Farm Market Report

Hay Market Reports

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

Hay prices are dollars per ton or dollars per bale when sold to retail outlets. Basis is current delivery FOB barn or stack, or delivered

Grade guidelines used in this report have the following relationship to Relative Feed Value (RFV), Acid Detergent Fiber (ADF) TDN (Total Digestible Nutrients), or Crude Protein (CP) test num-

oers:						
Grade	RFV	ADF	TDN	CP		
Supreme	185+	<27	55.9+	22+		
Premium	170-185	27-29	54.5-55.9	20-22		
Good	150-170	29-32	52.5-54.5	18-20		
Fair	130-150	32-35	50.5-52.5	16-18		
Utility	<130	36+	<50.5	<16		
WASHINGTON-OREGON HAY						
(Columbia Basin)						
(USDA Market News)						

Moses Lake, Wash,

This week FOB Last week Last year 4,810 2,501 10,150 Compared to Dec. 5: Premium Alfalfa and export Alfalfa steady to weak in a light test. Some producers are tying second, third and fourth cuttings together in order to get it sold. Trade remains slow. Demand

remains light. Retail/Feedstore ste	eady. Demand I	remains	good.		
		Tons	Price		
Alfalfa Mid Square	Premium	100	\$250		
		900	\$175-198		
	Good/Prem.	900	\$145		
		1500	\$140		
	Fair/Good	900	\$145		
Alfalfa Small Square	Premium	140	\$250-26		
Orchard Grass Small Square	Premium	110	\$260-275		
Timothy Grass Mid Square	Fair	220	\$125		
Oat Small Square	Premium	40	\$150		
IDAH	O HAY				
(USDA Market News)					
Moses Lake, Wash.					
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3,175 600 Compared to Dec. 5: Not enough of any one class of hay last week for accurate market trends. Trade remains slow this week with continued light demand. Some interest was noted this week from California buyers. Retail/feed store/horse not tested this week

This week FOB

Alfalfa Mid Square Supreme 300 \$180 1000 Premium

\$55-6
\$55-6
\$45-5
\$70
\$130

3,999 2.349 Compared to Dec. 5: Prices trended generally steady compared to week ago prices. The upcoming holidays have slowed sales. Many producers have decided to hold on to their hay for now, in hopes for higher prices. Snow has hit some of the hay producing

		ions	Price		
CROOK, DESCHUTES, JEFFERSON, WASCO COUNTIES					
Alfalfa Large Square	Premium	34	\$200		
Small Square	Good	30	\$220		
Orchard Grass Small Square	Premium	97	\$250		
	Good	2	\$225		
Wheat Large Square	Good	33	\$135		
EASTERN OREGON					
Orchard Grass Small Square	Premium	3	\$190		
HARNEY COUNTY					
Alfalfa Large Square	Fair	500	\$135		
KLAMATH BASIN					
Alfalfa Small Square	Premium	225	\$175-180		
LAKE COUNTY					
Alfalfa Large Square	Premium	2000	\$218		
	Fair/Good	390	\$145-150		
Rye Grass Small Square	Good/Prem.	25	\$135		
Oat Large Square	Good	60	\$105		
Triticale Large Square	Good	200	\$90		
Alfalfa/Triticale Mix					
Large Square	Premium	400	\$140		
CALIFORNIA HAY					
(USDA Market News)					

This week FOB Last week Last year Compared to Dec. 5: All classes traded steady to weak on a very thin test. Demand was very light to light. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, the California precipitation has produced some tangible benefits. National Agricultural Statistics Service reports say winter grain and silage is growing well, as are winter vegetables.

Moses Lake, Wash.

