Farm Market Report

Hay Market Reports

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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 numbers:

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.
Sept. 25

This week FOB	*Last week*	*Last year*
5611	8690	6445

Compared to Sept. 25: Supreme and Premium dairy Alfalfa steady in a light test. Export Alfalfa steady. Timothy not tested this week. Trade remains slow. Plenty of last year's feeder hay still on the market. A strong dollar abroad is hurting exporters. Demand remains light. Retail/Feedstore steady to firm. Demand remains good. All prices are dollars per ton and FOB the farm or ranch unless otherwise stated. Delivered prices include freight, commissions and other expenses.

		Tons	*Price*
Alfalfa Large Square	Supreme	1000	$200-225
	Good/Prem.	2200	$160
Fair/Good		650	$130-140
		1000	$120
Alfalfa Small Square	Premium	136	$260-265
Orchard Grass Small Square	Premium	125	$260-275
Bluegrass Straw Large Square	Fair	500	$70

OREGON AREA HAY
(USDA Market News)
Portland, Ore.
Sept. 25

This week FOB	*Last week*	*Last year*
7013	5192	8258

Compared to Sept. 25: Prices trended generally steady compared to week-ago prices. Export sales continue to be slow. Retail/Stable demand for all types of hay from Crook, Deschutes, Jefferson, Wasco counties continues to be good. Many producers have decided to hold on to their hay for now, in hopes for higher prices. Some producers are having their water rights cut off due to the drought. All prices are in dollars per ton and FOB unless otherwise stated.

		Tons	*Price*
CROOK, DESCHUTES, JEFFERSON, WASCO COUNTIES			
Alfalfa Large Square	Good	900	$150-175
Small Square	Premium	19	$250
Alfalfa/Orchard Mix Small Square	Premium	25	$240
	Good	70	$180
Orchard Grass Small Square	Premium	108	$230-260
Fair/Good		16	$220
EASTERN OREGON			
Alfalfa Large Square	Good	250	$200
Alfalfa/Orchard Mix Small Square	Good	5	$90
Meadow Grass Small Square	Good	34	$175-180
HARNEY COUNTY			
Alfalfa Large Square	Supreme	96	$210
KLAMATH BASIN			
Alfalfa Large Square	Supreme	1100	$210
	Good	150	$160
Alfalfa/Orchard Mix Small Square	Premium	14	$210
Orchard Grass Small Square	Premium	300	$294
Timothy Grass Small Square	Premium	1275	$273-315
LAKE COUNTY			
Alfalfa Large Square	Premium	1850	$190-225
	Organic	270	$285-310
Small Square	Premium	30	$220
Retail/Stable	Good	27	$175
	Organic	84	$250
	Fair/Good	30	$150
Oat Large Square	Good	300	$110

IDAHO HAY
(USDA Market News)
Portland, Ore.
Oct. 2

This week FOB	*Last week*	*Last year*
16,130	6700	5435

Compared to Sept. 25: Supreme, Premium and Good Alfalfa steady. Trade turned moderate this week as a few producers decided to let go of some carryover from last year and some 2-year-old Alfalfa. Demand light to moderate with heavy supplies of feeder hay. Retail/feed store/horse not tested this week. All prices are dollars per ton and FOB the farm or ranch unless otherwise stated.

	Tons	*Price*	
Alfalfa Large Square	Supreme	300	$200
	Premium	1300	$180
		230	$150
	Good	12,000	$70
	Organic	400	$150
	Utility/Fair	900	$100
Alfalfa/Grass Square	Mix Fair/Good	1000	Large $75

CALIFORNIA HAY
(USDA Market News)
Portland, Ore.
Oct. 2

This week FOB	*Last week*	*Last year*
15,860	4430	13,775

Compared to Sept. 25: All classes traded slow on very light demand. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, across the California and the Great Basin, drought remained unchanged as the region continued through its dry summer season. However, heat exacerbated the impacts of the region's historic drought, with daytime highs reaching or eclipsing 100 degrees from Central California into the southern Great Basin. Rain fell this week and some hay was on the ground and rain is in the forecast for this weekend. Prices reported FOB at the stack or barn unless otherwise noted. Regions are defined at bottom of report.

