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-

bers:								
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				
OREGON AREA HAY								
	(USDA Market News)							
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Portland, Ore. April 3 This week FOB Last year 2.180 2,873 845 Compared to March 27: Prices trended generally steady compared to the same quality last week. Trade activity and demand

slowed this week. The continued good weather in several areas of Oregon has slowed down demand, as pasture grasses are growing causing end users to be able to turn animals out on pasture rather than purchase and feed additional hay. Export hay business seems to slowly be picking up, however continued issues with few containers available and backup of containers needing to be loaded at the shipping ports continues to slow down the ability to export hay overseas. Several producers have sold all that they plan to sell for Tons Price

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Alfalfa Large Square	Good/Prem.		\$200
Small Square	Premium	12	\$250
Alfalfa/Orchard Mix Small	i ieiiliuiii	12	Ψ230
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Square	Premium	21	\$270
Orchard Grass Large Square	Premium	60	\$250
Small Square	Premium	10	\$250
EASTERN OREGON			
Alfalfa Large Square	Prem./Sup.	60	\$220
HARNEY COUNTY			
Oat Large Square	Good	60	\$140
KLAMATH BASIN			
Alfalfa Small Square	Good/Prem.	50	\$230
	Good	106	\$200-220
Oat Small Square	Good	100	\$140
LAKE COUNTY			
Alfalfa Large Square	Supreme	92	\$150-270
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		500	\$275
	Premium	105	\$220
	Good	274	\$160-180
	Fair/Good	90	\$150
Small Square	Prem./Sup.	30	\$240
	Good/Prem.	30	\$200
Alfalfa/Oat Mix Large Square	Premium	60	\$150
Forage Mix-Three Way			
Large Square	Premium	65	\$170
	Good	156	\$150
Oat Straw Large Square	Utility	29	\$55
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(USDA Ma	rket News)		
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12,725 8,820 6,435 Compared to March 27: All classes traded moderate on moder demand. Milk prices remained in the mid-teens, which affected the demand from dairies for test hay. According to John Maday from Drovers Cattle Network, water restrictions, which will affect resi dential, business and agricultural water use, aim to reduce statewide use by 25 percent, or 1.5 million acre-feet over the next nine months. The water restrictions do not affect the oil industry, but with a 6 percent snowpack for the state time will tell what other restrictions take effect. Reports of aphid infestations have been affecting yields in region 6. Prices reported FOB at the stack or barn unless otherwise noted.

REGION 2: Sacramento Valley Includes the counties of Tehama, Glenn, Butte, Colusa, Sutter

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Yuba, Sierra, Nevada, Placer, Yolo, El Dorado, Solano, Sacramento.						
		Tons	Price			
Alfalfa	Fair/Good	50	\$180 1			
REGION 3: Northern San Joaquin Valley						
Includes the counties of San J	loaguin. Calay	eras. Sta	nislaus. Tu-			

olumne, Mono, Merced and Mariposa.

lfalfa	Supreme	10 ns 125	\$295-30	
EGION 4: Central San Joa	quin Valley			
		Tons	Price	
lfalfa	Premium	300	\$275	
/heat	Good	0 45-4	5	
EGION 5: Southern Califor	mia			
Includes the counties of K	ern, Northeast Lo	s Angeles	s, and Wes	ŝ

Price Tons

Alfalfa	Premium Good/Prem.	200	\$300 \$240
Forage Mix-Three Way	Good	50	\$290

	REGION 6: Southeast California			
	Alfalfa	Prem./Sup.	275	\$225
		Premium	3975	\$210-220
			200	\$200
			475	\$215-225
			75	\$255
			2000	\$225
		Good/Prem.	3625	\$200-205
			275	\$230-235
			500	\$145
		Good	100	\$220
			75	\$190
		Fair/Good	150	\$140
	Wheat Straw	Good	25	\$90
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Compared to March 27: Premium Export Alfalfa steady in a light test. Fair/Good dry cow and feeder hay steady also. Trade very slow for domestic and export markets. More interest from exporters was noted this week. Most interests are waiting for new crop. Demand light to moderate. Retail/Feedstore hay steady. Demand remains

		Tons	Price		
Alfalfa Large Square	Good/Prem.	1200	\$180-190		
	Fair/Good	555	\$155-160		
Alfalfa Small Square	Premium	155	\$250-260		
ID.	AHO HAY				
(USDA Market News)					
Moses	Lake, Wash.				