Dec. 11

However, the area's multi-year drought means recovery will likely

REGION 1: NORTH INTERMOUNTAIN Includes the counties of Siskiyou, Modoc, Shasta, Lassen, and Alfalfa Supreme Good/Prem. 300 \$200 100 \$150 Fair/Good \$100

Includes the counties of Tehama, Glenn, Butte, Colusa, Sutter Yuba, Sierra, Nevada, Placer, Yolo, El Dorado, Solano, Sacramento Alfalfa Good/Prem. 150 **Orchard Grass** Premium 25 \$260 Rice Stray Good 50 REGION 3: NORTHERN SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY Includes the counties of San Joaquin, Calaveras, Star olumne, Mono, Merced and Mariposa

Good/Prem. 75

REGION 2: SACRAMENTO VALLEY

Alfalfa

Good 125 \$100 125 REGION 4: CENTRAL SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY

Includes the counties of Madera, Fresno, Kings, Tulare, and Inyo Alfalfa

REGION 5: SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA Includes the counties of Kern, Northeast Los Angeles, and Western San Bernardino.

1500 Premium 75 \$235 875 \$240-260 Forage Mix-Three Way 50 \$210 Good REGION 6: SOUTHEAST CALIFORNIA

Imperial. \$175 Alfalfa Supreme

Premium Good 75 \$140 \$140 230 \$120-125 25 \$100 Fair 100 Bermuda Straw Good \$50

Grain Market Reports

Compiled by USDA Market News Service • Portland

Grains are stated in dollars per bushel or hundredweight (cwt.) except feed grains traded in dollars per ton. National grain report bids are for rail delivery unless truck indicated

CALIFORNIA GRAINS (USDA Market News) Portland Dec. 12

Prices in dollars per cwt., bulk Inc.= including; Nom.= nominal; Ltd.= limited; Ind.= indicated; NYE=Not fully estin

GRAIN DE	LIVERED	
Mode	Destination	Price per o
BARLEY -	U.S. No. 2 (46-lbs. per bushel)	
FOB	Solano County	NA
Rail	Los Angeles	NA
Truck	Petaluma-Santa Rosa	NA
	Stockton-Modesto-Oakdale-Turlock	NA
CORN-U.S	5. No. 2 Yellow	
FOB	Turlock-Tulare	\$8.68
	Stockton-Modesto-Oakdale-Turlock	NA
Rail	Single Car Units via BNSF	
	Chino Valley-Los Angeles	\$9.24
Truck	Petaluma-Santa Rosa	\$9
	Stockton-Modesto-Oakdale-Turlock	\$8.99
	Kings-Tulare-Fresno Counties	\$8.99
SORGHUN	/I-U.S. No. 2 Yellow	
Rail	Los Angeles-Chino Valley	
	via BNSF Single	\$9.42
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	\$12.75-13
Rail	Petaluma	NA
WHEAT-U.	S. No. 2 or better-Hard Red Winter	
	(Domestic Values for Flour Milling)	
	Los Angeles 12 percent Protein	NA

FOB Kings-Tulare-Fresno Counties \$9.60 Truck/Rail Los Angeles-Chino Valley NA Petaluma-Santa Rosa Stockton-Modesto-Oakdale-Turlock NA Kern County

Prices paid to California farmers, seven-day reporting period ending Dec. 10: No confirmed sales

PORTLAND GRAIN (USDA Market News) Portland Dec. 10

PACIFIC NORTHWEST MARKET SUMMARY

Cash wheat bids for December delivery ended the reporting week on Thursday, Dec. 10, mixed, mostly higher compared to Dec. 3 noon bids for December delivery.

March wheat futures ended the reporting week on Thursday, Dec. 10, higher as follows compared to Dec. 3 closes: Chicago wheat futures were 16.75 cents higher at \$4.9550, Kansas City wheat futures were 13.25 cents higher at \$4.8975 and Minneapolis wheat futures trended 3.50 cents higher at \$5.1550.

