	193.27
Western Avg.	318.14	315.89	303.49	234.33	193.88
Washington	319.55	315.76	305.11	237.35	195.13
Utah	316.64	314.56	303.07	233.08	193.70
Oregon	319.05	315.02	304.52	239.88	194.37
Nevada	317.10	314.62	303.58	233.34	193.47
Idaho	320.28	316.56	305.70	237.82	195.39
California	318.29	319.47	303.27	234.21	194.50
Arizona	316.10	315.25	299.19	224.64	190.62
Southeast Avg.	312.68	309.76	296.52	230.69	180.29
Virginia	304.47	301.49	287.58	226.86	181.23
Tennessee	305.74	302.93	288.45	227.95	180.55
Mississippi	321.44	316.42	303.25	237.45	179.89
Louisiana	318.55	314.41	301.21	235.55	181.99
Kentucky	305.87	302.85	293.74	228.39	181.74
Georgia	316.63	315.22	300.55	232.46	178.93
Florida	310.91	307.84	295.18	221.90	177.78
Alabama	317.84	316.90	302.19	234.93	180.23
South Central Avg.	329.16	326.53	317.26	236.54	194.90
Texas	327.18	326.06	315.46	240.05	192.91
Oklahoma	337.22	331.13	321.31	242.10	196.28
New Mexico	325.23	322.48	314.88	227.02	192.15
Kansas	328.51	327.42	318.52	239.14	197.25
Colorado	331.67	331.84	320.15	234.77	202.73
Arkansas	325.14	320.23	313.22	236.17	188.10
North Central Avg.	340.37	335.38	323.09	242.34	203.99
Wyoming	343.11	335.41	325.92	248.55	204.84
Nebraska	348.42	342.41	329.39	245.31	210.30
Montana	340.26	335.50	322.90	247.01	202.88
Missouri	329.36	327.95	319.35	239.76	197.71
Iowa	339.64	332.66	312.74	236.05	201.72
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10 Year Moving Average ... Stocker, Feeder & Fed Steers





Trade Date	Futures Volume
03/15/2024	155,614
03/18/2024	119,579
03/19/2024	123,136
03/20/2024	98,632
03/21/2024	140,432

Trade Date	Futures Open Interest
03/15/2024	637,875
03/18/2024	637,567
03/19/2024	639,579
03/20/2024	643,580
03/21/2024	640,973

Top Expirations Traded On: 03/21/2024							
Product Description	Month	Volume	OI				
FDR CATTLE FUT	MAR24	1,172	3,590				
FDR CATTLE FUT	APR24	4,956	8,287				
FDR CATTLE FUT	MAY24	6,744	20,896				
FDR CATTLE FUT	AUG24	2,632	12,018				
FDR CATTLE FUT	SEP24	831	3,874				
Total Feeder Cattle Futures		17,001	56,343				
Product Description Month		Volume	OI				
LV CATTLE FUT	APR24	19,165	57,943				
LV CATTLE FUT	JUN24	26,520	123,796				
LV CATTLE FUT	AUG24	13,056	59,826				
LV CATTLE FUT	OCT24	7,304	37,156				
LV CATTLE FUT	DEC24	4,902	23,058				
Total Live Cat	tle Futures	72,988	320,078				
Product Description	Month	Volume	OI				
		Volume	<u>.</u>				
LEAN HOGS FUT	APR24	9,918					
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Mexican Feeder Cattle Weekly Import Summary

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Total Crossings							
IMPORTS							
		Current Week (3/11/2024)	Previous Week (3/4/2024)	Current YTD 2024	Previous YTD 2023		
Mexico to U.S.		32,535	31,842	280,453	263,353		
	Feeder Cattle	32,327	31,644	277,749	261,109		
	Cattle Other	76	129	1,800	1,574		
	Horses	132	69	904	670		
Total		32,535	31,842	280,453	263,353		

Mexico to US Import Report for 3/20/2024 (Final)

Douglas, AZ - Compared to Tuesday, steer calves and yearlings sold steady. Heifers steady. Trade active, demand good. Supply consisted of steers and spayed heifers weighing 300-600 lbs.

Nogales, AZ - Compared to Tuesday, steer calves and yearlings sold steady. Heifers not tested. Trade active, demand good. Supply consisted of steers weighing 300-600 lbs.

Columbus, NM - Compared to week, steer calves and yearlings sold steady. Heifers steady. Trade active, demand good. Supply consisted of steers and spayed heifers weighing 300-600 lbs.

St Teresa, NM - Compared to week, steer calves and yearlings sold steady. Heifers steady. Trade active, demand good. Supply consisted of steers and spayed heifers weighing 300-600 lbs.

Presidio, TX - Compared to week, steer calves and yearlings sold 5.00 higher. Heifers not tested. Trade active, demand good. Supply consisted of steers weighing 300-600 lbs.

		Current (est)	Current WTD (est)
		3/20/2024	3/20/2024
der Cattle			
Mexico to	Arizona	2,900	5,800
	Douglas	1,400	2,900
	Nogales	1,500	2,900
Mexico to	New Mexico	4,500	5,900
	Columbus	1,700	3,100
	Santa Teresa	2,800	2,800
Mexico to	Texas	2,350	3,750
	Colombia Bridge		0
	Del Rio	100	100
	Eagle Pass		0
	Laredo	350	450
	Pharr / Hidalgo	300	500
	Presidio	1,600	2,700
Total:		9,750	15,450

Canadian Cattle Prices:

Data published by USDA on 3/22/24 for week ending 3/15/24 Prices have been converted to U.S. \$/CWT. Grades changed to approximate U.S. equivalents. **Exchange Rate: Canadian dollars equivalent to \$0.7409 U.S. dollars**

Average Fee	1	erta	1	chewan	0-+	A.com
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Steers:	3/15	3/8	3/15	3/8	3/15	3/8
501-600 lbs.	\$317.68	\$326.26	\$318.42	No Quote	\$311.08	\$265.85
601-700 lbs.	\$291.92	\$313.56	\$298.23	No Quote		\$254.80
701-800 lbs.	\$272.67	\$289.33	\$268.92	No Quote	\$259.15	\$243.72
801-900 lbs.	\$241.91	\$270.75	\$244.22	No Quote	\$242.62	\$233.72
Heifers	3/15	3/8	3/15	3/8	3/15	3/8
401-500 lbs.	\$306.85	\$326.26	\$302.80	No Quote	\$258.32	\$218.69
501-600 lbs.	\$282.33	\$313.56	\$289.52	No Quote	\$250.76	\$230.89
601-700 lbs.	\$263.46	\$289.33	\$259.40	No Quote	\$243.24	\$218.50
701-800 lbs.	\$238.34	\$270.75	\$232.53	No Quote		\$211.35
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Steers:	3/15	3/8	3/15	3/8	3/15	3/8
501-600 lbs.	\$399.99	\$410.79	\$400.92	No Quote	\$391.68	\$334.73
601-700 lbs.	\$367.56	\$394.80	\$375.50	No Quote	\$339.06	\$320.82
701-800 lbs.	\$343.32	\$364.30	\$338.60	No Quote	\$326.30	\$306.87
004 005 H	\$304.59	\$340.90	\$307.50	No Quote	\$305.48	\$294.28
801-900 lbs.	\$307.35	40.00	4007100			
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Heifers	3/15	3/8	3/15	3/8	3/15	3/8 \$275.35
Heifers 401-500 lbs.	3/15 \$386.35	3/8 \$410.79	3/15 \$381.26	3/8 No Quote	3/15 \$325.25	\$275.35
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Slaughter Cattle Prices for week of 6/15/24:	03 9 5	CAŞS				
Area: Alberta Direct Sales, 4% Shrink						
Slaughter Steers, mostly Select 1-3, 1300-1500 lbs	\$173.57	\$218.54				
Slaughter Heifers, mostly Select 1-3, 1100-1400 lbs	\$169.59	\$213.53				
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Area: Alberta Auctions						
Slaughter Cows, Cutter and Utility 1-3, 1100-1400 lbs	\$120.77	\$152.06				
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Area: Ontario Auctions		
Slaughter Steers, mostly Choice and Select 1-3, 1300-1500 lbs	\$177.16	\$223.06
Slaughter Heifers, mostly Choice and Select 1-3, 1200-1400 lbs	No Quote	No Quote
Slaughter Cows, Cutter and Utility 1-3, 1100-1400 lbs	\$106.83	\$134.51

