\$245

\$130

report adds the drought across the entire country now impacts 11

percent of corn, 13 percent of soybeans, 17 percent of hay, 17

percent of cattle and 23 percent of winter wheat.

Hay Market Reports

Compiled by USDA Market News Service • St. Joseph, Mo.-Portland

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		ton or dollars pe			Alfalfa Large Square	Premium	75
tail outlets. Basis is current delivery FOB barn or stack, or delivered					Fair	200	
customer as		46:	المع المالمين		KLAMATH BASIN	0	200
		this report have			Alfalfa Large Square	Supreme	200
		e (RFV), Acid D	0	(),		Premium Good	700
	ngestible inutrie	ents), or Crude F	rotein (CP) test num-		Good	75 890
bers:	051/	405	TOM	0.0		Fair	
Grade	RFV	ADF <27	TDN 55.9+	CP 22+	Concell Converse	Fair	175
Supreme	185+	<27 27-29		22+ 20-22	Small Square Alfalfa/Orchard Mix Sm	Fair	50
Premium	170-185		54.5-55.9				200
Good	150-170	29-32	52.5-54.5	18-20 16-18	Square	Premium	200
Fair	130-150 <130	32-35 36+	50.5-52.5 <50.5	<16	Orchard Grass Small S	quare Premium Fair	400 54
Utility				<10	Wheat Large Square	Fall	54
		TON-OREGON umbia Basin)	NAT		LAKE COUNTY	Premium	33
	· ·	A Market News)			Alfalfa Large Square	Fair	33 32
	· ·	es Lake, Wash.			Small Square	Premium	32 120
	WOSE	Nov. 13			Small Square	Premium	120
This week l		Last week		actuaar			30
2.490	08	4.840	L	ast year 1.560		Good	56
,	to Nov 6: Supr	eme dairy fourth	and fifth a	,	Triticale Small Square	Good	24
		hay not tested th			HARNEY COUNTY	0000	24
		s their lots are fu		cponters are	No new sales.		
basically out	or the market a		". Tons	Price	NUTIEW Sales.	IDAHO HAY	
				190	(1	JSDA Market News)	
Alfalfa Smal	•	Premium	130	\$260-265	•	loses Lake, Wash.	
	ss Small Squa		110	\$260-275		Nov. 13	
	ss Mid Square		2000	\$105	This week FOB Last week		
	Mid Square	Good	150	\$70	1.860	6.100	
		ON AREA HAY		Ŷ. O		S: Supreme, Premiun	n and
		A Market News)			steady in a light test. T		
		ortland, Ore.			demand. Exporters con		
		Nov. 13			ers sorting out bottom		
This week I	-ОВ	Last week	L	ast year	this week.		
3,559		2,160		1,314			Tons
Compared	to Nov. 6: Price	es trended gene	rally steady	compared	Alfalfa Mid Square	Supreme	350
to week ago	prices. Retail/S	table demand fo	r all types	of hay from		Prem./Sup.	275
Crook, Desch	utes, Jefferson	, Wasco counties	continues	to be good.		Good/Prem.	235
Many produc	ers have decid	ed to hold on to	their hay	for now, in		Good	500
hopes for hig	her prices. Sno	ow has hit some	of the ha	y producing		Fair/Good	500
areas.						CALIFORNIA HAY	
			Tons	Price	(L	JSDA Market News)	
CROOK, DESCHUTES, JEFFERSON, WASCO COUNTIES				Ν	loses Lake, Wash.		
Alfalfa Smal	l Square	Supreme	3	\$280		Nov. 13	
		Premium	7	\$250	This week FOB	Last week	
Orchard Gra	ss Small Squa	re Premium	70	\$250	8,163	6,615	
Barley Small Square Good			5	\$180	Compared to Nov. 6:		
	ive Way Small				demand. According to the		
Square Promium 40 \$285				\$285,200	percent of California is a	surrently in extreme or	avcont

