Farm Market Report

Hay Market Reports

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

Last year

Hay prices are dollars per ton or dollars per bale when sold to retail outlets. Basis is current delivery FOB barn or stack, or delivere customer as indicated. Grade guidelines used in this report have the following relation-

ship 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)					
Portland, Ore.					

2,160 6,646 6,889 Compared to Oct. 30: Prices trended generally steady compared to week ago prices. Export sales have picked up slightly. 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. Snow has hit some of the hay producing areas.

Last week

This week FOR

		Tons	Price
CROOK, DESCHUTES, JEFFERS	SON, WASCO	COUNT	IES
Alfalfa Large Square	Premium	66	200
	Fair	60	\$150
Small Square	Supreme	45	\$240-250
Alfalfa/Grass Mix Small Square	Premium	25	\$240
Orchard Grass Small Square	Premium	50	\$230
Meadow Grass Small Square	Good	1	\$175
Wheat Large Square	Good	68	\$135
EASTERN OREGON			
Alfalfa Large Square	Supreme	100	\$235
Small Square	Premium	50	\$215
	Good	40	\$200
Alfalfa/Orchard Mix			
Small Square	Premium	385	\$215-230
	Good	175	\$200-205
HARNEY COUNTY			
Alfalfa Large Square	Good	250	\$140
Oat Large Square	Good./Prem.	30	\$135
KLAMATH BASIN			
Alfalfa Large Square	Premium	100	\$210
Small Square	Premium	50	200
	Good	53	\$180
	Fair	25	110
Wheat Large Square	Fair	60	\$70
LAKE COUNTY			

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Alfalfa Large Square	•	Supreme	33 125	\$255 \$310
		Prem./Sup.	75	\$290
		Premium	200	\$195
			24	\$270
Alfalfa/Grass Mix Sn	nall Square	Good	20	\$220
Triticale Large Squa	re	Premium	50	\$225
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		ke, Wash.		
	No			
This week FOB	Last	week		Last ye

6,100 12,600 4,850 Compared to Oct. 29: Supreme, Premium and Good Alfalfa steady in a light test. Trade slow to moderate this week with continued light demand. Exporters continue to look for covered hay with producers sorting out bottom bales. Snow and rain were reported in the trade area this week. Retail/feed store/horse not tested this week

		Tons	Price
Alfalfa Mid Square	Supreme	600	\$145
	Prem./Sup.	500	\$250
	Good./Prem.	1500	\$250
	Fair/Good	1000	\$80
		2500	\$90-110
CA	LIFORNIA HAY		
(USI	DA Market News)		

Moses Lake, Wash This week FOB Last week Last year 6,615 5,915 10,745 Compared to Oct. 29: All classes traded very slow on very light demand. Regions 1-4 are all but finished up for the year. Regions 5-6 working on their last cuttings. Exporters are out of the market as their lots are full. Dairies are not willing to participate at the current

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REGION 1: NORTH INTER		Shasta,	Lassen, and
Plumas.			
Alfalfa	Supreme	25	\$225
	Premium	300	\$240
	Good	500	\$160

Good Meadow Grass Premium REGION 2: SACRAMENTO VALLEY

Includes the counties of Tehama, Glenn, Butte, Colusa, Sutter Yuba, Sierra, Nevada, Placer, Yolo, El Dorado, Solano, Sacra-Alfalfa

	Good	160	\$265	
	Fair	500	\$125	
Orchard Grass	Premium	200	\$300	
Timothy Grass	Premium	200	\$250	
Oat Hay	Premium	50	\$140	
Sudan	Utility	570	\$70	
Corn Stover/Stalks	Utility	1000	\$45	
REGION 3: NORTHERN SAN	JOAQUIN VALI	LEY		
Includes the counties of San	Joaquin, Calay	veras, Sta	nislaus,	Tu
olumne, Mono, Merced and Ma	riposa.			

\$230 700 \$235 Good 50 \$175 REGION 4: CENTRAL SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY

Includes the counties of Madera, Fresno, Kings, Tulare, and Inyo Supreme 450 \$290-293 Prem./Sup. 50 \$230 Utility 75 \$80

REGION 5: SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ern San Bernardino.