Alberta Beef Producers:

Alberta direct cattle sales this week have seen light trade develop with dressed sales reported at \$390.00 delivered, steady to \$10.00 higher than the previous week. Cattle that traded this week were being scheduled for the first half of April delivery. US packer interest was noted and sales to the US were in the upper \$230's/cwt FOB the feedlot, steady with the previous week. Sales to the US were at a premium over local deals.

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"Shootin' the Bull" Weekly Analysis:

In my opinion, it appears the cement is setting on the agenda. Recall the goal is to ration the number of cattle slaughtered to keep from pricing beef at levels that reduces consumer demand. The agenda to produce the goal continues to be multifaceted. Growing what is available bigger is most likely the fastest way to increase beef production. The high price of retail beef, slowing and shifting consumer demand, and a shift in slaughter pace is believed by design to ration cattle by allowing the time to grow them bigger. Second is the import/export markets. The exports have dried up, keeping more beef available for domestic consumption, due to the high price of. Imports have increased significantly with Australia and New Zealand leading the charge. Lastly, and the most controversial is the dairy/beef cross. While not the second coming or new found pot of gold, but an industry that can provide more females to the breeding mix without having to pull a beef heifer from the slaughter mix. Hopefully, you see where I am going with this, but if not, what I believe is that the longer the agenda remains intact, the less of a price impact on beef cattle, when or if expansion starts. Liquidation has not started and I continue to believe that at some point, beef production will equal last years. Let that sink in and know that this agenda is believed to have begun as far back as 18 months ago, just now being recognized, with further solidification of going forward. Lastly on this, in March of last year at this time, with 1% fewer cattle on feed, the price of April fats was \$161.10. We are approximately 4.2% lower in total beef production from last year. Does a 4.2% decrease in beef production justify a \$26.00 premium on cattle? I don't know either, but on Monday, and thereafter, traders are going to make those decisions.

A great deal of what is believed transpiring, hedging and marketing won't necessarily help. I think this time frame and the next two years to come are an enormous shift in how beef will be produced in the US, and

who produces it. If you believe that fewer producers will be producing more cattle, then without a doubt, hedging and marketing will play a significant role, but again probably not your saving grace. Labor, land, and environmental restrictions will be much more of an issue than price. However, price can't be ignored in the near term as to accomplish the goal. That is because some of the larger participants are also searching for more market share. In doing so, it is believed there are two possible ways to achieve such. One, raise the price of cattle so high, only a few can afford to buy them, or can withstand a loss for longer than their competitor. The second way may be a little nicer, but would most likely involve massive volatility in price. Similar to what has taken place over the past 12 months. That being, massive price fluctuation on very small changes of supply. From 1/23 to 9/23, feeders advanced \$76.58. In just 3 months to 12/23 they declined \$48.20. From that low, they have advanced again \$45.75. Next most probable move? A decline of approximately \$35.00. This would continue with the anticipation of a triangular formation to develop. As well, it will continually pressure those producers who bought the top, and benefit those who sold at the top. Over the next 12 months, as cow/calf operations make their long-term decisions on expansion, the volatility would be expected to narrow the playing field greatly. As so many expectations are based upon a higher price to achieve a profit, it stands to reason that if those new highs are not made, profits will not be achieved. Lastly, some of the expectations are hinged on cost of gain. With corn not having breeched \$4.00 but for a short period of time, and now trading \$.30 off contract lows, the cost of gain is not declining or is causing alternative feeds to be sourced to lower cost of gain.

While I am not expecting a bull market in corn or beans, I am not expecting a bear market either. The marketing done the first week of March appears to have satisfied a great deal of needs. Farmers needed to sell and when it was found that some did, it relieved some of the desire to be short by the funds. I expect through this current bout of inflation for grains to, at bare minimum, stabilize with potential to gravitate higher for a risk premium on the crop as it gets started. This week, I recommended to be long the July Chicago wheat, March '25 soybean oil, and own the spread of long December Chicago wheat and short December corn. These were sales solicitations. I am not bullish wheat, but a dollar rally would not surprise me going into April. Producers dodged a rather large bullet this week with energy prices having soared, but diesel fuel the lagger of the group. I remain friendly towards the energy markets after having been beat to death while traders made up their minds. This week's breakout is believed the decision made to move higher. Until it changes again, I will stick to energy higher. Bonds were lower this week until Friday. The Fed's dovish stance this week was taken in stride with new highs in equities and gold. I have a feeling that the Fed may use this current bout of inflation to help them curb it. The rate hikes only do so much and they take time to work through the system. Higher food and energy prices are a direct impact on discretionary funds and spending. Therefore, robbing the consumer of the dollars needed to buy those pesky necessities like food and gasoline. However, if you were fearful the illegal immigrants may go without, rest assured they won't. Our current administration is probably the most efficient, so far, in handing out money of any previous administration in a very long time.

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March USDA Cattle on Feed Report: Released by USDA on 3/22/24

United States Cattle on Feed Up 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 11.8 million head on March 1, 2024. The inventory was 1 percent above

March 1, 2023.

- Placements in feedlots during February totaled 1.89 million head, 10 percent above 2023 and the highest for February since the series began in 1996. Net placements were 1.83 million head. During February, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 360,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 330,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 515,000 head, 800-899 pounds were 485,000 head, 900-999 pounds were 150,000 head, and 1,000 pounds and greater were 50,000 head.
- Marketings of fed cattle during February totaled 1.79 million head, 3 percent above 2023.
- Other disappearance totaled 56,000 head during February, 3 percent below 2023.