Chicago December corn futures trended 2.25 cents higher at \$3.7925 and January soybean futures closed 19.25 cents lower at

Bids for U.S. 1 Soft White Wheat delivered to Portland in unit trains or barges during December for ordinary protein were not available this week or last week for December delivery, as most 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 U.S. 1 Soft White Wheat any protein for Dember delivery by unit trains and barges to Portland were \$6.8175-7.2675 and bids for White Club Wheat were \$9.3175-9.9175. Forward month bids for soft white wheat ordinary protein were

as follows: December not available; January, February and March \$4.9550-5.34. One year ago, forward month bids for soft white wheat for any pro-

tein were as follows: January, February and March \$6.8175-7.2675. Bids for U.S. 1 Soft White Wheat guaranteed maximum 10.5 percent protein during December were \$6.7050-6.83, 10 to 11.75 ents per bushel higher compared to \$6.5875-6.73 last week for December delivery.

White club wheat premiums for guaranteed maximum 10.5 percent protein soft white wheat were \$1.75 per bushel over soft white wheat bids compared to \$1.15 to \$1.75 Dec. 3.

One year ago bids for U.S. 1 Soft White Wheat any protein for Der delivery by unit trains and barges to Portland were \$7.4675 7.7175 and bids for White Club Wheat were \$9.4675-10.5475

Forward month bids for soft white wheat guaranteed 10.5 percent proteins were as follows: January \$6.6550-6.83, February and March \$6.7050-6.83, and April \$6.66-6.83. One year ago, forward month bids for soft white wheat for any protein were as follows: January \$7.5675-7.75, February \$7.6675-7.78 and March \$7.6675-

Bids for 11.5 percent protein U.S. 1 Hard Red Winter Wheat for December delivery were 3.25-13.25 cents per bushel higher compared to the previous week's noon bids for December delivery. On Dec. 10, bids were as follows: December \$5.6975-5.7975, January \$5.7975-5.8575, February \$5.7975-5.8775 and March \$5.7975

Bids for non-guaranteed 14.0 percent protein U.S. 1 Dark Northern Spring Wheat for Portland delivery during December were mixed, from 1.50 lower to 13.50 cents per bushel higher than last week's noon bids for the same delivery period. Some exporters ere not issuing bids for nearby delivery.

On Dec. 10, bids for non-guaranteed 14 percent protein were as follows: December \$6.4050-6.5550, January \$6.3550-6.5550, February \$6.4050-6.5550 and March \$6.4550-6.5550. COARSE FEEDING GRAINS

Bids for U.S. 2 Yellow Corn delivered full coast Pacific Northwest - BN shuttle trains for December delivery were 6.25 to 9.25 cents higher from \$4.5625-4.6025 per bushel. Forward month corn bids were as follows: January \$4.5725-4.6225, February \$4.5925-4.6225, March \$4.6125-4.6325, April \$4.6425-4.6625 and May \$4.6525-4.6625. Bids for U.S. 1 Yellow Sovbeans delivered ful coast Pacific Northwest -BN shuttle trains for December delivery were 23.25 to 24.25 cents lower from \$9.6825-9.7425 per bushel Forward month soybean bids were as follows: January \$9.6825-9.7425 and February \$9.6425-9.7025. Bids for U.S. 2 Heavy White Oats for December delivery trended 7.25 cents higher at 3.92 per

PACIFIC NORTHWEST EXPORT NEWS

There were 15 grain vessels in Columbia River ports on Thursday, Dec. 10, with four docked compared to eight last week with three docked. There were no new confirmed export sales this week from the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) of the USDA

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

Truck/Rail Los Angeles 11-12 percent Protein

Imperial County

WHEAT-U.S. Durum Wheat

WHEAT-Any Class for Feed

Truck

Los Angeles 12 percent Protein

(Federal-State Market News) Oklahoma City-Des Moines Dec. 11 Compared to Dec. 4: Slaughter cattle sold \$3

lower in Texas and Kansas. Dressed sales in Nebraska were \$7-9 lower. Demand moderate as cattle futures cratered once again. Boxed Beef prices Dec. 11 averaged \$194.46 and is down \$2.59 from Dec. 11. The Choice/Select spread is \$16.07. Slaughter cattle on a national basis for negotiated cash trades through Dec. 11 totaled about 71,391 head. The previous week's total head count was 128,503 head.

