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)						
(USDA Market News)						

Moses Lake, Wash. This week FOB Last week Last year 3,460 7,500

Compared to Jan. 15: Premium Alfalfa and export Alfalfa steady to weak. Trade slow to moderate. Second cutting Timothy for domestic use is \$50 lower. Bearish Financial markets have exporters very cautious. Demand remains light to moderate. The Northwes hay expo was also going on this week in Kennewick, Wash. Retail/ Feedstore steady. Demand remains good.

7,660

		Tons	Price	
Alfalfa Mid Square	Premium	300	\$160	
	Good	3100	\$135-145	
	Fair/Good	1200	\$115	
Timothy Grass Mid Square	Utility	1500	\$100-115	
		1000	\$60-90	
Timothy Grass Small Square	Premium	500	\$170	
		60	\$150	
OREGON AREA HAY				

(USDA Market News) Portland, Ore. Jan. 22 This week FOB Last week 1.971 2,926 3.273 Compared to Jan. 15: Prices trended generally steady compared to week ago prices. The recent cold snap has increased sales. 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. Many

hay producers are sold out for the year. Tons Price CROOK, DESCHUTES, JEFFERSON, WASCO COUNTIES

Premium	45	\$240-250		
Good	250	\$135		
Premium	35	\$190		
Good	25	\$150		
Premium	25	\$180		
Good/Prem.	400	\$170		
Fair/Good	300	\$135		
Fair	80	\$125		
Premium	25	\$180		
	75	\$180		
Good	50	\$160		
Premium	1	\$200		
Fair	500	\$80		
Premium	30	\$210		
	60	\$200		
Good	25	\$175		
HARNEY COUNTY: No new sales confirmed. IDAHO HAY				
	Good Premium Good Premium Good/Prem. Fair/Good Fair Premium Good Premium Fair Premium Good Cood Cood Cood Cood Cood Cood Cood	Good 250 Premium 35 Good 25 Premium 25 Good/Prem. 400 Fair/Good 300 Fair 80 Premium 25 75 Good 50 Premium 1 Fair 500 Premium 30 Good 25 es confirmed.		

(USDA Market News) Jan. 22 Last week

Last year

Last year

Alfalfa

This week FOB

This week FOB

Compared to Jan. 15: Good and other grades of Alfalfa steady to weak. Trade slow this week as most buyers working on previously bought supplies. Demand remains light. Some dairies from out of state showed some interest in new crop Alfalfa at 150 RFV but no confirmed sales as of yet. Retail/feed store/horse not tested

		Tons	Price	
Alfalfa Mid Square	Good	1000	\$135	
	Utility	1000	\$80-85	
	CALIFORNIA HAY			
(USDA Market News)				
	Moses Lake, Wash.			
	Jan. 22			

2,875 Compared to Jan. 15: Trade volume increase from the prior week. Demand has improved to moderate. All regions are receiving moisture in some form with cooler temps in Region 6 slowing alfalfa growth. According to U.S. Drought Monitor, there were still some minor improvements (reduction of D0-D2) made this week in extreme

Last week

		ions	Price		
REGION 1: NORTH INTERMOUN	NIATV				
Includes the counties of Siskiyou, I	Includes the counties of Siskiyou, Modoc, Shasta, Lassen, and Plumas.				
Alfalfa	Supreme	50	\$240		
	Prem./Sup.	50	\$160		
	Fair/Good	100	\$280		
Alfalfa/Orchard Mix	Prem./Sup.	50	\$280		
Orchard Grass	Premium	25	\$320		
	Good	125	\$210		
Prairie Grass	Premium	100	\$240		
Forage Mix-Three Way	Good	75	\$125		
REGION 2: SACRAMENTO VALLEY					
Includes the counties of Tehama, Glenn, Butte, Colusa, Sutter,					
Yuba, Sierra, Nevada, Placer, Yolo, El Dorado, Solano, Sacramento.					
No new sales confirmed.					
REGION 3: NORTHERN SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY					
Includes the counties of San Joaquin, Calaveras, Stanislaus, Tu-					

olumne, Mono, Merced and Mariposa Alfalfa Supreme \$289 188 \$225 Premium

Alfalfa/Orchard Mix Premium \$289 \$100-125 Fair 25 Prem./Sup. Good 500 Fair/Good 10,000 \$100 Rice Straw REGION 4: CENTRAL SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY

Includes the counties of Madera, Fresno, Kings, Tulare, and Inyo No new sales confirmed.