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

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



Millions of Head

Cattle Marketed from 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots in February

Millions of Head



Millions of Head

Cattle on Feed Inventory on 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots by Month – States and United States: 2023 and 2024

				March 1, 2024	
State	March 1, 2023 February 1, 2024		Inventory	Percent of previous year	Percent of previous month
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(percent)
Arizona	260	262	258	99	98
California	520	520	520	100	100
Colorado	1,010	1,010	1,020	101	101
Idaho	325	345	345	106	100
lowa	640	640	650	102	102
Kansas	2,460	2,390	2,400	98	100
Minnesota	95	105	105	111	100
Nebraska	2,530	2,550	2,560	101	100
Oklahoma	270	330	330	122	100
South Dakota	215	240	245	114	102
Texas	2,780	2,820	2,820	101	100
Washington	255	260	255	100	98
Other States	325	325	330	102	102
United States	11,685	11,797	11,838	101	100

Thousands of Head

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Fed Cattle:

As of 3:00 PM Friday in the Southern Plains, negotiated cash has been at a standstll. The most recent market in the Southern Plains was Thursday with live FOB purchase at 188.00. In Nebraska and the Western Cornbelt negotiated cash has been slow on light demand. The most recent market in Nebraska was Thursday with live FOB purchases at 190.00, with a few purchases up to 191.00, and delivered purchases at 302.00. The most recent market in the Western Cornbelt was Thursday with live FOB purchases at 302.00, with a few purchases up to 191.50, and dressed delivered purchases at 302.00.



5 Area Daily Weighted Average Direct Slaughter Cattle - Negotiated

Agricultural Marketing Service Livestock, Poultry, and Grain Market News

March 22, 2024 LM_CT100

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Texas/Oklahoma/New Mexico; Kansas; Nebraska; Colorado; Iowa/Minnesota feedlots (Includes all transactions regardless of delivery day) Recap for: Thursday, 3/21/2024

Head Count:	71,732	Week Ago:	27,799	Last Year:	6,246
Week to Date:	75,902	Week Ago:	29,581	Last Year:	65,143

Negotiated Cash Sales								
	Head Count	Weight Range	Price Range	Avg. Weight	Avg. Price			
STEERS: LIVE FOB								
Over 80% Choice	20,059	1,375 - 1,700	187.00 - 193.00	1,526	190.26			
65 - 80% Choice	6,356	1,230 - 1,600	187.00 - 190.00	1,377	188.17			
35 - 65% Choice	3,209	1,105 - 1,500	187.00 - 190.00	1,306	188.03			
0 - 35% Choice		-	-					
Total all grades	29,624	1,105 - 1,700	187.00 - 193.00	1,470	189.57			

5 Area Weekly Fed Cattle Weighted Averages:

Texas/Oklahoma/New Mexico; Kansas; Nebraska; Colorado; Iowa/Minnesota feedlots (Includes all transactions regardless of delivery day) For: Week Ending Sunday, 3/17/2024

Confirmed: 69,666	Week Ago:	51,012	Year ago: 59,59	1	
	Nego	tiated Cash Sales			
	Head Count	Weight Range	Price Range	Avg Weight	Wtd Avg Price
STEERS: LIVE FOB					
Over 80% Choice	21,215	1,350 -1,650	185.00 - 190.00	1,533	187.82
65 - 80% Choice	4,022	1,280 -1,525	181.00 - 186.00	1,397	185.85
35 - 65% Choice	470	1,310 -1,500	183.00 - 186.00	1,369	185.64
0 - 35% Choice		-	-		
Total all grades	25,707	1,280 -1,650	181.00 - 190.00	1,509	187.47
STEERS: LIVE DELIVERED					
Over 80% Choice	733	1,400 -1,550	187.00 - 190.00	1,512	189.54
65 - 80% Choice		-	-		
35 - 65% Choice		-	-		
0 - 35% Choice		-	-		
Total all grades	733	1,400 -1,550	187.00 - 190.00	1,512	189.54
STEERS: DRESSED DELIVERED					
Over 80% Choice	8,941	828 - 1,047	294.00 - 301.00	962	298.15
65 - 80% Choice	1,468	882 -994	295.00 - 298.00	944	297.60
35 - 65% Choice	174	837 -882	295.00 - 298.00	868	297.03
0 - 35% Choice		-	-		
Total all grades	10,583	828 - 1,047	294.00 - 301.00	958	298.06
STEERS: DRESSED FOB					
Over 80% Choice	1,278	945 -1,024	298.00 - 298.00	983	298.00
65 - 80% Choice		-	-		
35 - 65% Choice		-	-		
0 - 35% Choice		-	-		
Total all grades	1,278	945 -1,024	298.00 - 298.00	983	298.00
HEIFERS: LIVE FOB					
Over 80% Choice	12,573	1,100 -1,550	184.00 - 189.00	1,377	187.64
65 - 80% Choice	4,634	1,100 - 1,500	185.00 - 189.00	1,284	185.93
35 - 65% Choice	239	1,090 -1,320	185.00 - 186.00	1,203	185.23





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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 180 days ago = September 24, 2023
- Projected P/(L) based on the futures when placed on feed: (\$4.15)

*CME Feeder Cattle Index **USDA Market News

Projected closeout for steers placed on feed this week:

• Projected Sale Date @ 180 days on feed = September 18, 2024

*Cost of 800 lb. steer delivered @ \$251.82 per cwt. + \$15 freight:	\$2,029.56
Feed Cost for 600 lbs. @ \$1.09 per lb.	\$654.00
Interest on cattle cost for 180 days:	\$95.08
Interest on feed cost:	\$15.32
Total Cost & Expense:	\$2,793.96
**Sale proceeds: 1,400 lb. steer @ \$184.45 per cwt:	\$2,582.30
This week's Profit/(Loss) per head:	(\$211.66)
Profit/(Loss) per head for previous week:	(\$170.63)
Change from previous week:	(\$41.03)
Sale price necessary to breakeven:	\$199.57

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



Typical closeout for hedged steers sold this week:	(\$4.15)
Typical closeout for un-hedged steers sold this week:	(\$176.27)
Projected closeout for steers placed on feed this week:	(\$211.66)

Feedyard Close-Outs - 5 Year Moving Averages...



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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: Released by USDA Market News Service on 3/21/24 for week ending 3/9/24 ^ Contents

	Federally Inspected Slaughter Head & Percentage by Class - U.S				
Cattle					
	Head	% of Total			
Steers	264,421	45.3%			
Heifers	197,212	33.8%			
Dairy Cows	59,376	10.2%			
Other Cows	54,110	9.3%			
Bulls	8,876	1.5%			
Total	583,995				

Livestock Slaughter under Federal Inspection:

