# **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 customer as indicated.

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Digestible Nut	rients), or Cru	ide Protein (Cl	P) test num-
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RFV	ADF	TDN	CP
185+	<27	55.9+	22+
170-185	27-29	54.5-55.9	20-22
150-170	29-32	52.5-54.5	18-20
130-150	32-35	50.5-52.5	16-18
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Alfalfa Large Square	Fair/Good	1200	\$150
Alfalfa Mid Square	Premium	1500	\$190
	Good/Prem.	300	\$180
	Fair/Good	1000	\$160
Alfalfa Standing	Good/Prem.	750	\$125
	Fair/Good	750	\$125
	OREGON AREA HAY		
	(USDA Market News)		
	Portland, Ore.		
	May 1		
This week FOB	Last week	La	ist year
2,077	1,567		664
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Compared to April 24: Prices trended generally steady compared to the same quality last week. Trade activity and demand slowed this week. Prices trended generally steady compared to the same quality last week.

Trade activity and demand picked up slightly 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 continue to slow down the ability

## 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 April 30

PACIFIC NORTHWEST MARKET SUMMARY

Cash wheat bids for May delivery ended the reporting week on Thursday, April 30, lower, compared to April 23 noon bids for May delivery.

May wheat futures ended the reporting week on Thursday, April 30, lower as follows compared to April 23 closes: Chicago July wheat futures 27.25 cents lower at \$4.74, Kansas City May wheat futures 26.25 cents lower at \$4.9025 and Minneapolis May wheat futures trended 22 cents lower at \$5.2325. Chicago July corn futures trended 10.25 cents lower at \$3.6625 while July soybean futures closed \$4 cents lower at \$9.76.

Bids for U.S. 1 Soft White Wheat delivered to Portland in unit trains or barges during May for ordinary protein were 10 to 27.25 cents per bushel lower from \$5.80-6.04, mostly \$5.91 compared to April 23 noon bids for May delivery of \$5.90-6.3125.

There were no white club wheat premiums for this week, compared to White club wheat premiums for ordinary protein last week of \$1.10 to \$2. mostly \$1.70.

One year ago bids for U.S. 1 Soft White Wheat any protein for May delivery by unit trains and barges to Portland were \$7.70-8.0650, mostly \$7.9150 and bids for White Club Wheat were \$8.20-8.78. mostly \$8.5150. Nearby bids for U.S. 1 Soft White wheat ordinary protein started reporting week on April 17 at 6.0450 and dropped lower on April 20 to mostly \$5,9425 and held at that leave through April 21. Bids moved fractionally higher to mostly \$5.9450 on April 22. April 23, bids moved lower to the weekly low of mostly \$5.91.

Several exporters are not issuing bids for nearby delivery. Forward month bids for soft white wheat ordinary protein were as follows: June \$5.80-5.96, July \$5.74-5.80 and August New Crop \$5.7375-5.85. One year ago, forward month bids for soft white wheat for any protein were as follows: June \$8.0350-8.0650, July \$7.7975-7.8275 and August New Crop \$7.50-7.7975.

Bids for U.S. 1 Soft White Wheat guaranteed maximum 10.5 percent protein during May trended 26 to 28.75 cents per bushel lower from \$6.24-6.39, mostly \$6.33 per bushel compared to last week ranging from \$6.50-6.6775. There were no white club wheat premiums, compared to white club wheat premiums for guaranteed 10.5 percent protein last week of \$1.10 to \$2, mostly 1.70.

to export hay overseas. Most producers have sold all that they the Sierras. Water, yields and acres are coming up short for this season of having REGION 1: NORTHERN INTERMOUNTAIN Tons Price CROOK, DESCHUTES, JEFFERSON, WASCO COUNTIES Includes the counties of Siskiyou, Modoc, Shasta, Lassen, and Plumas. \$240 Orchard Grass Small Square Premium 50 51 ¢200

