# The Cattle Range

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# **Weekly Market Summary**

For the week ending October 20, 2023

**For the week**, fed cattle trade in the South was 2.00 higher with Northern trade steady. Feeder cattle were 2.00 lower and stocker calves were about 1.00 higher. Live cattle futures were lower with feeder cattle futures plunging lower. The dressed beef cutouts were higher, as was corn.

TCR's Cattle/Beef Indexes & Trendlines...

10 Day Index Trendline

Change from Previous Day: -1.57% Change from 10 Days Ago: -6.74%

**60 Day Index Trendline** 

Change from 60 Days Ago: -9.63% Change from 60 Day High: -24.40%

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**: Trade in the South was 2.00 higher at 185.00 with Northern trade steady at 186.00. In the 3 front months, Live Cattle futures closed the week from 0.85 to 3.20 lower. USDA's carcass weight data showed weights averaged 922 lbs. this week, compared to 920 lbs. last week and 920 lbs. last year.

S: This Week: 185.00 / Month Ago: 183.00 / Year Ago: 148.00 / 5 Year Avg: 130.15 N: This Week: 186.00 / Month Ago: 185.00 / Year Ago: 151.00 / 5 Year Avg: 134.06

**Feeder Cattle**: The national average price for feeder steers was 247.22, 2.06 lower with trade mostly steady to 4.00 lower. In the 3 front months, Feeder Cattle futures closed the week from 8.05 to 9.35 lower. This Week: 247.22 / Month Ago: 255.26 / Year Ago: 172.88 / 5 Year Avg: 159.75

This West. 217.22 / Month Age. 200.20 / Total Age. 172.00 / 6 Total Avg. 100.70

**Stocker Calves**: The national average price for stocker steers was 283.10, 0.93 higher with trade mostly in a range of 3.00 lower to 5.00 higher.

This Week: 283.10 / Month Ago: 286.57 / Year Ago: 189.85 / 5 Year Avg: 183.76

CME Feeder Cattle Index: 243.99, 6.12 lower than last Friday.

This Week: 243.99 / Month Ago: 253.22 / Year Ago: 172.94 / 5 Year Avg: 158.45

Boxed Beef Cutouts: The Choice cutout was 4.58 higher at 305.38 and the Select cutout 2.58 higher at

278.07. The Choice/Select spread at 27.31, 2.00 higher.

This Week: 305.38 / Month Ago: 303.33 / Year Ago: 253.71 / 5 Year Avg: 257.24

Cutter Cow Cutout: 2.28 higher at 233.56.

**Slaughter Cows**: Trade mostly 4.00 lower to 1.00 higher.

**Total red meat production** under Federal inspection for the week ending Saturday, October 21st was estimated at 1078 million lbs. according to the USDA's Agricultures Marketing Service. This was 1.9 percent higher than a week ago and 3.4 percent lower than a year ago. Cumulative meat production for the year to date was 2.6 percent lower compared to the previous year.

Corn: Omaha Corn was higher with December futures at 4.9550, 0.0225 higher.

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| www.cattlerange.com        | 10/20/23 | Last Week | 1 Month Ago |            |            |
| CME Feeder Index           | 243.99   | 250.11    | 253.22      | 172.94     | 158.45     |
| <b>Live Cattle Futures</b> | 10/20/23 | Last Week | 1 Month Ago | 1 Year Ago | 5 Yr. Avg. |
| October                    | 184.27   | 185.12    | 187.07      | 150.47     | 129.47     |
| December                   | 184.62   | 186.75    | 191.35      | 152.45     | 130.58     |
| February                   | 187.72   | 190.92    | 195.55      | 155.52     | 132.28     |
| Feeder Futures             | 10/20/23 | Last Week | 1 Month Ago | 1 Year Ago | 5 Yr. Avg. |
| October                    | 241.82   | 249.87    | 254.10      | 175.27     | 160.85     |
| November                   | 242.22   | 251.57    | 259.15      | 178.35     | 163.53     |
| January                    | 243.05   | 252.25    | 263.52      | 180.37     | 165.94     |
| Fed Cattle                 | 10/20/23 | Last Week | 1 Month Ago | 1 Year Ago | 5 Yr. Avg. |
| S. Central                 | 185.00   | 183.00    | 183.00      | 148.00     | 130.15     |
| N. Central                 | 186.00   | 186.00    | 185.00      | 151.00     | 134.06     |
| Feedyard Closeout          | 10/20/23 | Last Week | 1 Month Ago | 1 Year Ago | 5 Yr. Avg. |
| Current                    | 144.37   | 172.70    | 142.43      | 30.56      | (33.03)    |
| Future (Projected)         | (81.29)  | (54.88)   | (4.15)      | (17.25)    | (62.83)    |
| Avg. National Prices       | 10/20/23 | Last Week | 1 Month Ago | 1 Year Ago | 5 Yr. Avg. |
| Feeder Steers              | 247.22   | 249.29    | 255.26      | 172.88     | 159.75     |
| Stocker Steers             | 283.10   | 282.17    | 286.57      | 189.85     | 183.76     |
| <b>Boxed Beef Cutout</b>   | 10/20/23 | Last Week | 1 Month Ago | 1 Year Ago | 5 Yr. Avg. |
| Choice                     | 305.38   | 300.80    | 303.33      | 253.71     | 257.24     |
| Select                     | 278.07   | 275.49    | 280.43      | 224.36     | 240.12     |
| Spread                     | 27.31    | 25.31     | 22.90       | 29.35      | 17.12      |
| <b>Cutter Cow Cut-Out</b>  | 233.56   | 231.28    | 242.96      | 202.91     | 199.43     |
| Crude Oil Futures          | 88.75    | 87.69     | 90.03       | 85.05      | 82.94      |
| <b>Grain Prices</b>        | 10/20/23 | Last Week | 1 Month Ago | 1 Year Ago | 5 Yr. Avg. |
| Omaha Corn                 | 4.88     | 4.84      | 4.87        | 7.04       | 5.26       |
| Kansas City Wheat          | 5.98     | 5.94      | 6.56        | 9.13       | 6.54       |
| Dec Corn Futures           | 4.9550   | 4.9325    | 4.7725      | 6.8425     | 5.0987     |
| Dec Wheat Futures          | 5.8600   | 5.7975    | 5.7950      | 8.5075     | 6.5509     |

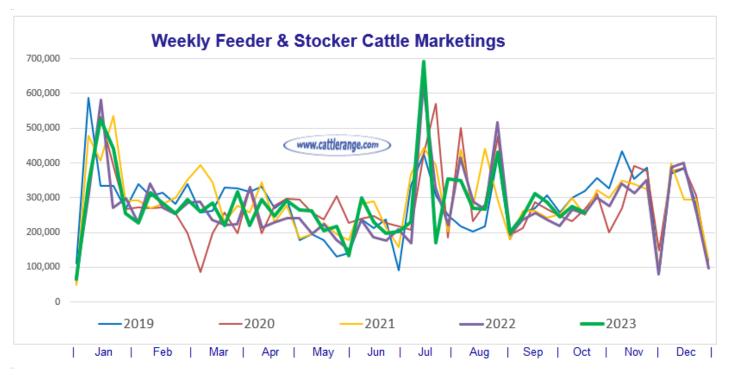




# **National Feeder & Stocker Cattle Sale Receipts:**

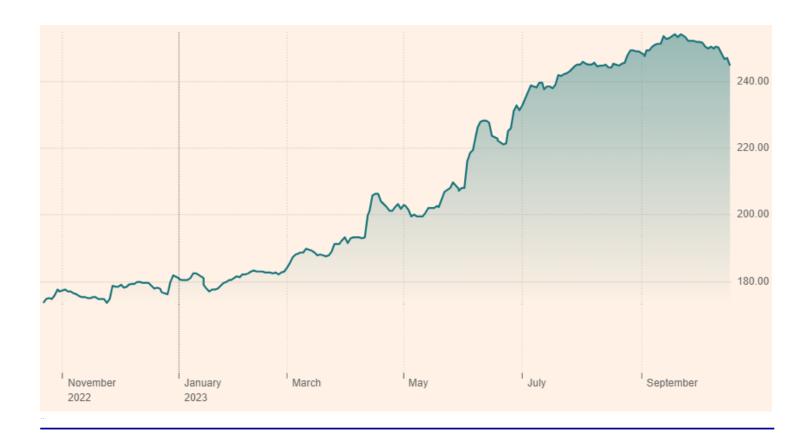
Data released by USDA on Monday, October 16th for week ending Saturday, October 14th

| Week Ending:        | 10/14/23 | 10/7/23 | 1 Year Ago | 2 Years Ago | 3 Years Ago | Average |  |
|---------------------|----------|---------|------------|-------------|-------------|---------|--|
| Auctions            | 206,000  | 190,400 | 227,000    | 218,500     | 243,900     | 223,850 |  |
| Direct Sales        | 45,000   | 50,200  | 23,300     | 25,700      | 15,300      | 27,325  |  |
| Video/Internet      | 7,200    | 34,600  | 4,300      | 6,600       | 8,400       | 6,625   |  |
| www.cattlerange.com |          |         |            |             |             |         |  |
| Total               | 258,200  | 275,200 | 254,600    | 250,800     | 267,600     | 257,800 |  |
| This Week +/-       | -        | -6.2%   | 1.4%       | 3.0%        | -3.5%       | 0.2%    |  |



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CME Feeder Cattle Index: 1 Year Change: +41.08% -- 52 Week Range: 172.03 to 254.09



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

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**Feeder Steers:** 

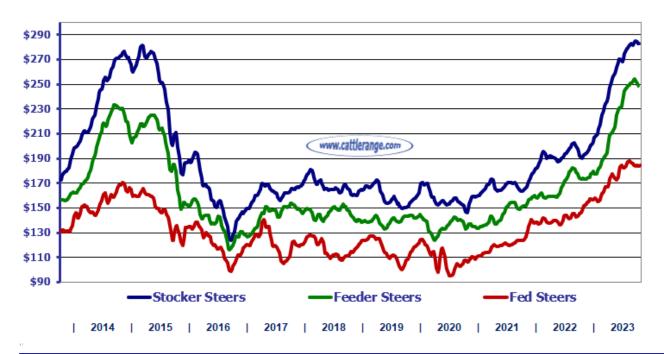
| 700 lb 800 lb. Steers         | 10/20/23 | Last Week | 1 Month Ago | 1 Year Ago | 5 Yr. Avg. |
|-------------------------------|----------|-----------|-------------|------------|------------|
| Dakotas (www.cattlerange.com) | 262.59   | 268.65    | 275.72      | 188.86     | 170.78     |
| Iowa                          | 252.44   | 257.96    | 269.91      | 181.26     | 166.55     |
| Missouri                      | 256.80   | 257.77    | 261.22      | 177.69     | 163.33     |
| Montana                       | 261.88   | 263.47    | 264.36      | 181.53     | 167.35     |
| Nebraska                      | 265.48   | 269.35    | 279.32      | 191.22     | 172.84     |
| Wyoming                       | 264.31   | 265.80    | 266.81      | 183.21     | 168.33     |
| North Central Avg.            | 260.58   | 263.83    | 269.56      | 183.96     | 168.20     |
| Arkansas                      | 236.19   | 240.16    | 245.16      | 164.78     | 158.38     |
| Colorado                      | 254.87   | 258.70    | 265.72      | 173.82     | 164.93     |
| Kansas                        | 256.65   | 257.73    | 261.23      | 177.84     | 163.19     |
| New Mexico                    | 248.25   | 247.99    | 253.02      | 175.98     | 158.28     |
| Oklahoma                      | 250.88   | 256.68    | 262.75      | 176.49     | 161.91     |
| Texas                         | 248.55   | 254.25    | 258.12      | 171.22     | 159.28     |
| South Central Avg.            | 249.23   | 252.59    | 257.67      | 173.36     | 160.99     |
| Alabama                       | 229.66   | 230.60    | 238.65      | 158.74     | 148.62     |
| Florida                       | 224.58   | 225.69    | 238.64      | 147.78     | 147.47     |
| Georgia                       | 231.75   | 232.67    | 243.70      | 151.52     | 149.55     |
| Kentucky                      | 235.67   | 234.65    | 244.73      | 162.05     | 153.56     |
| Louisiana                     | 229.79   | 228.66    | 236.64      | 158.16     | 152.33     |
| Mississippi                   | 230.09   | 229.18    | 237.07      | 158.78     | 148.79     |
| Tennessee                     | 233.95   | 232.87    | 252.95      | 161.74     | 152.78     |
| Virginia                      | 232.82   | 231.74    | 241.78      | 161.17     | 153.12     |
| Southeast Avg.                | 231.04   | 230.76    | 241.77      | 157.49     | 150.78     |
| Arizona                       | 244.75   | 244.51    | 247.50      | 172.45     | 156.61     |
| California                    | 246.81   | 249.25    | 251.22      | 178.15     | 159.01     |
| Idaho                         | 249.80   | 251.89    | 254.41      | 178.29     | 159.70     |
| Nevada                        | 248.46   | 251.89    | 251.97      | 176.03     | 158.46     |
| Oregon                        | 248.88   | 250.92    | 253.42      | 178.30     | 159.85     |
| Utah                          | 248.17   | 250.08    | 251.88      | 175.05     | 159.69     |
| Washington                    | 249.45   | 251.32    | 253.82      | 178.58     | 159.94     |
| Western Avg.                  | 248.05   | 249.98    | 252.03      | 176.69     | 159.04     |
| Overall Average               | 247.22   | 249.29    | 255.26      | 172.88     | 159.75     |
| This Week +/-                 | -        | -0.8%     | -3.1%       | 43.0%      | 54.8%      |