Midwest Direct Markets: Live Basis: Steers and Heifers 35-80 Percent Choice, 1200-1400 lbs. \$117-118 Dressed Basis: Steers and Heifers

South Plains Direct Markets: Live Basis: Steers and Heifers 35-65 percent Choice, 1100-1400 lbs. \$119 Slaughter Cows and Bulls (Average Yielding

Prices): Slaughter cows \$2-8 lower, except the Southeast sold steady to \$1 higher. Slaughter bulls steady to \$5 lower. USDA's Cutter Cow cut-out value Dec. 11 was

\$158.84 down\$10.31 from Dec. 4. NATIONAL FEEDER AND STOCKER CATTLE

(Federal-State Market News) St. Joseph, Mo.

This week Last week Last year 404,300 266,900 303,900 Compared to Dec. 4: Calves and yearlings started the week mostly \$5-12 lower then turned \$10-20 lower from mid-week on, with instances \$25-30 lower from light calves to yearlings.

Feeder cattle buyers substantially lowered their bids this week as they tried to get cattle bought with break evens that look attainable as another week of cattle futures plunged to new contract lows. Feeder cattle buyers also remain very cautious and very selective on quality and condition but quick to discount anything that is unweaned and carrying too much flesh.

The fed and feeder cattle market still is in search for a bottom as we head into the final weeks of 2015. Aggressive selling in the cattle futures this week saw sharp triple-digit losses for each of the first three days of the week with little or no long term support in the market. Feeder cattle are caught in a bottleneck of lower fed cattle prices, sharply lower cattle futures and record supply of competing meats as the entire livestock complex continues to struggle with The packer has plenty of front end supplies

and doesn't have to chase the market or get into high gear to buy fed cattle. Feeder cattle prices both cash and futures have been too high when compared to the fed cattle market. Until the fed cattle market finds a bottom and live cattle fu tures find support hoping to see higher fed cattle market down the road feeder cattle prices will continue to come under pressure until they align with profitable returns on fed cattle.

Live fed cattle prices this week sold mostly \$5-6 lower from \$117-119

This week USDA export data compiled by the U.S. Meat Export Federation reported October beef exports are down 14 percent from year ago levels in volume at near 95,000 mt while the export value fell 26 percent to \$508 million compared to the record high value posted in October 2014 at \$687 million.

Pork exports in October were down 3 percent from year-over-year in volume at 177,190 mt and fell 21 percent in value to \$447.8 million reflecting lower global pork prices.

Last week's boxed-beef trade found renewed interest after Thanksgiving pretty lackluster with sharp losses last Friday. Lower beef prices at this time are not stimulating buying interest which is hard to accept if you are in the beef business.

Seasonally we usually have an upturn in de mand for beef, so far the upturn has been pretty meager. Beef products are having a hard time

Grill Inc. have been slammed

Chipotle CEO 'deeply sorry' about customers who fell sick

sumer has a large offering of meat to choose from; the amount of beef, pork, and poultry are enormous as pork prices have dropped considerably in supermarkets, but beef products have not shown that much of a decline in comparison. Choice boxed-beef prices closed \$.58 lower on Dec. 11 at \$202.50

USDA released its WASDE Grain report on Dec. 9 making no changes to the U.S. soybean and wheat crop balance sheets. Soybeans have ending stocks remaining at 465 mb and wheat ending stocks left unchanged at 911 mb. USDA bumped up its forecast for corn use in ethanol production by 25 mb, while cutting exports by 50 mb resulting in a 25 mb increase to 2015-16 ending stocks at 1.785 bb. Auction volume included 47 percent weighing over 600 lbs. and 37 percent heifers.