				Daily Slaug	hter				
					Prev Week	Last Year	2024	2023	YTD
Fri Ma	r 22, 2024	Week Ago	Year Ago	WTD	WTD	WTD	YTD	YTD	% Change
Calves	1,000	1,000	1,232	5,000	5,000	5,382	56,383	75,001	-24.8%
Cattle	109,000	113,000	108,798	584,000	586,000	613,072	7,118,931	7,528,161	-5.4%
Hogs	485,000	444,000	483,312	2,437,000	2,342,000	2,406,102	30,191,893	29,967,029	0.8%
Sheep	6,000	6,000	5,050	40,000	40,000	43,779	434,008	420,043	3.3%
					Prev Week	Last Year	2024	2023	YTD
Sat Ma	r 23, 2024	Week Ago	Year Ago	WTD	Prev Week <u>WTD</u>	Last Year <u>WTD</u>	2024 <u>YTD</u>	2023 <u>YTD</u>	YTD <u>% Change</u>
<u>Sat Ma</u> Calves	r 23, 2024 0	Week Ago 0	<u>Year Ago</u> 7	<u>WTD</u> 5,000					
			-		WTD	WTD	YTD	YTD	% Change
Calves	0	0	7	5,000	<u>WTD</u> 5,000	<u>WTD</u> 5,389	<u>YTD</u> 56,383	<u>YTD</u> 75,008	<u>% Change</u> -24.8%
Calves Cattle	0 14,000	0 15,000	7 14,772	5,000 598,000	<u>WTD</u> 5,000 601,000	<u>WTD</u> 5,389 627,844	YTD 56,383 7,132,931	YTD 75,008 7,542,933	<u>% Change</u> -24.8% -5.4%

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Boxed Beef Cutouts:

Compared to last week, the Choice cutout was 1.18 lower at 310.72 and the Select cutout 0.93 lower at 301.47. The Choice/Select spread at 9.25, 0.25 narrower.

USDA Estimated Boxed Beef Cut-out Values - as of 1:30pm

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:	310.72	301.47
Change from prior day:	(3.01)	(2.26)
Choice/Select spread:	9	.25
Total Load Count (Cuts, Trimmings, Grinds):		85

Composite Primal Values		
Primal Rib	472.94	456.46
Primal Chuck	255.17	253.37
Primal Round	261.98	261.46
Primal Loin	420.28	390.02
Primal Brisket	243.45	238.58
Primal Short Plate	229.79	229.79
Primal Flank	150.31	148.82

Load Count And Cutout Value Summary For Prior 5 Days

						Choice	Select
Date	Choice	Select	Trim	Grinds	Total	600-900	600-900
03/21	72	17	12	16	118	313.73	303.73
03/20	88	26	10	12	136	313.44	302.71
03/19	101	14	8	15	138	313.22	303.18
03/18	50	19	9	36	114	313.33	303.05
03/15	70	11	0	8	88	311.90	302.40
Current 5	Day Simple A	verage:				313.13	303.01



USDA National Steer & Heifer Estimated Grading Percent Report:

Released by USDA Market News Service on 3/21/24 for week ending 3/9/24

National, Regional, and State Breakdown of Official USDA Quality Grades. Percentages derived from each category numerical total, divided by the total number offered for USDA quality grading in each corresponding area.

	National	Region 1-5	Region 6	Region 7-8	Region 9-10
Prime Choice Select	10.23% 74.54% 12.20%	19.42% 68.81% 8.30%	4.81% 66.51% 26.69%	10.01% 76.96% 9.94%	12.15% 77.40% 6.42%
Other 	3.02% Nebraska	3.47% Kansas	1.98% 	3.08%	4.02%
Prime Choice Select Other	12.23% 75.71% 7.69% 4.37%	7.14% 78.07% 11.95% 2.84%	4.81% 66.56% 26.69% 1.94%		

Last Week's Trade Data:

Beef:

Net sales of 11,000 MT for 2024--a marketing-year low--were down 2 percent from the previous week and 12 percent from the prior 4-week average. Increases were primarily for South Korea (4,300 MT, including decreases of 400 MT), China (2,100 MT, including decreases of 200 MT), Japan (2,000 MT, including decreases of 200 MT), Taiwan (700 MT, including decreases of 100 MT), and Mexico (400 MT, including decreases of 100 MT).

Exports of 14,400 MT were down 10 percent from the previous week and 9 percent from the prior 4-week average. The destinations were primarily to South Korea (3,900 MT), Japan (3,700 MT), China (2,700 MT), Mexico (1,500 MT), and Taiwan (900 MT).

Pork:

Net sales of 33,800 MT for 2024 were up 36 percent from the previous week and 10 percent from the prior 4-week average. Increases were primarily for Mexico (9,200 MT, including decreases of 500 MT), Canada (8,900 MT, including decreases of 600 MT), Japan (5,500 MT, including decreases of 400 MT), South Korea (1,900 MT, including decreases of 700 MT), and Vietnam (1,600 MT).

Exports of 32,100 MT were down 7 percent from the previous week and 6 percent from the prior 4-week average. The destinations were primarily to Mexico (11,200 MT), South Korea (5,000 MT), Japan (4,700 MT), China (3,000 MT), and Canada (1,900 MT).

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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 increased by 0.4 percent while the Special Rate decreased by 1.4 percent. The Activity Index decreased by 12.3 percent. Cuts from the brisket showed the most change this week as brisket ad space sharply decreased after the St. Patrick's Day holiday. Cuts from the rib, loin, and ground beef showed increases in ad space while cuts from the chuck and round showed less.

Activity Index: 2 Week Comparison

RIB_ACTIVITY CHUCK_ACTIVITY ROUND_ACTIVITY LOIN_ACTIVITY BRISKET_ACTIVITY



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Est. Weekly Meat Production Under Federal Inspection:

Total red meat production under Federal inspection for the week ending Saturday, March 23, 2024 was estimated at 1049.8 million lbs. according to the USDA Marketing Service. This was 1.3 percent higher than a week ago and 0.4 percent lower than a year ago. Cumulative meat production for the year to date was 1.7 percent lower compared to the previous year.

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1 Year Bullish/Bearish Consensus Charts from <u>SentimenTrader</u>:

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: 1 Year Chart

Corn Optix — CORN — Corn Optix (Last = 32)



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U.S. Dollar - 6 Month Chart:

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.



• U.S. Dollar Index

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Stock Markets & Economic News:

T. Rowe Price

Stocks rise on dovish signals from Federal Reserve

Stocks moved higher for the week, pushing the S&P 500 Index and the Nasdaq Composite to new records, as investors welcomed news that Federal Reserve policymakers were still anticipating three

interest rate cuts later in the year. Communication services led the gains along with technology shares. A late rise helped artificial intelligence chipmaker NVIDIA reach a record high on Friday and lift the company's market capitalization near USD 2.4 trillion. Reports that Apple might partner with Google parent Alphabet in offering generative artificial intelligence tools also boosted sentiment. Health care and real estate shares lagged. Trading the following week was scheduled to end on Thursday in observance of the Good Friday holiday.

The week's main driver of sentiment appeared to be the Fed's policy meeting concluding on Wednesday. As was widely anticipated, policymakers left the federal funds rate unchanged, but our traders noted that investors seemed to take heart from the quarterly release of the Fed's Summary of Economic Projections, which summarizes the outlook of individual committee members. The so-called dot plot showed that the median expectation for three rate cuts in 2024 remain unchanged, while the median expectations for interest rates in 2025 and 2026 went up by less than 25 basis points (0.25 percentage points), or by less than one cut.

Investors also appeared encouraged by Fed Chair Jerome Powell's post-meeting press conference, where he indicated that he was not overly concerned about the uptick in inflation data in January and February, chalking it up to seasonal noise. Powell also pushed back against worries over potential signs of cracks in the labor market, such as the unexpected increase in the unemployment rate in February.