April 3

Last week 6.350 10,250 Compared to March 27 Premium/Supreme Alfalfa steady. Fair Good feeder quality Alfalfa steady. Trade moderate this week. Demand moderate to good. Due to drought conditions in Nevada more Idaho hay is being shipped there. Exporters reporting they are being able to ship more hay overseas now. Most areas of the trade area are reporting drier than normal conditions. Retail/feed store/horse not tested this week.

Alfalfa Large Square	Prem./Sup.	2000	\$180-200
	Good	2000	\$160-165
	Fair/Good	2000	\$120-130
Alfalfa/Grass Mix Large Square	Utility	350	\$135

Stockton-Modesto-Oakdale-Turlock NA

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. PORTLAND GRAIN

(USDA Market News) Portland

PACIFIC NORTHWEST MARKET SUMMARY Cash wheat bids for April delivery ended the reporting week on

Thursday, April 2, higher than March 27 noon bids for April delivery. May wheat futures ended the reporting week on Thursday, April 2, higher as follows compared to March 27 closes: Chicago May wheat futures 37 cents higher at \$5.3625, Kansas City 39.75 cents higher at \$5.8275 and Minneapolis wheat futures trended 32.25 cents higher at \$5.9550. Chicago May corn futures trended 3.25 cents higher at \$3.9450 while May soybean futures closed 11.50 cents higher at \$9.86. Bids for U.S. 1 Soft White Wheat delivered to Portland in unit

trains or barges during April for ordinary protein were 37.00 to 61.25 cents per bushel higher at \$6.7625 compared to March 27 noon bids for April delivery of \$6.15-6.3925, mostly \$6.2725.

White club wheat premiums for ordinary protein nearby delivery were \$2.00 to \$2.40, mostly \$2.20 for this week compared to \$2.40 last week. One year ago bids for U.S. 1 Soft White Wheat any protein for April delivery by unit trains and barges to Portland were \$7.3925-7.80, mostly \$7.63 and bids for White Club Wheat were \$7.9925-8.1925, mostly \$8.15.

Nearby bids for U.S. 1 Soft White wheat ordinary protein started the reporting week on March 27 at mostly 6.3150, then moved higher to mostly 6.3525 on March 30 before dropping lower on March 31 to mostly \$6.26. Bids jumped higher on April 1 to mostly 6.7350. April 2 bids moved higher to mostly 6.7625.

Several exporters are not issuing bids for nearby delivery. Forward month bids for soft white wheat ordinary protein were as follows: May \$6.7625-6.78, June and July not available and August New Crop \$6.3425-6.4925. One year ago, forward month bids for soft white wheat for any protein were as follows: May \$7.3925-7.80, June \$7.45-7.60, July \$7.20-7.30 and August New Crop \$7.1825-

Bids for U.S. 1 Soft White Wheat guaranteed maximum 10.5 percent protein during April trended 1.25 to 17.00 cents per bushel higher from \$7.0625-7.2625, mostly \$7.1675 per bushel compared to last week ranging from \$7.12-7.37, mostly \$7.2825. The white club wheat premiums for guaranteed 10.5 percent protein this week were \$2.00 to \$2.40, mostly \$2.23 compared to last week's from \$2.00 to \$2.40, mostly \$2.24. Nearby bids for U.S. 1 Soft White Wheat guaranteed 10.5 percent protein began the week on March 27 at mostly \$7.03, then moved higher to mostly \$7.1625 before dropping lower to mostly \$7.0250 on March 31. Bids moved higher to mostly \$7.1450 on April 1. Today, April 2, bids were higher at mostly \$7.1675. Forward month bids for soft white wheat guaranteed 10.5 percent protein were as follows: May \$7.0625-7.3625 June \$7.0075-7.4075, July not available and August New Crop \$6.3425-6.50.