This week Last week Last year 337.900 227,900 246,200 WASHINGTON 3,400. 57 pct over 600 lbs. 44 pct heifers. Steers: Medium and Large 1-2 400-450 lbs. \$186; 450-500 lbs. \$186.07; 550-600 lbs. \$168.15: 600-650 lbs. \$158.77: 650-700 lbs. \$161.89: 700-750 lbs. \$153.78: 750-800 lbs. \$151.08; 800-850 lbs. \$148.01. Heifers: Medium and Large 1-2 350-400 lbs. \$178.90; part load 425 lbs. \$178.50: 450-500 lbs. \$170.63: 500-550 lbs. \$159.02; 550-600 lbs. \$154.52; 600-650 lbs. \$151.15; 650-700 lbs. \$148.48; 700-750 lbs. \$148.84; 750-800 lbs. \$145.26.

DIRECT This week Last year 41.300 16,000 33.000 SOUTHWEST (Arizona-California-Nevada) 3,400. No cattle over 600 lbs. No heifers. Holsteins: Large 3 300 lbs. \$190 May Del; 325 lbs. \$168 May Del.

NORTHWEST (Washington-Oregon-Idaho) 2200. 56 pct over 600 lbs. 41 pct heifers. Steers: Medium and Large 1-2 Current FOB Price 550-600 lbs. \$168-169 Washington-Oregon; 600 lbs. \$158-163 calves Washington-Oregon; 750 lbs. \$150 Washington-Oregon; 850-900 lbs. \$146-

break appears to have passed.

Price: 550-600 lbs. \$186.50-187 Idaho; 600-700 lbs. \$168-183 calves Idaho; 700-750 lbs. \$162 Idaho. Heifers: Large 1: Current FOB Price: Medium and Large 1-2: 550-600 lbs. \$160-161 Washington-Oregon; 600-700 lbs. \$144-151 calves Washington-Oregon; 800-850 lbs. \$140-141 Washington-Oregon. Current Delivered Price 500-550 lbs. 178.50-179 Idaho; 600 lbs. \$156-

NORTHWEST DIRECT CATTLE (USDA Market News) Moses Lake, Wash. Last year

This week Last week 2,150 3,750 2,000 Compared to Dec. 4: Feeder cattle \$2-10 lower Trade remains slow to moderate with light to moderate demand. The CME board remains extremely volatile, on both feeder and live cattle contracts no doubt reflecting in part great confusion on both sides as live and product prices probe late levels not even imagined by the biggest bears in

the land. The feeder supply included 59 percent steers and 41 percent heifers. Near 56 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: Medium and Large 1-2: Current FOB Price: 550-600 lbs. \$168-169 Washington-Oregon; 600 lbs. \$158-163 calves Washington-Oregon; 750 lbs. \$150 Washington-Oregon; 850-900 lbs. \$146-147 Washington-Oregon. Current Delivered Price: 550-600 lbs. \$186.50-187 Idaho; 600-700 lbs. \$168-183 calves Idaho; 700-750 lbs \$162 Idaho.

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may have caused the outbreak

of norovirus, which is very

(USDA Market News) Moses Lake, Wash Dec. 11 Last week

Last year This week 1,260 1.540

attendance was light. Slaughter cows \$4-5 lower. Not enough

Feeder Steers: Medium and Large 1-2: 300-400 lbs. \$190; 500-600 lbs. \$147.50; 600-700 lbs. \$150, Calves; 700-800 lbs. \$145-148; 700-

Medium 1-2: 500-600 lbs. \$120.

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)

Market commentary: Idaho consumer prices advanced as the industry geared up for the Christmas

SHIPPING	AREA						
WA .	Chg	GRI	Chg	70 ct	Chg	10 lb. Film	Chg
DAHO BURBANKS							
13.86	\$0.40	\$6.14	\$0.24	\$19	\$0.50	\$10	\$1
DAHO NO	RKOTAHS						
12.37	\$0.53	\$5.44	\$0.40	\$14	\$0	\$10	\$1
COLUMBIA	ABASIN						
13.31	\$0	\$5.86	\$0	\$17	\$0	\$9.50	\$0
(LAMATH	BASIN						
14.91	-\$0.50	\$6.40	-\$0.35	\$20	\$0	\$10.50	-\$1

Sheep/Wool Market Reports

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

Wool prices in cents per pound and foreign currency per kilogram, sheep prices in dollars per hundredweight (cwt.) except some repla

NATIONAL WOOL REVIEW (USDA Market News) Greeley, Colo. Dec. 12

Domestic wool trading on a clean basis was at a standstill this week. There were no confirmed trades. There have been a few cleanup sales where smaller amounts of wool are attempting to be marketed at this time, but many are opting to hold onto their wool as there is optimism that there will be another strong rally in the spring where wool will receive more attractive offers fo producers.