Index	Friday's Close	Week's Change	% Change YTD
DJIA	39,475.90	761.13	4.74%
S&P 500	5,234.18	117.09	9.74%
Nasdaq Composite	16,428.82	455.64	9.44%
S&P MidCap 400	2,991.26	67.50	7.54%
Russell 2000	2,072.00	32.69	2.22%

U.S. Stocks:

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



of the U.S. and 21.21% of the lower 48 states are in drought this week.

- ↓ 4.7% since last week
- 1.0% since last month

153.5 Million

acres of major crops in U.S. are experiencing drought conditions this week.

- 0.0% since last week
- ↑ 5.9% since last month

28.4 Million people in the U.S. and 27.9 Million in the lower 48 states are affected by drought this week.

- 7.8% since last week
- 16.2% since last month

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U.S. states are experiencing Moderate Drought (D1) or worse this week.

- No change since last week
- No change since last month





United States Department of Agriculture

This product was prepared by the USDA Office of the Chief Economist (OCE) World Agricultural Outlook Board (WAOB)



Reflects March 19, 2024 U.S. Drought Monitor data



Canadian 90-Day Percent of Average Precipitation:



Looking ahead...

Back-to-back storms across the northern United States should produce significant snow from the northern Plains into the upper Great Lakes States. The second storm system, expected to reach peak intensity over the weekend or early next week, has the potential to double season-to-date snowfall totals in parts of the upper Midwest. In addition, wind-driven snow from both storms could complicate rural travel and lead to hardship for Northern cattle, especially newborns. Separately, a late-week storm will produce rain in the southern and eastern United States, with 1- to 3-inch totals possible in portions of the Gulf and Atlantic Coast States. Elsewhere, cool, unsettled weather will return across the West, especially from northern and central California and the Pacific Northwest to the northern Rockies.

The NWS 6- to 10-day outlook for March 26 – 30 calls for near- or above-normal temperatures in the East, while colder-than-normal conditions will stretch from the Pacific Coast to Mississippi Valley. Meanwhile, wetter-than-normal weather will cover the entire country, except the south-central United States, with the greatest likelihood of wet conditions focused across the West and the Southeast.

Precipitation & Temperature Outlooks:





Weekly Grain Market Review:

Grain Prices	This Week	Last Week	1 Month Ago	1 Year Ago	5 Yr. Avg.
Omaha Corn	4.53	4.43	4.12	6.72	5.34
Kansas City Wheat	5.35	5.10	5.03	7.94	6.60
May Corn Futures	4.3925	4.3675	3.9975	6.4300	5.1658
May Wheat Futures	5.5475	5.2850	5.7350	6.8850	6.6164

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Last Week's Corn Trade Data:

Net sales of 1,185,800 MT for 2023/2024 were down 8 percent from the previous week, but up 10 percent from the prior 4-week average. Increases primarily for Japan (545,600 MT, including 179,400 MT switched from unknown destinations and decreases of 81,200 MT), Mexico (246,000 MT, including decreases of 24,800 MT and 81,200 MT - late), South Korea (133,000 MT, including 130,000 MT switched from unknown destinations and decreases of 1,700 MT), Taiwan (101,400 MT), and Colombia (88,500 MT, including 41,000 MT switched from unknown destinations and decreases of 4,500 MT), were offset by reductions for unknown destinations (132,300 MT) and Costa Rica (1,500 MT).

Exports of 1,528,500 MT--a marketing-year high--were up 21 percent from the previous week and 31 percent from the prior 4-week average. The destinations were primarily to Mexico (761,900 MT, including 81,200 MT - late), Japan (209,600 MT), Taiwan (145,300 MT), South Korea (133,900 MT), and Colombia (94,300 MT).

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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: Last Reported: Last Year: No sale reported.

Ft. Pierre Livestock Auction - Ft. Pierre SD

This Week: 4,448 Last Reported: 5,151 Last Year: 5,007

Compared to last week best test on steers from 550 lbs to 599 lbs were 6.00 to 8.00 higher, steers from 600 lbs to 649 lbs and from 700 lbs to 749 lbs were steady to 2.00 lower, steers from 750 lbs to 799 lbs were 2.00 to 4.00 higher, heifers from 600 lbs to 699 lbs were steady to 1.00 lower, heifers from 750 lbs to 799 lbs were 2.00 to 4.00 higher, no other comparisons available.

Lexington Livestock Market - Lexington, NE

This Week: 2,294 Last Reported: 1,613 Last Year: 1,864 Compared to last week steers over 750 lbs sold steady to 6.00 higher. Heifers under 600 lbs sold 4.00 lower and heifers over 600 lbs sold steady to 3.00 higher. Demand was good from the buyers in the crowd with internet activity noticed.

Torrington Livestock Commission - Torrington WY

This Week: 490 Last Reported: 501 Last Year: 824 Compared to last week; slaughter and feeder cows traded sharply higher on all classes. Slaughter bulls followed the same trend at sharply higher. A very active market today on all classes of slaughter and feeder cows and bulls.

Cattleman's Livestock Auction - Belen NM

This Week: 730 Last Reported: 692 Last Year: 898 Compared to last week: Steer and heifer calves sold 15.00-20.00 lower. Feeder steers sold steady while feeder heifers sold 12.00-16.00 lower. Slaughter cows sold 3.00-5.00 higher and slaughter bulls sold 8.00-10.00 higher. Trade and demand good.

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

This Week: 1,202 Last Reported: 843 Last Year: 613 Compared with last week, steer calves sold 3.00-5.00 higher with the exception of 450 lbs steer calves, they sold 5.00 lower. Spayed heifers sold 5.00-10.00 higher. Trade active, demand good. Bulk of supply consisted of steers and spayed heifers weighing 300-700 lbs. All cattle sold were of Mexican Origin.

Eastern MO Commission Company - Bowling Green, MO

This Week: 679 Last Reported: 1,960 Last Year: 923 Compared to last week, a very light run of feeders this week were not well tested selling in small packages and singles. Several small consignments of bred cows, heifers and pairs were in the offering with a couple packages of good quality bred heifers selling with good demand and several small lots and packages of pairs mostly 4-7 yrs with 150-300 lb calves selling with moderate to good demand. Slaughter steers and heifers sold steady to 1.00 higher.

Smith County Commission - Carthage TN

This Week: 939 Last Reported: 612 Last Year: 834 Compared to last week, Feeder Steers 10.00-20.00 higher; Feeder Bulls 4.00-8.00 higher; Feeder Heifers 3.00-8.00 higher; Slaughter Cows 3.00-8.00 higher; Slaughter Bulls 5.00 higher.

Carolina Stockyards – Livestock Auction – Siler City, NC

This Week: 1,486 Last Reported: 1,089 Last Year: 1,154 Slaughter cattle were 3.00 higher this week compared to last week . Feeder cattle were 3.00 to 6.00 higher this week compared to last week. Demand was good ; market activity and buyer interest active . Offerings were heavy with quality average.

Monday Auctions:

Sioux Falls Regional Livestock Report - Worthing SD

This Week: 5,116 Last Reported: 3,542 Last Year: 4,466 Compared to the sale last week: Feeder steers under 550 lbs sharply higher, over 550 lbs 5.00 to 10.00 higher, instances of 15.00 to 20.00 on 550-600 lbs and 750-800 lbs. Feeder heifers under 650 lbs 5.00 to 10.00 higher, instances to 20.00, 650-700 lbs steady to 2.00 higher, over 750 lbs 3.00 to 6.00 higher instances to 20.00 higher on 750-800 lbs.