Bids for 11.5 percent protein U.S. 1 Hard Red Winter Wheat for April delivery were 34.75 to 39.75 cents per bushel higher compared to March 26 for April noon bids. On April 2, bids were as follows: April \$6.8275-7.0275, mostly \$6.9675; May \$6.8275-7.0775; June \$6.96-7.01, July not available and August New Crop \$6.76-6.86. Bids for non-guaranteed 14.0 percent protein U.S. 1 Dark North-

ern Spring Wheat for Portland delivery for April delivery were 32.25 cents per bushel higher compared to April 2 noon bids in lining up with the higher Minneapolis May wheat futures. On April 2, bids for non-guaranteed 14 percent protein were as follows: April \$8.5050-9.2050, mostly \$9.0550; May \$8.5550-9.2050; June \$8.2525-9.3025, July not available and August New Crop \$7.3275-7.5775. COARSE FEEDING GRAINS

Bids for U.S. 2 Yellow Corn delivered full coast Pacific Northwest BN shuttle trains for April delivery were 13 to 17 cents lower from \$4.7850-4.8050 per bushel. Forward month corn bids for May were \$4.7850-4.8050, June/July were \$4.8375-7.8775, August/September \$4.9650-5.0150 and October and November were \$4.9650-5.0150. Bids for U.S. 1 Yellow Soybeans delivered full coast Pacific Northwest - BN shuttle trains for April delivery were 4 to 8 cents lower from \$10.66-10.71 per bushel. Forward month soybean bids for May were \$10.66, September were \$10.7025-10.7125, October were \$10.7025-10.7425 and November were \$10.7125-10.7425. Bids for U.S. 2 Heavy Wheat Oats for April delivery held steady at

PACIFIC NORTHWEST EXPORT NEWS

There were 14 grain vessels in Columbia River ports on Thursday, April 2, with three docked compared to 11 March 26 with three docked. There were no new confirmed Commodity Credit Corporation sales for Pacific Northwest loadout.

CALIFORNIA GRAINS (USDA Market News) Portland April 2

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

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Mode	Destination	Price per cwt.
BARLEY -	U.S. No. 2 (46-lbs. per bushel)	
Rail	Stockton-Modesto-Oakdale-Turlock	NA
	Tulare County	NA
Truck	Petaluma-Santa Rosa	NA

	Kings-Tulare-Fresno Counties	NA
	Madera County	NA
	Kern County	NA
	Glenn County	NA
	Colusa County	NA
	Solano County	NA
CORN - U.	S. No. 2 Yellow	
	FOB Turlock/Tulare	\$9.06
Rail	Single Car Units via BNSF	
	Chino Valley-Los Angeles	\$9.72
Truck	Petaluma-Santa Rosa	NA
	Stockton-Modesto-Oakdale-Turlock	\$8.25
	Los Angeles-Chino Valley	NA
	Kings-Tulare-Fresno Counties	\$9.37
SORGHUN	/I - U.S. No. 2 Yellow	
Rail	Los Angeles-Chino Valley	
	via BNSF Single	\$11.19-11.28
Truck	Modesto-Oakdale-Turlock	NA
OATS - U.S	S. No. 1 White	
Truck	Los Angeles-Chino Valley	\$15.60
OATS - U.S	S. No. 2 White	
Truck	Petaluma	NA
Rail	Petaluma	NA
	Rail Truck SORGHUM Rail Truck OATS - U.S. Truck OATS - U.S. Truck	Kern County Glenn County Colusa County Solano County CORN - U.S. No. 2 Yellow FOB Turlock/Tulare Rail Single Car Units via BNSF Chino Valley-Los Angeles Truck Petaluma-Santa Rosa Stockton-Modesto-Oakdale-Turlock Los Angeles-Chino Valley Kings-Tulare-Fresno Counties SORGHUM - U.S. No. 2 Yellow Rail Los Angeles-Chino Valley via BNSF Single Truck Modesto-Oakdale-Turlock OATS - U.S. No. 1 White Truck Los Angeles-Chino Valley OATS - U.S. No. 2 White Truck Petaluma