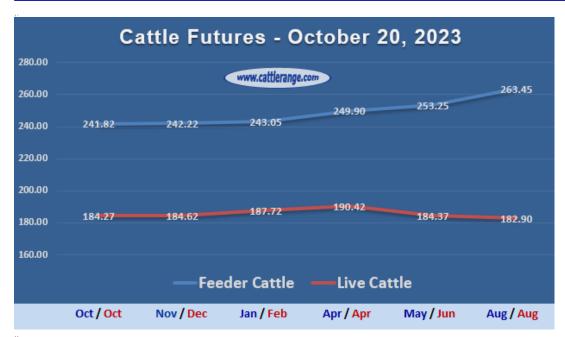
Stocker Steers:

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| 500 lb 600 lb. Steers         | 10/20/23 | Last Week | 1 Month Ago | 1 Year Ago | 5 Yr. Avg. |
|-------------------------------|----------|-----------|-------------|------------|------------|
| Dakotas (www.cattlerange.com) | 312.40   | 309.08    | 309.06      | 218.20     | 196.08     |
| Iowa                          | 301.79   | 308.76    | 314.81      | 203.20     | 191.96     |
| Missouri                      | 284.20   | 285.31    | 296.33      | 188.71     | 187.54     |
| Montana                       | 301.08   | 298.10    | 295.12      | 201.87     | 192.75     |
| Nebraska                      | 310.24   | 311.38    | 310.37      | 215.26     | 199.96     |
| Wyoming                       | 303.25   | 300.86    | 297.86      | 203.74     | 194.76     |
| North Central Avg.            | 302.16   | 302.25    | 303.93      | 205.16     | 193.84     |
| Arkansas                      | 271.19   | 267.84    | 274.19      | 175.02     | 178.41     |
| Colorado                      | 299.70   | 294.71    | 295.70      | 192.11     | 192.51     |
| Kansas                        | 283.50   | 284.58    | 295.56      | 188.22     | 187.53     |
| New Mexico                    | 281.52   | 283.66    | 290.05      | 192.82     | 182.36     |
| Oklahoma                      | 285.11   | 283.05    | 291.15      | 186.09     | 186.01     |
| Texas                         | 277.32   | 283.05    | 292.11      | 189.04     | 182.77     |
| South Central Avg.            | 283.06   | 282.82    | 289.79      | 187.22     | 184.93     |
| Alabama                       | 259.82   | 254.65    | 263.92      | 169.95     | 170.97     |
| Florida                       | 258.69   | 253.92    | 265.85      | 163.87     | 169.66     |
| Georgia                       | 261.65   | 260.52    | 258.52      | 172.89     | 169.62     |
| Kentucky                      | 252.52   | 251.47    | 258.56      | 172.76     | 172.70     |
| Louisiana                     | 253.90   | 248.93    | 262.92      | 172.05     | 174.22     |
| Mississippi                   | 254.23   | 250.12    | 263.15      | 173.58     | 170.08     |
| Tennessee                     | 250.95   | 249.58    | 256.95      | 170.47     | 171.54     |
| Virginia                      | 249.75   | 248.61    | 255.73      | 171.14     | 172.31     |
| Southeast Avg.                | 255.19   | 252.23    | 260.70      | 170.84     | 171.39     |
| Arizona                       | 279.81   | 281.75    | 286.27      | 189.95     | 182.25     |
| California                    | 290.26   | 291.27    | 296.33      | 197.18     | 184.88     |
| Idaho                         | 296.25   | 294.64    | 293.22      | 198.61     | 186.19     |
| Nevada                        | 294.56   | 292.55    | 291.63      | 195.87     | 184.32     |
| Oregon                        | 294.95   | 293.50    | 292.00      | 197.84     | 185.78     |
| Utah                          | 294.05   | 292.10    | 291.10      | 195.57     | 185.06     |
| Washington                    | 294.15   | 293.97    | 292.46      | 198.15     | 185.61     |
| Western Avg.                  | 292.00   | 291.40    | 291.86      | 196.17     | 184.87     |
| Overall Average               | 283.10   | 282.17    | 286.57      | 189.85     | 183.76     |
| This Week +/-                 | -        | 0.3%      | -1.2%       | 49.1%      | 54.1%      |

#### 10 Year Moving Average... Stocker, Feeder & Fed Steers









| Trade Date | Futures Volume |
|------------|----------------|
| 10/13/2023 | 88,507         |
| 10/16/2023 | 84,932         |
| 10/17/2023 | 90,604         |
| 10/18/2023 | 82,220         |
| 10/19/2023 | 114,266        |

| Trade Date | Futures Open Interest |
|------------|-----------------------|
| 10/13/2023 | 537,897               |
| 10/16/2023 | 538,837               |
| 10/17/2023 | 538,603               |
| 10/18/2023 | 531,429               |
| 10/19/2023 | 532,065               |

| Top Expirations Traded On: 10/19/2023 |             |        |         |  |  |  |  |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|--------|---------|--|--|--|--|
| Product Description                   | Month       | Volume | OI      |  |  |  |  |
| FDR CATTLE FUT                        | OCT23       | 1,759  | 2,906   |  |  |  |  |
| FDR CATTLE FUT                        | NOV23       | 5,954  | 9,750   |  |  |  |  |
| FDR CATTLE FUT                        | JAN24       | 8,390  | 20,270  |  |  |  |  |
| FDR CATTLE FUT                        | MAR24       | 3,349  | 7,345   |  |  |  |  |
| FDR CATTLE FUT                        | APR24       | 709    | 2,997   |  |  |  |  |
| Total Feeder Cat                      | tle Futures | 21,176 | 50,227  |  |  |  |  |
| Product Description   Month           |             | Volume | OI      |  |  |  |  |
| LV CATTLE FUT                         | OCT23       | 3,111  | 4,147   |  |  |  |  |
| LV CATTLE FUT                         | DEC23       | 28,784 | 122,762 |  |  |  |  |
| LV CATTLE FUT                         | FEB24       | 10,619 | 62,945  |  |  |  |  |
| LV CATTLE FUT                         | APR24       | 7,021  | 48,478  |  |  |  |  |
| LV CATTLE FUT JUN2                    |             | 5,272  | 36,240  |  |  |  |  |
| Total Live Cat                        | tle Futures | 57,839 | 292,397 |  |  |  |  |
| Product Description                   | Month       | Volume | OI      |  |  |  |  |
| LEAN HOGS FUT                         | DEC23       | 19,839 | 89,248  |  |  |  |  |
| LEAN HOGS FUT                         | FEB24       | 8,522  | 47,725  |  |  |  |  |
| LEAN HOGS FUT                         | APR24       | 3,989  | 30,129  |  |  |  |  |
| LEAN HOGS FUT                         | JUN24       | 1,540  | 11,140  |  |  |  |  |
| LEAN HOGS FUT                         | JUL24       | 543    | 4,103   |  |  |  |  |
| Total Lean H                          | og Futures  | 35,214 | 189,131 |  |  |  |  |
| Product Description                   | Month       | Volume | OI      |  |  |  |  |
| PORK CUTOUT FUT                       | DEC23       | 35     | 256     |  |  |  |  |
| PORK CUTOUT FUT                       | FEB24       | 2      | 12      |  |  |  |  |
| PORK CUTOUT FUT                       | APR24       | 0      | 20      |  |  |  |  |
| PORK CUTOUT FUT                       | MAY24       | 0      | 11      |  |  |  |  |
| PORK CUTOUT FUT                       | JUN24       | 0      | 11      |  |  |  |  |
| Total Pork Cuto                       | 37          | 310    |         |  |  |  |  |

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**Mexican Feeder Cattle Weekly Import Summary** 

#### **Total Crossings IMPORTS Current Week** Previous Week Current YTD Previous YTD (10/2/2023) (9/25/2023) 2023 2022 Mexico to U.S. 30,109 29,503 878,234 597,042 Feeder Cattle 29,486 29,435 868,457 586,097 Cattle Other 20 490 6,324 6,522 Horses 133 48 3,453 4,423 Total 30,109 29,503 878,234 597,042

Mexico to US Import Report for 10/18/2023 (Final)

Columbus, NM - Compared to Tuesday, steer calves and yearlings sold1.00 higher. Heifers steady. Trade moderate to active, demand moderate to good. Supply consisted of steers and spayed heifers weighing 300-600 lbs.

Santa Teresa, NM - Compared to Tuesday, steer calves and yearlings sold1.00 higher. Heifers steady. Trade moderate to active, demand moderate to good. Supply consisted of steers and spayed heifers weighing 300-600 lbs.

|                 |                 | Current (est)<br>10/18/2023 | Current WTD (est)<br>10/18/2023 |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| r Cattle        |                 |                             |                                 |
| Mexico to Arizo | ona             | 2,350                       | 5,050                           |
|                 | Douglas         | 1,400                       | 2,800                           |
|                 | Nogales         | 950                         | 2,250                           |
| Mexico to New   | Mexico          | 3,700                       | 10,500                          |
|                 | Columbus        | 1,000                       | 2,500                           |
|                 | Santa Teresa    | 2,700                       | 8,000                           |
| Mexico to Texa  | s               | 1,150                       | 1,550                           |
|                 | Colombia Bridge |                             | 0                               |
|                 | Del Rio         | 200                         | 300                             |
|                 | Eagle Pass      |                             | 0                               |
|                 | Laredo          |                             | 100                             |
|                 | Pharr / Hidalgo | 200                         | 400                             |
|                 | Presidio        | 750                         | 750                             |
| l:              |                 | 7,200                       | 17,100                          |

#### **Canadian Cattle Prices:**

Prices have been converted to U.S. \$/CWT. Grades changed to approximate U.S. equivalents Canadian dollars equivalent to \$0.7337 U.S. dollars

| Average Feeder Cattle Prices Expressed in U.S. Dollars: www.cattlerange.com |          |          |          |          |          |          |
|---|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
|   | Alb      | erta     | Saskat   | chewan   | Ont      | ario     |
| Steers:   | 10/13    | 10/6     | 10/13    | 10/6     | 10/13    | 10/6     |
| 501-600 lbs.  | \$284.51 | \$287.37 | \$286.24 | \$297.87 | \$264.39 | \$269.69 |
| 601-700 lbs.  | \$266.15 | \$267.88 | \$267.90 | \$253.96 | \$246.19 | \$244.56 |
| 701-800 lbs.  | \$253.34 | \$254.60 | \$255.99 | \$238.41 | \$219.13 | \$233.47 |
| 801-900 lbs.  | \$234.97 | \$236.70 | \$234.27 | \$226.12 | \$226.72 | \$238.18 |
|   |          |          |          |          |          |          |
| Heifers   | 10/13    | 10/6     | 10/13    | 10/6     | 10/13    | 10/6     |
| 401-500 lbs   | \$273.85 | \$297.87 | \$277.65 | \$282.14 | \$236.92 | \$235.52 |
| 501-600 lbs   | \$246.07 | \$253.96 | \$246.71 | \$254.57 | \$229.59 | \$215.91 |
| 601-700 lbs.  | \$235.47 | \$238.41 | \$235.88 | \$237.40 | \$210.54 | \$211.53 |
| 701-800 lbs.  | \$226.22 | \$226.12 | \$226.90 | \$224.31 | \$209.85 | \$206.21 |
|   |          |          |          |          |          |          |
| Average Fee   |          |          |          |          | Dollars: |          |
|   | Alb      | erta     | Saskat   | chewan   | Ont      | ario     |
| Steers:   | 10/13    | 10/6     | 10/13    | 10/6     | 10/13    | 10/6     |
| 501-600 lbs.  | \$360.28 | \$363.90 | \$362.47 | \$377.19 | \$334.80 | \$341.51 |
| 601-700 lbs.  | \$337.03 | \$339.22 | \$339.24 | \$321.59 | \$311.75 | \$309.69 |
| 701-800 lbs.  | \$320.80 | \$322.40 | \$324.16 | \$301.90 | \$277.48 | \$295.64 |
| 801-900 lbs.  | \$297.54 | \$299.73 | \$296.66 | \$286.34 | \$287.10 | \$301.61 |
|   |          |          |          |          |          |          |
| Heifers   | 10/13    | 10/6     | 10/13    | 10/6     | 10/13    | 10/6     |
| 401-500 lbs   | \$346.78 | \$377.19 | \$351.59 | \$357.27 | \$300.01 | \$298.24 |
| 501-600 lbs   | \$311.60 | \$321.59 | \$312.41 | \$322.36 | \$290.73 | \$273.41 |
| 601-700 lbs.  | \$298.18 | \$301.90 | \$298.69 | \$300.62 | \$266.61 | \$267.86 |
| 701-800 lbs.  | \$286.46 | \$286.34 | \$287.32 | \$284.04 | \$265.73 | \$261.12 |

| Slaughter Cattle Prices for Week of 10/13/23:         | US \$'s  | CA \$'s  |  |  |  |
|---|----------|----------|--|--|--|
| Area: Alberta Direct Sales, 4% Shrink                 |          |          |  |  |  |
| Slaughter Steers, mostly Select 1-3, 1300-1500 lbs    | \$171.47 | \$217.13 |  |  |  |
| Slaughter Heifers, mostly Select 1-3, 1100-1400 lbs   | No Quote | No Quote |  |  |  |
| www.cattlerange.com                                   |          |          |  |  |  |
| Area: Alberta Auctions                                |          |          |  |  |  |
| Slaughter Cows, Cutter and Utility 1-3, 1100-1400 lbs | \$97.58  | \$123.57 |  |  |  |

| Area: Ontario Auctions   |          |          |
|--|----------|----------|
| Slaughter Steers, mostly Choice and Select 1-3, 1300-1500 lbs  | \$173.23 | \$219.36 |
| 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          | \$97.42  | \$123.36 |