Tri-State Livestock Auction Market - McCook NE

This Week: 1,586 Last Reported: 1,065 Last Year: 1,264 Not enough for a comparison. Demand was moderate to good.

Roswell Livestock Auction - Roswell NM

This Week: 799 Last Reported: 1,637 Last Year: 1,397

Compared to last week; Steer calves 300-350 lbs were 13.00 higher and 350-450 lbs sold 5.00 higher while 450-550 lbs were 13.00 higherand 550-600 lbs sold sharply higher. Feeder steers had insufficient numbers today to compare. Heifer calves 300-350 lbs sold 15.00 higher and 350-450 lbs were steady to 3.00 higher while 450-500 lbs sold sharply lower and 500-600 lbs were steady. Feeder heifers had insufficient numbers today to compare.

Oklahoma National Stockyards Feeder Cattle - Oklahoma City OK

This Week: 6,300 Last Reported: 6,503 Last Year: 5,671 Compared to last week: Feeder steers 2.00-6.00 higher, over 900 lbs mostly steady. Feeder heifers steady to 5.00 higher. Stocker cattle and calves 5.00-15.00 higher, those with flesh conditions suitable for grass selling 30.00 plus higher. Demand moderate to good for feeder cattle; extremely good for stockers and calves.

Joplin Reg. Stockyards Feeder Cattle - Carthage MO

This Week: 9,331 Last Reported: 8,011 Last Year: 7,683 Compared to last week feeder steers sold steady to 8.00 higher with some heavy 4 weight steers selling 25.00 higher. Feeder heifers sold from 5.00 lower to 3.00 higher. Supply was heavy with very good demand.

Callaway Livestock Center - Kingdom City MO

This Week: 3,087 Last Reported: 1,248 Last Year: 2,654

Compared to last week's lighter offering, steer calves weighing 400-500 lbs sold 5.00-15.00 higher, spots 20.00 higher on the 400-450 lbs steers, 500-600 lbs sold steady to firm, with 600-750 lbs selling 5.00-10.00 higher and seven pot loads of yearling steers weighing over 800 lbs sold with a firm to higher undertone. Feeder heifers weighing 400-550 lbs sold steady to firm, with 550-600 lbs trading 5.00-10.00 higher and over 600 lbs sold with a higher undertone.

Mid-South Livestock - Unionville TN

This Week: 786 Last Reported: 724

Last Year: 683

Compared to last week, Feeder Steers under 550 lbs. 2.00-10.00 higher, over 550 lbs. 2.00-5.00 lower; Feeder Bulls 10.00-15.00 higher; Feeder Heifers 5.00-15.00 higher; Slaughter Cows 10.00 higher with lean cows being steady to 2.00 higher; Slaughter Bulls 3.00-5.00 higher with higher dressing bulls being 10.00 higher.

United Producers Inc. - Harned KY

This Week: 1,049 Last Reported: 793 Last Year: 928 Compared to last week: Feeder steers and feeder heifers under 600 lbs sold 2.00 to 4.00 higher. Feeder steers and heifers over 600 lbs sold steady to firm. Slaughter cows sold steady and slaughter bulls sold 3.00 to 5.00 higher.

Blue Grass South Livestock Market - Stanford KY

This Week: 266 Last Reported: 191 Last Year: 285

Compared to last Monday: Feeder steers were 5.00 to 8.00 higher. Feeder heifers under 700 pounds were 6.00 to 10.00 higher, over 700 pounds were mostly steady. There was good demand for all feeder classes. Slaughter cows and bulls were mostly steady to 2.00 higher. There was good demand for slaughter classes.

Tuesday Auctions:

Lonestar Stockyards - Wildorado, TX

This Week: 1,026 Last Reported: 1,384 Last Year: 820 Compared to last wee

Compared to last week: Feeder steers traded mostly steady to weak on steers over 800 pounds, not enough comparable sales on lighter weights. Feeder heifers traded mostly 5.00 higher on comparable sales. Steer and heifer calves were too lightly tested last week for a market trend but a sharply higher undertone was noted, especially on 500 to 600 pound calves suitable for grass. Slaughter cows traded mostly 8.00 to 10.00 higher on a light test.

Winter Livestock Auction - Riverton, WY

This Week: 810 Last Reported: 417 Last Year: 963 Compared to last Tuesday, on a special feeder calf sale; slaughter cows steady instances 10.00 higher on individual, slaughter bulls firm instances 14.00-18.00 higher, with feeder cows firm. Feeder calves compared to two weeks ago; feeder steers 12.00-19.00 higher, instances 23.00, weighing between 500-750 lb, heifers unevenly steady with most advances on 600 lb replacement quality heifer calves .

Miles City Livestock Commission Auction - Miles City, MT

This Week: 2,234 Last Reported: 855 Last Year: 1,454

Compared to last sale: Feeder steers and heifers were too lightly tested last week to develop a full market trend, however higher undertones were noticed. Demand was good to very good and quality this week was mostly average to attractive. Average quality calves sold on good demand, much like last week. Most cattle were long weaned from 45-100 days. Market activity was active to very active this week.

Winter Livestock - La Junta CO

This Week: 1,309 Last Reported: 7,180

Last Year: 1,331

Trade activity and demand was moderate. Feeder steers under 650lbs sold 5.00 to 9.00 lower with instances of sharply lower. Feeder steers over 650lbs sold unevenly steady. Feeder heifers under 450lbs sold mostly sharply lower while heifers over 450lbs sold unevenly steady. Slaughter cows had a higher trend across all weight classes and slaughter bulls saw the same higher trend.

OKC West Livestock Auction - El Reno, OK

This Week: 2,000 Last Reported: 9,127 Last Year: 6,121 Compared to last week: Steer and heifer calves sold 2.00 to 7.00 higher. Trade activity was fairly active on moderate to good demand.

Ozarks Regional Stockyards - West Plains MO

This Week: 2,109 Last Reported: 2,345 Last Year: 2,279 Compared to last week, feeder steers and heifers were steady. Steer and heifer calves were steady to 5.00 higher. Demand was good on a light supply. The quality of offering was average, consisting of mostly small drafts. Six-weight steers broke the 3.00 mark last week, with several packages selling above 3.00 this week.

Mid-State Stockyards LLP - Letohatchee, AL

This Week: 1,267 Last Reported: 1,392 Last Year: 1,506 Compared to one week ago: Slaughter cows and bulls sold 4.00 to 8.00 higher. Replacement cows sold steady. Feeder cattle sold sharply higher.

Calhoun Stockyard - Calhoun, GA

This Week: 459 Last Reported: 394 Last Year: 421 Compared to one week ago, slaughter cows steady to 3.00 higher, slaughter bulls mostly steady, feeder steers and steer calves steady to 3.00 higher, feeder bulls 2.00 to 5.00 higher, feeder heifers lightly tested, bull calves steady to 3.00 higher, heifer calves unevenly steady, replacement cows mostly steady.