(Domestic Values for Flour Milling) Los Angeles 12 percent Protein \$13.68 Los Angeles 13 percent Protein Los Angeles 14 percent Protein \$14.08 Truck/Rail Los Angeles 11-12 percent Protein Los Angeles 12 percent Protein \$12.55 Los Angeles 13 percent Protein Los Angeles 14 percent Protein NA WHEAT - U.S. Durum Wheat Imperial County Kings-Tulare-Fresno Counties

WHEAT - U.S. No. 2 or better - Hard Red Winter

Truck/Rail Los Angeles-Chino Valley \$12.30-13.15 Stockton-Modesto-Oakdale-Turlock King-Tulare-Fresno Counties \$11.25 Merced County Colusa County Kern County NA

Prices paid to California farmers, seven-day reporting period ending April 2:

FOR Tulare

No confirmed sales

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 April 3 Compared to March 27: Slaughter cattle trad-

ed on a live basis \$2 higher. Cattle traded on a dressed basis \$2-3 higher. Boxed beef prices April 3 at noon averaged

\$252.72 that is \$3.96 higher than March 27. The Choice/Select spread is \$6.50. Slaughter cattle on a national basis for negotiated cash trades through April 3 at noon totaled about 15,000 head. The previous week's total head count was Midwest Direct Markets: Live Basis: Steers and

Heifers 35-80 Percent Choice, 1200-1400 lbs. \$167; Dressed Basis: Steers and Heifers: \$265. South Plains Direct Markets: Live Basis: Steers and Heifers 35-65 percent Choice, 1100-1400

Slaughter Cows and Bulls (Average Yielding Prices): Slaughter cows and bulls sold mostly steady to \$1 higher. USDA's Cutter cow carcass cut-out value April

3 at noon was \$231.18 down \$.58 from March 27. NATIONAL FEEDER AND STOCKER CATTLE (Federal-State Market News)

St. Joseph, Mo. This week Last week

279,600 341,300 270,800 Compared to March 27: Feeder cattle and calves sold mostly steady to \$5 higher with a majority of sales ranging from \$2-5 higher. As a

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) —

Keeping wild waterfowl from

spreading bird flu to Minneso-

ta turkey farms won't be easy,

the state veterinarian said as

officials announced the sixth

Last year

lot yearlings and fall born calves both carrying considerable flesh, but there seems to be plenty of buyers eagerly bidding on all classes. True grass ready stocker cattle still bring top billing.

The last three weeks, feedlots have traded fat cattle higher, despite poor processing margins. Demand and attitudes have come out from under a cloud that had plagued them since the first of the year. The CME cattle complex continues to see increasing open interest in positions, but market behavior is nothing new as CME cattle futures can be leery about keeping distance between the futures and the cash market.

Spring beef demand, fed and feeder cattle availability, packer margins and slaughter increases will be key market factors. There are market watchers who feel there is still some fuel left in these rockets with available supplies of feeders eventually tightening and plenty of on

At the Bassett, Neb., Livestock Auction on April 1 sold consignments and strings of reputation Sandhill cattle with near 270 head of steers averaging 730 lbs. sold with a weighted average price of 246.91 and 400 head of their bigger brothers averaging 760 lbs. sold with a weighted average price of \$237.09

USDA's Grain Stocks and Prospective Plantings reports were released on March 31 and pointed to larger than expected corn supplies. USDA's estimate of 89.2 million acres of corn to be planted would be 1.5 percent lower than one year ago, but still 460,000 acres more than analysts expected. March 1 corn stocks came in at 7.740 billion bushels which was 11 percent higher than a year ago and over 130 million more than $\,$ analysts had expected.

Boxed beef values continue to grind higher

Minn. turkey farms see more bird flu

mann said

with positive news with warming weather helping sales and the need to restock inventories for May Choice product closed on April 3 at \$255.57 with feedlot trade in Kansas \$2 higher at \$167 and Nebraska live sales \$2-2.50 higher from \$167-169. Auction volume included 55 percent weighing over 600 lbs. and 41 percent heifers.