125 \$240 Alfalfa Premium \$174-185 **REGION 6: SOUTHEAST CALIFORNIA** 150 \$150 Premium Fair 200 \$95 WASHINGTON-OREGON HAY

(USDA Market News)

4,840

\$230

\$230

Moses Lake, Wash This week FOB Last week Last year 5,775 6985 Compared to Oct. 30: Supreme dairy fourth and fifth cuttings Alfalfa steady to weak in a light test. Export hay not tested this week Exporters are basically out of the market as their lots are full and are

light. Retail/Feedstore steady. Demand remains good Price 2200 Supreme Good /Prem 500 \$140 Fair/Good 900 \$120 Alfalfa Small Square Premium 130

cutting hours at their presses. Trade remains slow. Demand remains

Alfalfa Mid Square **Orchard Grass Small Squar** \$260-275 Forage Mix-Two Way 300 \$40 Wheat Straw Mid Square Good 700 \$50

\$8.69

Colusa County

Solano County

Turlock-Tulare

CORN-U.S. No. 2 Yellow

FOB

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 Portland Nov. 6

Cash wheat bids for October delivery ended the reporting week on Thursday, Nov. 5, mixed compared to Oct. 28 noon bids for November delivery.

December wheat futures ended the reporting week on Thursday, Nov. 5, mixed as follows compared to Oct. 28 closes: Chicago wheat futures were 11.25 cents higher at \$5.2625, Kansas City wheat futures were 2.25 cents lower at \$4.86 and Minneapolis wheat futures trended 3.75 cents lower at \$5.1625. Chicago December corn futures trended 5.50 cents lower at \$3.7450 and November soybean futures closed 11 cents lower at \$8.6775.

Bids for U.S. 1 Soft White Wheat delivered to Portland in unit trains or barges during November for ordinary protein were five to 21.25 cents higher than week ago prices at \$5.6625-5.70, compared to \$5.55-5.65 last week for November delivery. Some exporters were not issuing bids for nearby delivery

There were no white club wheat premiums for this week or

One year ago bids for U.S. 1 Soft White Wheat any protein for November delivery by unit trains and barges to Portland were \$6.6975-6.8975 and bids for White Club Wheat were \$8.6975-

Forward month bids for soft white wheat ordinary protein were as follows: December \$5.70-5.7625; January, February and March \$5.70-5.77.

One year ago, forward month bids for soft white wheat for any protein were as follows: December \$6.7975-6.8975, January,

February and March \$6.8125-6.93. Bids for U.S. 1 Soft White Wheat guaranteed maximum 10.5 percent protein during November were \$6.9125-7.1125, 4.25 to 16.25 cents per bushel higher compared to \$6.80-7.07 last week

for November delivery. White club wheat premiums for guaranteed maximum 10.5 hite wheat were \$1.25 to \$1.75 per b over soft white wheat bids compared to \$1.50 to \$1.75 Oct. 28 Forward month bids for soft white wheat guaranteed 10.5 percent proteins were as follows: December \$6.9125-7.1625,

January \$6.82-7.12, February and March \$6.82-7.10 Bids for 11.5 percent protein U.S. 1 Hard Red Winter Wheat for November delivery were 2.75 to 7.25 cents per bushel lower compared to Oct. 28 noon bids for November delivery. On Nov

6, bids were as follows: November \$5.91-5.96, December \$5.91-6.01, January, February and March \$6.06-6.11.

Bids for non-guaranteed 14.0 percent protein U.S. 1 Dark Northern Spring Wheat for Portland delivery during November were 3.75 to 13.75 cents per bushel lower than Oct. 28 noon bids for the same delivery period. Some exporters were not issuing bids for nearby delivery. On Nov. 6, bids for non-guaranteed 14 percent protein were as follows: November \$6.2125-6.6625, December \$6.3125-6.6625, January, February and March \$6.2550-6.6550.

COARSE FEEDING GRAINS

Bids for U.S. 2 Yellow Corn delivered full coast Pacific Northwest-BN shuttle trains for November delivery were 3.50 to 8.50 cents lower from \$4.4650-4.5550 per bushel. Forward month corn bids were as follows: December \$4.5150-4.5750, January \$4.6175-4.6575, February \$4.6375-4.6575, March \$4.6375-4.6875 and April \$4.71-4.73. Bids for U.S. 1 Yellow Soybeans delivered full coast Pacific Northwest-BN shuttle trains for November delivery were 15 to 17 cents lower from \$9.6375-9.6675 per bushel. Forward month soybean bids were as follows: De cember \$9.60-9.63, January \$9.56-9.62 and February \$9.5125-9.5425. Bids for U.S. 2 Heavy White Oats for November delivery PACIFIC NORTHWEST EXPORT NEWS

There were 8 grain vessels in Columbia River ports on Thursday, Nov. 5, with five docked compared to 11 Oct. 28 with four docked. There were no new confirmed export sales this week from the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) of the USDA.

CALIFORNIA GRAINS (USDA Market News) Portland

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

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GRAIN DELIVERED		
Mode	Destination	Price per cwt.
BARLEY -	U.S. No. 2 (46-lbs. per bushel)	
FOB	Solano County	NA
Rail	Los Angeles	NA
	Stockton-Modesto-Oakdale-Turlock	NA
	Tulare County	NA
Truck	Petaluma-Santa Rosa	NA
	Stockton-Modesto-Oakdale-Turlock	\$10.75
	Kings-Tulare-Fresno Counties	NA
	Madera County	NA
	Kern County	NA
	Glenn County	NΑ

	Kings-Tulare-Fresno	NA
Rail	Single Car Units via BNSF	
	Chino Valley-Los Angeles	\$9.24
Truck	Petaluma-Santa Rosa	NA
	Stockton-Modesto-Oakdale-Turlock	\$8.99
	Los Angeles-Chino Valley	NA
	Kings-Tulare-Fresno Counties	\$8.99
SORGHUN	N-U.S. No. 2 Yellow	
Rail	Los Angeles-Chino Valley	
	via BNSF Single	\$10.35
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	\$12.75-13.25
	Stockton-Modesto-Oakdale-Turlock	\$12.75-13.25
Rail	Petaluma	NA
WHEAT-U.	S. No. 2 or better-Hard Red Winter	
	(Domestic Values for Flour Milling)	
	Los Angeles 12 percent Protein	NA
	Los Angeles 13 percent Protein	NA
	Los Angeles 14 percent Protein	NA
Truck/Rail	Los Angeles 11-12 percent Protein	NA
	Los Angeles 12 percent Protein	NA
	Los Angeles 13 percent Protein	NA
	Los Angeles 14 percent Protein	NA
WHEAT-U.	S. Durum Wheat	
Truck	Imperial County	NA
	Kings-Tulare-Fresno Counties	NA
WHEAT-An	y Class for Feed	
FOB	Tulare	NA
	Kings-Tulare-Fresno Counties	NA

Stockton-Modesto-Oakdale-Turlock

Stockton-Modesto-Oakdale-Turlock King-Tulare-Fresno Counties Kern County NA Prices paid to California farmers, seven-day reporting period ending Nov. 6:

WHEAT, U.S. No. 1, Hard Amber Durum for Flour Milling

Truck/Rail Los Angeles-Chino Valley

Livestock Auctions

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

head as indicated. Washington

TOPPENISH (Toppenish Livestock Auction) (USDA Market News) Moses Lake, Wash. Nov. 6

Last week This week Last year 1925 2050 1,750 Compared to Oct. 30 at the same market Feeder cattle steady to mostly \$2-9 lower. Trade slow with light to moderate demand. Slaughter cows steady to firm. Slaughter bulls \$4-5 lower. Trade moderate to active with moderate to good demand. Slaughter cows 56 percent, Slaughter bulls 10 percent, and feeders

34 percent of the supply. The feeder supply included 52 percent steers and 48 percent heifers. Near 56 percent of the run weighed over 600 lbs. Replacement Cows. Pre-Tested for Age, Bangs, and pregnancy.

Feeder Steers: Medium and Large 1: 400-500 lbs. \$225, Thin Fleshed; 500-600 lbs. \$187, Thin Fleshed; 600-700 lbs. \$186, Thin Fleshed; 700-800 lbs. \$175-180, Thin Fleshed. Medium and Large 1-2: 300-400 lbs. \$240; 400-500 lbs. \$202.50-212.50; 400-500 lbs. \$187.50-190, Full; 500-600 lbs. \$179-185; 600-700 lbs. \$177-185, Calves; 600-700 lbs. \$172, Full; 700-800 lbs. \$163-171.75; 700-800 lbs. \$155, Full; 800-900 lbs. \$159. Large 1: 900-1000 lbs. \$147.50. Large 2-3: 900-1000 lbs. \$155; 1000-1100 lbs. \$131. Small and Medium 1-2: 500-600 lbs. \$160-174. Small and Medium 3-4: 600-700 lbs. \$99.

Feeder Bulls: Medium and Large 1-2: 800-900 lbs. \$108.

Feeder Heifers: Medium and Large 1-2: 300-400 lbs. \$196; 400-500 lbs. \$179.75-187; 500-600 lbs. \$169-177; 500-600 lbs. \$160-165, Full; 600-700 lbs. \$165-172, Calves; 600-700 lbs. \$161, Full; 700-800 lbs. \$160-165; 800-900 lbs. \$145-154. Large 2-3: 700-800 lbs. \$157; 900-1000 lbs. \$136-144.50; 1000-1100 lbs. \$130. Small and Medium 1-2: 400-500 lbs. 165; 400-500 lbs. 150, Full; 500-600 lbs. \$165; 600-700 lbs. \$160. Small and Medium 2-3: 500-600 lbs. \$132.50.

Slaughter Cows: Boning 80-85 percent lean 1400-2050 lbs. \$71-76; Lean 85-90 percent lean 1100-1600 lbs. \$68-75; Lean 85-90 percent lean 1300-1600 lbs. \$76-78.50; Lean Light 90 percent lean 900-1200 lbs. \$57-61.

Oregon

MADRAS (Central Oregon Livestock Auction) Nov. 2

Total head: 375 Baby calves: NA

Steers: 300-400 lbs. \$230-250: 400-500 lbs. \$217-240; 500-600 lbs. \$205-216; 600-700 lbs. \$180-204; 700-800 lbs. \$165-180; 800-900 lbs.

Bulls: High yield. \$100-105; mostly \$95-100; thinner \$85-95 Heifers: 300-400 lbs. \$230-240; 400-500 lbs

\$205-230; 500-600 lbs. \$185-205; 600-700 lbs. \$168-184; 700-800 lbs. \$155-167

Heiferettes: 850-1000 lbs. \$140-155 Cows: Heiferettes \$125; Feeder cows \$75; high-yield \$78; medium-yield \$70; low-yield

VALE (Producers Livestock Market) Nov. 5

Total receipts: 1642 head.

Comments: Steady market to a bit higher on the 500 weight heifers; butcher cow and bull market

Steer calves: 300-400 lbs. \$274-306; 400-500 lbs. \$203-258; 500-600 lbs. \$188-217. Heifer calves: 300-400 lbs. \$221-254; 400-500

lbs. \$173-196; 500-600 lbs. \$171-194. Yearling steers: 600-700 lbs. \$161-190; 700-800 lbs. \$151-179; 800-900 lbs. \$151-163; 900-1000 lbs. \$143-150.

Yearling heifers: 600-700 lbs. \$159-179; 700-800 lbs. \$1536-172; 800-900 lbs. \$141-150; 900-1000 lbs. \$129-147.

Stock cows (young): \$1375-1625. Stock cows (B.M.): \$980-1375. Butcher cows: \$66-75. Thin shelly cows: \$40-

64. Butcher bulls: \$78-94 EUGENE

(Eugene Livestock Auction) Junction City, Ore. Nov. 8

Total head count: 519. Market conditions compared to Nov. 1: Cows and bulls up \$3-5; light feeders \$5-10 stronger; yearlings off slightly.

Top cows: High dressers \$70-78, low dressers \$60-69.50; top 10 \$75.45.

Top bulls: High dressers \$78-103. Feeder Bulls: 300-500 lbs. \$112-248; 500-700 lbs. \$150-197; 700-900 lbs. \$136-147.

Choice steers, medium to large frame No. 1 and No. 2: 300-400 lbs. \$200-244; 400-500 lbs. \$190-221; 500-600 lbs. \$180-213;600-700 lbs. \$149-169; 700-800 lbs. \$140-161; 800-900 lbs. \$133.50-144.50.

Choice heifers, medium to large frame No. 1 and No. 2: 300-400 lbs. \$175-214; 400-500 lbs. \$180-211; 500-600 lbs. \$170-202.50; 600-700 lbs. \$140-170.50: 700-800 lbs. \$130-157. Bred Cows: \$660-1275 head; Pairs \$1435 pair. Head calves (up to 250 lbs.) \$275-730 head

Dairy \$50-160 head. Feeder lambs: 50-90 lbs. \$120-165; 130 lbs. \$100-205

California

SHASTA (Shasta Livestock Auction) Cottonwood, Calif. Nov. 6

Current week Last week 1,368 4,040

Compared to Oct. 29: Slaughter cows and bulls \$2-3 higher. \$12 drop in feeders futures resulted in stockers and feeders \$10-25 lower than the previous week's hot market. Singles and off lots \$30-70 below top offerings.

Slaughter cows: Breakers \$81-85, \$86-90

high dress; Boning \$70-80; Cutters \$60-70. Bulls 1 and 2: \$80-100; 101-108 high dress Feeder steers: 300-400 lbs. \$200-227.50 400-450 lbs. \$197-222; 450-500 lbs. \$182-215; 500-550 lbs. \$184-218; 550-600 lbs. \$180-210.50; 600-650 lbs. \$183-192.50; 650-700 lbs. \$169-178; 700-750 lbs. \$160-178; 750-800 lbs.

\$155-168; 800-900 lbs. \$151-168; Feeder heifers: 400-450 lbs. \$190-232.50 450-500 lbs. \$170-185; 500-550 lbs. \$162-187; 550-600 lbs. \$161-173; 600-650 lbs. \$161-173; 650-700 lbs. \$155-165.50; 700-750 lbs

Feds: Forest towns should become more resistant to wildfires

By KEITH RIDLER Associated Press

BOISE, Idaho — Forest-dwelling communities in the West must do a better job at making their homes resistant to wildfires so that wildland firefighters can better defend those homes and surrounding forests, federal, state and local officials said.

The officials meeting on Nov. 5 in Boise said that's one lesson learned following one of Idaho's worst fire seasons with more than 1,300 fires and about 1,200 square miles burned. About 30 officials also considered other aspects of the National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy approved in April 2014, and that includes firefighter response and making landscapes resilient to fire.

"We will always prioritize life and property as a very high priority," said Intermountain Region Forester Nora Rasure of the U.S. Forest Service. "But when you draw resources into the community to protect life and property, you're drawing them away from the larger landscape. That larger landscape has some critical values. It's the watershed for communities. It's the economic livelihood for some communities."

The meeting was part analyzing the past fire season and part brainstorming for ways to face expected challenges in the next fire season.

Sue Stewart, intermoun-

tain region fire director for the Forest Service, said 1,000-person crews that battle gigantic blazes could be used in the offseason to descend on communities to remove brush or trees and help make those communities more defensible for when fire does arrive.

"Maybe we need big, longterm thinking," said Mark Larson, a former Idaho fire marshal who served as facilitator at the meeting.

Some local officials said a problem during the recent fire season was that some smaller areas were reluctant to share firefighting resources because their communities could have been left vulnerable if a local fire broke out.

Idaho taxpayers will have to pay at least \$60 million in firefighting costs this year. The state is also offering 15 salvage logging sales. Those sales will produce only about 50 to 60 percent of the revenue expected had the trees not burned.

Idaho State Forester David Groeschl said part of the state's job was "helping people recognize that they have a shared responsibility if they're going to build in the forest. We can't park an engine at every home. We can't protect every home."

Overall, though, he said the main problem during the fires season wasn't homes built in the forest, but the number of wildfires in the West that ultimately led to a national shortage of firefighters and resources.

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. There were no confirmed trades. Wool is still being collected from fall shorr lambs to try to market further down the road There are some attempts to trade small amounts of wool at this time, but there is still some resis tance due to the strong U.S. dollar. Domestic wool trading on a greasy basis was at a standstill. There were no confirmed trades this week. Domestic wool tags

No. 1 \$.60-.70 \$.50-.60 \$.40-.50 NATIONAL SHEEP SUMMARY (USDA Market News)

Compared to Oct. 30: Compared to last week slaughter lambs were steady to \$10 lower. Slaughter ewes were steady to \$10 higher. Feeder lambs were steady to \$5 lower. At San Angelo, Texas, 2,904 head sold in a one-day

San Angelo, Texas

Nov. 6

Equity Electronic Auction sold 196 slaughter lambs in lowa. In direct trading slaughter ewes and feeder lambs were not tested. 6,100 head of negotiated sales of slaughter lambs were \$1-2 lower. 13,300 head of formula sales under 85 lbs. were steady to \$2 lower and over 85 lbs. were not well tested. 6,753 carcasses sold with

\$5.81 higher and 55 lbs. and up \$.47-1.70 lower. SLAUGHTER LAMBS Choice and Prime 2-3: San Angelo: shorn and wooled 105-160 lbs SLAUGHTER LAMBS Choice and Prime 1:

45 lbs. and down \$32.19 higher; 45-55 lbs

San Angelo: 40-60 lbs. \$238-258, few \$262 278; 60-70 lbs. \$218-230, few \$238-240; 70-80 lbs. \$191-216; 80-90 lbs. \$190-202: 91 lbs. \$172 DIRECT TRADING (Lambs with 3-4 percent shrink or equivalent): 6,100 Slaughter Lambs shorn and wooled 128-

157 lbs. \$144.50-165 (wtd avg \$152.97). SLAUGHTER EWES:

San Angelo: Good 2-3 (fleshy) no test; Utility and Good 1-3 (medium flesh) \$68-72, high-yielding \$72-80; Utility 1-2 (thin) \$52-56; Cull and Utility 1-2 (very thin) \$40-52; Cull 1 (extremely thin) no test. FEEDER LAMBS Medium and Large 1-2:

San Angelo: 48 lbs. \$218; 67 lbs. \$190; 70-80 lbs. \$170-174; 80-90 lbs. \$165-172. REPLACEMENT EWES Medium and Large San Angelo: hair ewe lambs 60 lbs. \$232-250

cwt, 71 lbs. \$204 cwt. NATIONAL WEEKLY LAMB CARCASS Choice and Prime 1-4:

Weight 45 lbs. Down \$454.04 \$387.40 45-55 lbs. \$344.38 65-75 lbs. \$324.96 \$316.11 75-85 lbs. 85 lbs. and up \$306.89

Sheep and lamb slaughter under federal inspection for the week to date totaled 42,000 compared with 39,000 last week and 40,000 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

cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms DAILY CALIFORNIA SHELL EGGS (USDA Market News) Des Moines, Iowa

Nov. 6

Benchmark prices are steady. Asking prices for next week are 22 cents higher for Jumbo, 33 cents higher for Extra Large, 35 cents higher for Large and 11 cents higher for Medium and Small. The undertone is higher. Retail demand is moderate to fairly good with food service movement mostly fairly good. Offerings are moderate. Supplies are light to mostly moderate. Market activity is moderate to act Small benchmark price \$2.13. Range

Size Range Extra large 247 Medium SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA Prices to retailers, sales to volume buyers, USDA Grade AA and Grade AA, white eggs in cartons,

delivered store door Size Range Extra large 179-188

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 Nov. 6 Compared to Oct. 29: Slaughter cattle sold \$8 lower on few sales

Few dressed trades sold \$4 lower in Nebraska

Boxed Beef prices Nov. 6 averaged \$211.45 and

is down \$8.41 from Oct. 29. The Choice/Select spread is \$8.41. Slaughter cattle on a national basis for negotiated cash trades through Nov. 6 totaled about 8,173 head. The previous week's total head count was 118,291 head Midwest Direct Markets: Live Basis Steers and Heifers, 35-80 Percent Choice, 1200-1400 lbs.

Slaughter Cows and Bulls (Average Yielding Prices): Slaughter cows \$1-2 lower. Slaughter bulls

\$130; Dressed Basis Steers and Heifers: \$204-

USDA's Cutter Cow cut-out value Friday after noon was \$177.63 down \$3.83 from Oct. 29.

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

St. Joseph, Mo. Nov. 6 This week Last week Last year 334,000 356,800

Compared to Oct. 29: The bulk of the feeder supply as we start November is now made up of calves, which again this week sold very unevenly with the best demand noted for lightweight calves to turn out on wheat pasture. Native calves in and around Oklahoma traded mostly steady to \$5-10 higher early in the week. With Southeastern markets, the Midwest and

weight calves under 500 lbs. sold in many areas steady to \$5 higher instances \$10 higher early in the week, but turning lower as cattle futures and feeder prices declined from mid-week on in many areas \$10-15 lower, instances \$20 lower. Yearlings on light supplies sold steady to \$5 lower early in the week, then turning \$10-15 lower from midweek on. Many of the major production areas

saw calf price trends hinge directly on the obser-

vation of the buyers at hand and the huge drop in

Northern Plains all trading very unevenly as light-

the cattle futures This time of year, feedlots and growing yards are full of new arrivals with some getting sick for the first time and others starting to break as their initial mass treatment of antibiotic wears off. Sticking to reputation lots and consignments that have performed well in prior years has always been a good rule of thumb when buying calves late in the fall. Cattle futures continue their volatile swing attempting to gauge how much more if any upside

potential remains going into the holiday season. Futures collapsed on Nov. 4 with limit down moves on Live and Feeder cattle contracts as the market remains elusive. Anxiety and bearishness continued into Nov. 5 as heavy losses continued to grow with strong-armed haste with losses of over \$4 in Feeder Cattle contracts and sharp triple digit losses in Live Cattle contracts

Caution seems to be in order with uncertainty and volatility entering back into the cattle futures and cash prices. Fed cattle prices the last couple of weeks have pretty much held the line at \$138-138.50, before the meltdown, which will definitely Nov. 5 in Nebraska light to moderate trade oc-

curred with dressed sales \$4-6 lower from \$205-206. Nov. 6 on light trade in the Southern Plains live sales ranged from \$132-134, mostly \$4-6 lower with a few live sales in Nebraska at \$135.

Boxed-beef values started the week feeling pressure to see if higher values could be a challenge before finding some footing on Nov. 4. Footing slipped on Nov. 5 and Nov. 6 as Choice cut-out scrambled to get a foot hold closing \$3.20 lower on Nov. 6 at \$215.66 compared to Oct. 29 close at \$220.04. We are getting ready to enter the time of year when white meat and ham dominates sales and retail features.

The Restaurant Performance Index was released on Oct. 30 showing same-store sales and customer traffic remained positive in September but the RPI did register a modest decline. The RPI stood at 101.4, down 0.1 percent from August. August represented the 31st consecutive month in which the RPI stood above 100. With food service a key driver in beef demand

going forward it will be important to keep levels above 100. Harvest is winding down with corn harvest at 85 percent complete and soybeans at 92 percent harvested. Auction volume included

 $38\ percent\ weighing\ over\ 600\ lbs\ and\ 38\ percent$ **AUCTIONS** Last year Last week

This week

334,500 302,600 276,700 WASHINGTON 3,200. 52 pct over 600 lbs. 45 pct heifers. Steers: Medium and Large 1-2 400-450 lbs. \$208.89; 450-500 lbs. \$220.55; 550-600 lbs. \$186.26; 600-650 lbs. \$184.27; 650-700 lbs \$181.80; 700-750 lbs. \$182.28; 750-800 lbs \$176.25. Medium and Large 1-2 450-500 lbs. \$189.38; 500-550 lbs. \$177.70; 550-600 lbs \$174.61; 600-650 lbs. \$170.67; 650-700 lbs \$168.36; 700-750 lbs. \$163.55.

This week Last week Last year 40,200 31,000 54,300 SOUTHWEST (Arizona-California-Nevada) 3,100. No cattle over 600 lbs. No heifers. Holsteins Large 3 300 lbs. \$235-240 Mar Del; 325 lbs. \$223

NORTHWEST (Washington-Oregon-Idaho) 1800. 78 pct over 600 lbs. 50 pct heifers. Steers: Medium and Large 1-2 Current FOB Price 600 lbs \$189-190 calves Washington-Oregon; 850-900 um and Large 1-2 Current FOB Price 500-550 lbs. \$179-180 Washington-Oregon; 800-850 lbs. \$169-177 Washington-Oregon NORTHWEST DIRECT CATTLE

lbs. \$176-183 Washington-Oregon. Heifers: Medi-

(USDA Market News) Moses Lake, Wash Nov. 6 Last week

1,800 1.900 Compared to Oct. 29: feeder cattle weak in a light test. Most trades were done early in the week. Trade remains slow this week with light demand as a result of lower futures and Slaughter cattle markets most of the week. The feeder supply included

50 percent steers and 50 percent heifers. Near 78 percent of the supply weighed over 600 lbs. Prices are FOB weighing point with a 1-4 percent shrink or equivalent and with a 5-12 cent slide on calves and a 3-8 cent slide on yearlings. Current sales are up to 14 days delivery. Steers: Medium and Large 1-2: Current FOB

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