Blue Grass Stockyards - Lexington, KY

This Week: 1,140 Last Reported: 1,117 Last Year: 784 Compared to last Tuesday feeder steers and heifers sold 5.00 to 10.00 higher on weaned 400-600 lb packages with very good demand; others steady on similar quality. Yearling steers and heifers sold 5.00 to 10.00 higher with very good demand. Slaughter cows and slaughter bulls sold 3.00 to 5.00 higher with very good demand.

Wednesday Auctions:

Hub City Livestock Auction - Aberdeen SD

This Week: 7,268 Last Reported: 7,289 Last Year: 5,242 Compared to last week: steers 600 to 699 lbs 4.00 to 9.00 higher, 700 to 999 lbs mostly steady with instances up to 3.00 higher on 850 to 899 lbs. Heifers 600 to 649 lbs and 700 to 749 lbs mostly steady, 650 to 699 lbs steady to 2.00 higher. Very good demand for another large offering.

Bassett Livestock Auction - Bassett NE

This Week: Last Reported: Last Year: Next Auction Date April 3rd - Back to Grass feeder Auction

Huss Platte Valley Auction - Kearney NE

This Week: 3,019 Last Reported: 4,258 Last Year: 2,524 Compared to last week steers 500-800 lbs sold steady to 5.00 higher and heifers 500-700 lbs sold 6.00 to 12.00 higher with heifers over 700 lbs selling uneven from 3.00 lower to 3.00 higher. Demand was good from the buyers in the crowd with internet activity noticed.

OKC West - El Reno OK

This Week: 5,873 Last Reported: 9,127 Last Year: 6,121 Compared to last week: Feeder steers sold 2.00-6.00 higher. Feeder heifers traded steady to 5.00 higher. Demand remains good for feeders. Steer and heifer calves sold 2.00 to 7.00 higher. Trade activity was fairly active on moderate to good demand.

Clovis Livestock Auction - Clovis, NM

This Week: 1,083 Last Reported: 1,938 Last Year: 1,631

Compared to last weeks sale; Steer calves 350-400 lbs sold 2.00 higher and 400-450 lbs were 15.00 higher while 450-500 lbs sold 8.00 lower and 500-600 lbs were 17.00 higher. Feeder steers 600-700 lbs sold 11.00 higher and 750-800 lbs were 5.00 lower. Heifer calves 350-450 lbs were 2.00-10.00 higher and 450-550 lbs sold sharply lower on lower numbers while 550-600 lbs were sharply higher. Feeder heifers 600-650 lbs sold 14.00 higher while 650-850 lbs were steady to 4.00 higher.

Winter Livestock Feeder Cattle Auction - Dodge City KS

This Week: 2,618 Last Reported: 4,018 Last Year: 3,993 Compared to last week, feeder steers 500 lb to 950 lb sold unevenly steady. Steer calves 400 lb to 500 lb sold 10.00 to 12.00 higher. Feeder heifers 400 lb to 900 lb sold 6.00 to 10.00 higher, in places 15.00 higher. Demand was good. Slaughter cows sold 3.00 to 4.00 higher. Slaughter bulls sold 8.00 to 10.00 higher.

Bloomfield Livestock Market - Bloomfield, IA

This Week: Last Reported: Last Year: No sale report.

Springfield Livestock Auction - Springfield MO

This Week: 929 Last Reported: 1,408 Last Year: 976 Compared to last week, steers and heifers sold mostly 2.00 to 8.00 higher with spots of steers up to 12.00 higher. Demand was very good on a light supply.

South Central Regional Stockyards - Vienna, MO

This Week: 951

Last Reported: 612 Last Year: 394 Compared to last Wednesday, feeder steers mostly steady except some light grazing steers 450-525 lbs 10.00-15.00 lower. Feeder heifers under 450 lbs 10.00-15.00 higher, over 450 lbs steady to 4.00 higher. Slaughter cows 5.00-8.00 higher. Demand good to very good. Supply light.

Roanoke Stockyard - Roanoke AL

This Week: 748 Last Reported: 911 Last Year: 1,083 Compared to one week ago: Feeder steers and bulls sold 8.00 to 10.00 higher, feeder heifers sold 6.00 to 8.00 higher. Slaughter cows sold 2.00 to 6.00 higher, slaughter bulls sold steady. Replacement cows and pairs sold mostly steady.

Blue Grass Stockyards - Albany KY

This Week: 802 Last Reported: 550 Last Year: 767 Compared to last week: Feeder steers under 400lbs sold 6.00 to 10.00 higher. Feeder steers over 400lbs sold Steady. Feeder heifers under 600lbs sold 3.00 to 5.00 higher. Feeder heifers over 600lbs sold mostly steady. Slaughter cows and bulls sold 2.00 to 4.00 higher.

Thursday Auctions:

Billings Livestock Commission Cattle Auction - Billings, MT

This Week: Last Reported: Last Year: No sale report.

Mitchell Livestock Auction – Mitchell SD

This Week: 2,549 Last Reported: 4,060 Last Year: 4,503 Compared to last week: Feeder steers 800-950 lbs. sold 2.00-5.00 lower, feeder heifers 800-900 lbs. sold steady to 4.00 lower. Demand was good. Few load lots today.

Valentine Livestock Auction - Valentine NE

This Week: 2,410 Last Reported: 835 Last Year: 3,225 Compared with two weeks ago, 550 to 750 lbs steers traded 4.00 to as much as 26.00 higher, heifer offerings 550 to 650 lbs traded 11.00 higher. Demand was good with active internet bidding.

Apache Livestock Auction - Apache, OK

This Week: 1,697 Last Reported: 2,276 Last Year: 1,542 Compared to last week: Feeder steers under 700 lbs. 4.00 to 7.00 lower, over 700 lbs. 2.00 to 7.00 higher. Feeder heifers 2.00 to 7.00 higher. Steer and heifer calves 7.00 to 9.00 lower. Quality good to attractive with good demand. Slaughter cows and bulls 7.00 to 8.00 higher.

Woodward Wtd Avg Cattle - Woodward OK

This Week: 1,555 Last Reported: 2,914 Last Year: 1,925 Compared to last week: Feeder steers and heifers steady to 5.00 lower. Steer calves 8.00 to 12.00 lower. Heifer calves 5.00 to 10.00 lower. Demand was moderate. Quality plain to average.

Winter Livestock Auction - Pratt KS

This Week: 4,360 Last Reported: 4,782 Last Year: 2,833 Compared to last week, feeder steers and heifers 700 lb to 950 lb sold 3.00 to 7.00 higher. No recent comparison on steers and heifers 400 lb to 700 lb , however a higher trend was noted. Demand was good. Slaughter cows and bulls sold steady to 2.00 higher.

Farmers & Ranchers Livestock - Salina KS

This Week: 4,535 Last Reported: 2,888 Last Year: 5,058 Really nice cattle today. Compared to last week 500 to 800 lb steers sold steady to 3.00 higher and 800 to 900 lb feeders sold 1.00 to 2.00 higher. 500 to 800 lb heifers sold 4.00 to 7.00 higher and 800 to 900 lb feeder heifers sold 5.00 to 7.00 higher.