		Tons	*Price*
REGION 1: North Inter-Mountain			
Includes the counties of Siskiyou, Modoc, Shasta, Lassen, and Plumas.			
Alfalfa	Premium	550	$160
	Organic	75	$310
	Good/Premium	25	$240
	Good Organic	25	$220
Orchard Grass	Premium	250	$300
REGION 2: Sacramento Valley			
Includes the counties of Tehama, Glenn, Butte, Colusa, Sutter, Yuba, Sierra, Nevada, Placer, Yolo, El Dorado, Solano, Sacramento.			
Alfalfa	Good Organic	110	$265
REGION 3: Northern San Joaquin Valley			
Includes the counties of San Joaquin, Calaveras, Stanislaus, Tuolumne, Mono, Merced and Mariposa.			
Alfalfa	Premium	1000	$195-210
		550	$225
	Good/Premium	700	$190
	Good	700	$175
	Fair/Good	1800	$130
REGION 4: Central San Joaquin Valley			
Includes the counties of Madera, Fresno, Kings, Tulare, and Inyo.			
Alfalfa	Good	625	$160
Forage Mix-Three Way	Good	75	$80
REGION 6: Southeast California			
Alfalfa	Good/Prem.	200	$190-191
	Good	125	$130
	Export	850	$150
		600	$165-185
	Fair	7500	$100
Bermuda Grass	Prem.	75	$195-205
	Good/Prem.	25	$185

Grain Market Reports

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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
Oct. 2

PACIFIC NORTHWEST MARKET SUMMARY

Cash wheat bids for October delivery ended the reporting week on Thursday, Oct. 1, higher compared to last Thursday's noon bids for October delivery.

December wheat futures ended the reporting week on Thursday, Oct. 1, higher as follows compared to last Thursday's closes: Chicago wheat futures were 21 cents higher at $5.1825, Kansas City wheat futures were 17.50 cents higher at $5.0750 and Minneapolis wheat futures trended 17.25 cents higher at $5.3125. Chicago December corn futures trended 7.25 cents higher at $3.8875 and November soybean futures closed 9.25 cents higher at $8.7725.

Bids for U.S. 1 Soft White Wheat delivered to Portland in unit trains or barges during October for ordinary protein were 14 to 21 cents higher than week ago prices at $5.4825-5.55, mostly $5.5125, compared to $5.2725-5.41 last week for October delivery. Some exporters were not issuing bids for nearby delivery. There were no white club wheat premiums for this week or last week.

One year ago bids for U.S. 1 Soft White Wheat any protein for October delivery by unit trains and barges to Portland were $6.49-6.63, mostly $6.5625 and bids for White Club Wheat were $8.59-9.29, mostly $8.8750. Nearby bids for U.S. 1 Soft White wheat ordinary protein started the reporting week on Friday through Tuesday were not available.

On Wednesday, bids were mostly $5.4875 and ended the week Thursday higher at mostly $5.5125. Forward month bids for soft white wheat ordinary protein were as follows: November $5.55-5.5825, December $5.55-5.6825; January and February $5.55-5.7425.

One year ago, forward month bids for soft white wheat for any protein were as follows: November $6.49-6.66, December $6.49-6.69, January $6.5725-6.7225 and February $6.5725-6.6725.

Bids for U.S. 1 Soft White Wheat guaranteed maximum 10.5 percent protein during October were $6.6825-6.8825, mostly $6.7625, $8.25 to 21 cents per bushel higher compared to $6.4725-6.80 last week for October delivery. White club wheat premiums for guaranteed maximum 10.5 percent protein soft white wheat were 1.50 cents per bushel over soft white wheat bids compared to 1.50 cents last Thursday.

Nearby bids for U.S. 1 Soft White wheat guaranteed maximum 10.5 percent protein began the reporting week on Friday at mostly $6.7075, and rose to mostly $6.7150 on Monday. On Tuesday, bids moved lower to mostly $6.6775 before bouncing higher to mostly 6.7225 on Wednesday. Bids ended the reporting week today (Thursday), higher at mostly $6.7625. Forward month bids for soft white wheat guaranteed 10.5 percent proteins were as follows: November and December $6.6825-6.9325; January and February $6.6925-6.72.

Bids for 11.5 percent protein U.S. 1 Hard Red Winter Wheat for October delivery were 17.50 to 22.50 cents per bushel higher compared to last Thursday's noon bids for October delivery. On Thursday, bids were as follows: October $6.1750-6.3250, mostly $6.2750, November and December $6.1750-6.3250, January and February $6.2675-6.3175.

