

# Farm Market Report

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

Feb. 12		
This week	Last week	Last year
254,900	261,400	267,900

Compared to Feb. 5: Calves traded unevenly steady and mostly within a range of \$5 lower to \$5 higher. Yearlings sold mostly steady to \$5 lower. Support was found in auction markets especially on 500-600 lb. long-time weaned calves and light yearlings with condition that will allow them to perform well in a feedlot, growing yard or on pasture.

Many auctions throughout the trade area are seeing 5 weight calves trading near and well over the \$2/lb. mark; on Feb 10 in Torrington, Wyo., sold over 5200 head of feeder cattle with over 200 head of top quality 500-550 lb. steers averaging 526 lbs. selling with a weighted average price of

\$222.76 and over 280 head of their bigger brothers averaging 566 lbs. trading with a weighted average price of \$203.61.

A very light fed cattle trade was followed by a surprisingly weak fed cattle trade of mostly \$2 lower at \$136 late Feb. 5. The limit losses seem hard to justify, but continued to put the skids on overall market momentum that was found from late the previous week in the feeder cattle complex.

The cattle complex felt the sharp sell-off in the Stock Market on Feb. 11. This had cattle futures feeling the pressure with sharp losses that again dampened hopes as fed cattle prices traded mostly \$3 lower on live sales in the Southern Plains at \$133 and mostly \$4 lower on dressed sales in Nebraska at \$206.

Boxed-beef prices have been trending lower this week looking at seasonal decline for February, which is not always a good beef month. Choice boxed-beef prices closed .94 cents lower on Feb. 12 at \$216.08 compared to Feb. 5 close

at \$220.60.

On Feb. 9 USDA released its monthly Grain Stocks report; domestically increasing corn and soybean ending stocks. USDA put U.S. ending corn stocks at 1,837 billion bushel, up 35 mb from last month. USDA increased corn imports by 10 mb and ethanol by 25 mb and trimmed exports by 50 mb. US soybean ending stocks were boosted by 10 mb to 450 mb as USDA lowered soybean crush forecast by 10 mb. U.S. wheat ending stocks came in at 966 mb up 25 mb from last month, trimming exports by 25 mb. Auction volume included 60 percent weighing over 600 lbs. and 40 percent heifers.

AUCTIONS		
This week	Last week	Last year
210,700	210,000	189,800

**WASHINGTON** 1,700. 67 pct over 600 lbs. 55 pct heifers. Steers: Medium and Large 1-2 pkg 587 lbs. \$165; pkg 636 lbs. \$170; pkg 716 lbs. \$147.50; pkg 771 lbs. \$140; pkg 829 lbs. \$139.50; pkg 868 lbs. \$138. Holsteins: Large 2-3 few 400-

450 lbs. \$131. Heifers: Medium and Large 1-2 few 550-600 lbs. \$157.47; few 700-750 lbs. \$140.90.

**DIRECT**  
**This week** 38,800  
**Last week** 27,800  
**Last year** 66,800  
**SOUTHWEST** (Arizona-California-Nevada) 1,300. 28 pct over 600 lbs. 10 pct heifers. Steers: Medium and Large 1-2 825 lbs. \$149 Current Del. Holsteins: Large 3 300 lbs. \$170 June Del; 750 lbs. \$110 Current Del. Heifers: Medium and Large 1-2 715 lbs. \$149.50 Current Del; 790 lbs. \$146.50 Current Del.

**NORTHWEST** (Washington-Oregon-Idaho) 1,800. 94 pct over 600 lbs. 54 pct heifers. Steers: Medium and Large 1-2 Current FOB Price 550-600 lbs. \$188 Oregon; 600-650 lbs. \$180 Oregon. Current Delivered Price Medium and Large 1-2 800-850 lbs. \$141-147 Idaho. Future Delivery Delivered Price Medium and Large 1-2 850 lbs. \$143-144 for May Idaho. Large 1 900-950 lbs. \$140 for May Idaho. Heifers: Medium and Large 1-2 Current FOB Price 600-650 lbs. \$148 Oregon.

Medium and Large 1-2 Current Delivered Price 700 lbs. \$144 Idaho; 850 lbs. \$137-138 current through May Idaho. Replacement Heifers: Medium and Large 1-2 Current FOB Price 700 lbs. \$136-150 Idaho.

### NATIONAL SLAUGHTER CATTLE (USDA Market News) Oklahoma City, Okla.

**Feb. 12**  
 Compared to Feb. 5: Slaughter cattle traded \$2-3 lower in Texas and Kansas. Dressed trade in Nebraska sold \$4 lower. Feedyards are more willing sellers as cash cattle traded cheaper from last week but continues to trade ahead of the February Live Cattle board. Beef prices declined through the week.

Boxed Beef prices Feb. 12 averaged \$214.30, down \$4.09 from Feb. 5. The Choice/Select spread is \$3.55. Slaughter cattle on a national basis for negotiated cash trades through Feb. 12 totaled about 103,288 head. The previous week's total head count was 77,143 head.

### NORTHWEST DIRECT CATTLE (USDA Market News) Moses Lake, Wash.

Feb. 12		
This week	Last week	Last year
1,800	2,700	2,500

Compared to Feb. 5: Feeder cattle steady. Trade remains slow with moderate to good demand.

Steers: Medium and Large 1-2: Current FOB Price: 550-600 lbs. \$188 Oregon; 600-650 lbs. \$180 Oregon. Current Delivered Price: Medium and Large 1-2: 800-850 lbs. \$141-147 Idaho. Future Delivery Delivered Price: Medium and Large 1-2: 850 lbs. \$143-144 for May Idaho. Large 1: 900-950 lbs. \$140 for May Idaho.

Heifers: Medium and Large 1-2: Current FOB Price: 600-650 lbs. \$148 Oregon. Medium and Large 1-2: Current Delivered Price: 700 lbs. \$144 Idaho; 850 lbs. \$137-138 current through May Idaho. Replacement Heifers: Medium and Large 1-2: Current FOB Price: 700 lbs. \$136-150 Idaho.

## 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.

Feb. 12		
This week	Last week	Last year
1,500	2,350	1,500

Compared to Feb. 5 at the same market: Not enough stocker or feeder cattle for accurate price trends. Trade active with good demand for small lots and singles. Slaughter cows firm to \$3 higher. Slaughter bulls firm. Trade active with good demand as local processors report good interest in the end product.

Slaughter cows 70 percent, Slaughter bulls 10 percent, and feeders 20 percent of the supply. The feeder supply included 33 percent steers and 67 percent heifers. Near 85 percent of the run weighed over 600 lbs.

Feeder Steers: Medium and Large 1-2: 600-700 lbs. \$170; 700-800 lbs. \$140-147.50; 800-900 lbs. \$138-139.50. Medium and Large 2-3: 700-800 lbs. \$133. Large 1: 900-1000 lbs. \$135.50.

Feeder Holstein Steers: Large 2-3: 300-400 lbs. \$150; 400-500 lbs. \$131.

Feeder Heifers: Medium and Large 1-2: 500-600 lbs. \$160; 600-700 lbs. \$140; 700-800 lbs. \$140-142; 700-800 lbs. \$131. Full; 1100-1200 lbs. \$96. Heiferettes; 1200-1300 lbs. \$90. Heiferettes. Large 2-3: 600-700 lbs. \$123; 700-800 lbs. \$118-123; 800-900 lbs. \$119; 900-1000 lbs. \$118; 1100-1200 lbs. \$113; 1200-1300 lbs. \$114.

Slaughter Cows: Boning 80-85 percent lean 1800-2000 lbs. \$64-70; Boning 80-85 percent lean 1000-1500 lbs. \$75-80; Lean 85-90 percent lean 1300-1800 lbs. \$63-68; Lean Light 90 percent lean 900-1200 lbs. \$55-57. Slaughter Bulls: Yield Grade 1-2 1400-2400 lbs. \$90-96.

Feeder Cows: Medium and Large 1-2: 1100-1200 lbs. \$80. Young; 1200-1300 lbs. \$79-80. Young. Large 2-3: 1300-1400 lbs. \$80. Young.

**Oregon**  
**MADRAS (Central Oregon Livestock Auction) Feb. 8**

Total head: 410.  
 Steers: 300-400 lbs. \$220-230; 400-500 lbs. \$215-226; 500-600 lbs. \$197-205; 600-700 lbs. \$160-180; 700-800 lbs. \$144-160; 800-900 lbs. \$135-144.

Bulls: High yield \$90-97; mostly \$85; thinner \$80-85.  
 Heifers: 300-400 lbs. \$180-195; 400-500 lbs. \$180-195; 500-600 lbs. \$150-180; 600-700 lbs. \$130-150; 700-800 lbs. \$125-135.

Heiferettes: 850-1000 lbs. \$110-125.  
 Cows: Heiferettes \$90; Fleshy cows \$72; high-yield \$70; medium-yield \$65; low-yield \$60.

**VALE (Producers Livestock Market) Feb. 10**

Total receipts: 1,303 head.  
 Comments: Light steers 3-4 wts., \$1-4 cheaper. Light heifers steady with heavier weight cattle \$1-5 cheaper.

Steer calves: 300-400 lbs. \$182-195; 400-500 lbs. \$181-216; 500-600 lbs. \$169-193. Heifer calves: 300-400 lbs. \$191-216; 400-500 lbs.

\$168-189; 500-600 lbs. \$154-177.  
 Yearling steers: 600-700 lbs. \$153-174; 700-800 lbs. \$137-153; 800-900 lbs. \$134-141; 900-1000 lbs. \$117-127. Yearling heifers: 600-700 lbs. \$137-153.50; 700-800 lbs. \$134-144; 800-900 lbs. \$117-126.

Stock cows (young): \$1400-1700. Stock cows (B.M.): \$875-1100. Butcher cows: \$63-72. Thin shelly cows: \$47-61. Heiferettes: \$89-118. Butcher bulls: \$69-83.

**California**  
**SHASTA (Shasta Livestock Auction) Cottonwood, Calif. Feb. 12**

**Current week** 1,593  
**Last week** 811

Compared to Feb. 5: Slaughter cows and bulls

mostly \$2 higher. Steers under 600 lbs. steady to \$10 higher; over 600 lbs. mostly steady. Heifers \$4-1 lower. Off lots and singles \$25-60 below top.

Slaughter cows: Breakers \$67-71 \$72-78 high dress; Boning \$61-66; Cutters \$50-65.

Bulls 1 and 2: \$65-88; \$89-96 high dress.  
 Feeder steers: 300-400 lbs. \$200-235; 400-450 lbs. \$215-240; 450-500 lbs. \$200-232.50; 500-550 lbs. \$180-205; 550-600 lbs. \$167-186; 600-650 lbs. \$165-180.25; 700-750 lbs. \$143-159; 750-800 lbs. \$138-147; 800-900 lbs. \$131-144.50.

Feeder heifers: 300-400 lbs. \$180-203; 400-450 lbs. \$170-193; 450-500 lbs. \$170-193; 500-550 lbs. \$160-181; 550-600 lbs. \$146-166; 600-650 lbs. \$140-154; 650-700 lbs. \$135-147; 700-750 lbs. \$131-138; 750-800 lbs. \$130-132.

Pairs: Full mouth \$2,300 to \$2,525; Broken mouth \$1,900 to \$2,200 big calves.

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## Mackay FFA chapter announces Breeding Livestock Project participants

Mackay, Idaho, FFA chapter students choose their cows provided through the Mackay FFA breeding livestock program.

By Nathan Hampton  
 Mackay FFA Chapter Reporter

Every year the Mackay, Idaho, FFA chapter selects students to participate in the Breeding Livestock Program via an interview process with community leaders. This year's recipients of the breeding livestock assistance program were Libby Moorman, Aspy Wasylow, Nolan Moorman, Marissa Nelson and Kristen Hardy, who were selected to receive beef cows, and Tia Carlson, who was selected to receive a ewe.

Students work with experts in the field to select a quality animal that is pregnant and will give birth before spring. Students learn about delivery, newborn animal care, husbandry and sire selection.

"I am excited about this project because I want to be a vet when I grow up. This will help me get into a good college," student Aspy Wasylow says. "I also plan to start a

herd that will help with getting money to be able to go to college."

Students sign a contract with the FFA chapter to use scientific practices to care for their breeding dams and offspring. They continue to be active in the FFA, show their animals in various classes at the Custer County Fair, pay 60 percent of the loan back in the first year, and must retain possession of the dam for the duration of two years. Students can receive their first animal at the beginning of the ninth grade year and receive an animal each year until graduation. Over the years many students have built small herds and sold their herds to pay for most of their higher education.

This program has been instrumental in helping students learn about finances as they apply what they learn in the agriculture classroom. Since its creation years ago by former agriculture educator Vernon Roche, the program has provided 299 cows, 53 ewes and 5 sows to Mackay FFA members.

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