Cattleman's Livestock Auction - Dalhart TX

This Week: 2,950 Last Reported: 3,205 Last Year: 3,538 Compared to two weeks ago: Feeder steers and heifers traded 2.00 to 3.00 higher. Steer and heifer calves traded mostly 8.00 to 10.00 higher, with instances of up to 20.00 higher on calves over 450 pounds suitable for summer grazing. Trading activity was active on good buyer demand. Slaughter cows and bulls traded 10.00 to 15.00 higher.

Tulia Livestock Auction - Tulia, TX

This Week: 1,338 Last Reported: 1,553 Last Year: 1,572 Compared to last week: Steers and heifers over 750 lbs sold steady to 4.00 lower. Steers and heifers under 750 lbs steady to 4.00 higher. Trade activity was moderate on moderate to good demand. Slaughter cows and bulls were 2.00 to 5.00 higher.

New Cambria Livestock Market - New Cambria, MO

This Week: 1,865 Last Reported: 657 Last Year: 290 Compared to the last sale two weeks ago, steers sold sharply higher, mostly 15.00 to 18.00 higher. Heifers 1.00 to 5.00 higher except some 650-700 lb heifers traded as much as 15.00 higher. Slaughter cows 6.00 to 7.00 higher. Different offering here than in recent weeks with the bulk of the cattle on offer weighing over 600 lbs.

Toppenish Livestock Auction - Toppenish, WA

This Week: 1,530 Last Reported: 2,700 Last Year: 2,938 Compared to last Thursday, stocker and feeder cattle steady in a light test. Slaughter cows 4.00-5.00 lower. Slaughter bulls steady. Trade active with good demand,

Bluegrass Stockyards South - Stanford KY

This Week: 2,022 Last Reported: 2,017 Last Year: 1,656 Compared to last Thursday: Feeder and yearling steers steady, Feeder and yearling heifers 2.00-3.00 higher, Good demand for feeder and yearling classes. Slaughter cows steady, Slaughter bulls 2.00-4.00 higher, Good demand for slaughter classes.

Paris Stockyards - Paris KY

This Week: 2,482 Last Reported: 3,210 Last Year: 1,833

Compared to last Thursday the feeder market was mostly steady, but stronger in a few spots with most of the gains seen in the weaned and value added packages. Good quality 300-450 lbs steers were steady to 3.00 higher, and the 500-650 lbs steers were 3.00 to 8.00 higher with strong demand, while yearling steers were steady to 3.00 higher with a good supply. Feeder heifers were mostly steady to 2.00 higher with a good supply and good demand, however the 550-600 lbs heifers were noted as 3.00 to 5.00 lower.

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Colorado Direct Cattle Report

This Week: 6,425 Last Reported: 3,989 Last Year: 1,815 Compared to last week: Feeder steers and heifers traded 1.00-3.00 higher. Demand good to very good. Supply included: 100% Feeder Cattle (32.1% Steers, 3.1% Dairy Steers, 61.6% Heifers, 3.1% Dairy Heifers). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 93%. 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 CO, OK, TX, UT.

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

This Week: 760 Last Reported: 1,090 Last Year: 456 Compared to last week: Not enough comparable Current FOB trades this week for a trend. Demand good. Supply included: 100% Feeder Cattle (9.9% Dairy Steers, 79.6% Heifers, 10.5% Dairy Heifers). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 100%. Unless otherwise noted, Feeder Cattle prices FOB based on net weights after a 0% shrink or equivalent, with a 0 cent slide > 600 lbs. Livestock reported this week originated from IN, KY.

Kansas Direct Feeder Cattle Report

This Week: 2,846 Last Reported: 5,208 Last Year: 4,038 Compared to last week: Feeder steers and heifers traded mostly firm to 3.00 higher. Buyer demand was good. Supply included: 100% Feeder Cattle (32.8% Steers, 11.1% Dairy Steers, 48.1% Heifers, 8.1% Dairy Heifers). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 83%. 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. Livestock reported this week originated from CO, KS, OK, TN, TX.

Missouri Direct Cattle Report

This Week: Last Reported: Last Year: Compared to last week: No trades this week for a trend.

Montana Direct Cattle Report

This Week: Last Reported: Last Year: Compared to last week: No trades this week for a trend

New Mexico Direct Cattle Report

This Week: 1,482 Last Reported: 581 Last Year: 5,518 Compared to last week: Feeder steers traded 3.00 higher. Feeder heifers traded 5.00 to 7.00 higher. Trading activity was active on good buyer demand. Supply included: 100% Feeder Cattle (44.9% Steers, 14.2% Dairy Steers, 26.8% Heifers, 14.2% Dairy Heifers). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 71%. 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 20 cent slide < 600 lbs.Livestock reported this week originated from NM.

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

This Week: 4,783 Last Reported: Last Year: 220 Compared to last w

Compared to last week: No trades last week for a trend. Demand good. Supply included: 100% Feeder Cattle (40.6% Steers, 59.4% 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. Livestock reported this week originated from ID, UT.

Oklahoma Direct Cattle Report

This Week: 3,499 Last Reported: 4,391 Last Year: 3,141

Compared to last week: Feeder steers and heifers traded mostly steady to 1.00 higher. Demand remains good. Supply included: 100% Feeder Cattle (58.9% Steers, 41.1% 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. Livestock reported this week originated from AR, OK.

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

This Week: 1,303 Last Reported: 1,443 Last Year: 930

Compared to last week: Not enough comparable sales of current FOB steers or heifers for a market trend. Trade activity and demand were moderate. Supply included: 100% Feeder Cattle (49.3% Steers, 50.7% Heifers). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 34%. 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, FL, MS, TN.

Southwest Direct Cattle Report (AZ/CA/NV)

This Week: 120 Last Reported: 400 Last Year:

Compared to last week, feeders were not well tested. Trade very slow, demand very light. Supply included: 100% Feeder Cattle (100% Heifers). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 100%. Unless otherwise stated, prices fob shipping point with 2-3 percent shrink or equivalent with 5-10 cent slide on calves, 3-6 cent slide on yearlings from base weight. Delivered prices include freight, commissions and other expenses. Livestock reported this week originated from CA.

Texas Direct Cattle Report

This Week: 19,855 Last Reported: 15,817 Last Year: 10,922

Compared to last week: Current FOB steers and heifers were unevenly steady. Trade was fairly active on good demand. Supply included: 100% Feeder Cattle (39.8% Steers, 2.6% Dairy Steers, 54.4% Heifers, 3.2% Dairy Heifers). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 84%. 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, AZ, FL, IA, ID, IN, KS, KY, MS, NE, NM, OK, TX, UT.

Wyoming-Nebraska Direct Cattle Report

This Week: 753 Last Reported: 235 Last Year: 68

No comparable sales from last week for a market comparison. Demand was good. Nebraska feedlots would of hit a new time high on the dressed sales as the bulk of the sales traded at 302.00 to 302.50. Bulk of the live sales traded at 190.00. Supply included: 100% Feeder Cattle (48.2% Steers, 51.8% 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 a 8-10 cent slide > 600 lbs. Livestock reported this week originated from KS, NE.

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