CALIFORNIA GRAINS
(USDA Market News)
Portland
Oct. 2

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

GRAIN DELIVERED

Mode	*Destination*	*Price per cwt.*
BARLEY U.S. No 2 (46-lbs. per bushel)		
FOB	**Solano County**	$9.65
Rail	**Any Origin - via BNSF and U.P.**	
	Los Angeles	NA
	Stockton-Modesto-Oakdale-Turlock	NA
	Tulare County	NA
Truck	**Petaluma-Santa Rosa**	NA
	Stockton-Modesto-Oakdale-Turlock	$10.40
	Sale 10.75	no comp
	Kings-Tulare-Fresno Counties	NA
	Kern County	NA
	Colusa County	NA
CORN U.S. No 2 Yellow		
	Stockton-Modesto-Oakdale-Turlock	NA
	Modesto-Oakdale-Turlock	NA
	Kings-Tulare-Fresno	NA
	Turlock/Tulare	$8.65
Rail: Single Car Units via BNSF		
	Los Angeles-Chino Valley	$9.15-9.17
Truck	**Petaluma-Santa Rosa**	NA
	Stockton-Modesto-Oakdale-Turlock	$8.96
	Kings-Tulare-Fresno Counties	$8.96
	Los Angeles-Chino Valley	NA
SORGHUM U.S. No 2 Yellow		
Rail	**Los Angeles-Chino Valley via BNSF Single**	$10.87
Truck	**Modesto-Oakdale-Turlock**	NA
Kings-Tulare-Fresno		**NA**
OATS U.S. No 1 White		
Truck	**Los Angeles-Chino Valley**	NA
Rail	**Petaluma**	NA
Truck	**Petaluma**	NA
	Modesto-Oakdale-Turlock	NA
WHEAT U.S. No 2 or better-Hard Red Winter		
(Domestic Values for Flour Milling)		
	Tulare	NA
Truck (California Origin)		
	Los Angeles 12% Protein	NA
	Los Angeles 13% Protein	NA
	Los Angeles 14% Protein	NA
	Colusa County	NA
Rail-Truck (Out of State Origin)		
	Los Angeles Guaranteed 12% Protein	NA
	Los Angeles Guaranteed 13% Protein	NA
	Los Angeles Guaranteed 14% Protein	NA
WHEAT U.S. Durum Wheat		
FOB	**Imperial County**	NA
Truck	**Kings-Tulare-Fresno Counties**	NA
WHEAT Any Class for Feed		
FOB	**Kings-Tulare-Fresno Counties**	NA
	Colusa County	In-Store
$10.50		
Rail-Truck	**Los Angeles-Chino Valley**	NA
	13 percent protein	NA
Truck	**Petaluma-Santa Rosa**	NA
	Stockton-Modesto-Oakdale-Turlock	NA
	Kings-Tulare-Fresno counties	NA
	Fresno	NA
	Merced County	NA
	Kern County	NA
	Colusa County	NA

Sheep/Wool Market Reports

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

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.
Oct. 2

Domestic wool trading on a clean basis was at a standstill this week. There were no confirmed trades. A strong dollar at the current time is causing less than ideal trade conditions.

The wool market as remained weak and no wool is currently being marketed due to the current condition. There is still optimism that going into the fall and early winter that there will be some stability in the market making it easier to trade and some wool is being gathered at this time to try to market in late October and early November.

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Domestic wool tags	
No. 1	$.60-.70
No. 2	$.50-.60
No. 3	$.40-.50

NATIONAL SHEEP SUMMARY
(USDA Market News)
San Angelo, Texas
Sept. 25

Compared to last week: Slaughter lambs were mostly sharply lower. Slaughter ewes were steady to $10 lower. Feeder lambs were mostly steady to $10 lower.

At San Angelo, Texas, 7246 head sold in a one-day sale. Equity Electronic Auction sold 335 slaughter lambs in North Dakota and 253 slaughter ewe and ram lambs in Nebraska.

In direct trading slaughter ewes had no comparison and feeder lambs were steady. 5300 head of negotiated sales of slaughter lambs were $2-5 higher. 6900 head of formula sales under 55 lbs. were not well tested; 55-65 lbs. were 5-6 higher; 65-75 lbs. were steady to $2 higher; 75-85 lbs. were $3-6 higher and over 85 lbs. were not well tested. 6,788 carcasses sold with 45 lbs. and down 15.68 lower; 45-55 lbs. .64 lower; 55-65 lbs. $2.83 lower; 65-75 lbs. $.51 lower; 75-85 lbs. $.48 higher and 85 lbs. and up $2 higher. All sheep sold per hundred weight (CWT) unless otherwise specified.