\$285-290

Alfalfa Large Square	Supreme	200	\$210			Tons	Price	
	Premium	700	\$315-318	REGION 1: NORTH INTERMOU	JNTAIN			
	Good	75	\$160	Includes the counties of Sisk	iyou, Modoc, S	shasta,	Lassen, and	
		890	\$275	Plumas.	-			
	Fair	175	\$120	Alfalfa	Premium	325	\$180	
Small Square	Fair	50	\$130		Good/Prem.	375	\$160	
Alfalfa/Orchard Mix Small				REGION 2: SACRAMENTO VAI	LLEY			
Square	Premium	200	\$235	Includes the counties of Teha	ama, Glenn, Bi	utte, Co	usa, Sutter,	
Orchard Grass Small Square	Premium	400	\$240	Yuba, Sierra, Nevada, Placer,	Yolo, El Dora	do, Sol	ano, Sacra-	
Wheat Large Square	Fair	54	\$70	mento.				
LAKE COUNTY				Alfalfa	Supreme	100	\$210	
Alfalfa Large Square	Premium	33	\$225		Good/Prem.	50	\$200	
- .	Fair	32	\$150		Good	300	\$120	
Small Square	Premium	120	\$210	Orchard Grass	Premium	50	\$200	
		120	\$210	Oat	Good	75	\$70	
		30	\$200			25	\$127	
	Good	56	\$250	Wheat	Good	600	\$70	
Triticale Small Square	Good	24	\$135	Rice Straw	Good	150	\$114	
HARNEY COUNTY				REGION 3: NORTHERN SAN J	OAQUIN VALL	ΕY		
No new sales.				Includes the counties of San	Joaquin, Calave	eras, Sta	anislaus, Tu-	
IDAH	HO HAY			olumne, Mono, Merced and Mariposa.				
(USDA M	arket News)			Alfalfa	Premium	700	\$235	
Moses L	ake, Wash.				Good/Prem.	1000	\$120-140	
No	ov. 13					50	\$180	
This week FOB Las	t week	L	.ast year			325	\$215-230	
1,860 6	,100		9,000		Good	100	\$130	
Compared to Nov. 6: Supre						200	\$115	
steady in a light test. Trade sl	ow this week	with cor	ntinued light			100	\$155	
demand. Exporters continue to look for covered hay, with produc-						200	\$140	
ers sorting out bottom bales.	Retail/feed sto	re/horse	e not tested	Wheat	Good	25	\$100	
this week.				REGION 4: CENTRAL SAN JO				
		Tons	Price	Includes the counties of Made				
Alfalfa Mid Square	Supreme	350	\$145	Alfalfa	Good	125	\$135	
	Prem./Sup.	275	\$250			125	\$85	
	Good/Prem.		\$250			100	\$80	
	Good	500	\$120			100	\$130	
	Fair/Good	500	\$90	REGION 5: SOUTHERN CALIF				
CALIFORNIA HAY			Includes the counties of Kern,	Northeast Los	Angeles	s, and West-		
	arket News)			ern San Bernardino.	0 1/5	005	****	
	.ake, Wash.			Alfalfa	Good/Prem.		\$260	
	ov. 13			Forage Mix-Three Way	Good	38	\$260	
	t week	L	ast year	REGION 6: SOUTHEAST CALF				
8,163 6,615 4,050 Compared to Nov. 6: All classes traded very slow on very light			Includes the counties of Eastern San Bernardino, Riverside, and					
				Imperial. Alfalfa	Good/Prem.	1000	¢105	
demand. According to the U.S. percent of California is currently				Allalla	Good/Prem. Good	200	\$185 \$165	
the highest drought levels our					G000 Eair/Cood			

Good 200 \$165 \$95-100 1300 Fair/Good

Grain Market Reports Compiled by USDA Market News Service • Portland

Premium

40

Grains are stated in dollars per bushel or hundredweight (cwt.) except feed grains traded in dollars per ton. National grain report

Square

EASTERN OREGON

bids are for rail delivery unless truck indicated PORTLAND GRAIN (USDA Market News) Portland Nov. 13

PACIFIC NORTHWEST MARKET SUMMARY Cash wheat bids for October delivery ended the reporting week on Thursday, Nov. 12, lower compared to Nov. 5 noon bids for November delivery.

December wheat futures ended the reporting week on Thursday, Nov. 12, lower as follows compared to Nov. 5 closes: Chicago wheat futures were 28.25 cents lower at \$4.98, Kansas City wheat futures were 22.25 cents lower at \$4.6375 and Minneapolis wheat futures trended 11 cents lower at \$5.0525. Chicago December corn futures trended 12.50 cents lower at \$3.62 and November soybean futures closed 1.50 cents higher at \$8.6925

Bids for US 1 Soft White Wheat delivered to Portland in unit trains or barges during November for ordinary protein were 20 to 68.25 cents lower than week ago prices at \$4.98-5.50, compared to \$5.6625-5.70 last week for November delivery.

Some exporters were not issuing bids for nearby delivery. There were no white club wheat premiums for this week or last week.