#### **Alberta Beef Producers:**

Alberta direct cattle sales so far this week have seen light trade develop with dressed sales reported at 390.00 delivered, fully steady with last week. This week we did not hear any premiums if cattle graded over 70% AAA. Cattle that traded this week were being scheduled for the second half of November delivery. Alberta fed basis levels did weaken, basis levels are the weakest since March. The one surprise on this week's market has to be butcher cows. Even with more numbers on offer cow prices were stronger this week. Usually we don't see cow prices strengthen in mid October.

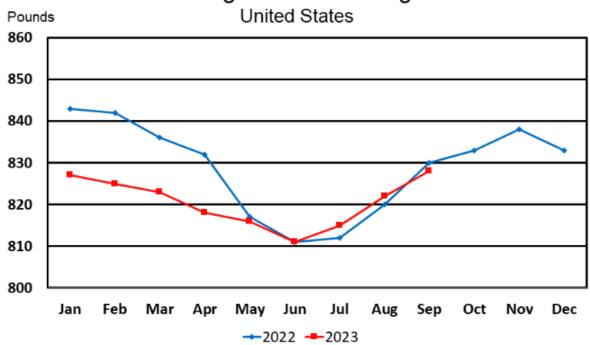




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#### **Chart of the Week:**

# Federally Inspected Cattle Slaughter Average Dressed Weight



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Photo of the Week:



113 Angus Cross Bred Heifers... Northeast OK

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## "Shootin' the Bull" Weekly Analysis:

In my opinion, some previously anticipated events have begun to come to fruition. The first of which is the 106 billion, or just over 1/10th of a trillion dollars, the President asked for, to give to someone else. This can only be achieved by raising taxes and printing more money. Note the bond market made new contract lows this week. Pretty much all week long. Next, we have energy prices not only soaring, but the department of energy announcing at the end of this week they were in the market to purchase 6 million barrels, at now over \$90.00, instead of the \$30.00 lower it was when they said they would begin resupplying. As the bonds set new contract lows, it continues to achieve two goals. One, to attract investment money from the markets, and placed on deposit for a rate of return. Next, it penalizes any and all businesses that are capital intensive in borrowing needs. The threesome of taking money from the system towards investment, raising the price of money to discourage borrowing, and high energy prices are seemingly going to continue to impact the consumer. I believe the markets are telling us the resilience the consumer has shown is not only beginning to slip, but in for a much deeper recession or depression than any anticipate. This week, from his own lips, Fed chief Powell stated that inflation was entrenched.

Cattle prices softened as the industry is going to grow carcass weights heavier, continue increasing the beef/dairy cross, leave retail prices high to the consumer, to discourage demand, with margins to the cattle feeder shrinking going forward without a dramatic price increase for fed cattle. This week's cattle on feed

report, showing over 11.5 million head on feed, with only 2 months of 10, so far, just under 11 million head, has to be an economic case study in elasticity of markets. How does a 6% to 7% change in supply cause triple digit gains in price? An interested student could potentially impress with an opinion on this. What it tells me is that the cart got before the horse and now the higher prices will most likely discourage expansion with alternative manners like, increasing carcass weight and the beef/dairy cross to help fill in the gaps left by the high costs to expand at the current price levels. I think a nest of black swans have hatched. As they grow, they may turn into full blown black swans.

Cattle feeders have influence over one commodity they deal with, the feeder cattle. They can hedge, forward contract, or produce some of their input needs, but not much they do can influence the price paid. Fuel prices tend to be more world market dominated than domestic, and there are a lot of other end users for the feed stuffs they need. So, it appears to me, that like the elasticity seen in fat cattle, it is even more severe in the feeder market. I anticipate the elasticity to pull prices down towards levels for which the cattle feeder can, at the very least, decrease losses, or potentially gain some marketing premium. Regardless, the cattle feeder is staring at the above fundamentals and has historical amounts of capital at stake to produce a pound of beef.

I anticipate corn to trade lower. Up to Friday's new high, I still continued to anticipate corn to trade lower. However, admittedly, I was perplexed in why it was trading higher. Friday's close helped to clarify, I was probably just early. I anticipate beans to trade higher, but believe they may not be ready to explode. Energy traded higher, pretty much all week long. Bonds set new lows, sending yields soaring. I continue to believe that stress exposes weakness, and there is a great deal of stress being applied to the economy, consumer, and confidence of, at this moment. I can't shake someone wanting to own shares in a company for which allows to be stolen from and pays an employee to watch. The strain on every public service, funded by taxes, is immense due to further disregard of law, the lack of recognition of obvious illegal immigration, and the literal collapse of cities and municipalities dealing with the large influx, whether they want it or not. All in all, I find it more difficult for the consumer to launch a shift in discretionary spending that would suggest an increase in purchase of beef, or anything else for that matter. If I am wrong, I think we will all be so grateful I was, we will all sigh in relief.

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#### October USDA Cattle on Feed Report: Released by USDA on October 20, 2023

#### **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 11.6 million head on October 1, 2023. The inventory was **1 percent above** October 1, 2022. This is the second highest October 1 inventory since the series began in 1996. The inventory included 6.95 million steers and steer calves, up slightly from the previous year. This group accounted for 60 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.64 million head, up 1 percent from 2022.

**Placements in feedlots** during September totaled 2.21 million head, **6 percent above** 2022. Net placements were 2.15 million head. During September, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 460,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 355,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 485,000

head, 800-899 pounds were 521,000 head, 900-999 pounds were 290,000 head, and 1,000 pounds and greater were 95,000 head.

Marketings of fed cattle during September totaled 1.66 million head, 11 percent below 2022.

Other disappearance totaled 57,000 head during September, 8 percent above 2022.

#### **View Complete Report**

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



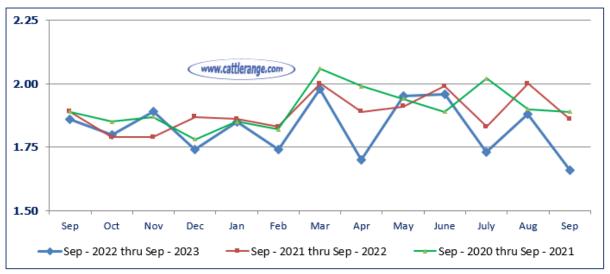
Millions of Head

#### Cattle Placed on Feed in 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots in September



Millions of Head

**Cattle Marketed from 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots in September** 



Millions of Head

# Cattle on Feed Inventory on 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots by Month – States and United States: 2022 and 2023

|  |   |   |   | October 1, 2023  |  |
|--|---|---|---|--|--|
| State  | October 1, 2022 September 1, 2023   |   | Inventory   | Percent of<br>previous year  | Percent of<br>previous month   |
|  | (1,000 head)  | (1,000 head)  | (1,000 head)  | (percent)  | (percent)  |
| Arizona California Colorado Idaho Iowa Kansas Minnesota Nebraska Oklahoma South Dakota Texas Washington Other States | 274<br>510<br>1,070<br>290<br>620<br>2,360<br>85<br>2,470<br>285<br>185<br>2,820<br>245 | 244<br>515<br>950<br>285<br>620<br>2,410<br>95<br>2,270<br>265<br>170<br>2,740<br>245 | 250<br>505<br>990<br>295<br>640<br>2,500<br>95<br>2,420<br>290<br>185<br>2,850<br>255 | 91<br>99<br>93<br>102<br>103<br>106<br>112<br>98<br>102<br>100<br>101<br>104 | 102<br>98<br>104<br>104<br>103<br>104<br>100<br>107<br>109<br>109<br>104 |
| United States  | 11,509  | 11,094  | 11,580  | 101  | 104  |

#### Thousands of Head

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#### **Fed Cattle:**

As of 3:00 PM Friday in the Southern Plains, negotiated cash trading has been inactive with light demand. In Nebraska and Western Cornbelt negotiated cash trading has been limited on light demand. Not enough purchases in any region for a market trend. The last reported market was on Thursday in all regions. In the Texas Panhandle with live FOB purchases traded at 185.00. In Kansas live FOB purchases traded from 184.00-185.00. In Nebraska and the Western Cornbelt live FOB and dressed delivered purchases traded from 186.00-187.00 and at 294.00, respectively.

# **5 Area Week 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, 10/15/2023

Confirmed: 80,333 Week Ago: 79,920 Year ago: 61,986

|                           | Negoti     | ated Cash Sales |                        |            |               |
|---------------------------|------------|-----------------|------------------------|------------|---------------|
|                           | Head Count | Weight Range    | Price Range            | Avg Weight | Wtd Avg Price |
| STEERS: LIVE FOB          |            |                 |                        |            |               |
| Over 80% Choice           | 27,558     | 1,300 -1,650    | 182.00 <b>-</b> 187.00 | 1,514      | 184.89        |
| 65 - 80% Choice           | 8,318      | 1,285 -1,550    | 182.00 - 186.00        | 1,404      | 183.39        |
| 35 - 65% Choice           | 5,153      | 1,200 -1,550    | 182.00 - 184.00        | 1,317      | 182.64        |
| 0 - 35% Choice            |            | -               | -                      |            |               |
| Total all grades          | 41,029     | 1,200 -1,650    | 182.00 <b>-</b> 187.00 | 1,467      | 184.30        |
| STEERS: LIVE DELIVERED    |            |                 |                        |            |               |
| Over 80% Choice           | 773        | 1,400 -1,500    | 185.00 <b>-</b> 187.50 | 1,474      | 186.14        |
| 65 - 80% Choice           |            | -               | -                      |            |               |
| 35 - 65% Choice           |            | -               | -                      |            |               |
| 0 - 35% Choice            |            | -               | -                      |            |               |
| Total all grades          | 773        | 1,400 -1,500    | 185.00 - 187.50        | 1,474      | 186.14        |
| STEERS: DRESSED DELIVERED |            |                 |                        |            |               |
| Over 80% Choice           | 8,920      | 806 -1,045      | 290.00 - 294.00        | 974        | 291.89        |
| 65 - 80% Choice           | 1,884      | 882 -1,011      | 288.00 - 292.00        | 969        | 291.54        |
| 35 - 65% Choice           | 129        | 991 -991        | 292.00 - 292.00        | 991        | 292.00        |
| 0 - 35% Choice            |            | -               | -                      |            |               |
| Total all grades          | 10,933     | 806 -1,045      | 288.00 - 294.00        | 973        | 291.83        |
| STEERS: DRESSED FOB       |            |                 |                        |            |               |
| Over 80% Choice           | 210        | 945 -953        | 288.00 <b>-</b> 290.00 | 946        | 288.33        |
| 65 - 80% Choice           |            | -               | -                      |            |               |
| 35 - 65% Choice           |            | -               | -                      |            |               |
| 0 - 35% Choice            |            | -               | -                      |            |               |
| Total all grades          | 210        | 945 -953        | 288.00 - 290.00        | 946        | 288.33        |
| HEIFERS: LIVE FOB         |            |                 |                        |            |               |
| Over 80% Choice           | 9,999      | 1,195 -1,525    | 182.00 <b>-</b> 186.00 | 1,341      | 184.34        |
| 65 - 80% Choice           | 4,044      | 1,130 -1,400    | 181.00 - 186.00        | 1,290      | 183.50        |
| 35 - 65% Choice           | 690        | 1,165 -1,300    | 182.00 <b>-</b> 183.00 | 1,237      | 182.82        |

