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.

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			
WASHINGTON-OREGON HAY							
(Columbia Basin)							
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(USDA Market News) Moses Lake, Wash Aug. 28

This week FOB	Last week	Last year
10,475	6,720	25,005
Compared to Aug. 2	1: Alfalfa generally stea	ady in a light test. Util-
ity/Fair quality steady.	Trade slow with light	demand as exporters
slowed down this week	. Timothy steady. Dem	and light to moderate.
Retail/Feedstore stead	y. Demand remains go	od.

Retail/Feedstore steady. Demand	l remains goo	d.				
Alfalfa Large Square	Premium	Tons 2300	Price \$160-185			
		300	\$180			
Tarped	Good	4000 300 800	\$170-175 \$170 \$170			
	Fair	200	\$140			
Small Square	Premium	75	\$250			
Orchard Grass Small Square	Premium	200	\$260-275			
Timothy Grass Large Square	Premium	500	\$180			
	Fair/Good	1500	\$140			
Small Square	Premium	300	\$210			
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(USDA Ma	rket News)					
Portlar	nd, Ore.					
Aug. 28						
Orchard Grass Small Square Timothy Grass Large Square Small Square OREGON (USDA Ma Portlar	Fair Premium Premium Premium Fair/Good Premium AREA HAY urket News) nd, Ore.	300 800 200 75 200 500 1500	\$170 \$170 \$140 \$250 \$260-27 \$180 \$140			

8.083 6,386 Compared to Aug. 21: Prices trended generally steady compared to week ago prices. Alfalfa premium quality in Lake Crook, Deschutes, Jefferson, and Wasco counties trended higher. Demand was slow to moderate. Some producers were wrapping up third cutting alfalfa while a few were beginning fourth cutting. Fires and smoke throughout the counties have limited some producers from being able to move hay. Many producers have decided to hold onto their hay for now, in hopes

Last week

This week FOB

for higher prices.			
		Tons	Price
CROOK, DESCHUTES, JEFFERS	SON, WASCO	COUNT	IES
Alfalfa Large Square	Premium	66	\$200
Small Square	Premium	30	\$250
	Fair	70	\$185
Alfalfa/Orchard Mix Small			
Square	Premium	54	\$260
Alfalfa/Grass Mix Small Square	Premium	25	\$220
Orchard Grass Small Square	Premium	208	\$220-250

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Beardless Wheat Large			
Square	Fair	54	\$135
Grass Mix-Five Way Small			
Square	Premium	20	\$290
Wheat Straw Large Square	Utility	500	\$35
EASTERN OREGON			
Alfalfa Large Square	Good	1490	\$160-170
Small Square	Good	30	\$180
Orchard Grass Large Square	Good	35	\$190
Timothy Grass Large Square	Good/Prem.	138	\$180
		150	\$200
	Good	270	\$150
		211	\$170
HARNEY COUNTY			
Alfalfa Large Square	Good	640	\$180
Alfalfa/Grass Mix Large Square		500	\$220-250
Beardless Wheat Large Square	Fair	200	\$120
KLAMATH BASIN	_		
Alfalfa Small Square	Supreme	52	\$210
	Good/Prem.	34	\$180
	Good	16	\$180
		54	\$170-185
	Fair/Good	61	\$120
	Fair	12	\$120
Orchard Grass Small Square	Premium	6	\$240
Forage Mix-Three Way Small			
Square	Good	200	\$140
LAKE COUNTY			
Alfalfa Large Square	Supreme	1032	\$195-220
	Premium	33	\$210
	Good	92	\$175
		350	\$180
	Fair/Good	32	\$155
Small Square	Premium	30	\$220
		128	\$250-290
	Good/Prem.	430	\$190-200
Alfalfa/Oat Mix Small Square	Fair	30	\$150
Timothy Grass Large Square	Good	350	\$180
Triticale Large Square	Fair	450	\$125
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Compared to Aug. 21: All classes traded slow on light demand. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, an Associated Press report (dated Aug. 20) notes land in central California's agricultural region is sinking quickly because of the state's historic drought. This is forcing farmers to spend millions of dollars upgrading irrigation canals and putting roads, bridges, and other infrastructure at risk. Prices on dry cow hay continue to drop week to week while test hay is getting harder to find.

Last week

Last year

\$300-320

This week FOB

Orchard Grass

		Tons	Price
REGION 1: NORTH INTERMOUN			
Includes the counties of Siskiy	ou, Modoc, S	hasta, La	assen, and
Plumas.			
Alfalfa	Good	1200	\$150
	Fair	250	\$125
Alfalfa/Orchard Mix	Premium	25	\$284

REGION 2: SACRAMENTO VALLEY

includes the counties of ferial	iia, Gieiiii, bi	ille, Coll	isa, Sullei,
Yuba, Sierra, Nevada, Placer, Yolo	o, El Dorado, S	Solano, Sa	acramento.
Alfalfa	Supreme	100	\$230
	Prem./Sup.	50	\$230
	Premium	100	\$215
		100	\$220
	Good/Prem.	55	\$70
	Good	460	\$165-190
		175	\$135
		625	\$155-160
		55	\$275
	Fair/Good	100	\$130
Alfalfa/Grass Mix	Good	50	\$265
Brome Grass	Premium	25	\$260
Dat	Good	25	\$125
	Fair	630	\$55
Sudan	Good	450	\$85
Forage Mix-Three Way	Good	50	\$85
Rice Straw	Good	25	\$100
REGION 3: NORTHERN SAN JO	AQUIN VALLE	ΞY	
Includes the counties of San Jo	aquin, Calave	ras, Star	islaus, Tu-
olumne, Mono, Merced and Marip	osa.		
Alfalfa	Supreme	400	\$275
	Prem./Sup. 1	50	\$200
	Dramium	300	¢100

Premium 300 1250 \$180-190 1500 \$130 250 REGION 4: CENTRAL SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY Includes the counties of Madera, Fresno, Kings, Tulare, and Inyo Alfalfa Premium 150 **REGION 5: SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

Includes the counties of Kern, Northeast Los Angeles, and West-Alfalfa Premium 325 \$220-240 313 \$135 Good

313 REGION 6: SOUTHEAST CALIFORNIA 1100 \$125 Good Bermuda Grass IDAHO HAY

Moses Lake, Wash Aug. 28 Last week 14.640 670 3.750 Compared to Aug. 21: Premium and Good Alfalfa continue to be

weak. Trade was slow this week. Retail/feed store/horse not tested

		ions	Price
Alfalfa Large Square	Supreme	3000	\$185
	Premium	1000	\$180
	Good/Prem.	500	\$230
	Fair/Good	200	\$125
	Fair	2740	\$120-12
	1200	\$105	
Timothy Grass Large Square	Fair	500	\$105
Wheat Ctrow Large Courses	Littliby	5500	032

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

PORTLAND GRAIN (USDA Market News)

Aug. 28
PACIFIC NORTHWEST MARKET SUMMARY

Cash wheat bids for August delivery ended the reporting week on Thursday, Aug. 27, mixed compared to Aug. 20 noon bids for August delivery. Hard red winter wheat and dark northern spring wheat bids moved lower, while soft white wheat bids were mixed

September wheat futures ended the reporting week on Thursday, Aug. 27, lower as follows compared to Aug. 20 closes: Chicago wheat futures were 16.50 cents lower at \$4.8975, Kansas City wheat futures were 16.75 cents lower at \$4.6450 and Minneapolis wheat futures trended 18.50 cents lower at \$4.9450. Chicago September corn futures trended 7.25 cents lower at \$3.6375 and September soybean futures closed 35.25 cents lower at \$8.8325.

Bids for U.S. 1 Soft White Wheat delivered to Portland in unit trains or barges during August for ordinary protein were \$5.4475-5.68, mostly \$5.5675. Bids trended mixed, from 16.50 cents lower to 1.75 cents per bushel higher compared to \$5.6125-5.6625, mostly \$5.6425 last week. 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 U.S. 1 Soft White Wheat any protein for August delivery by unit trains and barges to Portland were \$6.9725-7.0225, and bids for White Club Wheat were \$8.5225-

Nearby bids for U.S. 1 Soft White wheat ordinary protein started the reporting week on Aug. 21 at mostly \$5,6050. On Aug. 24, bids moved slightly higher to mostly \$5.6125, then fractionally lower on Aug. 25 at mostly \$5.61 and continuing lower to mostly \$5.5575 on Aug. 26. Aug. 27, bids moved higher to mostly \$5.5675. Forward month bids for soft white wheat ordinary protein were as follows: September, October, November and December \$5.4475-\$5.68. One year ago, forward month bids for soft white wheat for any protein were as follows: September \$6.9725-7.0725, October \$7.06-7.0725, November \$7.0725-7.1025, and December

\$7.0725-7.1325. Bids for U.S. 1 Soft White Wheat guaranteed maximum 10.5 percent protein during August were \$6.1975-6.4475, mostly \$6.3475, 11.50 to 16.50 cents per bushel lower compared to

\$6.3125-6.6125, mostly \$6.4225 last week

White club wheat premiums for quaranteed maximum 10.5 percent protein soft white wheat were 75 cents to \$1.25, mostly 1.15 cents per bushel over soft white wheat bids compared to 75 cents to \$1.25, mostly 92 cents Aug. 20. Nearby bids for U.S. 1 Soft reporting week on Aug. 21 at mostly \$6.4150, Aug. 24 at mostly \$6.3925, Aug. 25 at mostly \$6.4425, Aug. 26 at mostly \$6.3625, and ended the week Aug. 27, lower at mostly \$6.3475

Bids followed the Chicago September wheat futures during the week. Forward month bids for soft white wheat guaranteed 10.5 percent proteins were as follows: September \$6.3475-6.56, October \$6.3475-6.4475, November and December \$6.3475-6.58. Bids for 11.5 percent protein U.S. 1 Hard Red Winter Wheat

for August delivery were 12.75 to 16.75 cents per bushel lower compared to Aug. 20 noon bids. On Aug. 27, bids were as follows August \$5.3950-5.6850, mostly \$5.5450; September \$5.4450-5.7450; October through December \$5.6825-5.7825

Bids for non-guaranteed 14.0 percent protein U.S. 1 Dark Northern Spring Wheat for Portland delivery during August were 3.50 to 14.50 cents lower than Aug. 20 noon bids for the same delivery period. Some exporters were not issuing bids for nearby delivery On Thursday, bids for non-guaranteed 14 percent protein were as follows: August \$5.9450-6.1850, mostly \$6.0650; September \$5.9450-6.1850; October \$6.0850-6.2850; November \$6.0350 6.3350; and December \$6.1350-6.3850.

COARSE FEEDING GRAINS Bids for U.S. 2 Yellow Corn delivered full coast Pacific Northwest-BN shuttle trains for August delivery were 2.25 to 6.25 cents lower from \$4.5075-4.5775 per bushel. Forward month corn b were as follows: September \$4.5075-4.5675, October \$4.53-4.55, November \$4.53-4.57, December \$4.53-4.59, and January \$4.7025-4.7225. Bids for U.S. 1 Yellow Soybeans delivered full coast Pacific Northwest-BN shuttle trains for August delivery was not available. Forward month soybean bids were as follows: September \$9.79, October \$9.82-9.86, November \$9.9175-9.9375 December \$9.8875-9.9175, and January \$9.90-9.93. Bids for U.S. 2 Heavy Wheat Oats for August delivery held steady at \$3.63 per

PACIFIC NORTHWEST EXPORT NEWS

There were eight grain vessels in Columbia River ports on Thursday, Aug. 27, with three docked compared to eight Aug. 20 with three docked. There were no confirmed export sales this week from the Commodity Credit Corporation of the USDA.

CALIFORNIA GRAINS (USDA Market News) Aug 28

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

Price per cwt.

Destination

BARLEY – U.S. No. 2 (46-lbs. per bushel)				
Rail	Stockton-Modesto-Oakdale-Turlock	NA		
Truck	Petaluma-Santa Rosa	NA		
	Stockton-Modesto-Oakdale-Turlock	\$10.25		
CORN-U.S	S. No. 2 Yellow			
	FOB Turlock-Tulare	\$8.55		
Rail	Single Car Units via BNSF			
	Chino Valley-Los Angeles	\$9.07		
Truck	Petaluma-Santa Rosa	\$9.50		
	Stockton-Modesto-Oakdale-Turlock	\$8.85		
	Kings-Tulare-Fresno Counties	\$8.85		
SORGHUI	M-U.S. No. 2 Yellow			
Rail	Los Angeles-Chino Valley			
	via BNSF Single	\$10.67		
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	\$13.25		
	Stockton-Modesto-Oakdale-Turlock	NA		
Rail	Petaluma	NA		
WHEAT-U	.S. No. 2 or better-Hard Red Winter			
	(Domestic Values for Flour Milling)			
	Los Angeles 12 percent Protein	NA		
Truck/Rail	Los Angeles 11-12 percent Protein			
	Los Angeles 12 percent Protein	NA		
	.S. Durum Wheat			
Truck	Imperial County	NA		
WHEAT-A	ny Class for Feed			
	FOB Tulane	NA		
	Los Angeles-Chino Valley	NA		
Truck	Petaluma-Santa Rosa	\$10.40		

Kern County Prices paid to California farmers, seven-day reporting period ending Aug. 27: No confirmed sales.

Stockton-Modesto-Oakdale-Turlock \$11.25

General Mills sets ambitious goal for greenhouse gas cuts

By STEVE KARNOWSKI Associated Press

GOLDEN VALLEY, Minn. (AP) — General Mills has set an ambitious goal of reducing its greenhouse gas emissions 28 percent by 2025 — not just within its own operations but from farm to fork to landfill.

CEO Ken Powell, in outlining the plan to The Associated Press, said General Mills is compelled to act because climate change ultimately will be bad for business.

General Mills will invest more than \$100 million in energy efficiency and clean energy within its own facilities worldwide, and partner with suppliers to foster more sustainable agricultural practices, including sourcing products from an additional 250,000 acres of organic production globally by 2020.

"We think that human-caused greenhouse gas causes climate change and climate volatility and that's going to stress the agricultural supply chain, which is very important to us," Powell said in an interview at company headquarters in suburban Minneapolis. "Obviously we depend on that for our business, and we all depend on that for the food we

Other major food companies have greenhouse gas goals, but General Mills officials said they know of no other major player that has targeted its entire chain from raw material suppliers to consumers. The company estimates that 92 percent of greenhouse gases associated with that chain come from entities it doesn't control.

With annual sales of nearly \$19 billion, General Mills is one of the world's largest food companies.

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) Aug. 29

Market Commentary: Prices for large count cartons came under pressure as the size profile of potatoes being shipped increased SHIPPING AREA

FWA	Chg	GRI	Chg	70 ct	Chg	10 lb. Film	Chg	
	RKOTAHS	00.47	00.70	0.10	••	00.50		
\$13.34 COLUMBI	-\$0.93	\$6.17	-\$0.70	\$18	-\$6	\$9.50	\$1	
\$14.14	\$0.28	\$6.37	\$0.18	\$24	\$0	\$8	\$0.50	
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Sheep/Wool Market Reports Compiled by USDA Market News Service • Greeley, Colo.-San Angelo,

currency per kilogram, sheep prices in dollars per

(USDA Market News)

Foreign interest has declined and a strong dollar at the current time is causing less than ideal trade conditions. There is concern about the impact of the current situation in China and how it may affect their interest in wool over the short and mid-term Domestic wool trading on a greasy basis was at a standstill. There were no confirmed trades this week. All trades reported on a weighted average.

\$.60-.70 No. 2 \$.50-.60 \$.40-.50

Aug. 28 Compared to last week: Heavy slaughter lambs

mostly steady to \$5 higher. Feeder lambs were steady to 10 lower. At San Angelo, Texas, 5,827 head sold in a one-day sale. No sales in Equity Flectronic Auction In direct trading slaughter ewes were not tested; feeder lambs were firm. 5,400 head of negotiated sales of slaughter lambs were steady, 7,100 head

were steady to \$10 lower; light slaughter lambs were steady to \$10 higher. Slaughter ewes were

of formula sales under 65 lbs, were not well tested:

\$2.51higher. SLAUGHTER LAMBS Choice and Prime 2-3:

San Angelo: shorn and wooled 100-135 lbs. SLAUGHTER LAMBS Choice and Prime 1:

San Angelo: 40-60 lbs. \$230-252; 60-70 lbs \$220-230; 70-80 lbs. \$200-218, few \$220-226; 80-90 lbs. \$190- 200, few \$204-210; 90-110 lbs \$170-182, few \$186 DIRECT TRADING (Lambs with 3-4 percent

shrink or equivalent): 5.400 Slaughter Lambs shorn and wooled 120-161 lbs. \$145- 165 (wtd avg \$155.64).

California: 4,500 Feeder Lambs 95-105 lbs Idaho: 2000 Feeder Lambs 110-120 lbs. \$162.

SLAUGHTER EWES: San Angelo: Good 2-3 (fleshy) \$64-71: Utility and Good 1-3 (medium flesh) \$72-86; Utility 1-2

San Angelo: 60-70 lbs. \$196-212; 70-90 lbs \$180-186, few \$195; 90-100 lbs. \$182-188; 108

baby tooth to solid hair ewes 154 per head; solid mouth hair ewes \$135 per head, other solid mouth hair ewes 100-145 lbs. \$88-111 cwt.

and Prime 1-4: Weight Wtd. avg.

85 lbs. and up \$299.94

tion for the week to date totaled 36,000 compared with 39,000 last week and 40,000 last year

Livestock Auctions

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

Oregon

\$170-190

Baby calves: NA.

MADRAS (Central Oregon Livestock Auction) Aug. 24

Steers: 200-300 lbs. \$250-275; 300-400 lbs.

\$250-275; 400-500 lbs. \$235-265; 500-600 lbs. \$225-240: 600-700 lbs. \$210-225: 700-800 lbs. \$185-210; 800-900 lbs. \$170-185. Bulls: High yield. \$125-130; mostly \$125; thinner \$118-125.

Heifers: 200-300 lbs. \$240-260; 300-400 lbs. \$240-250: 400-500 lbs. \$230-240: 500-600 lbs. $$215-230;\ 600-700\ lbs.\ $190-215;\ 700-800\ lbs.$

Pairs: Full Mouth Vacc \$2000-2400.

Heiferettes: 850-1000 lbs.: \$150-170. Cows: Heiferettes \$135; Feeder cows \$108; high-yield \$110; medium-yield \$103; low-yield \$90.

VALE (Producers Livestock Market)

Aug. 26

Total receipts: 362 head. Comments: Softer market on all classes of calves and feeders with pressure on commodity

California

and financial markets.

lbs. \$226-239.

lbs. \$201-209.

900 lbs. \$164-172.

Butcher cows: \$95-105.

Butcher bulls: \$97-118.

Thin shelly cows: \$71-87.

Younger heiferettes: \$123-147.

Steer calves: 400-500 lbs. \$241-265; 500-600

Heifer calves: 300-400 lbs. \$241-265; 400-500

Yearling steers: 600-700 lbs. \$206-218: 700-800

Yearling heifers: 600-700 lbs. \$198-212; 800-

lbs. \$223-247; 500-600 lbs. \$203-230.

SHASTA (Shasta Livestock Auction) Cottonwood, Calif. Aug. 28

Current week Last week 429 1.278 Compared to Aug. 21: Slaughter cows steady

to \$2 higher. Feeder market off after two weeks of domestic and global financial pressure. Generally \$5-15 lower. Off lots \$30-60 below top. Slaughter cows: Breakers \$99-104, \$105-112

high dress: Boning \$92-98; Cutters \$75-90. Bulls 1 and 2: \$105-127. Feeder steers: 450-500 lbs. \$240-265; 500-550

lbs. \$265; 550-600 lbs. \$223-236; 600-650 lbs. \$200-226 700-750 lbs. \$185-201; 750-800 lbs. \$180-195.50; 800-900 lbs. \$170-189.75.

Feeder heifers: 500-550 lbs. \$206-213; 600-650 lbs. \$186-213; 700-750 lbs. \$170-182; 800-900 lbs \$156-160

Washington

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

Aug. 28 This week Last week Last year 1.666 NA 1.640 Compared to Aug. 21 at the same market: Stocker and feeder cattle mostly \$30 lower. Trade slow with good demand and good buyer attendance. Best demand for all natural black hided steers

and heifers. Slaughter cows and bulls mostly \$1-

10 lower. Trade active with good demand. Slaughter cows 45 percent, Slaughter bulls 15 percent, and feeders 40 percent of the supply. The feeder supply included 55 percent steers and 45 percent heifers. Near 82 percent of the run weighed over 600 lbs. Replacement Cows: Pre-tested for pregnancy, and age.

Feeder Steers: Medium and Large 1: 600-700 lbs. 200.50-210.50. Medium and Large 1-2: 200-

300 lbs. 265; 300-400 lbs. 240-260; 400-500 lbs 226-240; 500-600 lbs. 213; 600-700 lbs. 207.50 700-800 lbs. 198. Large 2-3; 200-300 lbs. 205 300-400 lbs. 192-200; 400-500 lbs. 171-173; 700-800 lbs. 167; 800-900 lbs. 150.

Feeder Heifers: Medium and Large 1: 600-

700 lbs. 198-202; 700-800 lbs. 199. Medium and Large 1-2: 200-300 lbs. 245; 300-400 lbs. 255; 400-500 lbs. 200-217.50: 500-600 lbs. 190-201 600-700 lbs. 193-198. Large 2-3: 1100-1200 lbs. 136-137

Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 1-2: 300-400 lbs. 275.

Slaughter Cows: Boning 80-85 percent lean 1100-1950 lbs. \$95-99; Boning 80-85 percent lean 900-1550 lbs. \$99-108; Lean 85-90 percent lean 1050-1700 lbs. \$89-100; Lean 85-90 per cent lean 1200-1500 lbs. \$97.50-100. Slaughter Bulls: Yield Grade 1-2 1100-2100

lbs. \$119-134. Bred Heifers (Per Head): 950 lbs. \$1825 1-3

mos. bred. Bred Cows (Per Head): 1150-1200 lbs. 2000 1-3 mos. bred: 1300-1350 lbs. \$1650-1800 1-3 mos. bred; 1500 lbs. \$1725 1-3 mos bred. Cow/Calf Pairs (Per Pair): Medium and Large 1-2: (2 yrs. old) 1068 lbs. \$2200 with 150 lbs calves; (5-8 yrs. old) 1465 lbs. 2000 with 200

higher; 55-65 lbs. \$3.61 lower; 65-75 lbs. \$.65 lower; 75-85 lbs. \$.45 higher and 85 lbs. and up

hundredweight (cwt.) except some replacement NATIONAL WOOL REVIEW

> Greeley, Colo Aug. 28

Domestic wool trading on a clean basis was at a standstill this week. There were no confirmed trades. Most are at a point where they delivering previously sold contract wool from earlier in the year. Some warehouses have begun collecting small wool pools and will continue collecting into

Domestic wool tags

NATIONAL SHEEP SUMMARY (USDA Market News) San Angelo, Texas

65-85 lbs. were steady to \$2 higher and over 85 lbs were not well tested 7 027 carcasses sold with 45 lbs. and down \$25.04 higher; 45-55 lbs. \$7.63

(thin) \$61-72; Cull and Utility 1-2 (very thin) \$50-60: Cull 1 (extremely thin) \$30-50. FEEDER LAMBS Medium and Large 1-2:

REPLACEMENT EWES Medium and Large 1-2: San Angelo: yearling hair ewes \$150-196 per head; baby tooth hair ewes \$130-176 per head;

NATIONAL WEEKLY LAMB CARCASS Choice

\$458.91 45 lbs. Down 45-55 lbs. \$379.76 55-65 lbs. \$339.46 65-75 lbs. \$326.30 75-85 lbs. \$313.62

Sheep and lamb slaughter under federal inspec

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

Aug. 28 Benchmark prices are steady. Asking prices for next week are unchanged for Jumbo, 25 cents lower for Extra Large and Large and 15 cents lower for Medium and Small. The undertone is lower. Retail demand is light with food service movement light to moderate. Offerings and supplies are moderate. Market activity is slow. Small benchmark price \$2.40.

Size Range Size Extra large 351 Medium 260 Large SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Prices to retailers, sales to volume buyers, USDA Grade AA and Grade AA, white eggs in cartons, delivered store door. Range Size Range Extra large

Size 332-344 283-292

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 NATIONAL FEEDER AND STOCKER CATTLE (Federal-State Market News)

Aug. 28 This week Last week Last year 178,200 382,900 Compared to Aug. 21: Yearlings traded \$5-10 lower with calves selling \$10-20 lower, with instances \$25-30 lower. Order buyers this week were extremely cautious after aggressive pressure from the Stock Market tumble and with very bearish outside markets keeping a strain on all com-

This had order buyers wanting and needing to

St. Joseph, Mo.

buy feeders cheaper this week. The cattle complex remains focused on the ability for outside market fundamentals to stabilize and to steady. Demand for calves was light to moderate, with the highest demand for yearlings; several auctions were getting ready for the fall run, noting the arrival of newcrop bawling calves this week On Aug. 28. dressed sales in Nebraska sold

modity markets.

\$4-6 lower at \$228 with live sales \$4-5 lower from

\$144-145.

Many backgrounders and cattle grazers who have held a little too long are not going to see a rally they have enjoyed in the past, as many yearling steers weighing from 850-950 lbs. are trading both sides of \$200; Prices dropping \$10-15 from early summer highs.

At the Sheridan Livestock Auction in Rushville,

Neb., nearly 3,700 yearlings on offer Aug. 26 with

465 head of top quality yearling steers averaging 835 lbs. selling with a weighted average price of \$206.23 and 120 fancy yearling steers weighing 950 lbs. sold at \$207. In Kearney, Neb., on Aug. 26 at the Huss-Platte Valley Livestock Auction sold 620 head of yearling steers averaging 909 lbs, for a weighted average

price of \$206.02 with the market mostly \$7 lower

Even in a year with many challenges, much focus remains in the huge losses from the Stock Market from late last week through Aug. 25. The Dow accelerated its losses Monday, briefly plummeting more than 1,000 points at the open, to close with losses of 588 points; losses extended into Aug. 25 falling another 200 points

Traders know this affects the commodity markets

and as a result, funds have been mostly sellers to reduce their exposure in the commodities. The selloff in the cattle complex is much hastier and fastpaced than the rallies, just getting back to even is a big task. The cattle futures at this time can't catch a break, compared to other agriculture markets as lean hogs and corn have shown some stability.

At this point, cattle prices have had the most downside going forward, however there was good news on Aug. 26 as the Stock Market regained its footing after an extended rout, and surged to close over 600 points higher to snap a six-session losing streak. This was the Dow's third-biggest point gain in history. Hopefully it will give the markets a reprieve from

and Aug. 28 as cattle futures finally caught a break and surged higher closing with strong triple-digit Boxed beef values started the week lower and on the defensive as retailers have Labor Day orders essentially filled, as the selling in the markets may have potential meat buyers on the cautious side. Choice boxed-beef closed. .99 cents lower

on Aug. 28 at \$243.22 compared to Aug. 21 close

fear and panic is showing some level of stability

and signs of easing. Gains extended into Aug. 27

at \$244.90. Auction volume included 52 percent weighing over 600 lbs. and 34 percent heifers.

AUCTIONS This week Last week Last vear 139.000 136,300 143,800 WASHINGTON 2,200. 32 pct over 600 lbs. 35 pct heifers. Steers: Medium and Large 1 490-500 lbs. \$229.03; 500-550 lbs. \$226.52; Pkg 652 lbs. 210.50; 715-750 lbs. \$199.19; 750-800 lbs. \$187.93; 815-850 lbs. \$186.83. Medium and Large 1-2 Pkg 253 lbs. 265; 325-345 lbs. \$246.76; 405-425 lbs.. \$240; Pkg 510 lbs. \$213; 550-585 lbs. \$211.90: 605-645 lbs. \$202.41: 650-690 lbs \$207.43. Heifers: Medium and Large 1 625-640 lbs. \$200.17; Pkg 719 lbs. \$199. Medium and Large 1-2 260-290 lbs. \$243.42: 410-445 lbs \$205.27; 450-490 lbs. \$199.71; 525-540 lbs. \$198.02; 555-595 lbs. \$202.62; 600-640 lbs. \$196.01: 660-685 lbs. \$196.53. DIRECT

34.700 24.500 32,400 SOUTHWEST (Arizona-California-Nevada) 6,800. No cattle over 600 lbs. No heifers reported Holsteins: Large 3 300 lbs. \$250 December Del 350 lbs. \$219 December Del; 375 lbs. \$228 December Del: 300 lbs. January Del \$262.50: 325 lbs January Del \$248.

NORTHWEST (Washington-Oregon-Idaho)200. 100 percent over 600 lbs. 65 percent heifers. Steers: Medium and Large 1-2 Current Delivered price: 900-1000 lbs. \$186, Idaho. Future Delivered price: 700-800 lbs. \$209.75. August-September. Idaho. Heifers: Medium and Large 1-2 Current Delivered price: 900-1000 lbs. \$180, Idaho. Fu ture Delivered price: 700-800 lbs. \$202.75. Au gust-September, Idaho.

NORTHWEST DIRECT CATTLE (USDA Market News) Moses Lake, Wash. Aug. 28 This week Last week Last vear

1,543 3,750 195 Compared to Aug. 21: feeder cattle generally steady in a very limited test. The feeder supply included 35 percent steers and 65 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 5-10 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.

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Heifers: Medium and Large 1-2: Current Deliv-

Oklahoma City-Des Moines Aug. 28 Compared to Aug. 21: Cash trade is moderate

on light to moderate demand in eastern and central Nebraska. Boxed beef prices Aug. 21 averaged \$238.08 and is \$1.81 lower than Aug. 21. The Choice/Select spread is \$10.27. Slaughter cattle on a national basis for negotiated cash trades through Aug. 28 totaled about 12,000 head. The previous week's total head count was 114,880

Slaughter Cows and Bulls (Average Yielding Prices): Slaughter cows \$3-8 lower. Slaughter bulls steady to \$3 lower. USDA's Cutter cow carcass cut-out value Aug. 28 was \$222.07 down \$.47 from