One year ago bids for US 1 Soft White Wheat any protein for November delivery by unit trains and barges to Portland were \$6.78-7.3275 and bids for White Club Wheat were \$9.3275-9.7775

Forward month bids for soft white wheat ordinary protein were as follows: December \$4.98-5.50; January, February and March

One year ago, forward month bids for soft white wheat for any protein were as follows: December \$6.78-7.3775, January \$6.85-7.43, February and March \$6.85-7.48.

Bids for US 1 Soft White Wheat guaranteed maximum 10.5 percent protein during November were \$6.63-6.90, 21.25 to 28.25 cents per bushel lower compared to \$6.9125-7.1125 last week for November delivery. White club wheat premiums for guaranteed maximum 10.5 percent protein soft white wheat were \$1.15 to \$1.35 per bushel over soft white wheat bids compared to \$1.25 to \$1.75 Nov. 6. Forward month bids for soft white wheat guaranteed 10.5 teins were as follows: December \$6.63-6.90. January

Bids for 11.5 percent protein US 1 Hard Red Winter Wheat for
November delivery were 17.25 to 27.25 cents per bushel lower
compared to Nov. 6 noon bids for November delivery. On Nov.
13, bids were as follows: November \$5.6375-5.7875, December
\$5.6875-5.8075, January \$5.73-5.83, February \$5.76-5.86 and
March \$5.79-5.88.
Pide for non-guaranteed 14.0 percent protain LIS 1 Dark Northern

- the highest drought levels currently reported. The Ag in Drought

d 14.0 percent p Spring Wheat for Portland delivery during November were 11 cents per bushel lower than Nov. 6 noon bids for the same delivery period Some exporters were not issuing bids for nearby delivery. On Nov. 13, bids for non-guaranteed 14 percent protein were as follows: November \$6.1025-6.5525, December \$6.2525-6.5525, January \$6.1125-6.5425, February and March \$6.1125-6.5625. COARSE FEEDING GRAINS

Bids for US 2 Yellow Corn delivered full coast Pacific Northwest - BN shuttle trains for November delivery were 6.50 to 12.50 cents lower from \$4.34-4.49 per bushel. Forward month corn bids were as ollows: December \$4.39-4.49, January \$4.4850-4.5450, February \$4.5050-4.5450, March \$4.5050-4.5650 and April \$4.5850-4.6050. Bids for US 1 Yellow Soybeans delivered full coast Pacific Northwest BN shuttle trains for November delivery were half of a cent higher from \$9.6425-9.6725 per bushel. Forward month soybean bids were as follows: December \$9.57-9.61, January \$9.56-9.61 and February \$9.51-9.52. Bids for US 2 Heavy White Oats for November delivery trended steady at 3.8475 per bushel.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST EXPORT NEWS

There were nine grain vessels in Columbia River ports on Thursday, Nov. 11, with four docked compared to 8 last Thursday with five docked. There were no new confirmed export sales this week from the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) of the USDA

CALIFORNIA GRAINS	
(USDA Market News)	
Portland	

Nov. 12						
Prices in dollars per cwt., bulk Inc.= including; Nom.= nominal;						
Ltd.= limited; Ind.= indicated; NYE=Not fully estimated.						
GRAIN DELIVERED						
Mode Destination	Price per cwt.					
BARLEY – U.S. No. 2 (46-lbs. per bushel)						
FOB Solano County	NA					

	Tango Talare Freeno obanaco	1.0.1
	Colusa County	\$11
	Solano County	NA
CORN-U.S	. No. 2 Yellow	
FOB	Turlock-Tulare	\$8.46
	Stockton-Modesto-Oakdale-Turlock	NA
Rail	Single Car Units via BNSF	
	Chino Valley-Los Angeles	\$9.02
Truck	Petaluma-Santa Rosa	NA
	Stockton-Modesto-Oakdale-Turlock	\$8.77
	Los Angeles-Chino Valley	NA
	Kings-Tulare-Fresno Counties	\$8.77
SORGHUN	I-U.S. No. 2 Yellow	
Rail	Los Angeles-Chino Valley	
	via BNSF Single	\$10.07
Truck	Modesto-Oakdale-Turlock	NA
OATS-U.S.	No. 1 White	
Truck	Los Angeles-Chino Valley	NA
OATS-U.S.	No. 2 White	
Truck	Petaluma	\$13
	Stockton-Modesto-Oakdale-Turlock	\$13
Rail	Petaluma	NA
WHEAT-U.	S. No. 2 or better-Hard Red Winter	
	(Domestic Values for Flour Milling)	
	Los Angeles 12 percent Protein	NA
	Los Angeles 14 percent Protein	NA
Truck/Rail	Los Angeles 11-12 percent Protein	
	Los Angeles 14 percent Protein	NA