REGION 5: SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA Includes the counties of Kern, Northeast Los Angeles, and West-

\$260 Forage Mix-Three Way Premium 25 \$250 REGION 6: SOUTHEAST CALIFORNIA

Supreme

50

\$253

\$8.46

NA

Imperial. \$240 Alfalfa Supreme Premium \$190-200 100

Good \$150-155 200 \$100 \$105-124 Utility Bermuda Grass Premium 100 \$170 Klein Grass Good 400 \$100

Stockton-Modesto-Oakdale-Turlock

Colusa County

Solano County

Turlock-Tulare

Kings-Tulare-Fresno

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.

PORTI AND GRAIN (USDA Market News) Portland

Jan. 21

PACIFIC NORTHWEST MARKET SUMMARY Cash wheat bids for January delivery ended the reporting week on Thursday Jan. 21 steady to higher compared to last week's noon bids for January delivery.

March wheat futures ended the reporting week on Thursday, Jan. 21, higher as follows compared to the previous week's closes: Chicago wheat futures were 6.25 cents higher at \$4.75, Kansas City wheat futures were three cents higher at \$4.7150 and Minneapolis wheat futures trended 7.75 cents higher at \$5.25. Chicago March corn futures trended nine cents higher at \$3.67 and March soybean futures closed 3.25 cents lower at \$8.79.

Bids for U.S. 1 Soft White Wheat delivered to Portland in unit trains or barges during January for ordinary protein were \$5.30-5.40, 1.25 to 10 cents per bushel higher than last Thursday's bids for the same delivery period. Some exporters were not issuing bids for nearby delivery.

There were no white club wheat premiums for this week or last

One year ago bids for U.S. 1 Soft White Wheat any protein for January delivery by unit trains and barges to Portland were \$6.2475-6.45 and bids for White Club Wheat were 8.2475-9.30. Forward month bids for soft white wheat ordinary protein were as

follows: February and March \$5.30-5.40. One year ago, forward month bids for soft white wheat for any pro-

tein were as follows: February \$6.2475-6.45, March \$6.2475-6.50, April \$6.28-6.53 and August New Crop \$5.8625-6.25.

Bids for U.S. 1 Soft White Wheat guaranteed maximum 10.5 per-cent protein during January were \$6.25-6.45, steady to 6.25 cents per bushel higher compared to \$6.1875-6.45 last week for January delivery. White club wheat premiums for guaranteed maximum 10.5 percent protein soft white wheat were 1 to 1.70 cents per bushe over soft white wheat bids for this week, compared to 1.15 to 1.70

One year ago bids for U.S. 1 Soft White Wheat any protein for 7.6175 and bids for White Club Wheat were 9.3675-10.43. Forward month bids for soft white wheat guaranteed 10.5 percent proteins were as follows: February and March \$6.25-6.45, April \$6.2975-6.45 and August New Crop \$5.50-5.5325.

One year ago, forward month bids for soft white wheat for any protein were as follows: February \$7.3675-7.6175, March \$7.3675-7.65, April \$7.40-7.65 and August New Crop \$5.8625-6.4125.

Bids for 11.5 percent protein U.S. 1 Hard Red Winter Wheat for January delivery were three cents per bushel higher compared to last week's noon bids for January delivery. This week, bids were as follows: January \$5.5650-5.6650, February \$5.5650-5.6950, March \$5.6650-5.7250 and April \$5.6975-5.7475.

Bids for non-guaranteed 14.0 percent protein U.S. 1 Dark North ern Spring Wheat for Portland delivery during January were 7.75 cents per bushel higher than last week's noon bids for the same delivery period. Some exporters were not issuing bids for nearby

This week, bids for non-guaranteed 14 percent protein were as follows: January \$6.0525-6.2525, February \$6.1025-6.3025, March \$6.2025-6.3025, and April \$6.2550-6.3550. COARSE FEEDING GRAINS