Currently there is still some resistance due to the strong U.S. dollar, though prices have remained relatively steady over the past several weeks. Domestic wool trading on a greasy basis was at a standstill this week. There were no confirmed trades.

Domestic wool tags \$.60-.70 No. 2 \$.50-.60 \$.40-.50 No. 3 NATIONAL SHEEP SUMMARY (USDA Market News San Angelo, Texas

Compared to Dec. 5: Heavy slaughter lambs were steady to \$20 lower; light slaughter lambs were steady to \$20 higher. Slaughter ewes were steady. No comparison on feeder lambs. At San Angelo, Texas, 4,746 head sold in a

one-day sale. No sales in Equity Electronic Auction. In direct trading slaughter ewes and feeder lambs were not tested. 5,200 head of negotiated sales of slaughter lambs were \$2-4 lower. 11,000 head of formula sales under 55 lbs.

were not well tested; 55-65 lbs. were \$1-2 high-

steady to \$1 higher and over 95 lbs. were not tested. 6.594 carcasses sold with 45 lbs. and down \$20.95 lower; 45-55 lbs. \$9.43 higher; 55-65 lbs. \$1.06 lower and 65 lbs. and up \$4.13-4.92 lower SLAUGHTER LAMBS Choice and Prime 2-3:

San Angelo: shorn and wooled 130-160 lbs

SLAUGHTER LAMBS Choice and Prime 1: San Angelo: 40-60 lbs. \$250-274 , few 280-288; 60-70 lbs. \$230-256 , few 270-282; 70-80 lbs. \$220-232; 80-90 lbs. \$190-218; 90-105 lbs \$180-190

DIRECT TRADING (Lambs with 3-4 percen shrink or equivalent):

5,200 Slaughter Lambs shorn and wooled 125 167 lbs. \$134.55-160 (wtd avg \$146.22). SLAUGHTER EWES: San Angelo: Good 2-3 (fleshy) \$66-76; Utility

and Good 1-3 (medium flesh) \$80-93, high-yield ing \$96-108; Utility 1-2 (thin) \$65-78; Cull and Utility 1-2 (very thin) no test; Cull 1 (extremely thin) \$40-48. FEEDER LAMBS Medium and Large 1-2:

San Angelo: 40-60 lbs. \$238-246; 60-70 lbs \$196-226; 70-80 lbs. \$194-212; 80-90 lbs. \$188-200: 102 lbs. \$176.

REPLACEMENT EWES Medium and Large

San Angelo: Yearling hair ewes \$166-186 per head; mixed age hair ewes 60-125 lbs. \$110-136

NATIONAL WEEKLY LAMB CARCASS Choice and Prime 1-4:

45 lbs. Down \$439.12 \$387.63 45-55 lbs. 55-65 lbs. \$343.70 65-75 lbs. \$319.03 75-85 lbs. \$309.57 85 lbs. and up \$296.14

Sheep and lamb slaughter under federal inspection for the week to date totaled 41,000 compared with 41,000 last week and 42,000 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 rtons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other

DAILY CALIFORNIA SHELL EGGS (USDA Market News)

Des Moines, Iowa

Dec. 11

Benchmark prices are steady. Asking prices for next week are 40 cents lower for Jumbo, 56 cents

lower for Extra Large, 55 cents lower for Large and 33 cents lower for Medium and Small. The undertone is lower. Retail demand ranges light to fairly good, mostly light to moderate while food service demand is light to moderate. Offerings are moderate to heavy with floor stocks light to usually moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. Small benchmark price \$1.69. Range Range Size