WHEAT-U.S. Durum Wheat Imperial County NA Truck Kings-Tulare-Fresno Counties NA WHEAT-Any Class for Feed FOB Tulare NA Kings-Tulare-Fresno Counties NA Colusa County NA Truck/Rail Los Angeles-Chino Valley NA

Petaluma-Santa Rosa

Kern County

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ing Nov. 13: No confirmed sales

Stockton-Modesto-Oakdale-Turlock

Potato Market Reports

Compiled by North American Potato Market News and USDA Agricultural Market Service

Prices are weekly averages of daily prices. All prices are in dollars per hundredweight (cwt.). FWA is a weighted average of shipping point prices or common packs in each area. Weights differ by area. GRI is the Grower Returns Index for each individual area.

FRESH RUSSET POTATO MARKET REPORT (North American Potato Market News) (USDA Market News)

Nov. 17

Market Commentary: Russet table potato prices have backed off October highs. Supply conditions favor further advances, but a catalyst may be needed.

SHIPPING	AREA							
FWA	Chg	GRI	Chg	70 ct	Chg	10# Film	Chg	
IDAHO BU	IRBANKS		-		-		-	
\$14.09	\$0	\$6.28	\$0	\$20	\$0	\$9.50	\$0	
IDAHO NO	ORKOTAHS							
\$13.63	-\$0.30	\$6.39	-\$0.22	\$19	-\$0.50	\$9	-\$0.50	
COLUMBI	COLUMBIA BASIN							
\$13.08	-\$0.38	\$5.71	-\$0.24	\$17	\$0	\$9	-\$0.50	
KLAMATH	BASIN							
\$14.39	NA	\$6.04	NA	\$21	NA	\$11.50	NA	

Sheep/Wool Market Reports

Compiled by USDA Market News Service • Greeley, Colo.-San Angelo, Texas

> down \$16.11 lower: 45-55 lbs \$.32 higher and 55 lbs and up \$1.12-3.50 lower. SLAUGHTER LAMBS Choice and Prime 2-3: San Angelo: shorn and wooled 100-160 lbs

\$140-158, few \$161-162. SLAUGHTER LAMBS Choice and Prime 1:

San Angelo: 40-60 lbs 230-242; 60-70 lbs. \$218-232; 70-80 lbs. \$190-216; 80-90 lbs. \$185-200; 90-105 lbs. \$170-180.

DIRECT TRADING (Lambs with 3-4 percent shrink or equivalent): 7,300 Slaughter Lambs shorn and wooled 129-

155 lbs. \$139.40-165, mostly \$145-155 (wtd avg \$149.71).

SLAUGHTER EWES:

San Angelo: Good 2-3 (fleshv) \$62: Utility and Good 1-3 (medium flesh) \$68-80, high-yielding \$80-84; Utility 1-2 (thin) \$50-60; Cull and Utility 1-2 (very thin) \$40-50; Cull 1 (extremely thin) \$20-25.

FEEDER LAMBS Medium and Large 1-2: San Angelo: 45-60 lbs. \$210-214: 60-70 lbs. \$186-196; 70-80 lbs. \$175-188; 80-95 lbs. \$170-177

REPLACEMENT EWES Medium and Large 1-2:

San Angelo: mixed age hair ewes 80-130 lbs \$84-120 cwt

NATIONAL WEEKLY LAMB CARCASS Choice and Prime 1-4: Wtd. avg.

\$437.93

\$387.72

\$341.13

At San Angelo, Texas, 5,239 head sold in a Weiaht one-day sale. Equity Electronic Auction sold 45 lbs. Down 320 slaughter lambs in Nebraska. In direct trad-45-55 lbs. ing slaughter ewes and feeder lambs were not 55-65 lbs.

lambs were \$2-4 lower. 9.900 head of formula sales under 55 lbs were not tested; 55-85 lbs were \$1-5 lower and over 85 lbs were not well tested, 7.091 carcasses sold with 45 lbs and

Wool prices in cents per pound and foreign

currency per kilogram, sheep prices in dollars per

NATIONAL WOOL REVIEW

(USDA Market News)

Greeley, Colo.

Nov. 13

a standstill this week. There were no confirmed

trades. Wool is still being collected from fall shorn

lambs to try to market further down the road

There are some attempt to trade small amounts of

wool at this time, but there is still some resistance

due to the strong U.S. dollar. Domestic wool trad-

ing on a greasy basis was at a standstill. There

NATIONAL SHEEP SUMMARY

(USDA Market News)

San Angelo, Texas

Nov. 13

were no confirmed trades this week.