Bids for U.S. 2 Yellow Corn delivered full coast Pacific Northwest - BN shuttle trains for January delivery were 11 to 13 cents higher from \$4.50-4.54 per bushel. Forward month corn bids were as follows: February \$4.50- 4.52, March \$4.50-4.51, April and May \$4.4975-4.5375 and June \$4.5275-4.5375. Bids for U.S. 1 Yellow Soybeans delivered full coast Pacific Northwest - BN shuttle trains for January delivery were 3.25 to 4.25 cents higher from \$10.0675-10.0775 per bushel. Forward month soybean bids were as follows: February \$9.8650-9.9350, March \$9.7850, and October/November \$9.5725-9.6725. Bids for U.S. 2 Heavy White Oats for January delivery trended steady at \$3.92 per bushel. PACIFIC NORTHWEST EXPORT NEWS

There were 18 grain vessels in Columbia River ports on Thursday, Jan. 21, with five docked compared to 13 last week 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 Jan. 21

Prices in dollars per cwt., bulk Inc.= including; Nom.= nominal:

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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	\$11.65
	Stockton-Modesto-Oakdale-Turlock	\$11.75-11.85
	Kings-Tulare-Fresno Counties	NA
	Madera County	NA
	Kern County	NA
	Glenn County	NA

	Killys-Tulate-Fresho	INA
Rail	Single Car Units via BNSF	
	Chino Valley-Los Angeles	\$8.98
Truck	Petaluma-Santa Rosa	NA
	Stockton-Modesto-Oakdale-Turlock	\$8.77
	Los Angeles-Chino Valley	NA
	Kings-Tulare-Fresno Counties	\$8.77
SORGHUN	1-U.S. No. 2 Yellow	
Rail	Los Angeles-Chino Valley	
	via BNSF Single	\$9
Truck	Modesto-Oakdale-Turlock	NA
	No. 1 White	
Truck	Los Angeles-Chino Valley	NA
	No. 2 White	
Truck	Petaluma	\$12
	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
	Los Angeles 13 percent Protein	NA
	Los Angeles 14 percent Protein	NA
Truck/Rail	Los Angeles 11-12 percent Protein	
	Los Angeles 12 percent Protein	NA
	Los Angeles 13 percent Protein	NA
	Los Angeles 14 percent Protein	NA
WHEAT-U.S. Durum Wheat		040
Truck	Imperial County	\$10
\A/LIE AT A	Kings-Tulare-Fresno Counties	NA
	y Class for Feed	N1.A
FOB	Tulare	NA NA
	Kings-Tulare-Fresno Counties	NA NA
Taxal/Dail	Colusa County	NA NA
Truck/Rail	Los Angeles-Chino Valley Petaluma-Santa Rosa	
Truck	Stockton-Modesto-Oakdale-Turlock	NA NA
		NA NA
	King-Tulare-Fresno Counties Fresno	NA NA
	Merced County	NA
	•	NA NA
Drings =	Kern County aid to California farmers, seven-day	
ending Jan		reporting
	J.S. No 2, 48 lbs. per bushel	
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Petaluma \$11.65 Del Locally

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 (USDA Market News) Oklahoma City, Okla.

Jan. 22 Compared to last week: Slaughter cattle trade remains at a standstill in Texas and Kansas through Jan. 22. Limited trade took place in Nebraska but not enough to test the market Cattle future rose sharply late in the week, however beef prices continue to decline. Boxed Beef prices Jan. 22 averaged \$222.75, which is down \$7.05 from Jan. 15. The Choice/Select spread is \$4.15. Slaughter cattle on a national basis for negotiated cash trades through Jan. 22 totaled about 5.650 head. The previous week's total head count was 103,221 head.

Midwest Direct Markets: Live Basis: Steers and Heifers 35-80 Percent Choice, 1200-1400 lbs. few \$130.

Slaughter Cows and Bulls (Average Yielding Prices): Slaughter cows and bulls sold steady to \$2 higher. USDA's Cutter Cow cut-out value Jan. 22 was

\$165.03 up \$1.05 from Jan. 15 NORTHWEST DIRECT CATTLE

(USDA Market News) Moses Lake, Wash

Jan. 22 2.350 4.300 1.100

Compared to Jan. 15, feeder cattle \$1-8 lower due in part to volatile financial markets. Trade remains slow to moderate with moderate to good demand. The feeder supply included 50 percent steers and 50 percent heifers. Near 100 percent of the supply weighed over 600 lbs. Prices are FOB weighing point with a 1-4 perslide on calves and a 3-8 cent slide on yearlings. Delivered prices include freight, commissions and other expenses. Current sales are up to 14 days delivery.