		51	\$300			Tons	Price
EASTERN OREGON				Alfalfa	Good	75	\$185
Timothy Grass Large S	Square Premium	80	\$150	Orchard Grass	Premium	525	\$324
LAKE COUNTY				REGION 2: Sacramento V	alley		
Alfalfa Large Square	Supreme	32	\$250	Includes the counties of	f Tehama, Glenn, B	utte, Col	lusa, Sutter,
	Good	1220	\$170-190	Yuba, Sierra, Nevada, Plac	er, Yolo, El Dorado, S	Solano, S	Sacramento.
Small Square	Premium	30	\$220			Tons	Price
	Good/Prem.	34	\$200	Alfalfa	Supreme	250	\$245-250
	Good	90	\$180			150	\$240
Alfalfa/Oat Mix Large S	Square Premium	75	\$150		Good/Prem.	50	\$250
Triticale Large Square	Good/Prem.	86	\$140	Orchard Grass	Premium	25	\$300
	Good	300	\$130	Orchard/Timothy	Premium	75	\$320
Forage Mix-Three Way				Oat	Good	50	\$140
Large Square	Good	29	\$145	Rice Straw	Good	250	\$100
HARNEY COUNTY: No	new sales confirmed.			REGION 3: Northern San Joaquin Valley			
KLAMATH BASIN: No n	ew sales confirmed.			Includes the counties of	San Joaquin, Calave	eras, Sta	anislaus, Tu-
	IDAHO HAY			olumne, Mono, Merced an	d Mariposa.		
(L	JSDA Market News)					Tons	Price
1	Noses Lake, Wash.			Alfalfa	Supreme	300	\$260
	May 1					600	\$260-282
This week FOB	Last week	La	st year		Good/Prem.	300	\$225
5,900	2,400		5,600		Good	150	\$200
Compared to April 24	: All grades of Alfalfa	weak in	a light test.	Orchard Grass	Premium	95	\$190
Trade remains slow to mederate Demand light to mederate Some			Oat	Good	75	¢165	

\$160

\$125

\$75-90

Klein Grass

Compare Trade remains slow to moderate. Demand light to moderate. Some contracting of new crop Alfalfa was reported this week with guaran teed no rain damage and a test of 160 RFV or better. Retail/feed store/horse not tested this week Tons

Alfalfa Large Square	Good/Prem.	1800			
	Fair/Good	2100			
	Utility/Fair	2000			
CALIFORNIA HAY					
(USD/	A Market News)				

plan to sell for this season.

Moses Lake, Wash. May 1

This week FOB Last week Last year 9,990 18,115 29,595 Compared to April 24: All classes traded active on good demand Milk prices remained in the low-teens, which affected the demand from dairies for test hay. Exporters are still playing a big hand in the markets in region 6. According to U.S. Drought Monitor, little if any precipitation fell across the state of California during the past seven days, with the exception of moderate to locally heavy precipitation (0.5-3.0 inches) over north-central portions of the state, including

23, Thursday moved lower again to mostly \$6.33. Forward month

bids for soft white wheat guaranteed 10.5 percent protein were as

follows: June 6.33-6.39, July \$5.74-5.83 and August New Crop

Bids for 11.5 percent protein U.S. 1 Hard Red Winter Wheat for

May delivery were 31.25 to 32.25 cents per bushel lower compared

to April 17 for May noon bids. On Thursday, bids were as follows:

May \$5.8525-5.9925, mostly \$5.9225; June \$5.99; July \$5.79-5.94

Bids for non-guaranteed 14.0 percent protein U.S. 1 Dark North-

ern Spring Wheat for Portland delivery for May delivery were 22 to

instances of 77 cents per bushel lower compared to April 23 noon

bids. On April 23, bids for non-guaranteed 14 percent protein were

as follows: May \$6.9825-7.6325, mostly \$7.3825; June \$7.13-7.68;

July \$6.93-7.38; August New Crop \$6.68-6.98 and September

Bids for U.S. 2 Yellow Corn delivered full coast Pacific North-

west-BN shuttle trains for May delivery were \$5.50 to 9.50 cents

lower from \$4.5525-4.5925 per bushel. Forward month corn bids for

June \$4.5225-4.5425, July \$4.5875, August/September \$4.7150-

4.7350 and October and November \$4.6950-4.7350. Bids for U.S.