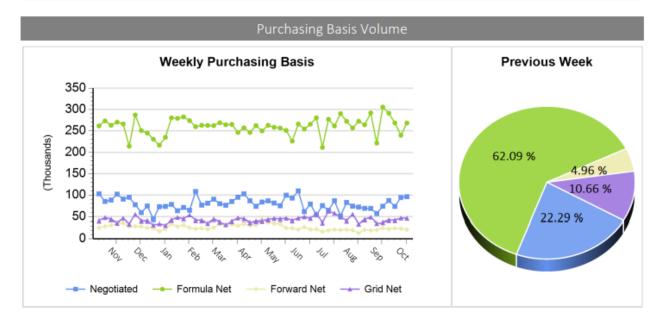
|                          | <b>Head Count</b> | Avg Weight | Avg Price |
|--------------------------|-------------------|------------|-----------|
| WEEKLY WEIGHTED AVERAGES |                   |            |           |
| Live FOB Steer           | 41,029            | 1,467      | 184.30    |
| Live FOB Heifer          | 14,733            | 1,322      | 184.04    |
| Dressed Del Steer        | 10,933            | 973        | 291.83    |
| Dressed Del Heifer       | 2,114             | 849        | 291.64    |
| SAME PERIOD LAST WEEK    |                   |            |           |
| Live FOB Steer           | 38,857            | 1,462      | 182.72    |
| Live FOB Heifer          | 16,804            | 1,319      | 182.58    |
| Dressed Del Steer        | 10,360            | 963        | 289.26    |
| Dressed Del Heifer       | 1,651             | 846        | 288.90    |
| SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR    |                   |            |           |
| Live FOB Steer           | 28,614            | 1,498      | 146.99    |
| Live FOB Heifer          | 12,479            | 1,330      | 146.95    |
| Dressed Del Steer        | 5,861             | 950        | 231.60    |
| Dressed Del Heifer       | 3,326             | 867        | 231.55    |

# Grading % and Carcass Weights

(Beef Type Cattle; Includes Formula Net, Contract Net, and Grid Net; Grading % includes Choice & higher; Carcass Weight includes all grades; All live transactions converted to a dressed basis)

| Grading % | Week Ago |          | Dressed Weight | Week Ago |   |
|-----------|----------|----------|----------------|----------|---|
| 78.9      | 79.7     | <u> </u> | 888.1          | 883.8    | 1 |

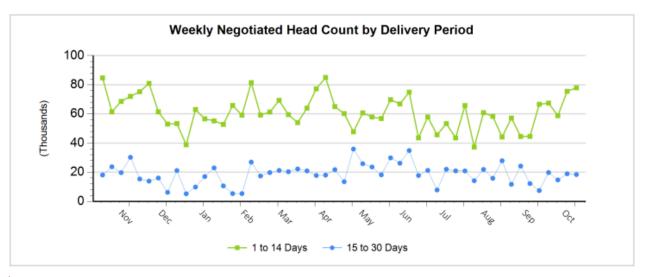
|            | Daily Formula Base Volume |            |            |            |  |  |
|------------|---------------------------|------------|------------|------------|--|--|
| Tue Oct 10 | Wed Oct 11                | Thu Oct 12 | Fri Oct 13 | Mon Oct 16 |  |  |
| 50,312     | 34,001                    | 43,155     | 27,579     | 115,169    |  |  |



#### Weekly Negotiated Avg. Price by Delivery Period

(Beef Type Cattle: All live transactions converted to dressed price)





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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 and projections assume grain is purchased/contracted at the time cattle are placed on feed. Cost includes \$15 per head for freight to feedyard.

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

- Placed On Feed 150 days ago = May 23, 2023
- Projected P/(L) based on the futures when placed on feed: (\$19.29)

| *Cost of 750 lb. steer delivered @ \$206.23 per cwt. + \$15 freight: | \$1,561.73 |
|--|------------|
| Feed Cost for 600 lbs. @ \$1.23 per lb.                              | \$738.00   |
| Interest on cattle cost for 165 days:                                | \$54.55    |
| Interest on feed cost:   | \$12.89    |
| Total Cost & Expense:  | \$2,367.17 |
| **Sale proceeds: 1,350 lb. steer @ \$186.04 per cwt:                 | \$2,511.54 |
| This week's Profit/(Loss) per head:                                  | \$144.37   |
| Profit/(Loss) per head for previous week:                            | \$172.70   |
| Change from previous week:   | -\$28.33   |
| Sale price necessary to breakeven:                                   | \$175.35   |

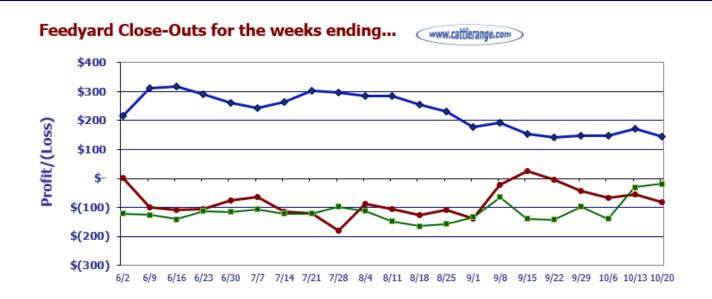
<sup>\*</sup>CME Feeder Cattle Index Average for the week \*\*5 Area Daily Weighted Average

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

• Projected Sale Date @ 150 days on feed = March 18, 2024

| *Cost of 750 lb. steer delivered @ \$246.76 per cwt. + \$15 freight: | \$1,865.70 |
|--|------------|
| Feed Cost for 600 lbs. @ \$1.17 per lb.                              | \$702.00   |
| Interest on cattle cost for 165 days:                                | \$70.92    |
| Interest on feed cost:   | \$13.34    |
| Total Cost & Expense:  | \$2,651.96 |
| **Sale proceeds: 1,350 lb. steer @ \$190.42 per cwt:                 | \$2,570.67 |
| This week's Profit/(Loss) per head:                                  | (\$81.29)  |
| Profit/(Loss) per head for previous week:                            | (\$67.87)  |
| Change from previous week:   | -\$13.42   |
| Sale price necessary to breakeven:                                   | \$196.44   |

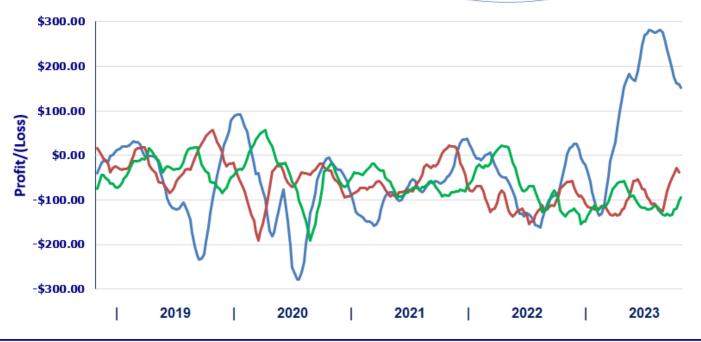
<sup>\*</sup>CME Feeder Cattle Index Average for the week \*\*April Live Cattle Futures Contract



Typical closeout for hedged steers sold this week: (\$19.29)
Typical closeout for un-hedged steers sold this week: \$144.37
Projected closeout for steers placed on feed this week: (\$81.29)

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

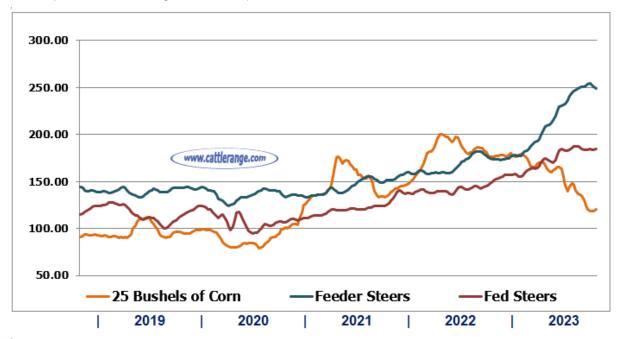




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#### Feeder Steers/Corn Correlation: 5 Year Moving Average

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 4/6/23 for week ending 3/25/23

|            | Federally Inspected Slaugh | ter Head & Percentage by C |
|------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Cattle     |                            |                            |
|            | <u>Head</u>                | % of Total                 |
| Steers     | 285,082                    | 45.4%                      |
| Heifers    | 200,391                    | 31.9%                      |
| Dairy Cows | 57,119                     | 9.1%                       |
| Other Cows | 73,110                     | 11.7%                      |
| Bulls      | 11,793                     | 1.9%                       |
| Total      | 627,495                    |                            |

# **Livestock Slaughter under Federal Inspection:**

|                               | CATTLE    | CALVES   | HOGS         | SHEEP     |
|-------------------------------|-----------|----------|--------------|-----------|
| F-: 10/20/2022                |           |          |              |           |
| Friday 10/20/2023             | 118,000   | •        | •            | •         |
| Week ago                      | 112,000   | •        | •            | -         |
| Year ago (act)                | 123,000   |          | •            | •         |
| Week to date                  | 620,000   | 5,000    | 2,403,000    | 36,000    |
| Same Period Last Week         | 611,000   | 5,000    | 2,422,000    | 34,000    |
| Same Period Last Year (act)   | 632,000   | 7,000    | 2,423,000    | 34,000    |
|                               | -         | -        |              | -         |
| Saturday 10/21/2023           | 18,000    | 0        | 207,000      | 0         |
| Week ago                      | 6,000     | 0        | 187,000      | 0         |
| Year ago (act)                | 42,000    | 0        | 147,000      | 0         |
| Week to date                  | 638,000   | 5,000    | 2,610,000    | 36,000    |
| Same Period Last Week         | 617,000   | 5,000    | 2,609,000    | 34,000    |
| Same Period Last Year* (act)  | 675,000   | 7,000    | 2,570,000    | 34,000    |
| 2023 Year to Date             | 26,122,00 | 233,000  | 101,911,000  | 1,452,000 |
| 2022 *Year to Date            | 27,373,00 | 290,000  | 100,515,000  | 1,402,000 |
| Percent change                | -4.6%     |          | 1.4%         | 3.6%      |
| 2023 *Totals subject to revi  |           |          |              |           |
| 2022 *Totals adjusted to ref. |           | evisions |              |           |
| Yearly totals may not add due |           |          |              |           |
| Previous day                  |           | _        | Cow and Bull |           |
|                               |           | Heriel ( |              |           |
| Thursday                      | 98,000    |          | 27,000       |           |

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

**Compared to last week**, the Choice cutout was 4.58 higher at 305.38 and the Select cutout 2.58 higher at 278.07. The Choice/Select spread at 27.31, 2.00 higher.