\$.60-.70

\$.50-.60

\$.40-.50

Domestic wool tags

No. 1

No. 2

No. 3

NA

NA

NA

Domestic wool trading on a clean basis was at

hundredweight (cwt.) except some replace

animals on per head basis as indicated

65-75 lbs. \$323.52 75-85 lbs. \$314.99 85 lbs, and up \$303.39 Sheep and lamb slaughter under federal inspection for the week to date totaled 40,000 com-

pared with 41,000 last week and 40.000 last year.

California Egg Reports

Compiled by USDA Market News Service • Des Moines

Shell egg marketer's benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms DAILY CALIFORNIA SHELL EGGS

> (USDA Market News) Des Moines, Iowa

			.,				
Nov. 13							
Benchmark p	Benchmark prices are steady. Asking prices for next week are 23 cents higher for Jumbo, 25 cents						
higher for Extra	higher for Extra Large, 24 cents higher for Large and 7 cents higher for Medium and Small. The under-						
tone is steady t	to firm. Retail and food	d service deman	d is fairly good. Offerings are light to moderate.				
Supplies are mo	oderate. Market activity	is moderate to a	active. Small benchmark price is \$2.24.				
Size	Range	Size	Range				
Jumbo	275	Extra large	286				
Large	282	Medium	244				
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA							
Prices to retailers, sales to volume buyers, USDA Grade AA and Grade AA, white eggs in cartons,							
delivered store door.							
Size	Range	Size	Range				
Jumbo	227-238	Extra large	212-224				
Large	214-223	Medium	182-191				

Compared to Nov. 6: Slaughter lambs were steady to \$10 lower, except at Ft. Collins, Colo. Stockton-Modesto-Oakdale-Turlock NA steady to \$10 higher. Slaughter ewes were steady to \$10 higher. Feeder lambs were steady to \$4 Kings-Tulare-Fresno Counties NA \$11 tested

7,300 head of negotiated sales of slaughter

February and March \$6.5525-6.90

Livestock Auctions

Cattle prices in dollars per hundredweight (cwt.) except some replacement animals per pair or head as indicated

Washington

TOPPENISH	
(Toppenish Livestock Au	iction)
(USDA Market News	5)
Moses Lake, Wash	
Nov. 13	
his week Last week	Last yea

1.600 1.925 1.800 Compared to Nov. 6 at the same market: Stock er and feeder cattle steady to firm in a light test. Trade slow with good demand for small lots and singles. Slaughter cows steady. Slaughter bulls weak in a light test. Trade moderate to active with moderate to good demand. Demand remains good for feeding and turnout type cows. Slaughter cows 70 percent, Slaughter bulls 5 percent, and feeders 25 percent of the supply. The feeder supply included 40 percent steers and 60 percent heifers. Near 68 percent of the run weighed over 600 lbs. Replacement Cows, Pre-Tested for Age, Bangs, and pregnancy.

Feeder Steers: Medium and Large 1-2: 400-500 lbs. \$201; 500-600 lbs. \$180-189; 600-700 lbs. \$173-180, Calves; 700-800 lbs. \$169-176. Small and Medium 1-2: 600-700 lbs. \$170.

Feeder Heifers: Medium and Large 1-2: 300-400 lbs. \$175; 400-500 lbs. \$175; 500-600 lbs. \$170-174; 600-700 lbs. \$166-170, Calves; 800-900 lbs. \$110-118, Heiferettes; 900-1000 lbs. \$114, Heifer ettes. Large 1-2: 1000-1100 lbs. \$118, Heiferettes. Large 2-3: 1100-1200 lbs. \$116; 1300-1400 lbs \$111. Small and Medium 1-2: 600-700 lbs. \$125, Full

Slaughter Cows: Premium White 65-70 percent

RENO, Nev. (AP) — Three

national environmental organi-

zations want to wade into a le-

gal battle in Nevada over new

federal regulations intended to

protect the greater sage grouse.

da Du has scheduled a hearing

in Reno Nov. 17 to consider

whether to grant a temporary

injunction sought by eight

Nevada counties and others to

National Wildlife Federation

and mining watchdog group

Earthworks filed a motion late

last week seeking formal in-

That would allow them a

tervener status in the case.

The Wilderness Society,

U.S. District Judge Miran-

By SCOTT SONNER

Associated Press

block the rules.

lean 1300-1800 lbs. \$78-85; Boning 80-85 percent lean 1500-2000 lbs. \$71-76; Lean 85-90 percent lean 1200-2000 lbs. \$68-75; Lean 85-90 percent lean 1300-1600 lbs. \$7-78. Lean Light 90 percent lean 900-1200 lbs. \$57-61.