1 Yellow Soybeans delivered full coast Pacific Northwest-BN shuttle

trains for May delivery were mixed, from 2.25 lower to 7.75 cents

higher from \$10.51-10.66 per bushel. Forward month sovbean

bids for June \$10.51-10.61, October \$10.5025-10.6225, November

\$10.5225-10.6425 and December \$10.5525-10.6725. Bids for U.S.

2 Heavy Wheat Oats for May delivery held steady at \$3.8475 per

There were three grain vessels in Columbia River ports on Thurs-

day, April 30, with two docked compared to seven on April 23 with

three docked. The Commodity Credit Corporation of the USDA ten-

ders this afternoon to donate 35.800 metric tons of soft white wheat

to Yemen and 10,640 metric tons of soft white wheat to Afghanistan,

under the PL 480 Title II Program. Delivery is for May 20-30. Results

**CALIFORNIA GRAINS** 

(USDA Market News)

PACIFIC NORTHWEST EXPORT NEWS

will be available today after 2 nm Pacific Time

and August New Crop \$5.8425-5.9925.

COARSE FEEDING GRAINS

			10115	FILCE
	Alfalfa	Supreme	250	\$245-250
			150	\$240
		Good/Prem.	50	\$250
	Orchard Grass	Premium	25	\$300
	Orchard/Timothy	Premium	75	\$320
	Oat	Good	50	\$140
	Rice Straw	Good	250	\$100
	REGION 3: Northern San Joaquir	n Valley		
	Includes the counties of San Jo	aquin, Calave	eras, Star	nislaus, Tu-
	olumne, Mono, Merced and Marip	osa.		
			Tons	Price
	Alfalfa	Supreme	300	\$260
			600	\$260-282
		Good/Prem.	300	\$225
		Good	150	\$200
t.	Orchard Grass	Premium	95	\$190
е	Oat	Good	75	\$165
1-	Rye Grass Straw	Good	2000	\$140
d	REGION 4: Central San Joaquin	Valley		
			Tons	Price
	Alfalfa	Premium	70	\$180
		Good	550	\$230
			75	\$290
	Wheat	Good		\$45
	REGION 5: Southern California			
	Includes the counties of Kern, N ern San Bernardino.	Northeast Los	Angeles,	and West-
			Tons	Price
	Alfalfa	Supreme	575	\$255.20
		•	150	\$225
d.	REGION 6: Southeast California			
d			Tons	Price
е	Alfalfa	Prem./Sup.	250	\$235
y		Premium	2150	\$225-236
'n		Good/Prem.	200	\$200

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\$160

#### Stockton-Modesto-Oakdale-Turlock \$9.85 Kings-Tulare-Fresno Counties NA Madera County NA Kern County NA Glenn County NA NA Colusa County Solano County NA CORN - U.S. No. 2 Yellow FOB Turlock/Tulare \$8.75 Single Car Units via BNSF Rail Chino Valley-Los Angeles \$9.22 Petaluma-Santa Rosa Truck Stockton-Modesto-Oakdale-Turlock \$9.06 Los Angeles-Chino Valley NA Kings-Tulare-Fresno Counties NA SORGHUM - U.S. No. 2 Yellow Los Angeles-Chino Valley Rail via BNSF Single \$11.02 Modesto-Oakdale-Turlock Truck NA OATS - U.S. No. 1 White Los Angeles-Chino Valley Truck \$15.60 OATS - U.S. No. 2 White Petaluma \$13.25-13.75 Truck Stockto Modesto-Oakdale-Turlock \$13.25-13.75 Petaluma Rail NA WHEAT - U.S. No. 2 or better - Hard Red Winter (Domestic Values for Flour Milling) \$12.14 Los Angeles 12 percent Protein Los Angeles 13 percent Protein \$12.34 Los Angeles 14 percent Protein \$12.54 Truck/Rail Los Angeles 11-12 percent Protein Los Angeles 12 percent Protein \$10.67 Los Angeles 13 percent Protein NA Los Angeles 14 percent Protein NA WHEAT - U.S. Durum Wheat Imperial County Truck NA Kings-Tulare-Fresno Counties NA WHEAT - Any Class for Feed FOB Tulare NΑ Truck/Rail Los Angeles-Chino Valley \$12.60 Petaluma-Santa Rosa Truck NA