AUCTIONS Last year This week Last week 198,200 235.500 215,800 WASHINGTON 2,000. 65 pct over 600 lbs. 54 pct heifers. Steers: Medium and Large 1-2 700-750 lbs. \$219.81; 750-800 lbs. \$204.88; 800-850 lbs. \$204.28. Heifers: Medium and Large 1-2 450-500 lbs. \$248.56

DIRECT Last year 70.200 52,600 76,700 SOUTHWEST (Arizona-California-Nevada) 9,300. No cattle over 600 lbs. No heifers. Holsteins: Large 3 Del 275 lbs. \$310 August; 300 lbs. \$2850-290 August.

NORTHWEST (Washington-Oregon-Idaho) 7,600. 100 pct over 600 lbs. 29 pct heifers. Steers: Medium and Large 1-2 Current FOB Price 650-700 lbs. \$231-235 Idaho-Washington; 750 lbs. \$220 Idaho: 800-900 lbs. \$196.50-206 Idaho-Washington-Oregon; 950-1000 lbs. \$185-191 Idaho. Current Delivered Price 650-700 lbs. \$226 Idaho; 700-750 lbs. \$224.50-225 Idaho; 850 lbs. \$203 Idaho. Future FOB Price 650-700 lbs. \$227 calves for Nov Washington; 900-950 lbs. \$205-207 for June-September Idaho-Oregon. Future Delivery Delivered Price 800-850 lbs. \$207-208.50 for May-August Idaho. Heifers: Current Delivered Price 650-700 lbs. \$214 Idaho; 850 lbs. \$196-205 Idaho. 800-850 lbs. \$186-196 Idaho. Future FOB Price: 850 lbs. \$201-202 Idaho-Oregon. Future Delivery Delivered Price 750-800 lbs \$203.50-204.50 for July-September Idaho NORTHWEST DIRECT CATTLE

(USDA Market News) Moses Lake, Wash April 3 This week Last week

Last year 4,000 Compared to March 27: Feeder cattle \$2-13 higher. Trade moderate with good demand esp for the summer months. Trade sources are estimating lower number of yearlings being offered during the summer months than usual due to dry conditions. The feeder supply included 71 percent steers and 29 percent heifers. Nearly 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 5-10 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: 650-700 lbs. \$231-235 Idaho-Washington 750 lbs. \$220 Idaho; 800-900 lbs. \$196.50-206 Idaho-Washington-Oregon; 950-1000 lbs. \$185-191 Idaho; Current Delivered Price: 650-700 lbs \$226 Idaho; 700-750 lbs. \$224.50-225 Idaho; 850 lbs. \$203 Idaho. Future FOB Price: 650-700 lbs. \$227 calves for Nov Washington; 900-950 lbs \$205-207 for June-September Idaho-Oregon Future Delivery Delivered Price: 800-850 lbs \$207-208.50 for May-August Idaho. Heifers: Current Delivered Price: 650-700 lbs

\$214 Idaho; 850 lbs. \$196-205 Idaho. 800-850 lbs. \$186-196 Idaho. Future FOB Price: 850 lbs. \$201-202 Idaho-Oregon. Future Delivery Delivered Price: 750-800 lbs. \$203.50-204.50 for

Potato Market Reports Compiled by North American Potato Market News and USDA

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)

April 4 Market commentary: Prices for large count cartons are rising, due to limited supplies, but consumer pack prices remain under pressure.

SHIPPING	AREA						
FWA	Chg	GRI	Chg	70 ct	Chg	10 lb. Film	Chg
IDAHO BU	IRBANKS						
\$12.62	\$0.39	\$5.48	\$0.23	\$28	\$1	\$5.50	\$0
IDAHO NO	ORKOTAH						
\$12.22	\$0.24	\$5.42	\$0.18	\$27	\$1.50	\$5.50	\$0
COLUMBIA	A BASIN						
\$14.03	\$0.53	\$6.20	\$0.33	\$25	\$2	\$6.50	\$0
KLAMATH	BASIN						
\$14.22	-\$0.25	\$6.01	-\$0.18	\$23.50	\$0	\$7.50	-\$0.50

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 replacement animals on per head basis as indicated.