Truck

Los Ana

Petaluma-Santa Rosa

Slaughter Bulls: Yield Grade 1-2 1700-2100 lbs \$89.50-95.

Bred Cows (Per Head): Medium and Large 1-2: Mid Aged 1200 lbs. \$1475 3-6 mos. bred. Feeder Cows: Medium and Large 1-2: 1000-1100 lbs. \$80, Aged; 1100-1200 lbs. \$75-98, Mid-Aged; 1200-1300 lbs. \$79.50, Aged; 1200-1300 lbs. \$99, Mid-Aged. Large 2-3: 1200-1300 lbs. \$77.50, Mid-Aged; 1300-1400 lbs. \$75, Mid-Aged.

California

SHASTA (Shasta Livestock Auction) Cottonwood, Calif. Nov. 13

Current week Last week

2.833 1,368 Compared to Nov. 6: Slaughter cows \$2-3 low er. Feeder cows \$85-110 higher. Another bearish week in futures results in feeders \$2-10 lower but steady to higher on 6-weight steers and 450 lb. heifers. Off lots \$30-70 below top Slaughter cows: Breakers \$75-81, \$82-86 high

dress; Boning \$67-74; Cutters \$50-70.

Bulls 1 and 2: \$75-89; \$90-101 high dress Feeder steers: 400-450 lbs. \$185-200; 450-500 lbs. \$185-206; 500-550 lbs. \$185-209.50; 550-600 lbs. \$175-195; 600-650 lbs. \$165-191; 650-700 lbs. \$165-191.50; 700-750 lbs. \$155-172.50; 750-800 lbs. \$150-170; 800-900 lbs. \$150-166. Feeder heifers: 300-400 lbs. \$195-220; 400-450 lbs. \$185-220; 450-500 lbs. \$180-208; 500-550 lbs. \$170-191; 550-600 lbs. \$160-177;

600-650 lbs. \$150-171: 650-700 lbs. \$145-165: 700-750 lbs. \$150-164.50; 800-900 lbs. \$147-154.50

Truck

Pairs: One set heifer pairs \$3025; Full-mouth pairs \$1850-2375; Broken-mouth pairs \$1500-1950

Calvy cows: 60 fancy, close-up bred heifers \$2200; Full-mouth cows \$1400-2150. Broken-mouth cows \$900-1300

Oregon

MADRAS (Central Oregon Livestock Auction)

Nov. 9 Total head: 901. Baby calves: NA Steers: 300-400 lbs. \$215-230; 400-500 lbs \$200-227; 500-600 lbs. \$190-212; 600-700 lbs \$172-190; 700-800 lbs. \$165-175; 800-900 lbs. \$155-165

Bulls: High yield \$100-108; mostly \$93-99; thinner \$85-92.

Bred cows: First calf heifers NA Heifers: 300-400 lbs. \$185-215: 400-500 lbs. \$185-205; 500-600 lbs. \$170-185; 600-700 lbs. \$165-175; 700-800 lbs. \$145-165 Heiferettes: 850-1000 lbs. \$125-145 Cows: Heiferettes \$110; Feeder cows \$75; high-yield \$80; medium-yield \$70; low-yield \$65

> VALE (Producers Livestock Market)

Nov. 11

Total receipts: 2221 head.

Comments: \$8-17 lower on most classes of calves than one week ago; mostly due to the "limit down" feeder and fat cattle futures Nov. 9 and Nov. 10.

Steer calves: 300-400 lbs. \$251-291; 400-500

lbs. \$193-250: 500-600 lbs. \$174-203 Heifer calves: 300-400 lbs. \$197-221: 400-500

lbs. \$164-219; 500-600 lbs. \$158-179. Yearling steers: 600-700 lbs. \$161-181: 700 800 lbs. \$157-174; 800-900 lbs. \$149-165; 900-1000 lbs. \$137-148.

Yearling heifers: 600-700 lbs. \$149-167: 700 800 lbs. \$139-164; 800-900 lbs. \$133-146; 900-1000 lbs. \$122-137. Stock cows (young): NA. Stock cows (B.M.): \$975-1325. Butcher cows: \$64-71. Thin shelly cows: \$48-62 Butcher bulls: \$76-84

Idaho

CALDWELL (Treasure Valley Livestock) Nov. 6

Steers (wt.): 300-400 lbs. \$152.50; 400-500 lbs \$139; 500-600 lbs. \$125; 600-700 lbs. \$136.75 700-800 lbs. \$125; 800 lbs. and up \$109.25. Steers (hd.): 100-200 lbs. \$155; 200-300 lbs \$200; 300-400 lbs. \$420; 400-500 lbs. \$335; 500-600 lbs. \$250.