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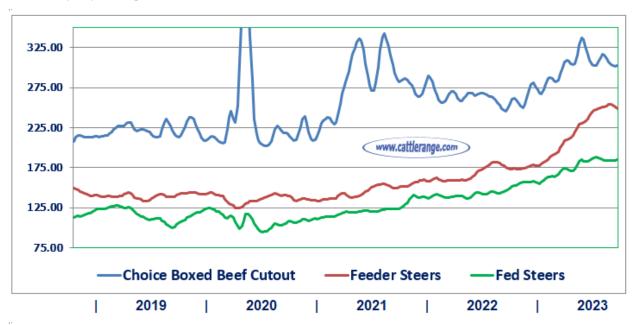
USDA Estimated Boxed Beef Cut-out Values - as of 1:30pm

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<br>600-900 | Select<br>600-900 |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|
| Current Cutout Values:                      | 305.38            | 278.70            |
| Change from prior day:                      | 1.26              | 1.22              |
| Choice/Select spread:                       | 26                | 5.68              |
| Total Load Count (Cuts, Trimmings, Grinds): | 140               |                   |
| Composite Primal Values                     |                   |                   |
| Primal Rib                                  | 531.89            | 429.74            |
| Primal Chuck                                | 261.84            | 251.45            |
| Primal Round                                | 272.85            | 266.87            |
| Primal Loin                                 | 364.63            | 317.92            |
| Primal Brisket                              | 224.48            | 211.66            |
| Primal Short Plate                          | 184.04            | 184.04            |
| Primal Flank                                | 136.91            | 135.19            |

#### Load Count And Cutout Value Summary For Prior 5 Days

|           |              |          |      |        |       | Choice  | Select  |
|-----------|--------------|----------|------|--------|-------|---------|---------|
| Date      | Choice       | Select   | Trim | Grinds | Total | 600-900 | 600-900 |
| 10/19     | 98           | 45       | 6    | 16     | 164   | 304.12  | 277.48  |
| 10/18     | 94           | 44       | 7    | 28     | 173   | 303.86  | 278.35  |
| 10/17     | 86           | 30       | 19   | 18     | 153   | 305.14  | 278.63  |
| 10/16     | 54           | 24       | 0    | 8      | 87    | 304.67  | 277.20  |
| 10/13     | 43           | 13       | 16   | 20     | 92    | 300.80  | 275.49  |
| Current 5 | Day Simple A | Average: |      |        |       | 303.72  | 277.43  |



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

Released by USDA Market News Service on 10/19/23 for week ending 10/7/23

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<br>1-5 | Region<br>6 | Region<br>7-8 | Region<br>9-10 |
|--------|----------|---------------|-------------|---------------|----------------|
| Prime  | 8.61%    | 16.51%        | 4.00%       | 8.52%         | 11.45%         |
| Choice | 70.26%   | 67.53%        | 60.56%      | 72.58%        | 75.52%         |
| Select | 16.68%   | 11.82%        | 32.38%      | 13.96%        | 9.05%          |
| Other  | 4.45%    | 4.13%         | 3.06%       | 4.94%         | 3.99%          |

|                                    | Nebraska                           | Kansas                             | Texas                              |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Prime<br>Choice<br>Select<br>Other | 8.71%<br>70.51%<br>13.31%<br>7.47% | 7.45%<br>73.68%<br>14.78%<br>4.08% | 4.00%<br>60.56%<br>32.38%<br>3.06% |
|                                    |                                    |                                    |                                    |

#### Last Week's Trade Data:

#### Beef:

**Net sales of 400 MT for 2023--a marketing-year low--were down 95 percent** from the previous week and 97 percent from the prior 4-week average. Increases primarily for South Korea (2,800 MT, including decreases of 400 MT), Japan (1,500 MT, including decreases of 500 MT), Hong Kong (100 MT, including decreases of 100 MT), the Netherlands (100 MT), and Peru (100 MT), were offset by reductions primarily for China (1,200 MT), Mexico (1,100 MT), Canada (800 MT), Guatemala (400 MT), and Taiwan (200 MT). Net sales of 200 MT for 2024 were reported for South Korea (100 MT) and Canada (100 MT).

**Exports of 13,700 MT were down 12 percent from the previous week** and 11 percent from the prior 4-week average. The destinations were primarily to Japan (3,600 MT), South Korea (3,100 MT), China (2,300 MT), Mexico (1,200 MT), and Canada (1,100 MT).

#### Pork:

**Net sales of 30,700 MT for 2023 up 46 percent** from the previous week and 10 percent from the prior 4-week average. Increases were primarily for Mexico (9,100 MT, including decreases of 200 MT), Japan (6,200 MT, including decreases of 300 MT), South Korea (4,000 MT, including decreases of 400 MT), China (2,000 MT, including decreases of 100 MT), and Colombia (1,900 MT, including decreases of 100 MT). Total net sales of 900 MT for 2024 were for South Korea.

**Exports of 25,800 MT were down 8 percent** from the previous week and from the prior 4-week average. The destinations were primarily to Mexico (8,700 MT), Japan (3,800 MT), China (2,800 MT), South Korea (2,200 MT), and Canada (2,100 MT).

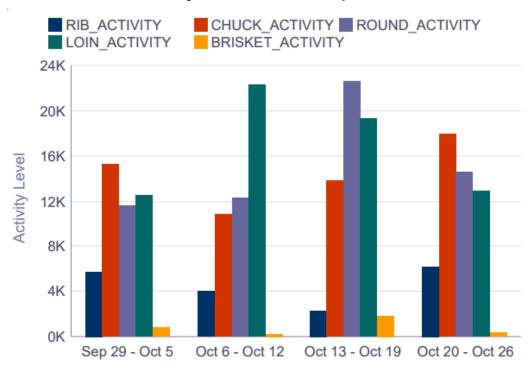
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#### **USDA National Retail Beef Report:**

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

**This week in Beef Retail**, the Feature Rate decreased by 8.0 percent while the Special Rate increased by 2.3 percent. The Activity Index showed a 17.3 percent increase. Cuts from the Round, Loin, Brisket, and Ground Beef showed a decrease in ad space, while cuts from the Rib and Chuck showed an increase in ad space.

#### **Activity Index: 2 Week Comparison**



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

**Total red meat production** under Federal inspection for the week ending Saturday, October 21st was estimated at 1078 million lbs. according to the USDA's Agricultures Marketing Service. This was 1.9 percent higher than a week ago and 3.4 percent lower than a year ago. Cumulative meat production for the year to date was 2.6 percent lower compared to the previous year.

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

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

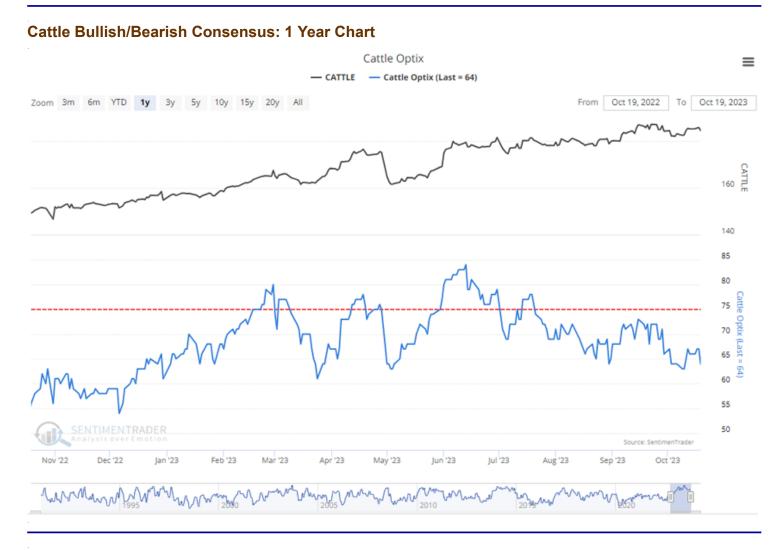
They get too bullish after prices have risen and too bearish after they have already fallen.

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

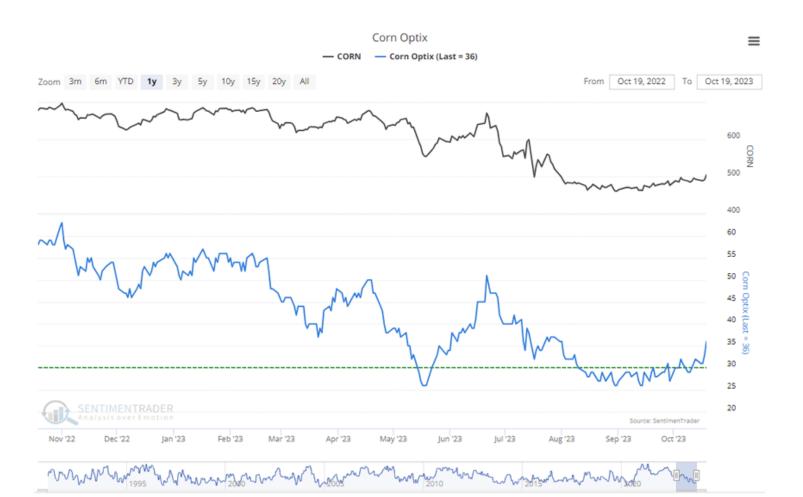
- When the public reaches a bullish extreme, i.e., a great majority thinks prices will keep rising, then prices often decline instead.
- And when they become too bearish, then prices tend to rise.

So when Public Opinion moves above the **red dotted line** in the chart, it means that compared to other readings over the past year, you're seeing **excessive optimism**. You also want to look at the absolute level of Opinion, too - if it's at 90%, then there's no question we're seeing an historic level of bullish opinion. Watch for readings above 80% (or especially 90%) to spot those dangerous times when the public is overly enthusiastic about a commodity.

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

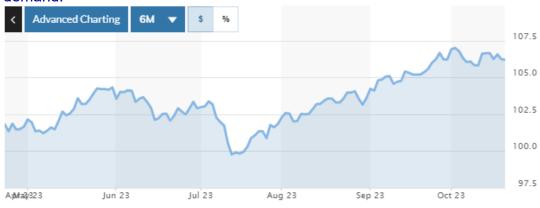


Corn Bullish/Bearish Consensus: 1 Year Chart



#### 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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T. Rowe Price

#### Macro and geopolitical concerns nearly push Nasdaq back into bear market territory

Geopolitical concerns, tough talk from Federal Reserve officials, and a rise in long-term bond yields to new 16-year highs appeared to weigh on sentiment and drive the S&P 500 Index to its biggest weekly decline in a month. The Nasdaq Composite Index fared worst among the major benchmarks and nearly moved back into bear market territory, ending the week 19.91% below its early-2022 intraday highs. Relatedly, growth stocks lagged their value counterparts.

Stocks started the week on a strong note, marking the 15th straight Monday of gains for the S&P 500, seemingly helped by limited negative news flow regarding the Middle East over the weekend. Deepening tensions later in the week appeared to drain the gains, however. In particular, shares fell sharply on Thursday afternoon, following reports that a U.S. Navy destroyer had shot down a cruise missile apparently headed toward Israel. Reports of a drone attack on a U.S. base in Iraq also seemed to weigh on sentiment, according to T. Rowe Price traders.

#### Fed policymakers remain "unconvinced" inflation is tamed

Our traders noted that "Fedspeak" that was arguably less dovish than recent remarks from policymakers may have also been at work. Richmond Fed President Thomas Barkin told a real estate conference in Washington that he was "still looking to be convinced" that demand was slowing and cooling inflation. In comments before the Economic Club of New York on Thursday, Fed Chair Jerome Powell seemed to give a brief boost to sentiment after acknowledging "a clear tightening in financial conditions," but The Wall Street Journal reported that markets pulled back sharply after Powell stated that he saw no signs that the current stance of Fed policy would push the economy into a recession.

#### U.S. Stocks:

| Index            | Friday's Close | Week's Change | % Change YTD |
|------------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|
| DJIA             | 33,127.28      | -543.01       | -0.06%       |
| S&P 500          | 4,224.16       | -103.62       | 10.02%       |
| Nasdaq Composite | 12,983.81      | -423.43       | 24.05%       |
| S&P MidCap 400   | 2,393.28       | -49.52        | -1.53%       |
| Russell 2000     | 1,680.79       | -38.92        | -4.57%       |

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33.22%

of the U.S. and 39.57% of the lower 48 states are in drought this week.

- ↓ 1.1% since last week
- ↑ 4.8% since last month

# 319.2 Million

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

- 0.0% since last week
- 1 2.8% since last month

# 95.8 Million

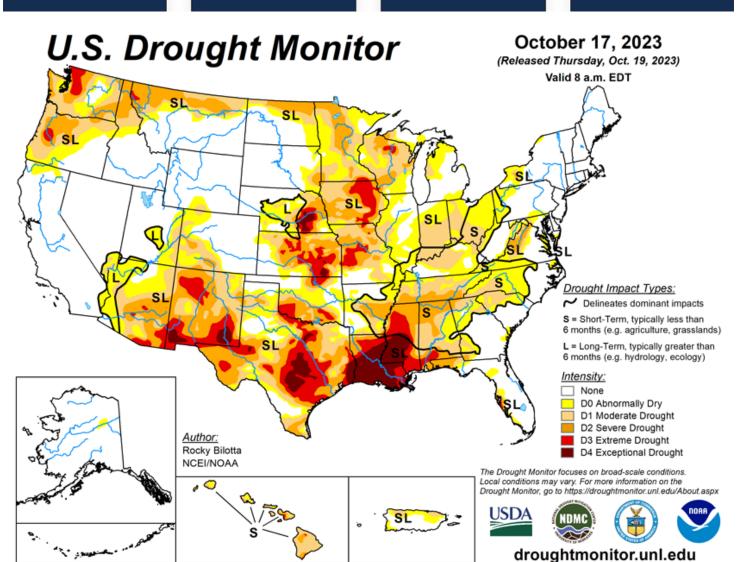
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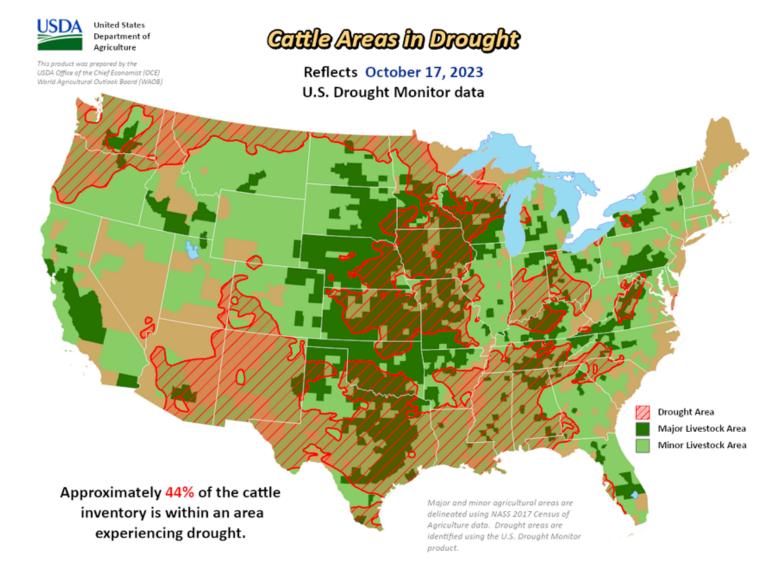
- ↑ 0.0% since last week
- 17.5% since last month