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

Domestic wool trading on a clean basis was at a standstill this week and there were no confirmed trades. Shearing is continuing at a strong pace across the Western states and into the Midwest Storms last month caused a lot of shearing to be put on hold while they passed through. Warmer weather has now allowed shearing to take place and move along at full momentum. Shearing will continue to be heavy over the next several weeks. but a majority of the producers say they are at least a week to two weeks behind their normal schedule. A stronger U.S. dollar along with the struggles in China's marketplace is making it hard for buyers to obtain clips that growers are willing to sell. The most current wools that had sold were falling within 80-85 percent of Australia. Domestic wool trading on a greasy basis was at a standstill this week and there were no confirmed trades

Domestic wool tags No. 1 \$.60-.70 \$.50-.60 \$.40-.50 NATIONAL SHEEP SUMMARY (USDA Market News) San Angelo, Texas April 3

Compared to March 27: Slaughter lambs were steady to \$10 lower, except at Ft. Collins, Colo., and Kalona, Iowa, where they were steady to \$10 higher. Slaughter ewes were mostly steady Feeder lambs were firm in a light test. At San An gelo, Texas, 4,094 head sold in a one-day sale No sales in Equity Electronic Auction. In direct trading slaughter ewes and feeder lambs were not tested. 5,900 head of negotiated sales of slaughter lambs under 170 lbs. were \$3-5 lower, over 170 lbs. were steady. 10,000 head of formula

sales under 55 lbs. were not well tested; 55-65 lbs. were steady; 65-75 lbs. were \$5-7 higher; 75-85 lbs. were \$8-10 lower and over 85 lbs. were \$2-5 lower. 6,535 lamb carcasses sold with 45 lbs. and down \$122.93 higher; 45-65 lbs. steady to 7.72 higher and 65 lbs. and up \$.96-2.06 lower SLAUGHTER LAMBS Choice and Prime 2-3:

San Angelo: Shorn and wooled 100-180 lbs \$120-140, few \$144-152. SLAUGHTER LAMBS Choice and Prime 1: San Angelo: 40-60 lbs. \$220-230; 60-70 lbs

192; 90-110 lbs. \$166-188. DIRECT TRADING (Lambs with 3-4 percent shrink or equivalent):

\$200-214: 70-80 lbs. \$186-196: 80-90 lbs. \$184-

5,900 Slaughter Lambs shorn and wooled 135-169 lbs. \$117-161.10, mostly 134-137 (wtd avg \$136.01): 175-190 lbs. \$115-123.62 (wtd avg

SLAUGHTER EWES: San Angelo: Good 3-4 (very fleshy) 60-65;

(medium flesh) \$90-104; Utility 1-2 (thin) \$80-897; Cull and Utility 1-2 (very thin) \$76; Cull 1 (extremely thin) \$50-60. FEEDER LAMBS Medium and Large 1-2: San Angelo: new crop 50-70 lbs. \$188-210; 70-80 lbs. \$184-190; 80-90 lbs. \$178-188; 95-

Good 2-3 (fleshy) \$80-84; Utility and Good 1-3

101 lbs. \$178-180. old crop 60-65 lbs. \$162-164; 80-100 lbs. \$150-162. REPLACEMENT EWES Medium and Large

San Angelo: hair ewe lambs 72 lbs. \$218 cwt. NATIONAL WEEKLY LAMB CARCASS Choice and Prime 1-4:

Weiaht Wtd. avg. \$643.70 45 lbs. down 45-55 lbs. \$407.90 55-65 lbs. \$356.69 65-75 lbs. \$322.08 \$307.24 75-85 lbs. 85 lbs. and up \$293.05 Sheep and lamb slaughter under federal in

spection for the week to date totaled 52,000 compared with 47,000 last week and 44,000 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 DAILY CALIFORNIA SHELL EGGS

(USDA Market News) Des Moines, Iowa April 3

Benchmark prices are steady. Asking prices for next week are 17 cents lower for Jumbo, 35 cents lower for Extra Large, 42 cents lower for Large and 35 cents lower for Medium and Small. The undertone is lower. Retail demand ranges moderate to good and better into areas with ad activity in most instances. Offerings are moderate to occasionally heavy on light to moderate supplies. Market activity is slow to moderate. Small benchmark price \$1.63. Size Range Size Range