\$63; 900-1000 lbs. \$109.25; 1000-1100 lbs. \$114;

Heifers (hd.): 100-200 lbs. \$150; 200-300 lbs

Cows (wt.): 900-1000 lbs. \$57.50; 1000-1100 lbs. \$56.75; 1100-1200 lbs. \$55; 1200-1300 lbs. \$61.75; 1300-1400 lbs. \$67.50; 1400-1500 lbs \$70.25; 1700-1800 lbs. \$70.75; 1800-1900 lbs. \$71.75

Cattle Market Reports

Compiled by USDA Market News Service • Oklahoma City-Des Moines-St. Joseph, Mo.-Moses Lake, Wash.

Cattle prices in dollars per hundredweight (cwt.) except some replacement animals per pair or head as indicated.

NATIONAL SLAUGHTER CATTLE (Federal-State Market News) Oklahoma City-Des Moines Nov. 13

Compared to Nov. 6: Compared to last week Slaughter cattle sold \$8 lower on few sales. Few dressed trades sold \$4 lower in Ne

braska. Boxed Beef prices Nov. 13 averaged \$211.45 and is down \$8.41 from Nov. 6. The Choice/Select spread is \$8.41. Slaughter cattle on a national basis for negotiated cash trades through Nov. 13 totaled about 8,173 head. The previous week's total head count was 118 291 head.

Midwest Direct Markets: Live Basis: Steen and Heifers 35-80 Percent Choice, 1200-1400 lbs, \$130: Dressed Basis: Steers and Heifers \$204-206.

Slaughter Cows and Bulls (Average Yielding Prices): Slaughter cows \$1-2 lower. Slaughter bulls mostly steady.

USDA's Cutter Cow cut-out value Nov. 13 was \$177.63 down \$3.83 from Nov. 6.

NATIONAL FEEDER AND STOCKER CATTLE (Federal-State Market News) St. Joseph, Mo.

> Nov. 13 Last week

This week Last vear 344,900 377,000 320,700 Compared to Nov. 6: The bulk of the feeder upply consisted of calves, which traded mostly \$10-20 lower, instances \$25-30 lower. Yearlings on a light supply traded mostly \$5-15 lower. Direct trade was mostly \$5-12 lower. Last week's CME "sky is falling" attitude continued into this

week, keeping stomachs turning and cattle prices hard to manage and resentful to say the least. Buyers became noticeably price cautious and conscious on calves and yearlings There was optimism on Nov. 9 in Pratt. Kan. at the Pratt Livestock Auction where a number

of reputation ranch strings of calves sold with some top prices coming from the Mule Creek Ranch selling 72 head of fancy value added source aged verified Angus steer calves weigh ing 358 lbs, sold for \$351 and 104 head of their bigger brothers weighing 416 lbs. dropped the gavel at \$326.

In Bassett, Neb., on Nov. 11 sold 141 head of yearling steers averaging 1013 lbs. sold for a weighted average price of \$174.10. Traders continued to run for cover with limit losses on Nov. 9 crushing any hopes for stability, then free-falling on Nov. 10 all looking like the extreme lows ex perienced in September maybe revisited.

Cattle futures have remained very volatile, as platility appears to be out of control. CME cattle futures rebounded on Wednesday with limit moves higher and added to their positions on Nov. 12 but closed Nov. 13 with sharp triple-digit losses as the agony and the ecstasy continues

Prices for futures and cash seem to fall faster and further than expected or as one would suggest. Before last week the market had tried to hold the line and continue to wait day by day to see what the next move would be

We have had tremendous weather to feed cat tle that have performed very well and a packer who hasn't had to chase the market; adjusting their kill schedules and having plenty of cattle bought forward. The heavy weight fed cattle situation is improving but not over, U.S. beef exports are near 13 percent lower year to date

There remains ample supplies of beef, pork

and poultry in cold storage and with the holiday season upon us, ham and turkey are popular.

When you put this all together it's hard to get overly bullish. Also, we have a hog market that has had a bearish assault on the cash trade as well as the futures. This has the price of hogs cheap in comparison to beef. Most commodities this week seem to be under pressure from the stock market, precious metals, crude oil and grain markets. The Fed managed to sav again that the long-awaited interest rate hike is still on the table for December as Wall Street investors seem to be bracing themselves for it.