Steers: Medium and Large 1-2: Current FOB Price: 700-750 lbs \$148 Idaho Current Delivered Price: Medium and Large 1: 650-700 lbs. \$156-157 Idaho; 750- 800 lbs. \$152-157 Idaho 850 lbs. \$144 Idaho, Large 1: 900-950 lbs. \$145-148 Idaho; 900 lbs. \$143 for May Idaho.

Heifers: Medium and Large 1-2: Current FOB Price: 650 lbs \$141 Oregon Medium and Large 1: Current Delivered Price: 700-800 lbs. \$146-148.50 Idaho; 800-850 lbs. \$138-141 Idaho

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

Jan. 22

Last week Last year 405,000 407,300 Compared to Jan. 15: The bulk of the calves traded mostly \$5-15 lower with yearlings selling \$5-10 lower. There were instances throughout the trade areas mostly in the Northern Plains and Midwest where 500-750 lb. steers and yearlings over 800 lbs. sold steady, with a few auctions even reporting a higher market; but overall the majority of the markets reported

Demand was moderate to good this week as cattle feeders are trading cautiously as they are still faced with losses on outgoing cattle

The market was pretty optimistic in Ogallala, Neb., on Jan. 21 selling over 7000 head of top quality feeders with over 525 head of 500-550 lbs. steers averaging 528 lbs. sold with a weighted average price of \$212.24; with 475 head of their bigger brothers averaging 619 lbs. sold with a weighted average price of \$187.06 A three-day weekend might have been what the doctor ordered after Jan. 15 collapsed in the

cattle futures with limit losses. Jan. 19 found the coast clear with cattle futures closing with triple-diait gains, this support seemed to bring some stability back to the markets.

But, on Jan. 20 the Stock Market fell hard with global economic litters as crude oil fell to a 12-year low. This spilled over into the commodity markets with cattle futures closing with triple-digit losses but bouncing back off their early extreme lows. It has been hard to ignore Wall Street starting the year with major losses as outside markets will continue to be a wildcard.

The extreme up and down shifts in the cattle futures continued on Jan. 21 as buying support entered back into the markets with limit to near limit gains for cattle futures. The uptrend continued into Jan. 22 as many markets are looking to close higher on the week after the markets appeared to be on the ropes at midweek as cattle futures closed with sharp triple digit gains on Jan. 22.

The Stock Market also received a reprieve from this week's rout closing with solid gains on Jan. 21-22. Price risk is hard to determine and a difficult job these days with world markets staying in a volatile mood. The cave-in in crude oil prices could have a negative impact for a number of countries and banks. There is many unknown variables at this point and how situations may or will unfold leaving much uneasiness in the markets.

One of the concerns with the global economic unease, will it continue to affect U.S. beef exports and how will it impact demand? Packer margins are in good shape as boxed-beef has had a good run and hopefully with decent packer margins this will keep fed cattle moving. Boxedbeef prices seem to have topped out and headed lower going into mid-winte

The price surge since Dec. 21 is starting to pull back with the Jan. 22 close for Choice \$2.84 lower at \$224.83 compared to the Jan. 15 close at \$232.47. Cattle on Feed Report was released Jan. 22 looking neutral to slightly bearish. Cattle on feed came in at 99.5 percent: Placements at 99.2 percent and Marketings at 101 percent. December placements were a little larger than the average estimates and marketings falling a little below the average trade estimate. Auction volume included 57 percent over 600 lbs. and 38 percent heifers AUCTIONS

223.800 281.900 302.500 WASHINGTON 3,200. 80 pct over 600 lbs. 42 pct heifers. Steers: Medium and Large 1-2 500-550 lbs183.57; 550-600 lbs. \$179.60; 600-650 lbs. \$158.59; 650-700 lbs. \$161.05; 700-750 lbs. \$149.08; 750-800 lbs. \$147.40; 800-850 lbs \$144.18: 850-900 lbs. \$154.10. Heifers: Medium and Large 1-2 500-550 lbs. \$157.94; 550-600 lbs. \$155.74; 600-650 lbs. \$149.66; 650-700 lbs. \$146.80: 700-750 lbs141.49: 750-800 lbs \$139.95; 800-850 lbs. \$133.16.

This week Last week Last vear 56,500 SOUTHWEST (Arizona-California-Nevada) 3.300. No cattle over 600 lbs. No heifers. Holsteins: Large 3 300 lbs. \$160-163 May Del; 325 lbs. \$150 May Del; 325 lbs. \$175 Current Del. NORTHWEST (Washington-Oregon-Idaho)

2,400. 100 pct over 600 lbs. 50 pct heifers. Steers: Medium and Large 1-2: Current FOB Price: 700-750 lbs. \$148 Idaho. Current Delivered Price: Medium and Large 1: 650-700 lbs. \$156-157 Idaho; 750-800 lbs. \$152-157 Idaho 850 lbs. \$144 Idaho, Large 1: 900-950 lbs. \$145-148 Idaho; 900 lbs. \$143 for May Idaho. Heifers: Medium and Large 1-2: Current FOB Price: 650 lbs. \$141 Oregon. Medium and Large 1: Current Delivered Price: 700-800 lbs. \$146-148.50 ldaho; 800-850 lbs. \$138-141 Idaho.

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)

Market commentary: Heavy shipm sure on Russet consumer bag prices nts have put downy SHIPPING AREA Chg Chg 10 lb. Film IDAHO BURBANKS \$14.98 \$6.81 \$0 \$21.50 \$0 \$10.50 \$0 IDAHO NORKOTAHS \$13.89 -\$0.32 \$6.58 -\$0.24 \$19 \$0 \$9.50 -\$1 COLUMBIA BASIN \$6.02 \$9.50 KLAMATH BASIN

\$22

Sheep/Wool Market Reports

\$0.23

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

\$0.33

\$15.26

\$6.65

NATIONAL WOOL REVIEW (USDA Market News) Greeley, Colo. Jan. 22

Domestic wool trading on a clean basis was at a standstill this week. There were no confirmed trades. Some spring shearing is starting to take place, and most of the wool will be marketed later in the spring. Currently, there is resistance due to the strong U.S. dollar, though prices remained relatively steady over the fall and winter months.

Domestic wool trading on a greasy basis was at a standstill this week. There were no confirmed

Domestic wool tags No. 1 \$.60-.70 \$.50-.60 No. 2 No. 3 NATIONAL SHEEP SUMMARY (USDA Market News) San Angelo, Texas

Compared to Jan. 15: Slaughter lambs were steady to \$20 lower with most decline on light lambs. Slaughter ewes were steady to \$7 lower Feeder lambs were mostly steady to \$8 lower.

Jan. 22

At San Angelo, Texas, 5,176 head sold in a one-day sale. No sales in Equity Electronic Auction. In direct slaughter ewes and feeder lambs were not tested. 2,900 head of negotiated sales of slaughter lambs were steady. 10,200 head of formula sales under 65 lbs. were not well tested; 65-75 lbs. were \$6-8 lower; 75-85 lbs. were steady to \$1 higher; 85-95 lbs. were \$5-7 lower and over 95 lbs. had no recent comparison. 4.874 carcasses sold with 45 lbs. and down \$26.12 higher; 45-55 lbs. \$3.31 higher; 55-65 lbs. \$3.58 lower; 65-75 lbs. \$1.37 lower and 75 lbs. and up \$2.90-3.15 lower SLAUGHTER LAMBS Choice and Prime 2-3:

\$10.50

\$1

\$0

San Angelo: Shorn and wooled 100-160 lbs. \$130-149.

SLAUGHTER LAMBS Choice and Prime 1: **San Angelo**: 40-60 lbs. \$246-268; 60-70 lbs. \$232-248, few \$254-256; 70-80 lbs. \$220-240; 80-90 lbs. \$196-222; 90-105 lbs. \$180-200. DIRECT TRADING (Lambs with 3-4 percent shrink or equivalent):

2 900 Slaughter Lambs shorn and wooled 121-165 lbs. \$124.15-155.40 (wtd avg \$140.43). SLAUGHTER EWES: San Angelo: Good 2-3 (fleshy) no test;

Utility and Good 1-3 (medium flesh) \$93-102, high-yielding \$102-108; Utility 1-2 (thin) \$78-88; Cull and Utility 1-2 (very thin) \$62; Cull 1 (extremely thin) \$54. FEEDER LAMBS Medium and Large 1-2: San Angelo: 50-60 lbs. \$226-228; 67 lbs.