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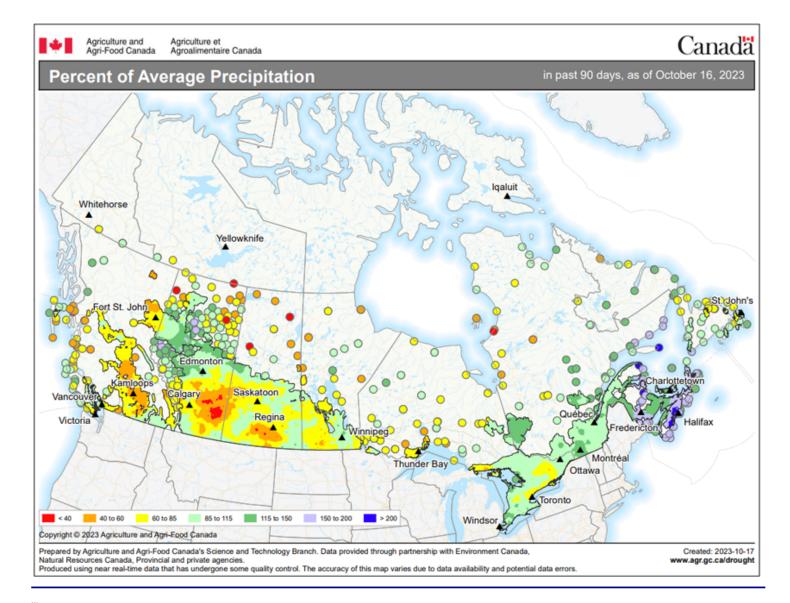
U.S. states are experiencing Moderate Drought (D1) or worse this

- 1 state since last week
- 1 state since last month





Canadian 90-Day Percent of Average Precipitation:

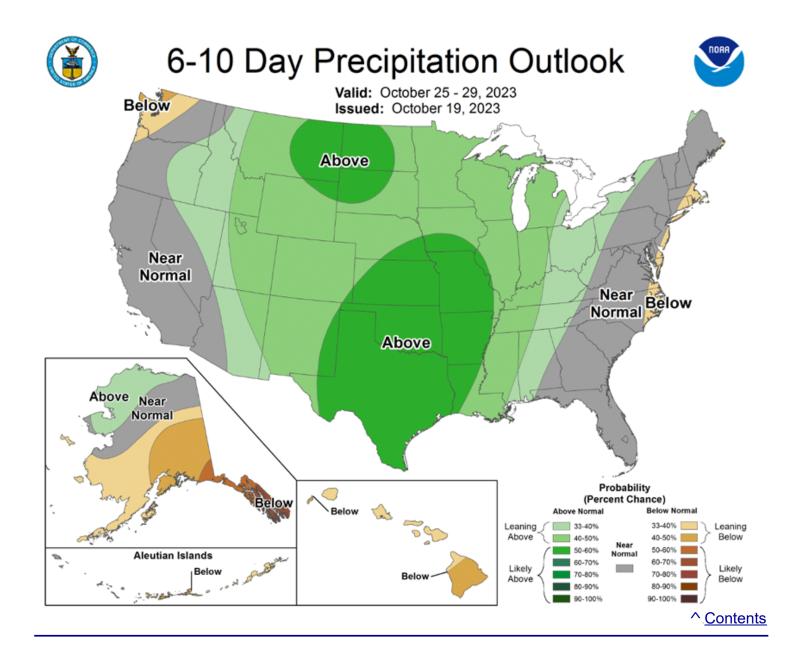


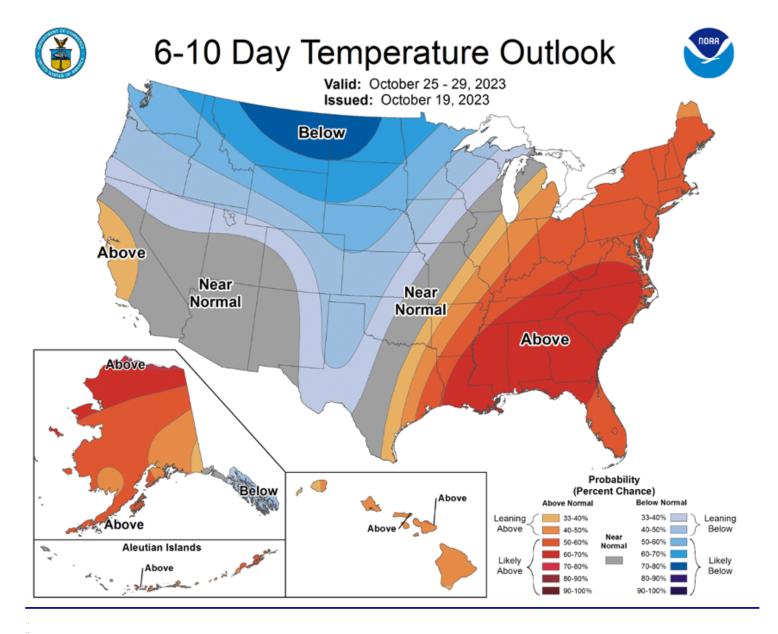
#### Looking ahead...

**During the next five days (October 19-24, 2023)**, a front extending from the Upper Mississippi Valley to the Southern High Plains will move eastward to the Lower Great Lakes/Mid-Atlantic to the Central Gulf Coast by Friday. The system will produce rain over parts of the Upper/Middle Mississippi Valley on Wednesday evening, moving into the Great Lakes/Ohio Valley by Thursday and continuing eastward into Friday. On October 21, guidance shows potential for significant rainfall over parts of the Northeast, while the West is forecasted to receive rain from the weekend into next week. Some of the precipitation over the West should fall as snow in the higher northern Rockies, with snow levels gradually declining with time.

The 6-10 day outlook (valid October 23-27, 2023) favors near to above-normal precipitation throughout much of contiguous U.S., Alaska and Hawaii with below-normal precipitation most likely across the East Coast and in parts of southeast Alaska and on the Big Island in Hawaii. Increased probabilities for above-normal temperatures are forecast from the Plains to the East Coast, as well as much of Alaska and Hawaii, while below-normal temperatures are likely across much of the West.

#### **Precipitation & Temperature Outlooks:**





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**Corn Crop and Pasture & Range Conditions:** 

#### Corn Harvested - Selected States

[These 18 States harvested 94% of the 2022 corn acreage]

|                |                     | 2019 2022          |                     |                      |
|----------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| State          | October 15,<br>2022 | October 8,<br>2023 | October 15,<br>2023 | 2018-2022<br>Average |
|                | (percent)           | (percent)          | (percent)           | (percent)            |
| Colorado       | 26                  | 21                 | 33                  | 35                   |
| Illinois       | 44                  | 42                 | 52                  | 52                   |
| Indiana        | 37                  | 21                 | 30                  | 40                   |
| lowa           | 36                  | 30                 | 42                  | 32                   |
| Kansas         | 71                  | 64                 | 72                  | 66                   |
| Kentucky       | 76                  | 59                 | 69                  | 77                   |
| Michigan       | 21                  | 13                 | 17                  | 20                   |
| Minnesota      | 33                  | 31                 | 45                  | 32                   |
| Missouri       | 65                  | 56                 | 65                  | 65                   |
| Nebraska       | 44                  | 32                 | 44                  | 36                   |
| North Carolina | 91                  | 92                 | 94                  | 92                   |
| North Dakota   | 23                  | 14                 | 27                  | 24                   |
| Ohio           | 23                  | 9                  | 17                  | 24                   |
| Pennsylvania   | 16                  | 12                 | 16                  | 26                   |
| South Dakota   | 42                  | 26                 | 37                  | 33                   |
| Tennessee      | 88                  | 71                 | 83                  | 85                   |
| Texas          | 88                  | 83                 | 86                  | 83                   |
| Wisconsin      | 13                  | 9                  | 14                  | 18                   |
| 18 States      | 43                  | 34                 | 45                  | 42                   |

#### Pasture and Range Condition - Selected States: Week Ending October 15, 2023

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

| State          | Very poor | Poor      | Fair      | Good      | Excellent |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|                | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Alabama        | 10        | 25        | 30        | 35        |           |
| Arizona        | 19        | 31        | 32        | 18        | -         |
| Arkansas       | 12        | 21        | 39        | 26        | 2         |
| California     | 15        | 25        | 30        | 25        | 5         |
| Colorado       | 4         | 5         | 25        | 55        | 11        |
| Connecticut    | -         | 50        | 50        | -         | -         |
| Delaware       | 5         | 17        | 36        | 33        | 9         |
| Florida        | 2         | 6         | 29        | 37        | 26        |
| Georgia        | 5         | 12        | 43        | 37        | 3         |
| Idaho          | 1         | 20        | 38        | 25        | 16        |
| Illinois       | 17        | 31        | 32        | 19        | 1         |
| Indiana        | 9         | 21        | 40        | 28        | 2         |
| lowa           | 16        | 27        | 40        | 15        | 2         |
| Kansas         | 25        | 28        | 33        | 13        | 1         |
| Kentucky       | 16        | 22        | 29        | 32        | 1         |
| Louisiana      | 35        | 33        | 25        | 7         |           |
| Maine          | 7         | 14        | 43        | 33        | 3         |
| Maryland       | 13        | 22        | 26        | 37        | 2         |
| Massachusetts  |           | 3         | 17        | 70        | 10        |
| Michigan       | 3         | 19        | 34        | 40        | 4         |
| Minnesota      | 25        | 37        | 29        | 9         | _         |
| Mississippi    | 28        | 30        | 29        | 12        | 1         |
| Missouri       | 18        | 45        | 28        | 9         | _         |
| Montana        | 12        | 14        | 26        | 41        | 7         |
| Nebraska       | 7         | 11        | 30        | 42        | 10        |
| Nevada         |           | 10        | 25        | 55        | 10        |
| New Hampshire  |           | -         | 20        | 70        | 10        |
| New Jersey     |           | 1         | 6         | 92        | 1         |
| New Mexico     | 7         | 22        | 42        | 14        | 15        |
| New York       | 5         | 12        | 21        | 43        | 19        |
| North Carolina | 1         | 7         | 44        | 46        | 2         |
| North Dakota   | 2         | 12        | 35        | 50        | 1         |
| Ohio           | 7         | 10        | 23        | 58        | 2         |
| Oklahoma       | 14        | 22        | 34        | 27        | 3         |
| Oregon         | 21        | 28        | 34        | 17        | _         |
| Pennsylvania   |           | 1         | 20        | 78        | 1         |
| Rhode Island   | _         | -         | _         | 90        | 10        |
| South Carolina | 15        | 29        | 41        | 15        | -         |
| South Dakota   | 3         | 5         | 30        | 47        | 15        |
| Tennessee      | 4         | 17        | 43        | 34        | 2         |
| Texas          | 37        | 32        | 24        | 6         | 1         |
| Utah           | -         | 8         | 20        | 62        | 10        |
| Vermont        | _         | 7         | 17        | 76        | _         |
| Virginia       |           | 21        | 42        | 37        | -         |
| Washington     | 43        | 29        | 17        | 11        | -         |
| West Virginia  | 4         | 21        | 38        | 37        | -         |
| Wisconsin      | 10        | 22        | 38        | 28        | 2         |
| Wyoming        | -         | 9         | 35        | 56        | -         |
| 48 States      | 16        | 21        | 30        | 28        | 5         |
| Draviava week  | 45        | 04        |           | 20        |           |
| Previous week  | 15<br>23  | 21<br>25  | 29<br>29  | 30        | 5 4       |
| Previous year  | 23        | 25        |           | 19        | 4         |

<sup>-</sup> Represents zero.