Stockton-Modesto-Oakdale-Turlock \$NA

# 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)	

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Market Commentary: Russet market prices are holding relatively stable, though there has been some downward adjustment in Colorado and the Klamath Basin

SHIPPING	AREA							
FWA	Chg	GRI	Chg	70 ct	Chg	10 lb. Film	Chg	
IDAHO BU	IRBANKS							
\$12.55	\$0	\$5.44	\$0	\$28.50	\$0	\$5	\$0	
COLUMBI	A BASIN							
\$14.08	\$0	\$6.22	\$0	\$25	\$0	\$6.50	\$0	
KLAMATH	BASIN							
\$15.62	-\$0.50	\$6.99	-\$0.35	\$29	\$0	\$7	-\$1	

# Livestock Auctions

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

### California

Price Tons

#### SHASTA (Shasta Livestock Auction) Cottonwood, Calif.

#### May 1 Current week Last week

2.513 1.234

Compared to April 24: Butcher cows and bulls steady. Feeder cows strong, up to \$133. Feeder market mixed with 550 lbs. to 700 lbs. strong Yearling market softer. Off lots and singles \$40-75 below top.

Slaughter cows: Breakers \$103-112, \$113-119 high dress; Boning \$95-102; Cutters \$81-94. Bulls 1 and 2: \$110-124; \$125-137 high dress

Feeder steers: 400-450 lbs. \$180-337.50; 500-550 lbs. \$265-310; 550-600 lbs. \$230-266; 600-650 lbs. \$225-260; 650-700 lbs. \$225-251; 700-750 lbs. \$200-242; 750-800 lbs. \$191-208; 800-900 lbs. \$181-203.50.

Feeder heifers: 300-400 lbs. \$250-310; 400-450 lbs. \$215-245; 450-500 lbs. \$215-255; 500-550 lbs. \$210-245; 550-600 lbs. \$205-237.50; 600-650 lbs. \$192-225; 650-700 lbs. \$180-204; 700-750 lbs. \$180-195; 750-800 lbs. \$170-178; 800-900 lbs. \$164-173.

Pairs: Full-mouth pairs \$2000-3100; Broken-mouth \$1725-2500. Calvy cows: Few running age cows \$1800-

\$2050; Broken-mouth: butcher price to \$1725 lbs

### Idaho

### CALDWELL (Treasure Valley Livestock)

May 1 Steers: 300-400 lbs. \$255.25; 400-500 lbs. \$243.75; 500-600 lbs. \$227.75; 600-700 lbs 204.75; 700-800 lbs. 178.50; 800-900 lbs. \$174.25; 900-1000 lbs. \$160.25; 1000 lbs. and up \$123.50.

Heifers: 200-300 lbs. \$252.50; 300-400 lbs. \$242.50; 400-500 lbs. \$228.50; 500-600 lbs. \$212.25; 600-700 lbs. \$192.50; 700-800 lbs \$153.25; 800-900 lbs. \$132.50; 900-1000 lbs \$144.50; 1000 lbs. and up \$109.

Cows (wt.): 700-800 lbs. \$82.50; 800-900 lbs \$85.75; 900-1000 lbs. \$91.75; 1000-1100 lbs \$96.25; 1100-1200 lbs. \$101.25; 1200-1300 lbs. \$88.50; 1300-1400 lbs. \$97; 1400-1500 lbs. \$64; 1500-1600 lbs. \$103.75; 1600-1700 lbs. \$102.50; 1700-1800 lbs. \$94; 1800-1900 lbs. \$96

Bull calves (wt.): 200-300 lbs. \$321.25; 300-400 lbs. \$312.50; 400-500 lbs. \$200; 500-600 lbs. \$212.25; 600-700 lbs. \$190; 700-800 lbs \$192.50; 900-1000 lbs. \$97.50; 1000-1100 lbs. \$112; 1300-1400 lbs. \$100; 1400-1500 lbs.