Jumbo 242 Extra large 233 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA Prices to retailers, sales to volume buyers, USDA Grade AA and Grade AA, white eggs in cartons,

Range Size Range Size

234-246 Extra large Jumbo

Livestock Auctions

Cattle prices in dollars per hundredweight (cwt.) head as indicated

California

SHASTA (Shasta Livestock Auction) Cottonwood, Calif. April 3

Current week Last week 336 604

Compared to March 27: Slaughter cows steady Few bulls \$8 higher. Special pair and feeder sale next week so low numbers this week. 3-1 steers to heifers, steady to \$5 higher. Off lots and singles \$25-50 below top Slaughter cows: Breakers \$101-107 \$108-117

high dress; Boning \$94-100. Bulls 1 and 2: \$110-125; \$126-138 high dress.

Feeder steers: 400-450 lbs. 330: 450-500 lbs. \$293-300; 500-550 lbs. \$260-294; 550-600 lbs \$271-279; 650-700 lbs. \$242; 700-750 lbs. \$219-240: 750-800 lbs. \$229: 800-900 lbs. \$209-215. Feeder heifers: 500-550 lbs. \$257-277.50

Pairs: Couple full-mouth sets \$2800-3250. Broken mouth pairs \$1685-2200. Calvy cows: Too few for market test

Washington **TOPPENISH**

(Toppenish Livestock Auction) (USDA Market News) Moses Lake, Wash, March 27 Last week

Last year 1.650 Compared to March 27 at the same market Stocker and feeder cattle mixed, steers \$5-10 higher and heifers \$2-10 lower. Trade active with

good demand. Slaughter cows and bulls \$2 to \$5 higher. Trade active with good demand. Slaughter cows 64 percent, Slaughter bulls 5 percent and feeders 31 percent of the supply. The feeder supply included 45 percent steers and 55 percent heifers. Near 71 percent of the run weighed over 600 lbs. Feeder Steers: Medium and Large 1-2: 400-

500 lbs. \$297-305; 400-500 lbs. \$319, Thin Fleshed: 400-500 lbs. \$312. Value Added: 500-600 lbs. \$268.50; 600-700 lbs. \$240-247, Value Added; 700-800 lbs. \$208-231; 700-800 lbs. \$209. Fleshy: 800-900 lbs. \$203-208.50. Medium and Large 2-3: 500-600 lbs. \$177.50; 600-700 lbs. \$198. Small and Medium 1-2: 400-500 lbs \$217.50: 600-700 lbs. \$221. Feeder Holstein Steers: Large 2-3: 600-700 lbs

\$196-198; 700-800 lbs. \$189.

Feeder Heifers: Medium and Large 1-2: 400-500 lbs. \$250; 500-600 lbs. \$245-247; 600-700 lbs. \$220; 600-700 lbs. \$240, Value Added; 700-800 lbs. \$185-206: 700-800 lbs. \$195-207. Value Added. Medium and Large 2-3: 700-800 lbs. \$191. Large 2-3: 400-500 lbs. \$197.50; 500-600 lbs. \$197: 700-800 lbs. \$175-186.50: 1000-1100 lbs. \$159; 1400-1500 lbs. \$116. Small and Medium 1-2: 300-400 lbs. \$247.50.

Boning 80-85 percent lean 1200-1400 lbs \$114.50-119; Boning 80-85 percent lean 1400-1800 lbs. \$103-109; Lean 85-90 percent lean 1000-1800 lbs. \$99-105.

Slaughter Bulls: Yield Grade 1-2 1300-2300 lbs \$129-137.50.

Oregon

VALE (Producers Livestock Market)

Total receipts: 1.114 head. Comments: Good run of stocker and grass calves. A few more 600 weight and 700 weight

yearling cattle. Good market throughout. Steer calves: 300-400 lbs. \$297-332; 400-500 lbs. \$279-318; 500-600 lbs. \$249-293. Heifer calves: 300-400 lbs. \$288-315: 400-500

lbs. \$232-297; 500-600 lbs. \$217-263. Yearling steers: 600-700 lbs. \$223-258; 700-800 lbs. \$192-218: 800-900 lbs. \$191-199: 900-1000 lbs. \$177-187.

Yearling heifers: 600-700 lbs. \$212-235; 700-800 lbs. \$187-208: 800-900 lbs. \$184-198 Pairs (young): \$1950-2425 Stock cows (young): NA; Stock cows (B.M.) \$1375-1700.

Butcher cows: \$96-107. Thin shelly cows: \$84-95 Younger heiferettes: \$123-157.

Butcher bulls: \$97-126. MADRAS (Central Oregon Livestock Auction) March 30

Total head: 300 head. Steers: 200-300 lbs. \$305-312: 300-400 lbs \$310-316; 400-500 lbs. \$295-317; 500-600 lbs. \$265-268; 600-700 lbs. \$220-250; 700-800 lbs

\$210-215: 800-900 lbs. \$200-205 Bulls: High yield. \$131-136.50; mostly \$120

thinner \$110-115. Heifers: 200-300 lbs. \$265-272: 300-400 lbs. \$265-275; 400-500 lbs. \$265-275; 500-600 lbs. \$250-259; 600-700 lbs. \$235-245; 700-800 lbs

\$195-205. Heiferettes: 850-1000 lbs. \$150-175. Cows: Heiferettes \$120; Feeder cows \$117;

EUGÉNE Junction City, Ore.

April 4 Total head count: 382.

Cows and bulls steady; feeder cattle remain steady; yearlings \$3-5 higher Top cows: High dressers \$104-117, low dressers \$88-101.50; Top 10 \$110.45.

Top bulls: High dressers \$108-139.50

and No. 2: 300-400 lbs. \$275-300:400-500 lbs \$:245-292.50; 500-600 lbs. \$210-255;600-700 lbs. \$200-230; 700-800 lbs. \$190-215; 800-900 lbs. \$180.50-207.

\$232-262.50: 500-600 lbs. \$210-247.50: 600-700 lbs. \$210-228; 700-800 lbs. \$180-191. Bred Cows: \$1800 head; Pairs \$1510 pair

Head calves (up to 250 lbs.) \$380-875 head

Feeder lambs: 50-90 lbs. \$140-176, 90-130 lbs.

and seventh cases of the disease in the country's top turkey-producing state.

By KIA FARHANG

Associated Press

Officials say it's too early to speculate whether the highly pathogenic strain could hurt Minnesota's \$750 million turkey industry. More than 40 countries banned poultry

imports from Minnesota last month, when the first case was reported, though some have since narrowed the bans to poultry from affected counties. Health officials have said the risk to the public from the virus is low.

State veterinarian Bill Hartmann told reporters he's confident farmers' increased security measures will prevent any farm-to-farm trans-

"As far as stopping this

connection between the wa-

terfowl and turkeys, it will be

a challenge this year," Hart-

There's no evidence the H5N2 strain spread between the seven Minnesota farms infected over the past month, Hartmann said. That means wild birds such as ducks and geese, which can carry the flu but aren't sickened by it, could be responsible.

State workers will sample wild waterfowl droppings around the infected farms to test for the virus, said Michelle Carstensen, wildlife health program supervisor at the state Department of Nat-

ural Resources. They're also

dead turkeys or birds of prey in the wild. The state will also continue to monitor any poultry farm

watching for any reports of

workers who had extensive contact with infected birds, said Joni Scheftel, public health veterinarian at the Minnesota Department of Health. She stressed that the public is "absolutely not at risk." Three turkey farms where infections have happened

are in Stearns County, in the

south-central part of the state.

The newest infected flock had

about 76,000 birds.

Slaughter Cows:

high-yield \$130; medium-yield \$95: low-yield \$85

(Eugene Livestock Market)

Market conditions compared to March 29:

Feeder bulls: 300-500 lbs. \$200-264: 500-700 lbs. \$175-236; 700-900 lbs. \$193. Choice steers, medium to large frame No. 1

Choice heifers, medium to large frame No. 1 and No. 2: 300-400 lbs. \$232-280; 400-500 lbs

Dairy \$32.50-350 head.