# **Weekly Grain Market Review:**

Dec Wheat Futures

10/20/23 1 Month Ago 1 Year Ago 5 Yr. Avg. **Grain Prices** Last Week Omaha Corn 4.84 5.26 4.88 4.87 7.04 Kansas City Wheat 5.98 5.94 6.56 9.13 6.54 4.7725 Dec Corn Futures 4.9550 4.9325 6.8425 5.0987

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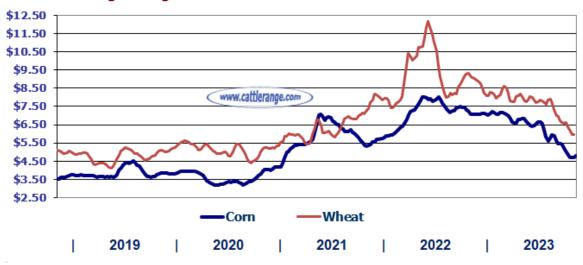
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#### 5 Year Moving Average - Corn & Wheat



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

Net sales of 881,300 MT for 2023/2024 were down 3 percent from the previous week and 15 percent from the prior 4-week average. Increases primarily for Mexico (260,300 MT, including decreases of 2,600 MT), Guatemala (147,000 MT), Colombia (139,200 MT, including 50,000 MT switched from unknown destinations and decreases of 2,000 MT), unknown destinations (121,300 MT), and Japan (102,500 MT, including 42,500 MT switched from unknown destinations), were offset by reductions for Costa Rica (7,000 MT) and Canada (1,200 MT). Total net sales of 10,100 MT for 2024/2025 were for Mexico.

**Exports of 516,300 MT--a marketing-low--were down 37 percent** from the previous week and 25 percent from the prior 4-week average. The destinations were primarily to Mexico (280,300 MT), Colombia (170,400 MT), Japan (42,500 MT), El Salvador (11,200 MT), and Taiwan (11,000 MT).

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

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

This Week: Last Reported: Last Year:

No sale report this week.

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

This Week: 5,696 Last Reported: 4,100 Last Year: 7,811

Compared to last week no comparisons on the yearlings due to limited numbers. Best test on the steer calves 450 lbs to 599 lbs wee mostly 5.00 to 7.00 lower. Heifer calves from 400 lbs to 549 lbs were 6.00 to 8.00 lower. Today yearlings were met with good demand.

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

This Week: 1,718 Last Reported: 1,315 Last Year: 1,950

Compared to last week steer calves under 600 lbs sold steady to 4.00 higher and heifer calves under 550 lbs sold unevenly from 8.00 higher to 8.00 lower.

### <u>Torrington Livestock Commission - Torrington WY</u>

This Week: 1,062 Last Reported: 1,325 Last Year: 1,884

Compared to last week; slaughter and feeder cows traded 2.00 to 3.00 lower. Slaughter bulls traded 4.00

lower. A nice offering today with a large run of cows and a light run of heiferettes.

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

This Week: 1,376 Last Reported: 966 Last Year: 795

Compared to last week: Steer and heifer calves sold 2.00-4.00 lower. Feeder steers and heifers sold steady to 1.00-2.00 lower. Slaughter cows sold 4.00-5.00 higher while slaughter bulls sold steady. Trade

good and demand moderate.

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

This Week: 665 Last Reported: 833 Last Year: 998

Compared with last week, steer calves 3.00-5.00 lower. Not enough spayed heifers of comparable weights sold to make comparison. Trade active, demand good. Bulk of trade consisted of steers and spayed heifers weighing 300-650 lbs. All cattle sold were of Mexican Origin. Next sale is scheduled for October 20th. Supply included: 100% Feeder Cattle (77% Steers, 23% Heifers). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs

was 10%.

### Eastern MO Commission Company - Bowling Green, MO

This Week: 905 Last Reported: 680 Last Year: 1,636

Compared to the last special two weeks ago, the best test and it was a light test was on steer calves weighing 500-550 lbs and 600-650 lbs sold mostly 5.00 lower on similar weights and quality, with a pot load of 860 lb steers selling with firm undertone, all other steer weights were lightly tested but sold with a lower undertone. Feeder heifers were not well tested but also sold with a lower undertone.

# **Smith County Commission - Carthage TN**

This Week: 982 Last Reported: 0 Last Year: 826

Compared to last week, Feeder Steers under 550 lbs. 3.00-10.00 higher, over 550 lbs. 3.00-8.00 lower; Feeder Bulls 5.00-12.00 lower; Feeder Heifers 3.00-10.00 higher; Slaughter Cows 2.00-5.00 higher;

Slaughter Bulls mostly steady.

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

This Week: 946 Last Reported: 1,009 Last Year: 1,127

Slaughter cattle 1.00 higher this week compared to last week . Feeder cattle were 3.00 to 5.00 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: 4,834

Last Reported: 1,268

Last Year: 779

Compared to last week: A very large offering of yearling steers and heifers sold on a very active market, steers and heifers too lightly tested last week to make a good, accurate price comparison. Steer and heifer calves sold with a lower undertone, heavy rains last week have made for very muddy and soft ground conditions which had an effect on the calf market here today.

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

This Week: 1,945 Last Reported: 3,210 Last Year: 1.585

Compared to last week, steers were 5.00 - 15.00 higher and heifer were steady - 14.00 lower. Demand

was good to moderate.

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

This Week: 2,008 Last Reported: 2,469 Last Year: 1,110

Compared to last week, steer calves 400-450 sold 4.00 lower; 450-600 lbs traded 5.00-6.00 higher. Heifer calves 350-400 lbs traded 4.00 higher; 400-450 lbs 9.00 lower; 450-500 lbs and 550-600 lbs were 13.00 higher; 500-550 lbs sharply lower. Feeder steers 3.00-4.00 higher on comparable sales. Feeder heifers were not well tested. Trade moderate to active, demand moderate to good. Slaughter cows sold steady. Slaugher bulls 2.00 lower.

## Oklahoma National Stockyards Feeder Cattle - Oklahoma City OK

This Week: 6,984 Last Reported: 6,121 Last Year: 6,579

Compared to last week: Feeder cattle remain very lightly tested. Feeder steers 2.00-5.00 lower. Feeder heifers mostly steady. Demand for feeder cattle moderate but quality plain to average. Weaned calves mostly steady. Un-weaned or short weaned calves 5.00-10.00 lower. As normal of the time of year, many cattle are un-weaned and these selling to limited demand.

### Joplin Reg. Stockyards Feeder Cattle - Carthage MO

This Week: 4,850 Last Reported: 3,503 Last Year: 3,772

Compared to last week feeder steers under 550 lbs. sold 7.00-14.00 higher with heavier weights steady to 6.00 higher. Feeder heifers under 550 lbs. sold 2.00-8.00 higher with heavier weights steady. Supply was moderate with good demand. 7 head of fancy steer calves weighing 425 lbs. sold for 350.00.

### <u>Callaway Livestock Center - Kingdom City MO</u>

This Week: 1,841 Last Reported: 1,691 Last Year: 1,563

Compared to last week, steer calves weighing 450-550 lbs sold fully steady to firm, with 550-600 lbs not well tested with last week's light test but sold with a higher undertone, 600-650 lb steers sold 5.00-10.00 higher, with a part load of 715 lb steers and a pot load of 890 lb steers selling with a firm undertone. Feeder heifers weighing 450-500 lbs sold with a higher undertone, with 500-550 lb heifers selling mostly 5.00-10.00 higher and 550-600 lb selling with a higher undertone on a light test and over 600 lbs sold steady to firm on comparable sales. Demand was moderate to good on a moderate offering with the best demand on the 550-650 lb steers.

#### Mid-South Livestock - Unionville TN

This Week: 1,283

Last Reported: 1,068 Last Year: 1,012

No sale report this week.

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

This Week: 663 Last Reported: 560 Last Year: 926

Compared to last week: Feeder steers and feeder heifers sold mostly steady. Weaned and preconditioned feeders sold with good demand. Slaughter cows sold 1.00 to 2.00 lower and slaughter bulls sold steady.

#### Blue Grass South Livestock Market - Stanford KY

This Week: 381 Last Reported: 384 Last Year: 495

Compared to last Monday the market was mostly higher on good quality calves, however there were heavy discounts noted for off colored, small framed and heavy conditioned cattle. Feeder steers 400-450 lbs were sharply higher with even higher premiums given for some weaned packages. However steers 550 lbs and over were down sharply with heavy discounts on condition. Feeder heifers 400-500 lbs were sharply higher, while 500-650 were mostly steady with good demand.

### **Tuesday Auctions:**

### <u>Lonestar Stockyards - Wildorado, TX</u>

This Week: 1,656 Last Reported: 1,675 Last Year: 1,926

Compared to last week: Feeder steers traded mostly 4.00 lower. Feeder heifers too lightly tested for a market trend. Steer and heifer calves traded mostly firm to 6.00 higher, with the most advances on weaned calves with good vaccination programs. Slaughter cows traded mostly 2.00 lower on a light test. Not enough slaughter bulls for a market trend.

#### Winter Livestock Auction - Riverton, WY

This Week: 3,039 Last Reported: 3,854 Last Year: 2,790

Compared to last Tuesday sale on a calf and yearling special; Yearlings on a lighter offering than last week mostly steady with higher overtones noted. Feeder calves reputation quality higher overtones noted, steer and heifer calves from 450-650 lbs showed most advances. 300-400 lb calves lower undertones noted.

# Miles City Livestock Commission Auction - Miles City, MT

This Week: 3,692 Last Reported: 2,242 Last Year: 2,071

Compared to week: Yearling steers were too lightly tested to develop any market trend. Steer under 550 lbs sold steady to 5.00 higher, steers over 550 lbs were too lightly tested last week to develop an accurate market trend steady to weak undertones were noticed. Yearling heifers under 750 lbs sold 5.00-10.00 lower in a narrow comparison, yearling heifers over 750 lbs sold mostly 5.00 lower. Yearling quality was mostly average this week and not as attractive as last week. Heifer calves sold mostly steady to 5.00 lower on calves under 500 lbs, calves over 500 lbs. were too lightly tested either this week or last to develop any market trend.

#### Winter Livestock - La Junta CO

This Week: 1,373 Last Reported: 2,071 Last Year: 1,016

Compared to yesterday, trade activity and demand moderate. Feeder steers under 550 lbs sold 1.00 to 8.00 lower on a light test with no comparable trades on steers over 550 lbs. Feeder heifers were too thinly tested to trend. Compared to last Tuesday, average dressing slaughter cows sold 3.00 to 5.00 lower; average dressing slaughter bulls sold 2.00 lower.

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

This Week: 2,700 Last Reported: 5,455 Last Year: 6,631

Compared to last week: Weaned light weight calves were mostly steady. Steers and heifers unweaned sold 4.00 to 10.00 lower. Demand was moderate to good depending on weaned and vaccination status.

### Ozarks Regional Stockyards - West Plains MO

This Week: 2,003 Last Reported: 1,821 Last Year: 1,727

Compared to last week, steer and heifer calves under 700 lbs. sold 3.00-6.00 higher while heavier weight calves sold 2.00-4.00 higher. Demand was good on a light supply, with few large drafts for a comparison. A stick-out draft of 43 head of 624 lb. steers brought 292.00.

## Mid-State Stockyards LLP - Letohatchee, AL

This Week: 2,162 Last Reported: 2,282 Last Year: 1,906

Compared to one week ago: No slaughter or replacements were recorded. Feeder cattle sold 1.00 to 5.00

higher.

### Blue Grass Stockyards - Lexington, KY

This Week: 1,779 Last Reported: 835 Last Year: 2,242

Compared to last Tuesday steers sold 2.00 to 5.00 higher with very good demand for 400-500 lb weaned offerings and yearling packages. Feeder heifers sold 2.00 to 5.00 lower with most decline on yearlings. Slaughter cows sold 2.00 to 4.00 higher with good demand. Slaughter bulls sold steady with good

demand.

#### **Wednesday Auctions:**

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

This Week: 2,977 Last Reported: 5,214 Last Year: 4.183

Compared to last week: steers not well tested this week for comparison. Best test on heifers 850 to 899 lbs and 950 to 999 lbs 2.00 to 5.00 higher. Calves not well compared. Good demand for yearlings today.

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

This Week: Last Reported: Last Year:

No sale Reported this week.

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

This Week: 2,566 Last Reported: 1,243 Last Year: 1.808 Compared to last week steer calves under 700 lbs sold steady to 10.00 higher and yearling steers 850-900 lbs sold 5.00 higher. Heifer calves under 650 lbs sold 2.00 to 8.00 higher. Nearly all the spring calves had received preconditioning shots.

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

This Week: 6,297 Last Reported: 5,455 Last Year: 6,631

Compared to last week: Feeder steers 2.00-5.00 lower. Feeder heifers mostly steady. Demand moderate. Quality plain to average. Feeder futures lower Wednesday as Live cattle futures traded mostly steady. Numbers of feeder cattle remain light, however space may be limited in feedyards. Weaned light weight calves were mostly steady. Steers and heifers, un-weaned sold 4.00 to 10.00 lower.

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

This Week: 1,729 Last Reported: 2,436

Last Year: 0

Compared to last week: Steers and heifers that were weaned and vaccinated were steady to firm.

Unweaned fleshy calves sold 1.00 to 5.00 lower as buyers try to avoid sickness going into colder weather.

Trade was fairly active on moderate to good demand.

### Winter Livestock Feeder Cattle Auction - Dodge City KS

This Week: 2,254 Last Reported: 3,397 Last Year: 3,229

Compared to last week, feeder steers 600 lb to 900 lb sold 4.00 to 5.00 lower, however load lots of steers sold up to 15.00 higher. Steer calves 400 lb to 600 lb sold 5.00 to 6.00 higher, however fancy and thin fleshed steer calves sold up to 10.00 higher. Feeder heifers 500 lb to 1,000 lb sold 2.00 to 5.00 lower, however load lots sold up to 15.00 higher. Heifer calves 400 lb to 500 lb sold 5.00 to 6.00 higher. Demand was good on calves and moderate on feeders. Slaughter cows sold steady. Slaughter bulls sold 3.00 to 4.00 lower.

#### **Bloomfield Livestock Market - Bloomfield, IA**

This Week: 920 Last Reported: 1,670 Last Year: 1,200

No recent price comparison. Demand was good today. Supply was moderate and included several yearling

cattle.

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

This Week: 883 Last Reported: 866 Last Year: 1,112

Compared to last week, steer and heifer calves under 600lbs sold 3.00 to 7.00 higher. Heavier weights had very little to compare to last week, but sold with a higher undertone with some quality groups of long weaned and vaccinated yearlings in the offering this week.

#### South Central Regional Stockyards - Vienna, MO

This Week: 492 Last Reported: 467 Last Year: 672

Feeder supply not sufficient to establish a market trend. Slaughter cows 2.00-4.00 lower. Light feeder offering as several producers are waiting for the calendar to flip to November to sell weaned/backgrounded calves.

### Roanoke Stockyard - Roanoke AL

This Week: 974 Last Reported: 1,276

Last Year: 879

Compared to one week ago: Feeder steers sold 4.00 to 6.00 higher, feeder heifers sold sharply higher, feeder bulls sold 6.00 to 10.00 higher. Slaughter cows sold 2.00 to 4.00 lower, slaughter bulls sold 5.00 higher. Replacement cows and pairs sold mostly steady.

### Blue Grass Stockyards - Albany KY

This Week: 556 Last Reported: 700 Last Year: 656

Compared to last week: Feeder steers under 700lbs sold 4.00 to 6.00 higher with feeder steers over 700lbs mostly steady. Feeder heifers under 500lbs sold 3.00 to 5.00 higher with feeder heifers over 500lbs mostly steady. The weaned feeder calves with vaccinations still bringing large premiums. Slaughter cows sold steady to 2.00 higher. Slaughter bulls sold steady.

### **Thursday Auctions:**

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

This Week: 4,289 Last Reported: 2,078 Last Year: 4,049

Compared to last week: Yearling steers were too lightly tested to develop any market trend. Steer calves under 500 lbs sold generally steady in a narrow comparison; steer calves 500-650 lbs sold mostly 5.00-8.00 higher; steer calves over 650 lbs not well compared. Yearling heifers were too lightly tested either this sale or last sale to develop a full market trend however lower undertones were noticed on a poorer quality offering. Heifer calves all sold generally steady in a narrow comparison.

#### Mitchell Livestock Auction - Mitchell SD

This Week: 1,920 Last Reported: 1,332 Last Year: 3,457

Compared to last week: Good light calves sold on a higher undertone. Not enough heavy steers for a good trend. Heifers 850-1000 lbs, sold 1.00-4.00 lower. Demand was good, with a few large load lots in the

heifers.

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

This Week: 3,730 Last Reported: 1,790 Last Year: 3,170

Compared with last week, 450 lbs steers traded steady, while 550 lbs steers traded 12.00 lower, 550 and 600 lbs steers traded 6.00 to 10.00 higher. No comparable offerings for heifers today. Demand was good with several buyers and a good crowd of viewers.

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

This Week: 2,229 Last Reported: 2,091 Last Year: 2.282

Compared to last week: Feeder steers mostly steady to weaker. Feeder heifers 3.00 to 4.00 higher. Steer calves under 450 lbs. 7.00 to 14.00 higher. Heifer calves that were weaned 3.00 to 6.00 higher and unweaned calves 2.00 to 9.00 lower. Quality fair to average with moderate demand. Slaughter cows 2.00 to 5.00 lower. Slaughter bulls 2.00 higher.

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

This Week: 2.526 Last Reported: 2,738 Last Year: 3,254

Compared to last week: Feeder steers 2.00 to 6.00 lower. Feeder heifers 3.00 to 6.00 lower. Steer and heifer calves unevenly steady with lots of unweaned calves in the offering. Demand was moderate. Quality

average

# Pratt Livestock Auction - Pratt KS

This Week: 1,544 Last Reported: 2,525 Last Year: 2,597

Compared to last week, not enough feeder steers 400 lb to 950 lb for a market test, however a lower trend was noted. Not enough feeder heifers 450 lb to 850 lb for a market test, however a lower trend was noted. Thin fleshed, fancy, and reputation steers and heifers sold steady on very low supply. Demand was good on reputation cattle, otherwise moderate. Slaughter cows and bulls sold steady.

#### Farmers & Ranchers Livestock - Salina KS

This Week: 2,657 Last Reported: 1,680 Last Year: 1,632

The unweaned cattle were in town this week. Unweaned steers and heifer calves tend to sell mostly 10.00 lower than their weaned counterparts. Compared to last week most classes of calves did not have good comparables. However, steers 850 to 950 sold 3.00 to 5.00 lower and 750 to 850 lb steers sold mostly 10.00 lower.

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

This Week: 3,830 Last Reported: 2,837 Last Year: 2.139

Compared to last week: Feeder steers and heifers traded 4.00 to 6.00 lower. There were not enough comparable sales on steer and heifer calves to call a trend. Slaughter cows and bulls traded steady. Trading was active on good buyer demand.

#### New Cambria Livestock Market - New Cambria, MO

This Week: 1,203 Last Reported: 777 Last Year: 1,060

Compared to the last sale two weeks ago, steers and heifers sold 5.00 to 10.00 lower, spots sharply lower. Slaughter cows steady to 3.00 lower. Other than two loads of backgrounded cattle, the bulk on offer was calves, most short weaned or right off the cow.

#### Calhoun Stockyard - Calhoun, GA

This Week: 608 Last Reported: 355 Last Year: 598

Compared to one one ago, slaughter cows 2.00 to 4.00 higher, slaughter bulls mostly steady, feeder steers and steer calves lightly tested, feeder bulls steady to 3.00 higher, feeder heifers lightly tested, bull and heifer calves unevenly steady, replacement cows mostly steady.

#### Toppenish Livestock Auction - Toppenish, WA

This Week: 1,800 Last Reported: 1,610 Last Year: 2,000

Compared to last Thursday, stocker and feeder steers 6.00-8.00 higher in a light test. Heifers weak in a light test.

### **Bluegrass Stockyards South - Stanford KY**

This Week: 1,706 Last Reported: 2,002 Last Year: 1,514

Compared to last Thursday feeder steers sold 5.00 to 7.00 higher with some instances of sharply higher. Feeder heifers sold 1.00 to 3.00 higher. There was good to very good demand for feeder and yearling classes. Strongest demand noted for weaned pre-conditioned feeder and yearling classes with favorable body condition. Fleshy bawling calves facing discounts.

### Paris Stockyards - Paris KY

This Week: 1,647 Last Reported: 2,111 Last Year: 2,049

Compared to last Thursday the feeder market was uneven to mostly lower, with a softer undertone noted on a mostly plainer quality offering. Feeder steers 300-350 lbs were sharply lower, while 400 lbs and over were steady to 4.00 higher with good demand. Feeder heifers were 4.00-10.00 lower across the weight classes, and in some spots sharply lower, as heavy discounts were seen for quality and condition with moderate demand.

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### **Colorado Direct Cattle Report**

This Week: 7,366 Last Reported: 4,117 Last Year: 3,932

Compared to last week: Not enough Current FOB trades last week to test trends, however a definite lower undertone is noted. Demand moderate. Supply included: 100% Feeder Cattle (42.8% Steers, 11.7% Dairy Steers, 41.1% Heifers, 4.5% Dairy Heifers). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 100%. Unless otherwise noted, Feeder Cattle prices FOB based on net weights after a 2-3% shrink or equivalent, with a 4-8 cent slide > 600 lbs. Livestock reported this week originated from AR, AZ, CA, CO, LA, MO, MS, NM, OK, OR, SD, TN, TX, UT, WA, WY.

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

This Week: 990 Last Reported: 2,183 Last Year: 2,555

Compared to last week: No Current FOB trades last week for a trend. Demand moderate to good. Supply included: 100% Feeder Cattle (100% 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 KY.

### Kansas Direct Feeder Cattle Report

This Week: 3,604 Last Reported: 7,606 Last Year: 3,724

Compared to last week: Feeder steers and heifers traded mostly 5.00 to 8.00 lower on comparable sales. Trading activity was moderate on light to moderate buyer demand as feedlots are filling up. Supply included: 100% Feeder Cattle (47.1% Steers, 52.9% Heifers). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 100%. U. 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 AZ, CO, KS, MS, NE, TX

### **Missouri Direct Cattle Report**

This Week: 85 Last Reported: Last Year: 130

Compared to last week: No Current FOB trades last week for a trend. Demand moderate to good. Supply included: 100% Feeder Cattle (100% 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 MO.

### **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: 2.670 Last Reported: 2,662

Last Year: 530

Compared to last week: Not enough comparable sales on feeder steers or heifers for a market trend. Trading activity was moderate on moderate to good demand. Supply included: 100% Feeder Cattle (70.4% Steers, 2.4% Dairy Steers, 27.2% 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 NM.

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

This Week: 997 Last Reported: 937 Last Year: 2.412

Compared to last week: Not enough comparable trades to test trends, however a lower undertone is noted. Demand moderate to good. Supply included: 100% Feeder Cattle (37.7% Steers, 62.3% 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 4-8 cent slide > 600 lbs. Livestock reported this week originated from ID, OR, UT, WA.

### **Oklahoma Direct Cattle Report**

This Week: 2,329 Last Reported: 7,076 Last Year: 3,027

Compared to last week: Feeder steers and heifers sold mostly 6.00-8.00 lower. Demand light to moderate. Several days of the CME Feeder and Live cattle contracts have country trade being very light. Supply included: 100% Feeder Cattle (80.2% Steers, 19.8% Heifers). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 97%. Unless otherwise noted, Feeder Cattle prices FOB based on net weights after a 2-3% shrink or equivalent, with up to a 15 cent slide > 600 lbs and up to a 20 cent slide < 600 lbs. Livestock reported this week originated from OK.

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

This Week: 2,505 Last Reported: 2,065 Last Year: 1,827

Compared to last week: Current FOB steers and heifers were steady to weak. Trade activity and demand were moderate. Supply included: 100% Feeder Cattle (31.9% Steers, 68.1% Heifers). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 92%. 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. Current Delivery is within 14 days after report date. Livestock reported this week originated from AL, AR, FL, LA, MS, TN.

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

This Week: 1,390 Last Reported: 2,578

Last Year: 60

Compared to last week, feeders have no comparison. Trade and demand moderate. Supply included: 100% Feeder Cattle (61.9% Steers, 38.1% 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 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 AZ, CA.

# **Texas Direct Cattle Report**

This Week: 12,090 Last Reported: 14,930 Last Year: 10,046

Compared to last week: Current FOB steers and heifers sold steady to 3.00 lower. Trade activity and demand were light to moderate. Supply included: 100% Feeder Cattle (54.1% Steers, 0.5% Dairy Steers, 45.3% Heifers). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 97%. Unless otherwise noted, Feeder Cattle prices FOB based on net weights after a 2-3% shrink or equivalent, with up to a 15 cent slide > 600 lbs and up to a 20 cent slide < 600 lbs. Current Delivery is within 14 days after report date. Livestock reported this week originated from AL, AZ, FL, KS, KY, LA, MS, NM, OK, TN, TX.

### Wyoming-Nebraska Direct Cattle Report

This Week: 923 Last Reported: 389

Last Year:

Compared to last week: Not enough comparable sales on feeder steers or heifers due to last weeks light test for a market trend. Trading activity was moderate on moderate to good demand. Supply included: 100% Feeder Cattle (67% Steers, 33% 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 cent slide > 600 lbs. Livestock reported this week originated from AR, NE, TX, WY.

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