- Bulls (wt.): 1500-1600 lbs. \$103.75; 1600-1700 lbs. \$134; 2100-2200 lbs. \$130.
- Pairs (hd.): 1000 lbs. and up \$1200. Bred heifers (hd.): 800 lbs. and up \$1470.
- Stock cows (hd.): 800 lbs. and up \$1480 Bull calves (hd.): 100-200 lbs. \$515; 200-300
- lbs. \$620; 300-400 lbs. \$555. Heifer calves (hd.): 100-200 lbs. \$405; 200-

300 lbs. \$450; 300-400 lbs. \$615. Steer calves (hd.): 100-200 lbs. \$425; 200-300 bs. \$495: 300-400 lbs. \$555: 400-500 lbs. \$455

\$130-155.

TOPPENISH (Toppenish Livestock Auction) (USDA Market News) Moses Lake, Wash. May 1

This week Last week Last year 1.450 2,020 1,500 Compared to April 24 at the same market Stocker and feeder cattle weak to \$10 lower Trade active with good demand. Slaughter cows \$4-5 lower. Slaughter bulls firm. Trade active with good demand. Slaughter cows 67 percent, Slaughter bulls 5 percent, and feeders 28 percent of the supply. The feeder supply included 56 percent steers and 44 percent heifers. Near 50

percent of the run weighed over 600 lbs. Feeder Steers: Medium and Large 1-2: 400 500 lbs. \$268; 500-600 lbs. \$260; 600-700 lbs. \$239.50-246.50; 700-800 lbs. \$190-200. Medium and Large 2-3: 600-700 lbs. \$207; 800-900 lbs. \$190. Small and Medium 1-2: 500-600 lbs. \$240; 500-600 lbs. \$222.50, Full; 600-700 lbs. \$230.

Feeder Holstein Steers: Large 2-3: 100-200 lbs. \$240; 100-200 lbs. \$510, Per Head; 200-300 lbs. \$240.

Feeder Heifers: Medium and Large 1-2: 400-500 lbs. \$240-250; 400-500 lbs. \$265, Thin Fleshed; 500-600 lbs. \$230; 600-700 lbs. \$214-215; 700-800 lbs. \$187-191; 700-800 lbs. \$175, Full. Medium and Large 2-3: 400-500 lbs. \$220, Thin Fleshed: 500-600 lbs. \$210: 600-700 lbs \$205. Small and Medium 1-2: 600-700 lbs. \$200 207

## Slaughter Cows:

Boning 80-85 percent lean 1300-1900 lbs. \$101-107; Boning 80-85 percent lean 1200-1700 lbs. \$112-118; Lean 85-90 percent lean 1200-1600 lbs. \$100-106; Lean Light 90 percent lean 800-1250 lbs. \$90-95.

Slaughter Bulls: Yield Grade 1-2 1000-2600 lbs. \$135-145.

Bred Cows (Per Head): Medium and Large 1-2: Mid-Aged 1400 lbs. lbs. 6-9 mos. bred \$1950-2100

## Oregon

#### EUGENE (Eugene Livestock Auction) Springfield, Ore. May 2

Total head count: 335 Market conditions compared to April 26: Cows steady; bulls higher; feeders steady Cows: Top cows high dressers \$109-120, low dressers\$96-108; Top 10 \$110.90. Top bulls high dressers \$123-143.50

Feeder bulls: 300-500 lbs. \$190-272.50; 500-700 lbs. \$190-268; 700-900 lbs. \$142-207. Choice steers: medium to large frame No. 1

and No. 2: 300-400 lbs. \$240-280; 400-500 lbs. \$245-288; 500-600 lbs. \$230-263; 600-700 lbs. \$215-236; 700-800 lbs. \$190-198 low test.

Choice heifers: medium to large frame No. 1 and No. 2: 300-400 lbs. \$260-292; 400-500 lbs. \$230-270; 500-600 lbs. \$220-243; 600-700 lbs. \$180-207; 700-800 lbs. \$170-190 low test; 800

up lbs. \$170-176 low test. Bred cows: \$885-1020 head.

Pairs: \$1700-2200 pair.

Head calves (up to 250 lbs.): \$350-710 head. Feeder lambs: 50-90 lbs. \$130-168, 90-130 lbs

April 30 ncluding; Nom.= nominal

Portland Prices in dollars per cwt bulk Inc.

\$5.7375-6.05.

\$6.78.

bushel

Nearby bids for U.S. 1 Soft White Wheat guaranteed 10.5 percent protein began the reporting week on April 17 at mostly \$6.4850, moving lower to mostly 6.3225 on April 20, and to mostly \$6.3125 on April 21. On April 22, bids moved higher to mostly 6.4350. April

Ltd.= limited; Ind.= indicated; NYE=Not fully estimated **GRAIN DELIVERED** Mode Destinatio Price per cwt BARLEY - U.S. No. 2 (46-lbs. per bushel) Rail Stockton-Modesto-Oakdale-Turlock NA **Tulare County** Truck \$9.85

- Petaluma-Santa Rosa
- King-Tulare-Fresno Counties \$NA Merced County NA Colusa County Kern County Prices paid to California farmers, seven-day reporting period ending April 30
- No confirmed sales

Compared to April 24: Feeder cattle weak

to \$4 lower. Trade remains slow this week as

videos and auction sales in California are keep-

ing Northwest buyers busy. Demand remains

good. The feeder supply included 43 percent

steers and 57 percent heifers. Near 100 per-

cent of the supply weighed over 600 lbs. Pric-

es 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

# 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 Mav 1

Compared to April 24: Live sales have sold steady in the Texas Panhandle and steady to \$1 higher in Kansas. Few dressed sales reported in Nebraska at 2 higher. Boxed beef prices April 24 averaged \$248.93, which is \$3.38 lower than April 17. The Choice/Select spread is \$11.42. Slaughter cattle on a national basis for negotiated cash trades through April 24 totaled about 18.364 head. The previous week's total head count was 74,218 head.

Midwest Direct Markets: Live Basis Steers and Heifers 35-80 Percent Choice, 1200-1400 lbs. \$160; Dressed Basis Steers and Heifers: \$255.

South Plains Direct Markets: Live Basis: Steers and Heifers 35-65 percent Choice, 1100-1400 lbs. \$157-160.

Slaughter Cows and Bulls (Average Yielding Prices): Slaughter cows and bulls unevenly

USDA's Cutter cow carcass cut-out value Friday afternoon was \$233.34 down \$.94 from April 17

NATIONAL FEEDER AND STOCKER						
	CATTLE					
(Federal-State Market News)						
	St. Joseph, Mo.					
May 1						
This week	Last week	Last year				
302,700	212,800	224,200				

Compared to April 24: Yearling feeder cattle sold mostly steady to \$5 higher with instances \$6-8 higher. Direct trade was mostly \$4-7 higher, regaining most of last week's losses. Some of the sharpest gains were noted on heavy feeders weighing over 800 lbs.

Feeder calves started the week steady to \$5 lower then by mid-week turning mostly steady to spots \$5 higher where calves were available Discounts continue in many cases on fleshy unweaned bawlers mostly weighing under 500 lbs, that tend to melt in the hot sun.

A higher auction market for yearlings with prices stronger than many expected, after last week's lower trends seen around the auction circuit. In Bassett, Neb., on April 28 sold near 450 head of 600-650 lb. steers averaging 622 lbs. for a weighted average price of \$268.79.

In Torrington, Wyo., on April 28 sold 185 head of 800-850 lb. steers averaging 822 lbs. for a weighted average price of \$219.65.

The market shook off the April 24 Cattle on Feed report, which was viewed as mildly to moderately bearish for trade on April 26, as futures were sharply lower. Placements came in 5 percent higher than expected which should push fed cattle supplies for fall larger than expected.

Packers will have plenty of cattle to harvest from now through the 4th of July, during the premier beef demand season. Marketing continues to lag behind year ago levels but seasonal increase in beef supplies will continue. Choice Box-beef prices continued to hover around the \$259 mark until April 28, with Wednesday afternoon's total boxed-beef movement very impressive with heavy movement of 221 loads, one of the few times this year that the total movement has been over 200 loads.

With Mother's Day, graduations and Memorial Day weekend coming up, sales picked up for retailers. Boxed beef then moved lower with Choice product closing \$2.26 lower at \$254.64 on April 24 as that would be nearly \$25 higher than year ago levels. Auction receipts are starting to get lighter and will continue at a fast pace and buyers realize they need to fill orders now while there are still cattle available.

For the balance of the spring, many producers will be concentrating on getting their corn and soybeans in the ground while most available supplies of calves and yearlings will be turned-out on grass until the summer yearling specials.

Corn planting on April 26 was at 19 percent completed with this week's forecast for clear skies throughout much of the Corn Belt.

Fed cattle prices gained \$2 on live prices in Kansas April 24 trading at \$160, with trade in Nebraska from \$160-163 and Colorado \$3 higher at \$163. The week's auction volume included 52 percent over 600 lbs. and 42 percent heifers.

AUCTIONS		
This week	Last week	Last year
180,200	169,600	161,500
WASHINGTO	N 2,300. 54 p	ct over 600 lbs.
46 pct heifers.	Steers: Mediun	n and Large 1-2
550-600 lbs. \$2	249.96; 600-65	0 lbs. \$237.92;
650-700 lbs. \$	230.66. Heifer	s: Medium and
Large 1-2 450-5	500 lbs. \$246.7	73; 500-550 lbs.
\$236.29: 550-6	00 lbs \$236.0	1: 700-750 lbs.

lbs

\$192.51.		,
DIRECT		
This week	Last week	Last year
66,400	36,000	59,100
SOUTHWEST	(Arizona-Cali	fornia-Nevada)

There were no direct sales reported. NORTHWEST (Washington-Oregon-Idaho)

2,500. 100 pct over 600 lbs. 57 pct heifers Steers: Medium and Large 1-2 Current FOB Price 650-700 lbs. \$235 Washington. Current Delivered Price 850-900 lbs. \$188-196 Idaho. Future Delivery Delivered Price 850-900 lbs. \$196-205.50 for June-July Idaho. Holsteins: Large 2-3 Current FOB Price 650 lbs. \$189 Washington. Heifers: Medium and Large 1-2 Current Delivered Price 850-900 lbs. \$187-190 Idaho. Future Delivery Delivered 850-900 lbs. \$190-198 for June-September Idaho

NORTHWEST DIRECT CATTLE (USDA Market News) Moses Lake, Wash. May 1 This week Last week Last year 2,450 3,350 6,650

14 days delivery.

Steers: Medium and Large 1-2: Current FOB Price: 650-700 lbs. \$235 Washington. Current Delivered Price: 850-900 lbs. \$188-196 Idah Future Delivery Delivered Price 850-900 lb \$196-205.50 for June-July Idaho.

Holstein Steers Large 2-3: Current FC Price: 650 lbs. \$189 Washington.

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Size	Range	Size	Range
Jumbo	213-225	Extra large	176-188
Large	173-182	Medium	135-144



# **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 May 1

Benchmark prices are steady. Asking prices for next week are unchanged on all sizes. The undertone is steady. Retail demand is light to moderate as the end of the month arrived with ad activity scheduled for the next few weeks. Food service movement is moderate to fairly good. Offerings are light to mostly moderate. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate. Small benchmark price \$1.35

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and Grade AA, white eggs in cartons, delivered