USDA released its WASDE grain report this week and stayed true to the old adage a "big crop gets bigger" with forecast for a record soy bean crop of 3.98 bb with soybeans averaging 48.3 bpa. Corn production came in at 13.65 bb with average yield of 169.3 bpa with ending stocks at 1.76 bb up 199 mb from last month.

Boxed-beef values have trended lower this week which is typical for this time of the year as cut-outs could be more focused on retail sales after Thanksgiving.

There is also plenty of meat protein available at this time pressuring prices lower. Closing boxed-beef values for Choice closed \$2.50 low er on Nov. 13 at \$209.30 compared to Nov. 6 close at \$215.66. Auction volume included 35 percent weighing over 600 lbs. and 37 percent heifers.

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This week Last week Last year 286.600 334.500 266.300 WASHINGTON 4,300. 65 pct over 600 lbs 45 pct heifers. Steers: Medium and Large 1-2 400-450 lbs. \$193.12; 500-550 lbs. \$184.08 550-600 lbs. \$181.15; 600-650 lbs. \$180.97 650-700 lbs. \$179.44; 700-750 lbs. \$176.76 750-800 lbs. \$172.96; 800-850 lbs. \$169.66 Heifers: Medium and Large 1-2 450-500 lbs. \$177.73; 500-550 lbs. \$173.75; 550-600 lbs \$173.50; 600-650 lbs, \$171.03; 650-700 lbs \$172.14; 700-750 lbs. \$169.37; 800-850 lbs \$150.67

DIRECT Last week This week Last year 23,400 402,000 26,900 SOUTHWEST (Arizona-California-Nevada) 100. 100 pct over 600 lbs. No heifers. Holsteins Large 3 700 lbs. \$140 Current Del. NORTHWEST (Washington-Oregon-Idaho)

400. 100 pct over 600 lbs. No heifers. Steers: Large 1 Current Delivered Price 900-950 lbs \$165-166 Idaho NORTHWEST DIRECT CATTLE

(USDA Market News) Moses Lake, Wash Nov. 6

This week Last week Last yea 350 1.800 1.600

Compared to Nov. 6: Not enough feeder cattle reported this week for accurate price trends Most action took place in the local sale barns this week. Trade remains slow with light demand as a result of lower futures and slaughter cattle markets most of the week. The feeder supply included 100 percent steers and 0 percent heifers. Near 100 percent of the supply weighed over 600 lbs. Prices are FOB weighing point with a 1-4 percent shrink or equivalent and with a 5-12 cent slide on calves and a 3-8 cent slide on yearlings. Delivered prices include freight commissions and other expenses. Current sales are up to 14 days delivery.

Steers: Large 1: Current Delivered Price: 900 950 lbs. \$165-166 Idaho.

seat at the table to make their own arguments along with Justice Department lawyers and attorneys for the opponents

The conservation groups agree with the government's argument that blocking the regulations could force reconsideration of a recent decision denying the bird protection under the Endangered Species Act. But they say they have many other interests that the government cannot adequately represent.

The land use planning amendments at issue apply specifically to Nevada, Idaho, Oregon, Utah, northeast California and southwest Montana, but they carry ramifications for all 11 western states that are

home to the imperiled bird.

Environmental groups want in on sage grouse rules fight

Opponents say the new rules would prevent construction of a wind energy project that would bring \$500 million to Elko County's economy and has the potential to run mining companies and ranchers out of business.

Justice Department lawyers representing three government agencies warn that blocking implementation of the regulations could force Interior Secretary Sally Jewell to reconsider her decision in September to keep the bird off the U.S. list of threatened and endangered species.

Nevada Attorney General Adam Laxalt - over the objections of Gov. Brian Sandoval — earlier added his name to the list of plaintiffs in the suit originally filed by Elko and Eureka counties in September. But he has not asked for the formal intervener status to date, so will not be allowed to argue the case.

Julie Cavanaugh-Bill, an Elko lawyer for the conservation groups, acknowledged in a motion filed Thursday that "at a minimum, the challenged agency actions represent a marked improvement in public land management in the West.'

She said the groups long have advocated "stronger and more comprehensive protections" for the grouse and hundreds of other species of fish and wildlife dependent on the same sage brush ecosystem.

Heifers (wt.): 600-700 lbs. \$85; 800-900 lbs 1100-1200 lbs. \$95. \$285; 300-400 lbs. \$300; 400-500 lbs. \$290; 500-600 lbs. \$450. Bull calves (hd.): 100-200 lbs. \$85.

\$69.25; 1500-1600 lbs. \$69.75; 1600-1700 lbs