305 287 Jumbo Extra large 281 Medium 222 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA Prices to retailers, sales to volume buyers, USDA Grade AA and Grade AA, white eggs in cartons,

Range Size Size Jumbo 257-268 Extra large 213-268 213-222 160-169

Livestock Auctions

Cattle prices in dollars per hundredweight (cwt.) except some replacement animals per

California

(Shasta Livestock Auction) Cottonwood, Calif. Dec. 11

lower. Stocker, feeder and fats faced another tough week. Mostly \$5-15 lower than last week. We are approximately even to two years ago Off lots and singles \$25-50 lower.

high dress; Boning \$55-59; Cutters \$45-55. Bulls 1 and 2: \$60-86 Feeder steers: 300-400 lbs. \$180-197.50;

400-450 lbs. \$180-203; 450-500 lbs. \$170-192.50; 500-550 lbs. \$160-177; 550-600 lbs. \$150-169; 600-650 lbs. \$143-162; 650-700 lbs. \$140-159: 700-750 lbs. \$130-147: 750-800 lbs \$125-141.75; 800-900 lbs. \$125-139.

450 lbs. \$155-172.50; 450-500 lbs. \$140-166; 500-550 lbs. \$140-162; 550-600 lbs. \$135-150 600-650 lbs. \$130-150; 650-700 lbs. \$126-146 Pairs: \$2.000-2.825.

mouth \$1,100-1,475.

Compared to Dec. 4: Stocker cattle less than 700 lbs. weak in a light test. Feeder cattle more than 700 lbs. firm in a light test. Trade slow with light demand for small lots and singles. Buyer

Slaughter bulls for accurate market test. Trade slow with light demand. Slaughter cows 72 percent, Slaughter bulls 2 percent, and feeders 26 percent of the supply. The feeder supply included 35 percent steers and 65 percent heifers. Near 76 percent of the run weighed over 600

800 lbs. \$122.50-138, Full; 800-900 lbs. \$140; Feeder Bulls: Medium and Large 1-2: 700

Feeder Heifers: Medium and Large 1-2: 400-

500 lbs. \$140-142.50; 500-600 lbs. \$137.50-140; 600-700 lbs. \$135, Calves; 600-700 lbs. \$149.50, Replacement. Medium and Large 4: 800-900 lbs. \$80. Large 2-3: 300-400 lbs. \$102.50; 400-500 lbs 101; 600-700 lbs. \$111; 900-1000 lbs. \$109: 900-1000 lbs. \$113. Heif erettes; 1200-1300 lbs. \$104; 1300-1400 lbs. \$109. Large 3-4: 1100-1200 lbs 94. Small and

Boning 80-85 percent lean 1300-1900 lbs.

\$61-66: Lean 85-90 percent lean 1200-1900 lbs. \$60-66; Lean Light 90 percent lean 900-

Slaughter Bulls: Yield Grade 1-2 Few 1700-2400 lbs. \$68-79. Bred Cows (Per Head): Medium and Large 1-2: Few Young (3-4 yrs. old) 6-9 mos. bred

1285 lbs. \$1500 Feeder Cows: Large 2-3: 1000-1100 lbs. \$97, Young; 1100-1200 lbs. \$86, Mid-Aged; 1300-

1400 lbs. \$76, Aged Oregon

1200 lbs. \$49-54

MADRAS (Central Oregon Livestock Auction) Dec. 7

Total head: 780. Baby calves: NA. Steers: NA Bulls: High yield \$87-93; mostly \$85; thinner

\$80-87. Pairs: NA. Bred cows: Full mouth vacc \$1700-2100 head; broken mouth vacc \$1000-1400.