\$206; 83 lbs. \$181; 96 lbs. \$160. REPLACEMENT EWES Medium and Large San Angelo: baby tooth hair ewes 90-105 lbs.

\$154-162 cwt; mixed age hair ewes 100-160 lbs \$108-142 cwt. NATIONAL WEEKLY LAMB CARCASS Choice

and Prime 1-4: Weight \$511.81

45 lbs. Down \$407.52 45-55 lbs. 55-65 lbs. 65-75 lbs \$309 17 75-85 lbs. \$295.26 \$282.17 85 lbs. and up

Sheep and lamb slaughter under federal inspection for the week to date totaled 38,000 compared with 39,000 last week and 35,000 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 Benchmark prices are steady. Asking prices for next week are 40 cents higher for Jumbo, 59 cents

higher for Extra Large and Large and 62 cents higher for Medium and Small. The undertone is steady to higher. Retail demand is usually good with loose egg sales moderate to fairly good. Offerings are light. Supplies are tight to moderate. Market activity is moderate to active. Small benchmark price \$1.18. Size Range Size Range

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

Size Range Range Extra large

Livestock Auctions

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

California

SHASTA (Shasta Livestock Auction) Cottonwood, Calif. Jan. 22

Last week Current week 1,333

Compared to Jan. 15: Slaughter cows and bulls much higher, \$5-9. Steers outnumbered heifers 3-2 today. Steers steady to slightly higher; 700 lb steers \$5 lower. Heifers steady to \$5 lower Slaughter cows: Breakers \$70-74, \$75-82 high

Bulls 1 and 2: \$60-80: \$90-97 high dress Feeder steers: 300-400 lbs. \$220-239; 400-450 lbs. \$209-238.50; 450-500 lbs. \$192-210; 500-550 lbs \$180-203 50: 550-600 lbs \$178

dress; Boning \$64-69; Cutters \$45-67.

198.50; 600-650 lbs. \$170-192.50; 650-700 lbs. \$150-176; 700-750 lbs. \$140-156.50;-900 lbs \$136-145. Feeder heifers: 400-450 lbs. \$175-205: 450-500 lbs. \$160-185; 500-550 lbs. \$150-172; 550-600 lbs. \$130-147.50; 600-650 lbs. \$137-153;

650-700 lbs. \$135-141; 700-750 lbs. \$130-134 750-800 lbs. \$134 Pairs: \$1750-2510, most w/300 lb, calves

Washington

TOPPENISH (Toppenish Livestock Auction) (USDA Market News) Moses Lake, Wash. Jan. 22

This week Last week Last vear 3,200 1,650 1,100 Compared to the Jan. 15 at the same market

Not enough stocker or feeder cattle last week for accurate price trends as this was the first accurate test so far this year. Trade active with good demand for high quality hay wintered and long weaned strings of stocker and feeder cattle. Buyer attendance was good. Slaughter cows steady. Not enough Slaughter bulls for accurate market test. Trade active with good demand. Slaughter cows 45 percent, Slaughter bulls 2 percent, and feeders 53 percent of the supply. The feeder supply included 58 percent steers and 42 percent heifers. Near 80 percent of the run weighed over 600 lbs Feeder Steers: Medium and Large 1-2: 400-

500 lbs. \$190-200; 500-600 lbs. \$175-186.50; 500-600 lbs. \$165-168, Full; 600-700 lbs. \$154-165: 600-700 lbs. \$145-151. Full: 600-700 lbs \$163-167, Thin Fleshed; 700-800 lbs. \$144-152

700-800 lbs. \$143. Full: 700-800 lbs. \$155. Thin Fleshed; 800-900 lbs. \$140.50-157. Large 1: 900-1000 lbs. \$130-138; 1000-1100 lbs. \$129.50-130. Feeder Heifers: Medium and Large 1-2: 400 500 lbs. \$164-176; 500-600 lbs. \$154-160; 500-600 lbs. \$174, Thin Fleshed; 600-700 lbs. \$141.50-152: 600-700 lbs. \$155.50. Thin Fleshed; 700-800 lbs. \$135-143; 800-900 lbs. \$130-134. Large 1: 900-1000 lbs. \$125.50-128. Small and Medium 1-2: 500-600 lbs. \$147.

600-700 lbs. \$155-157.75; 700-750 lbs. `160. Slaughter Cows: Boning 80-85 percent lean 1400-1900 lbs. \$65-70; Lean 85-90 percent lean 1400-1800 lbs. \$63-70; Lean Light 90 percent lean 900-1300 lbs \$57-62

Replacement Heifers: Medium and Large 1-2:

Slaughter Bulls: Yield Grade 1-2 Few 1600

1800 lbs. \$81-90. Idaho

CALDWELL (Treasure Valley Livestock)

Steers (wt.): 400-500 lbs. \$63: 500-600 lbs \$62; 700-800 lbs. \$78; 800 lbs. and up \$94. Steers (hd.): 200-300 lbs. \$90; 300-400 lbs \$360: 400-500 lbs \$475 Heifers (wt.): 600-700 lbs. \$58; 700-800 lbs.

1100 \$100: 1100-1200 lbs \$94.50: 1200 lbs and up \$87. Heifers (hd.): 100-200 lbs. \$155; 200-300 lbs

\$61; 800-900 lbs. \$60; 900-1000 lbs. \$79; 1000-

\$200: 300-400 lbs. \$235. Cows (wt.): 900-1000 lbs. \$49; 1200-1300 lbs. \$51.50; 1300-1400 lbs. \$59; 1400-1500lbs. \$66.75: 1500-1600 lbs. \$68.25: 1600-1700 lbs. \$68.50; 1700-1800 lbs. \$72; 1800-1900 lbs.

Oregon

\$67.25.

VALE (Producers Livestock Market) Total receipts: 2560 head.

Comments: 2,200 head sold in first $5\frac{1}{2}$ hours of the sale with some bigger pen-lots of quality weaned calves offered. Steer calves: 300-400 lbs. \$182-206; 400-500 lbs. \$172-206; 500-600 lbs. \$163-193. Heifer calves

300-400 lbs. \$169-183: 400-500 lbs. \$141-181: 500 600 lbs. \$139-166. Yearling steers: 600-700 lbs. \$146-165; 700-800 lbs. \$141-152; 800-900 lbs. \$127-145.50; 900-1000 lbs. \$123-137. Yearling heifers: 600-700 lbs. \$134-155; 700-800 lbs. \$127-139; 800-900 lbs. \$117-126. Butcher cows: \$53-61. Thin shelly cows: \$41-52

U.S. official seeks support for European trade deal in Poland

By VANESSA GERA Associated Press

U.S. Trade Representative Michael Froman was welcomed Sunday by Polish entrepreneurs as he worked to finalize a free trade pact between the United States and the European Union.

Froman said the two sides are trying to conclude the deal, the Trans-Atlantic Trade and Investment Partnership, this year after tional arbitration panels the nearly three years of nego-

create common regulatory standards between the world's two biggest econo-

Opponents fear a lower-

ing in food safety standards

and the undermining of local

regulations by giving interna-

power to rule over disputes.

to small and medium-sized businesses like theirs. He said they would benefit

from a harmonizing of regulatory standards and intellectual property protection. "It's small and medium-sized businesses that are driving the economy. And if we can make life easier for economies," Froman said.

"Good competition will be

beneficial to both sides," said Krzysztof Gogol, president of the management board of WealthArc, a financial technology startup.

Froman met with the en-

trepreneurs at the Google Campus in Warsaw, one of startups launch.

taking time to learn about their operations while also talking to them about how the deal, often referred to as TTIP, might help them.

The most visible opposition to the deal was seen in Berlin last October, when

against it. Froman said Friday at

150,000 people demonstrated

the World Economic Forum in Davos that neither side has any interest in lowering standards, whether that be regulatory protections, safety standards or environmental requirements. During his visit Froman

is also meeting with Polish leaders. A new round of negotiations on the deal is to take place next month.

In Warsaw, Froman told them, it's good for all of our several hubs Google has es-WARSAW, Poland (AP) a group of young Poles with There is resistance from tablished worldwide to help some Europeans to the startups, among them soft-Those invited to meet with planned agreement, which ware developers, that the deal Froman seemed convinced He met with representawould be especially helpful that they could benefit from tives from five companies, aims to eliminate tariffs and