SLAUGHTER LAMBS Choice and Prime 2-3 90-160 lbs:

San Angelo: Shorn and wooled 100-130 lbs. $130-158.

Ft. Collins, Colo.: wooled 172 lbs. $160.

South Dakota: Shorn and wooled 110-165 lbs. $160.25-165.25.

Billings, Mont.: No test.

Slaughter Lambs: Choice and Prime 1:

San Angelo: 40-60 lbs. $230-240, few $246-250; 60-70 lbs., $210-224; 70-80 lbs. $190-216; 80-90 lbs., $175-184; 90-110 lbs. $167-170, few $188.

Slaughter Ewes:

San Angelo: Good 2-3 (fleshy) $56-68; Utility and Good 1-3 (medium flesh) $64-80, high-yielding $80-84; Utility 1-2 (thin) $50-64; Cull and Utility 1-2 (very thin) $46-52; Cull 1 (extremely thin) $22-50.

Ft. Collins: Good 3-5 (very fleshy) $60-67; Good 2-3 (fleshy) $73-88; Utility 1-2 (thin) $48-53; Cull 1 (extremely thin) $33-37.

Billings, Mont.: Good 3-4 (very fleshy) $37.50-49; Good 2-3 (fleshy) $48-53; Utility 1-2 (thin) $44-53; Cull 1 $35-46.

Feeder Lambs: Medium and Large 1-2:

San Angelo: 40-60 lbs. $208-226; 60-70 lbs. $184-210; 70-90 lbs. $174-186; 91 lbs. $174; 100-115 lbs. $150-159.

Ft. Collins: 80-90 lbs. $160-170; 90-100 lbs. $159-164; 100-110 lbs. $153-158; 110-115 lbs. $149-155; 120-125 lbs. $142-147.

Replacement Ewes: Medium and Large 1-2:

San Angelo: No test.

Ft. Collins: Ewe lambs $240-250 per head; yearlings $205-230 per head; baby tooth to solid mouth $170-190 per head; solid mouth $140-165 per head.

Billings: Yearlings $140 per head, other yearlings 90-150 lbs. $55-85 cwt; young $115 per head.

NATIONAL WEEKLY LAMB CARCASS Choice and Prime 1-4:

Weight	*Wtd. Avg*
45 lbs. down	$449.66
45-55 lbs.	$381.59
55-65 lbs.	$339.81
65-75 lbs.	$326.66
75-85 lbs.	$315.36
85 lbs. up	$306.48

Sheep and lamb slaughter under federal inspection for the week to date totaled 34,000 compared with 43,000 last week and 46,000 last year.

Cattle Market Reports

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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
Oct. 2

Compared to Sept. 25: Slaughter cattle trade limited this week as cattle futures, and beef prices tumbled. Few trades in Texas and Kansas sold $8.00-12.00 lower. Dressed trades in Nebraska were $15.00- 17.00 lower.

The whole cattle complex just seemed to crater this week. Packers ramped up their kills despite the moderate demand for beef.

Boxed beef prices Friday afternoon averaged $203.57 and is $7.45 lower than last Friday. The Choice/Select spread is 4.41. Slaughter cattle on a national basis for negotiated cash trades through Friday afternoon totaled about 52,283 head. Last week's total head count was 59,680 head.

NATIONAL FEEDER AND STOCKER CATTLE
(Federal-State Market News)
St. Joseph, Mo.
Sept. 25

This week	*Last week*	*Last year*
249,800	250,600	265,800

Compared to last week: Yearling feeder cattle started the week $3.00-5.00 lower then turning mostly $5.00-10.00 lower as the week progressed. Calves traded mostly $5.00-15.00 lower with instances $20.00 lower throughout the Southeast.

Calf prices have lost a third of their value in just a few short months, and any class of feeder calves does not look attractive to buy as the bottom continues to succumb in this market freefall. Some of the best 500 lb. steer calves are now looking at $2.00/lb or less in many areas. Fear seems to be a very good motive that is driving this feeder cattle and fed cattle market as the cash market searches for a bottom.

Last Friday's limit higher move in the Live and Feeder cattle futures was nothing more than a mirage. Cash fed and feeder cattle prices along with the futures continue to slide into a black hole as the inability to draw any kind of interest into this market has uncertainty dominating the picture as huge losses continue in the cattle complex.

The "calf run" is beginning to start and with wide price spreads for similar weight and class calves depending on if they are weaned and have a health program or if they are right-off the cow, severe discounts will more than likely be seen.

Fed cattle dressed sales on Wednesday traded in Nebraska and the Western Cornbelt; $13.00 lower than last week at $187.00-190.00, with live sales $8.00 lower at $117.00-120.00. On Thursday a few live sales traded from $115.00-119.00 and few dressed sales at $184.00-186.00.

In Kansas on Wednesday light trade on live sales sold $4.00-8.00 lower at $124.00; then on Thursday, live sales traded at $118.00-120.00.

Boxed-beef has continued its aggressive price slashing hoping to find a buyers' market. With prices falling so fast retail buyers seem to be at ease to take a wait and see approach to see if prices will fall further. On Tuesday of this week the Cutter-Cow cutout value closed at $215.13 for 90 percent lean, but closed 5.82 higher than Choice cutout at 209.31. Then on Wednesday the Cutter Cow cutout plummeted $14.73 to close at $200.40 as choice boxed-beef fell 69 cents to close at $208.62.

With record heavy carcass weights and record highs for the number of cattle grading choice, Choice boxed-beef has lost over $55.00 from the May record high to current. Friday Choice boxed-beef closed $1.78 lower at $205.77, compared to last Friday's close at 212.23.

The National Restaurant Performance Index was released Sept. 30, as a result showed softer same-store sales and customer traffic levels. The August RPI stood at 101.5, down 1.2 percent from July, the lowest level in 11 months. Despite the decline, August represented the 30th consecutive month above 100.

With foodservice a key driver in beef demand, going forward it will be important to keep these levels above 100. Corn Belt farmers are in the middle of harvest with 18 percent of the corn crop completed a bit behind the 5 year average at 23 percent with 68 percent still rated good to excellent.

Soybean harvest is 21 percent harvested, compared to the 5-year average of 16 percent with 62 percent rated good to excellent. Auction volume included 47 percent over 600 lbs. and 35 percent heifers.

Livestock Auctions

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

Washington

TOPPENISH
(Stockland Livestock Auction)
(USDA Market News)
Moses Lake, Wash.
Sept. 29

Receipts	*Last Week*	*Year Ago*
820	900	1110

Compared to Sept. 22 at the same market: Stocker and feeder cattle $2-9 instances $17 lower. Trade slow with light demand and light buyer participation. Cattle futures improved late last week but not near enough to make many confident the market has turned the corner. Slaughter cows and bulls $9-12 lower. Trade slow to moderate with light to moderate demand as heavy discounted carcasses weigh on the boneless market. Slaughter cows made up 29 percent of the offering, Slaughter bulls 10 percent, and feeders 61 percent of the supply. The feeder supply included 52 percent steers and 48 percent heifers. Near 47 percent of the run weighed over 600 lbs.

Feeder Steers: Medium and Large 1-2: 400-500 lbs. $214; 500-600 lbs. $183-194; 500-600 lbs. $200, Thin Fleshed; 600-700 lbs. $181-188, Calves 700-800 lbs. $176.

Feeder Steers: Small and Medium 1-2: 500-600 lbs. $180-182; 600-700 lbs. $153.

Feeder Bulls: Medium and Large 1-2: 600-700 lbs. $161.

Feeder Heifers: Medium and Large 1-2: 400-500 lbs. $184-195; 400-500 lbs. $202, Thin Fleshed; 500-600 lbs. $174-182; 500-600 lbs. $184, Replacement; 600-700 lbs. $177-180, Calves; 700-800 lbs. $151.50.

Feeder Heifers: Large 1-2: 900-1000 lbs. $130-136; 900-1000 lbs. $116, Full.

Feeder Heifers: Small and Medium 1-2: 300-400 lbs. $190; 600-700 lbs. $168.

Slaughter Cows: Breakers $75-80 1600-2100; Boning $80-85, 1400-1800; Lean $85-90 1300-1700.

Slaughter Bulls: Yield Grade 1-2, 1400-2700 $110-116

Bred Heifers (Per Head): Medium and Large 1-2: 950-1000 lbs., $1900, 3-6 mos.

Feeder Cows: Medium and Large 1-2: 1000-1100, $108, Young; 1200-1300 $94-99, Young.

Oregon

MADRAS
(Central Oregon Livestock Auction)
Sept. 28

Total head: 2490

Baby calves: NA

Steers: 200-300 lbs., NA, 300-400 lbs., $225-245, 400-500 lbs., $215-230, 500-600 lbs., $200-215, 600-700 lbs., $185-200, 700-800 lbs., $170-185, 800-900 lbs., $165-175.

Bulls: High yield, $115-118, mostly $115, Thinner $100-110.

Pairs: Full Mouth Vacc NA; Broken Mouth Vacc NA.

Bred Cows: 1st Calf Hfrs NA; Broken Mouth Vacc NA

Heifers: 200-300 lbs., NA; 300-400 lbs., $220-230; 400-500 lbs., $200-220; 500-600 lbs., $185-200; 600-700 lbs., $170-185; 700-800 lbs., $160-170.

Heiferettes: 850-1000 lbs., $140-160.

Cows: Heiferettes $120; Feeder Cows $95; High yield $100. Med yield $80; Low yield $87.

VALE
(Producers Livestock Market)
Sept. 30

Total receipts: 954 head

Comments: 400-600 lb. calves $12-18/cwt lower than the previous week. 700-900 lb. cattle $8-$15/cwt lower than last week. Butcher cow market $3-6/cwt lower. Butcher bull $ 15/cwt cheaper.

Steer calves: 300-400 lbs., $221-253; 400-500 lbs. $186-226; 500-600 lbs. $178-198.

Heifer calves: 300-400 lbs., $189-226; 400-500 lbs. $167-188; 500-600 lbs. $158-179.

Yearling steers: 600-700 lbs., $162-185; 700-800 lbs. $146-169; 800-900 lbs., $139-158; 900-1000 lbs. $141-154.

Yearling heifers: 600-700 lbs., $151-165; 700-800 lbs., $144-153; 800-900 lbs., $139-157; 900-1000 lbs., 132 - 144.

600 lb. and under light Holstein steers: $89-102

700 lb. and over Holstein steers: NA

Butcher cows: $89-99, top $106

Thin shelly cows: $64-85

Butcher bulls: $84-104

Younger Heiferettes: $106-126

California Egg Reports

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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
Oct. 2

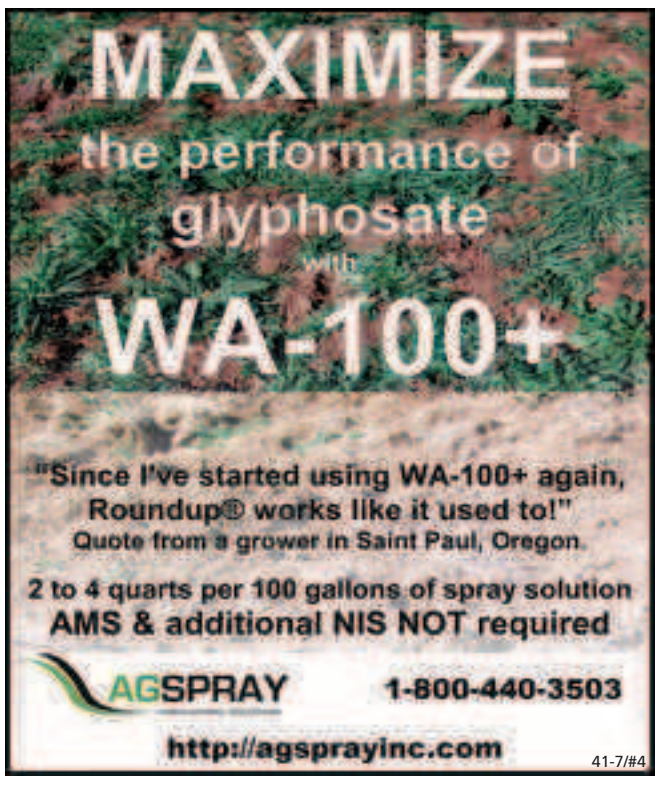
Benchmark prices are steady. Asking prices for next week are 23 cents lower for Jumbo, 17 cents lower for Extra Large, 18 cents lower for Large, and 7 cents higher for Medium and Small. The undertone is lower for the Larger sizes and steady to firm for Medium. Retail and food service demand is light to moderate. Warehouse buying is light. Offerings and supplies are light for Medium and moderate to heavy for the larger sizes. Market activity is slow to moderate. Small benchmark price $2.10.

California

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.

Size	Range	**Size**	Range
Jumbo	$3.26	**Extra Large**	$2.93
Large	$2.66	**Medium**	$2.36

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Prices to retailers, sales to volume buyers, USDA grade AA white eggs in cartons, delivered store door, cents per dozen.

Size	Range	**Size**	Range
Jumbo	$2.78-2.89	**Extra Large**	$2.19-2.31
Large	$2.19-2.28	**Medium**	$1.74-1.83