Heifers: NA. Heiferettes: 850-1000 lbs. NA. Cows: Heiferettes NA; Feeder cows \$65; high-yield \$70; medium-yield \$65; low-yield

> VALE (Producers Livestock Market) Dec. 5

Total receipts: 2114 head. Comments: Good test throughout \$7-16 cwt. Cheaper, mostly on classes of calves all the

lbs. \$147-199; 500-600 lbs. \$149-179. Heifer calves: 300-400 lbs. \$159-182: 400 500 lbs. \$141-179; 500-600 lbs. \$139-159 Yearling steers: 600-700 lbs. \$144-161; 700-800 lbs. \$128-152; 800-900 lbs. \$126-137 Yearling heifers: 600-700 lbs. \$131-154: 700

Steer calves: 300-400 lbs. \$149-192; 400-500

800 lbs. \$122-139. Stock cows (young): NA. Stock cows (B.M.): \$775-1075. Butcher cows: \$57-65 Thin shelly cows: \$42-57. Younger heiferettes: \$93-122.

way from the 300 to 800 weights

Idaho

CALDWELL (Treasure Valley Livestock) Dec. 11

Steers (wt.): 400-500 lbs. \$44; 500-600 lbs \$66; 600-700 lbs. \$110; 700-800 lbs. \$40; 800 and up \$130. Steers (hd.): 100-200 lbs. \$60; 200-300 lbs

\$250; 300-400 lbs. \$125; 400-500 lbs. \$180. Heifers (wt.): 600-700 lbs. \$40; 700-800 lbs \$55; 800-900 lbs. \$57.50; 900-1000 lbs. \$55; 1000-1100 \$83; 1100-1200 lbs. \$81; 1200 lbs and up \$72. Heifers (hd.): 200-300 lbs. \$250; 300-400 lbs.

\$180; 400-500 lbs. \$210. Bull calves (wt.): 400-500 lbs. \$53

Cows (wt.): 900-1000 lbs. \$54.50; 1000-1100 lbs. \$59; 1100-1200 lbs. \$49; 1200-1300 lbs. \$43; 1300-1400 lbs. \$61; 1400-1500 lbs. \$55.50; 1500-1600 lbs. \$52; 1600-1700 lbs \$54: 1700-1800 lbs. \$62: 1800-1900 lbs. \$60 1900-2000 lbs. \$64

NEW YORK (AP) — Chipotle founder and co-CEO Steve Ells says he is "deeply sorry" about the customers

who were sickened after eating

at the chain in recent weeks.

"I'm sorry for the people who got sick. They're having a tough time and I feel terrible about that," Ells said in an interview on NBC's Today Ells repeated the company's

pledge to tighten food safety procedures to ensure such incidents do not happen again. The public apology comes

as sales at Chipotle Mexican

by high-profile food scares in recent weeks. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has said that at least 52 people in nine states have been sickened in an E. coli outbreak, with 47 of them having eaten at Chipotle. The most recent case happened Nov. 13. The ingredient that sickened people has not been

identified. But Chipotle says

whatever the likely culprit

was is out of its restaurants.

The company has noted the

exposure period for the out-

Then this week, Boston College said more than 120 students, including members of the men's basketball team, fell ill after eating at the chain. Chipotle temporarily closed a restaurant where the students said they ate and says it believes the illnesses are an isolated case of norovirus separate from the E. coli outbreak. Public health officials said Wednesday norovirus was

found at the restaurant. Officials said an employee at the restaurant was sick during a shift last week and contagious and causes nausea, vomiting and diarrhea. Chipotle says it offers employees paid sick days and that the employee in question would have been eligible for the benefit. Chris Arnold, a Chipotle spokesman, also said an em-

ployee coming in sick was in violation of the company's policies. Before reopening the restaurant in Boston, Arnold said all the employees are being tested for norovirus, and that they will not return to work until they are cleared.

SHASTA

Current week Last week No sale Compared to Dec. 4: Slaughter cows \$3-4

Slaughter cows: Breakers \$60-63, \$64-68

Feeder heifers: 300-400 lbs. \$160-180; 400-

Calvy cows: Full mouth \$1,500-2,100. Broken

Washington

TOPPENISH (Toppenish Livestock Auction)

800-900 lbs. \$124, Full. 800 lbs. \$105.

Slaughter Cows: