## **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

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-

ers:							
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. April 8 This week FOB Last week Last year 9,950 3,600

3,730 Compared to April 1: All grades of domestic and export Alfalfa steady. First reported sales of new crop this week. Trade remains slow and buyers remain cautious. Demand remains light to moderate. Retail/Feedstore Steady. Demand remains good.

		Tons	Price
Alfalfa Mid Square	Premium	200	\$140
	Good	900	\$135-140
		1100	\$125-13
	Utility/Fair	700	\$110-116
Alfalfa Small Square	Premium	200	\$150
	Good	600	\$130
Timothy Grass Small Squ	uare Premium	30	\$260
ORI	EGON AREA HAY		
(US	DA Market News)		
I	Portland, Ore.		
	April 8		
This week FOB	Last week	st week L	
1,547	1,537	1,632	
Compared to April 1: Price			
week ago prices in a very li	mited test. Many pro	ducers h	ave decide

to hold on to their hav for now, in hopes for higher prices or to feed to their own animals. Many hay producers are sold out for the year CROOK, DESCHUTES, JEFFERSON, WASCO COUNTIES

**Orchard Grass Small Square** 58 \$250

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Grass Mix-Five Way Small Square HARNEY COUNTY	Premium	10	\$275	
Alfalfa/Orchard Mix Large				
Square	Good/Prem.	64	\$160	
KLAMATH BASIN				
Alfalfa Mid Square	Fair/Good	200	\$110	
Orchard Grass Small Square	Premium	22	\$230	
Wheat Small Square	Good	50	\$90-90	
LAKE COUNTY				
Alfalfa Small Square	Premium	180	\$200	
Alfalfa/Oat Mix Large Square	Fair/Good	30	\$100	
Orchard Grass Small Square	Premium	100	\$250	
Timothy Grass Large Square	Fair/Good	250	\$135	
Small Square	Premium	100	\$200	
Oat Small Square	Good/Prem.	30	\$150	
Triticale Large Square	Good	450	\$75	
EASTERN OREGON: No new sales confirmed.				
IDAHO HAY				

(USDA Market News) Moses Lake, Wash April 8 This week FOB Last week

Compared to April 1: All grades of Alfalfa weak in a light test. Trade slow with continued light demand. Supplies of 2014 crop are still being marketed. Supplies remain heavy. Retail/feed store/horse not tested this week

Alfalfa Mid Square	Supreme	Tons 400	Price \$120	
		600	\$140	
	Good	400	\$125	
	Utility/Fair	400	\$70	
	-	200	\$75-80	
		2000	\$85	
Oat Mid Square	Good	160	\$105	
CAI	LIFORNIA HAY			
(USD	A Market News)			

Moses Lake, Wash

April 8 This week FOB Last week Last year All classes traded steady with a softer undertone. Demand light

to moderate. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, drought improvement has been observed in significant parts of California this past wet season, but only a portion of Northern California has been pulled completely out of drought, and large swaths of extreme to exceptional drought remain in Nevada and the southern half or

REGION 1: NORTH INTERMOUNTAIN Includes the counties of Siskiyou, Modoc, Shasta, Lassen and Plumas. Alfalfa \$100 Good Alfalfa/Orchard Mix Premium Orchard Grass Premium 100 \$320 Mixed Grass Premium \$200 REGION 2: SACRAMENTO VALLEY

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

Good/Prem. 50 Alfalfa **Orchard Grass** \$160 75 Good Good Rice Straw Good 200 \$87.50 REGION 3: NORTHERN SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY

Includes the counties of San Joaquin, Calaveras, Sta olumne, Mono, Merced and Mariposa Alfalfa \$220 Supreme

Premium \$210-220 Good 25 \$155 100 **Orchard Grass** \$360 Premium Good/Prem REGION 4: CENTRAL SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY Includes the counties of Madera, Fresno, Kings, Tulare, and Inyo Supreme 50 \$235 Good/Prem. 50

REGION 5: SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA Includes the counties of Kern, Northeast Los Angeles, and Western San Bernardino.

REGION 6: SOUTHEAST CALIFORNIA Includes the counties of Eastern San Bernardino, Riverside, and

Good/Prem 1691 \$165-175 \$165-170 1471 1048 \$160-172

**GRAIN DELIVERED** 

**BARLEY** 

FOB

Rail

Destination

Solano County

U.S. No. 2 (46-lbs, per bushel)

100 \$170

Price per cwt.

NA

## **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 (USDA Market News) Portland April 8

PACIFIC NORTHWEST MARKET SUMMARY

Cash wheat bids for April delivery ended the reporting week on Thursday April 7, lower compared to March 31 noon bids for April

May wheat futures ended the reporting week on Thursday, April 7, lower as follows compared to the previous week's closes: Chicago wheat futures were 16.50 cents lower at \$4.57, Kansas City wheat futures were 22 cents lower at \$4,5425 and Minneapolis wheat futures trended 16 cents lower at \$5.1350. Chicago March corn futures trended 10 cents higher at \$3.6150 and March soybean futures closed 6.25 cents lower at \$9.0450.

Bids for U.S. 1 Soft White Wheat delivered to Portland in unit trains or barges during March for ordinary protein were not available. Most exporters were not issuing bids for nearby delivery. There were no white club wheat premiums.

One year ago bids for U.S. 1 Soft White Wheat any protein for April delivery by unit trains and barges to Portland were \$6.15-6.66 and bids for White Club Wheat were \$8.45-9.06. Forward month bids for soft white wheat ordinary protein were not available.

One year ago, forward month bids for soft white wheat for any protein were as follows: May \$6.18-6.66, June \$6.20-6.72, July \$6.20-6.30 and August New Crop \$6.2350-6.3850.

Bids for U.S. 1 Soft White Wheat guaranteed maximum 10.5 percent protein during April were \$5.32-5.42, 10 to 11.50 cents per bushel lower compared to March 31 bids for April delivery.

White club wheat premiums for guaranteed maximum 10.5 percent protein soft white wheat were zero per bushel over soft white wheat bids April 7 compared to zero to 55 cents per bushel over soft white wheat bids March 31.

One year ago bids for U.S. 1 Soft White Wheat any protein for April delivery by unit trains and barges to Portland were \$6.96-7.18 and bids for White Club Wheat were \$8,96-9.56. Forward month bids for soft white wheat guaranteed 10.5 percent proteins were as follows: May \$5.37-5.58, June \$5.3850-5.61, July \$5.2850-5.46 and August New Crop \$5.0925-5.36.

One year ago, forward month bids for soft white wheat for any protein were as follows: May \$6.96-7.21, June 6.90-7.24 and August New Crop \$6,2350-6,46.

Bids for 11.5 percent protein U.S. 1 Hard Red Winter Wheat for April delivery were 22 cents per bushel lower compared to March 31 noon bids for April delivery. Bids were as follows: April and May \$5.3125-5.3425, June \$5.2050-5.3550, July \$5.2550-5.3550 and August New Crop \$5.35-5.45.

Bids for non-guaranteed 14.0 percent protein U.S. 1 Dark Northern Spring Wheat for Portland delivery during April were 11 to 16 cents per bushel lower than March 31 noon bids for the same delivery period. Some exporters were not issuing bids for nearby delivery. Bids for non-quaranteed 14 percent protein were as follows: April \$6.0850-6.1350, May \$5.9850-6.1350, June \$6.1225, July \$6.0225-6.1225 and August New Crop \$6.07-6.12. COARSE FEEDING GRAINS

Bids for U.S. 2 Yellow Corn delivered full coast Pacific Northwest - BN shuttle trains for April delivery were 13 to 16 cents higher from \$4,3950-4,4350 per bushel. Forward month corn bids were as follows: May \$4.4050-4.4350, June \$4.36-4.41, July \$4.36-4.39, August/September \$4.33-4.37 and October/November \$4.4225-4.4925. Bids for U.S. 1 Yellow Sovbeans delivered full coast Pacific Northwest - BN shuttle trains for April delivery were 8.25 to 11.25 cents lower at \$9.6750-9.7250 per bushel. Forward month soybean bids were as follows: May \$9.6750-9.7650. June \$9.7775-9.8075. July \$9.7775-9.8475 and October/November \$9.9450-9.9950. Bids for U.S. 2 Heavy White Oats for March delivery trended steady at \$3.92 per bushel

PACIFIC NORTHWEST EXPORT NEWS News: There were 12 grain vessels in Columbia River ports on Thursday April 7 with four docked compared to 14 March 31 with five docked. There were no new confirmed export sales.

**CALIFORNIA GRAINS** (USDA Market News) Portland

April 8 Prices in dollars per cwt., bulk Inc.= including: Nom.= nominal:

Ltd.= limited; Ind.= indicated; NYE=Not fully estimated.

Los Angeles Truck Petaluma-Santa Rosa \$10 Stockton-Modesto-Oakdale-Turlock \$10 Kings-Tulare-Fresno Counties \$9.50 CORN - U.S. No. 2 Yellow Turlock-Tulare FOB Stockton-Modesto-Oakdale-Turlock \$7.90 Single Car Units via BNSF Rail Chino Valley-Los Angeles \$8.78-8.8 Stockton-Modesto-Oakdale-Turlock \$8.63 Kings-Tulare-Fresno Counties SORGHUM - U.S. No. 2 Yellow \$8.63 Los Angeles-Chino Valley \$8.72-8.74 via BNSF Single Modesto-Oakdale-Turlock OATS - U.S. No. 2 White \$11.25-11.50 Truck Petaluma Stockton-Modesto-Oakdale-Turlock \$11.25-11.50 WHEAT - U.S. No. 2 or better-Hard Red Winter (Domestic Values for Flour Milling) Los Angeles 12 percent Protein Kern County Truck/Rail Los Angeles 11-12 percent Protein Los Angeles 14 percent Protein WHEAT - U.S. Durum Wheat \$10 Truck Imperial County Kings-Tulare-Fresno Counties WHEAT - Any Class for Feed \$9.25 FOB

Kings-Tulare-Fresno Counties Prices paid to California farmers, seven-day reporting period ending April 7: WHEAT U.S. No. 1. Hard Amber Durum for Flour Milling Spot

Imprial Valley \$10 Del Locally BARLEY, U.S. No. 2, 48 lbs. per bushe Solano County \$11 FOB Del Locally

## **Livestock Auctions**

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

California SHASTA (Shasta Livestock Auction)

Cottonwood, Calif. April 8 727 707

head as indicated

Compared to April 1: Slaughter cows mostly steady, better bulls \$5 higher. No large numbers in any one weight category and we'll call the market mixed, off lots and singles \$30-60 below top

offerings Slaughter cows: Breakers \$73-80; \$81-88 high dress; Boning \$66-72; Cutters \$55-65.

Bulls 1 and 2: \$75-90; \$93-105 high dress Feeder steers: 400-450 lbs. \$187-217; 450-500 lbs. \$180-201; 500-550 lbs. \$175-185; 600-650 lbs. \$160-177; 650-700 lbs. \$160-162.50; 750 800 lbs. \$130-146; 800-900 lbs. \$130-143.

Feeder heifers: 300-400 lbs. \$170-207: 400 450 lbs. \$170-195; 450-500 lbs. \$150-170; 550-600 lbs. \$162.50; 600-650 lbs. \$140-164; 650-700 lbs. \$148-155; 700-750 lbs. \$128-140; 750-800 lbs. \$125-134; 800-900 lbs. \$120-

Pairs: Older or running age mixed breed \$1350-

TURLOCK (Turlock Livestock Auction Yard) Turlock, California April 8

Total receipt: 1796. We saw a good volume of springers, bred heif ers and open heifers for this special sale. Bidding was active from buyers from throughout the Western states on all classes of dairy heifers. Weigh cows and bulls steady to 1 cent lower than April 1. No. 1 Holstein Springers \$2000-2500; No. 2 Holstein Springers \$1700-1975; No. 1 Jersey

Springers \$1600-2000: No. 1 Jersey X Springers

\$1500-2000. No. 1 Holstein Bred Heifers: 3 head 1433 lbs 6-7 mos. \$1975: 5 head 1254 lbs. 6 mos. \$1750:

No. 1 Holstein Open Heifers: 11 head 273 lbs. \$635; 15 head 335 lbs. \$700; 27 head 378 lbs. \$810; 43 head 447 lbs. \$975; 26 head 522 lbs

No. 1 Jersey Bred Heifers: 4 head 691 lbs. 5-6 mos. \$1575; 5 head 652 lbs. 1-3+ mos \$1475. No. 1 Jersey Open Heifers: 10 head 444 lbs.

\$1125; 9 head 528 lbs. \$1250; 20 head 434 lbs. \$1060. Jersey x Open Heifers: \$155-198. Weigh Beef Cows: High Yielding \$74-86.50;

Med Yielding \$65-\$73; Low Yielding \$50-\$64. Weigh Dairy Cows: High Yielding \$75-84; Med Yielding \$64-\$73; Low Yielding \$50-63. Weigh Bulls: High Yielding \$90-104.50; Med Yielding \$75-\$89; Low Yielding \$65-74. Holstein Barren Heifers: \$70-108.

Oregon

**EUGENE** (Eugene Livestock Auction) Junction City, Ore. April 9

Total head count: 396. Market conditions compared to last week. Cows and bulls \$3-7 stronger; light feeders still strong. yearlings off \$3-5.

Top cows: High dressers \$70-87, low dressers \$60-70; top 10 cows \$76.75.

Top bulls: High dressers \$73-95.50.

Feeder Bulls: 300-500 lbs. \$110-172; 500-700 lbs. \$111-150; 700-900 lbs. \$109.50-119. Choice steers: Medium to large frame No. 1

lbs. \$170-184.50; 500-600 lbs. \$155-186.50; 600-700 lbs. \$130-160;700-800 lbs. \$114-127 800-900 lbs. \$115-120.50. Choice heifers: Medium to large frame No. 1

and No. 2: 300-400 lbs. \$200-237.50; 400-500

and No. 2: 300-400 lbs. \$159-179; 400-500 lbs

\$150-170; 500-600 lbs. \$145-168; 600-700 lbs. \$125-150; 700-800 lbs. \$115-138; 800 lbs. and

up \$113. Bred Cows: \$800-1060 head; Pairs \$1275 pair. Head calves: Beef \$220-460 head; Dairy \$100-185 head

Feeder lambs: 50-90 lbs. \$180-205; 130 lbs.

MADRAS

(Central Oregon Livestock Auction)

April 4

Total head: 1045. Steers: 300-400 lbs. \$190-200; 400-500 lbs. \$185-200: 500-600 lbs. \$175-190: 600-700 lbs. \$155-175; 700-800 lbs. \$140-155; 800-900 lbs.

\$135-143.

\$85-90. Heifers: 300-400 lbs. \$175-185: 400-500 lbs.

\$165-175; 500-600 lbs. \$150-165; 600-700 lbs. \$137-150; 700-800 lbs. \$130-137 Heiferettes: 850-1000 lbs. \$120-130.

Bulls: High yield \$93-97; mostly \$90; thinner

Cows: Heiferettes \$100; Fleshy cows \$85; high-yield \$85; medium-yield \$80; low-yield \$70. VALE

(Producers Livestock Market

April 6
Total receipts: 922. Comments: Softer cattle market throughout the

day due to mostly lower "limit down" feeder cattle and fat cattle future on April 5-6. Steer calves: 300-400 lbs. \$187-199; 400-500 lbs. \$177-196; 500-600 lbs. \$162-181.

Heifer calves: 300-400 lbs. \$162-186; 400-500 lbs. \$161-176; 500-600 lbs. \$1143-163. Yearling steers: 600-700 lbs. \$139-166; 700-

800 lbs. \$128-144; 800-900 lbs. \$122-133. Yearling heifers: 600-700 lbs. \$134-153; 700-800 lbs. \$129-141; 800-900 lbs. \$123-128; 900-1000 lbs. \$107-117.

Stock cows (young): \$1275-1510. Stock cows (B.M.): \$925-1175. Butcher cows: \$71-80. Thin shelly cows: \$57-68.

Butcher bulls: \$78-92

Washington TOPPENISH (Toppenish Livestock Auction)

(USDA Market News) Moses Lake, Wash. April 8 This week Last week Last year 2,450

Compared to April 1 at the same market: Stocke and feeder cattle weak to \$4 lower. Trade active with good demand and good buyer attendance Slaughter cows steady to mostly \$2-4 higher. Slaughter bulls steady. Slaughter cows 58 percent slaughter bulls 5 percent, and feeders 37 percent of the supply. The feeder supply included 24 percent steers and 76 percent heifers. Near 74 per

cent of the run weighed over 600 lbs. Feeder Steers: Medium and Large 1-2: 300-400 lbs. \$205-227.50; 400-500 lbs. \$203-210; 400-500 lbs. \$190, Full; 500-600 lbs. \$187-197 500-600 lbs. \$172, Full; 500-600 lbs. \$200, Thin Fleshed; 600-700 lbs. \$167.50-175.50; 600-700 lbs. \$152.50, Full; 700-800 lbs. \$150-158; 800-900 lbs. \$130-133.

Feeder Steers: Small and Medium 1-2: 500-600 lbs. \$157.50; 600-700 lbs. \$160. Medium and Large 1-2: 100-200 lbs. \$190, Per Head; 300-400 lbs. \$210; 400-500 lbs. \$160-175; 500-600 lbs. \$150.50-160; 600-700 lbs. \$143.50-154; 700-800 lbs. \$137-142: 700-800 lbs. \$125. Full: 700-800 lbs. \$150, Thin Fleshed; 800-900 lbs. \$121-125 Medium and Large 2-3: 600-700 lbs. \$138; 700-800 lbs. \$120, Heiferettes. Medium and Large 4: 900-1000 lbs. \$76. Large 2-3: 1000-1100 lbs. \$105; 1100-1200 lbs. \$102; 1200-1300 lbs. \$100-102; 1400-1500 lbs. \$91-95. Small and Medium 1-2: 400-500 lbs. \$152.50. Small and Medium 4

Replacement Heifers (Per Head): Medium and Large 1-2: 600-700 lbs. \$1150-1200; 700-800 lbs. \$1250-1350; 850-900 lbs. \$1350

## **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: Russet table potato prices have been mostly flat, with some adjustments between growing areas, and between package types.

HIPPING	AREA						
WA .	Chg	GRI	Chg	70 ct	Chg	10 lb. Film	Chg
DAHO BUF	RBANKS						
12.94	-\$0.02	\$5.59	-\$0.01	\$20	\$0	\$7.50	\$0
DAHO NO	RKOTAHS						
12.96	\$0.08	\$5.88	\$0.06	\$20	\$1	\$7.50	\$0
COLUMBIA	BASIN						
13.37	\$0.21	\$5.89	\$0.13	\$19	\$1	\$8.50	\$0
(LAMATH E	BASIN						
14.67	-\$0.25	\$6.24	-\$0.18	\$22	\$0	\$9.50	-\$0.50

#### **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 replace animals on per head basis as indicated NATIONAL WOOL REVIEW

(USDA Market News) Greeley, Colo. April 8

Domestic wool trading on a clean basis was slow this week. There was 563,475 lbs. of confirmed trades. Shearing is in full swing, but some strong snow storms in the mountain states did stop shearing for a couple days in the past couple weeks. Wool is still being collected and samples are being sent in for testing as wool is being marketed at this time.

Domestic wool trading on a greasy basis was slow this week. There were not enough confirmed trades to quote

Domestic wool tags \$.60-.70 No. 2 \$.50-.60 \$.40-.50 No. 3 NATIONAL SHEEP SUMMARY (USDA Market News)

Compared to April 1: Slaughter lambs were steady to \$10 higher. Slaughter ewes were mostly steady to \$3 lower. No good comparison on

San Angelo, Texas

At San Angelo, Texas, 3,676 head sold. No sales in Equity Electronic Auction. In direct trading slaughter ewes were not tested; no comparison on feeder lambs. 2,800 head of negoti ated sales of slaughter lambs were steady to \$1

11,400 head of formula sales had no trend due to confidentiality. 3,233 lamb carcasses sold with 65 lbs. and down no trend due to confidentiality; 65-75 lbs. \$2.28 higher and 75 lbs. and up no SLAUGHTER LAMBS Choice and Prime 2-3:

San Angelo: Shorn and wooled 115-155 lbs.

SLAUGHTER LAMBS Choice and Prime 1: San Angelo: 40-60 lbs. \$230-252; 60-70 lbs \$216-230, few \$232-240; 70-80 lbs. \$212-228; 80-90 lbs. \$194-206; 90-110 lbs. \$190-296, few

DIRECT TRADING (Lambs with 3-4 percent shrink or equivalent):

2,800 Slaughter Lambs shorn and wooled 140-165 lbs. \$125-150 (wtd avg \$132.20); 170-175 California: 4,300:Feeder Lambs 115-125 lbs

SLAUGHTER EWES: San Angelo: Good 2-3 (fleshy) \$68-75; Utility

and Good 1-3 (medium flesh) \$82-94, few \$96 98; Utility 1-2 (thin) \$69-80; Cull and Utility 1-2 (very thin) \$60-68; Cull 1 (extremely thin) no test FEEDER LAMBS Medium and Large 1-2:

San Angelo: 80-90 lbs. \$188-190. REPLACEMENT EWES Medium and Large

San Angelo: Hair ewe lambs \$208-210 per head, others 60-80 lbs. \$232-250 cwt; baby tooth hair ewes \$228-232 per head; solid mouth hair ewes \$180-196 per head, few bred \$232-250 per head; mixed age hair ewes 100-165 lbs. \$112

NATIONAL WEEKLY LAMB CARCASS Choice and Prime 1-4:

Weight Wtd. avg. 45 lbs. Down Price not reported due to confidentiality 45-55 lbs. Price not reported due to confidentiality 55-65 lbs. Price not reported due to 65-75 lbs. \$286.97 Price not reported due to 75-85 lbs. confidentiality

85 lbs. and up Price not reported due to

confidentiality Sheep and lamb slaughter under federal inspection for the week to date totaled 37.000 compared with 35,000 last week and 46,000

## 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 April 8

Benchmark prices are steady. Asking prices for next week are unchanged on all sizes. Trade sentiment is steady. Offerings are moderate to heavy. Retail demand is moderate to fairly good with increased feature activity noted. Loose egg sales are moderate. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. Small benchmark price 79 cents.

Size Range Size Range Jumbo 130 Extra large 121 115 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA Prices to retailers, sales to volume buyers, USDA Grade AA and Grade AA, white eggs in cartons,

delivered store door Range Extra large Jumbo 82-93 47-59 37-46 Large 47-56 Medium

# Ortho to drop neonicotinoids from pesticides

By DAN ELLIOTT Associated Press

DENVER (AP) — Garden-care giant Ortho said Tuesday it will stop using a class of chemicals widely believed to harm bees.

The company plans to phase out neonicotinoids by 2021 in eight products used to control garden pests and diseases.

Ortho will change three products for roses, flowers, trees and shrubs by 2017 and other products later, said Tim Martin, vice president and general manager of Ortho, a division of Marysville, Ohio-based Scotts Miracle-Gro Co.

The chemicals, called neonics for short, attack the central nervous systems of insects. Some advocates say neonics are one of several reasons behind declining populations of bees, which are major pollinators of food crops.

About one-third of the human diet comes from insect-pollinated plants, and honeybees are responsible for 80 percent of that pollination.

Ortho is acting out of concern for possible threats to honeybees and other pollinators and to reassure customers that "Ortho's got their back, taking care of whatever they need controlled in the most responsible manner," Martin said.

The change might require gardeners to apply the reformulated products more frequently, but it will be easier to target pests while reducing the chances of hurting bees, he said. The cost of the products won't change

significantly, Martin said. It wasn't immediately clear what effect Ortho's decision would have on the health of the overall bee population. Neonics are used in a number of chemicals applied to food and textile crops such as corn and cotton as well as individual gardens.

The severity of the effects of neonics on bees appears to vary depending on what type of crops or plants they are used on, according to a study by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and California's environmental agency that was released in January. Another study published last year showed neonics might hit wild bumblebees harder than domestically raised

Bayer CropScience and Syngenta, the top manufacturers of neonics, have said the research has exaggerated the risks and understated the benefits.

Concern about bee health is growing. Last week, the Maryland General Assembly passed a bill that would allow only certified applicators, farmers and veterinarians to apply pesticides containing neonics.

In March, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service said it would consider whether to protect two species of wild bumblebees under the Endangered Species Act amid declines in their numbers.

#### **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

NATIONAL FEEDER AND STOCKER CATTLE (Federal-State Market News) St. Joseph, Mo 8 liraA

This week Last week Last year 261,300 295,900 217,500 Compared to April 1: Steers and heifers traded steady to \$5 lower. Trade was active in most major market areas as the demand to own cattle is still quite good, just at lower price levels The collapse in the futures put pressure on

week. Live Cattle futures did post modest gains at April 6 and especially the close in response to sas at \$133-134, steady to \$1 higher than the previous week. While it may not be a true indicator of long-

the feeder cattle market for the duration of the

packer demand is certainly a positive take away after the volatile ride of the past few weeks Trade volume should pick up early Friday as packers are rumored to be short-bought, which should force a little competition and help support current price levels.

term support, active mid-week trade with good

In the west, some wheat grazing cattle are being moved off pasture already, about 3-4 weeks ahead of schedule but those wheat pastures are rapidly deteriorating in dry, windy conditions. Unless a significant rain falls in the next week most

of those cattle will likely be moved by early May Most flesh condition this week noted as moderate to fleshy with a high percentage of new crop calves on offer.

Premiums and discounts get more pro-

nounced this time of year with buyers looking for hard weaned cattle that can thrive in a summer grazing program but hesitant to take ownership of soft bawlers right off of mama Any short weaned or fleshy new croppers were targets of steeper discounts and certain-

ly widened the price spread for light- and middle-weight calves. Heavy yearling cattle were somewhat immune to outside market factors this week as most of

those weights were quoted steady to firm. Many markets noted exceptional demand for high quality replacement females, in many cases driving the market for heavy yearling heifers and forcing order buyers to dig a little deeper if

The U.S. cowherd is without a doubt growing as ever-optimistic cattlemen still see good days Speaking of good days ahead, boxed beef

prices should improve moving forward as summer grilling season is right around the corner. As of April 7, close Choice cutout values were at \$214.62, about \$4.50 lower than the April 1 close with the Choice-Select spread at a near \$9 discount, Auction volume this week included 54 percent weighing over 600 lbs. and 43 percent

AUCTIONS This week Last week Last year 166,400 186,900 WASHINGTON 2.400, 67 pct over 600 lbs, 68 pct heifers Steers: Medium and Large 1-2 550-600 lbs. \$187.89; 600-650 lbs. \$171.30. Heifers: 700 lbs. \$153.02; 700-750 lbs. \$140.23

DIRECT Last week This week Last year 23,400 SOUTHWEST (Arizona-California-Nevada) There were no direct sales reported. NORTHWEST (Washington-Oregon-Idaho)

300, 100 pct over 600 lbs. 67 pct heifers. Steers: Medium and Large 1-2 Current Delivered Price 800-850 lbs. \$150 ID. Heifers: Medium and Large 1-2 Current Delivered Price 750-800 lbs. \$142 ID. NATIONAL SLAUGHTER CATTLE (USDA Market News) Oklahoma City, Okla.

April 8 Slaughter cattle sold \$1-2 higher. Dressed sales in Nebraska remained steady. Packer demand moderate to good. Seller interest improved with almost double cash trade taking place in Texas. Boxed Beef prices April 8 averaged \$210.02 down \$3 from April 1. The Choice/Select spread is \$9.55. Slaughter cattle on a national basis for negotiated cash trades through April 8 totaled about 82,151 head. The previous week's total head count was 79,618 head

Heifers: \$134-136. Dressed Basis: Steers and Heifers \$214-215. South Plains Direct Markets: Live Basis: Steers and Heifers \$133-134.

Midwest Direct Markets: Live Basis: Steers and

Slaughter Cows and Bulls (Average Yielding Prices): Slaughter cows and bulls \$1-2 higher except in the Southeast steady to \$3 higher. Cutter Cow Carcass Cut-Out Value April 8 was

\$173.28 down \$.26 from April 1.

Moses Lake, Wash, April 8 300 2.150 Compared to April 1: Feeder cattle steady in a

NORTHWEST DIRECT CATTLE

(USDA Market News)

very light test. Trade near standstill this week as local feedlots try to bid lower. Most supplies are cleaned up for the time being in the trade area Demand light to moderate. The feeder supply included 33 percent steers and 67 percent heif ers. Near 100 percent of the supply weighed over 600 lbs. Prices are FOB weighing point with a 1-4 percent shrink or equivalent and with a 5-12 cent slide on calves and a 3-8 cent slide on yearlings Delivered prices include freight, commissions and other expenses. Current sales are up to 14 days delivery. Steers: Medium and Large 1-2: Current Deliv

ered Price: 800-850 lbs. \$150 Idaho. Heifers: Medium and Large 1-2: Current Deliv ered Price: 750-800 lbs. \$142 Idaho