# **Farm Market Report**

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# Hay Market Reports

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

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Hay prices are dollars per ton or dollars per bale when sold to re-			n sold to re-			Premium	300	\$140	REGION 5: SOUTHERN CALIF	ORNIA			
tail outlets. Basis is current delivery FOB barn or stack, or delivered					Good/Prem.		\$120	Includes the counties of Kern		s Angele <sup>,</sup>	s and West-		
customer as indicated.					Fair/Good	300	\$110	ern San Bernardino.	, 1101110001 200	// ingoloc	s, and woot		
		in this report have	the follow	ing relation-			1 411/0000	400	\$100	Alfalfa	Premium	250	\$220
		alue (RFV), Acid D						300	\$100	Forage Mix-Three Way	Good	230 75	\$200
		trients), or Crude I					Litility/Eair	500	\$80	REGION 6: SOUTHEAST CALI		15	φ200
bers:	ngestible inu	inents), or crude i	Pioleini (Ci	) test num-	Alfalfa Small Square		Utility/Fair Fair/Good	400	\$00 \$130	Includes the counties of East		rdina Di	verside and
	051/	405	TOM	0.0		C					eni San Denia	iuno, Ri	verside, and
Grade	RFV	ADF	TDN	CP	Timothy Grass Small	Square	Premium	500	\$200 \$140	Imperial.	Casal/Deserv	220	¢100 170
Supreme	185+	<27	55.9+	22+		041150	Good/Prem.	700	\$140	Alfalfa	Good/Prem.		\$160-170
Premium	170-185	27-29	54.5-55.9				RNIA HAY				E.C.	125	\$150 \$100
Good	150-170	29-32	52.5-54.5			•	arket News)			07500	Fair	25	\$100
Fair	130-150	32-35	50.5-52.5				ake, Wash.				N AREA HAY		
Utility	<130	36+	<50.5	<16			ril 15			,	larket News)		
		IDAHO HAY			This week FOB		t week		ast year		and, Ore.		
		DA Market News	)		4,015		960		13,088		pril 15		
	Me	oses Lake, Wash.			Compared to last w						st week	L	.ast year
		April 15			undertone. Demand li						1,547		1,285
This week I	FOB	Last week	L	.ast year	Significant precipitatio					Compared to April 8: Prices tr			
8,050		4,160		2,400	of the area of excepti					week ago prices in a very limited	i test. Many pro	ducers h	ave decided
Compared	to April 8: All	grades of Alfalfa s	teady to fir	m especially	the San Joaquin Valle	the San Joaquin Valley, while lesser measurable totals fell on the to hold on to their hay for now in hopes for higher price							
on fair and ut	tility grades a	is out of state buye	rs going n	orth decided	rest of California and Nevada.				to their own animals. Many hay producers are sold out for the year.			for the year.	
to stockpile s	upplies for la	ter use. First new o	crop sales	reported this	This heavy rain effected a large amount of hay production for the							Price	
week. Trade	moderate wi	h moderate to goo	d demand	Supplies of	first cutting for region	2 and 3.				CROOK, DESCHUTES, JEFFE	RSON, WASC	O COUN	TIES
2015 crop are still being marketed. Supplies remain heavy. Retail/						Tons	Price	Alfalfa Large Square	Fair/Good	12	\$160		
feed store/ho	rse not teste	d this week.			REGION 2: SACRAME	ENTO VAL	LEY			Small Square	Premium	4	\$240-250
			Tons	Price	Includes the countie	es of Teha	ma, Glenn, B	utte, Col	usa, Sutter,	Orchard Grass Small Square	Premium	18	\$240-260
Alfalfa Mid S	Square	Premium	400	\$125	Yuba, Sierra, Nevada	, Placer,	Yolo, El Dora	ido, Sola	ano, Sacra-	Meadow Grass Small Square	Good/Prem.	. 1	\$150
		Good/Prei	m. 500	\$110	mento.							1	\$150
		Good	250	\$115	Alfalfa		Supreme	125	\$180-205	Grass Mix-Five Way			
		Fair/Good	3000	\$70-80			Premium	50	\$180	Large Square	Premium	5	\$250
		Utility/Fair	900	\$70			Fair	25	\$130	KLAMATH BASIN			
Alfalfa Stand	ding	Good/Prei	m. 1000	\$80	Orchard Grass		Good/Prem.	75	\$160	Alfalfa Mid Square	Premium	25	\$175
	•	Fair/Good	1000	\$70	Oat		Good	50	\$125	Small Square	Premium	75	\$180
		Utility/Fair	1000	\$65	Rice Straw		Good	150	\$85		Fair	25	\$100
	WASHI	NGTON-OREGON	HAY		<b>REGION 3: NORTHEF</b>	RN SAN JO	DAQUIN VALL	EY		LAKE COUNTY			
	((	Columbia Basin)			Includes the counties	s of San J	loaquin, Calav	eras, Sta	inislaus, Tu-	Alfalfa Large Square	Supreme	140	\$225
	(ບໍ່ຮ	DA Market News	)		olumne, Mono, Merceo					5		100	\$290
	ÌM	oses Lake, Wash.			Alfalfa		Supreme	50	\$180		Prem./Sup.	400	\$190
		April 15						50	\$245		Premium	2800	\$180
This week F	FOB	Last week	L	.ast year			Premium	450	\$140		Good	500	\$165
4,000		3,730		1,200				50	\$175 Del	Small Square	Prem./Sup.	60	\$200
1	to April 8: A	Il grades of dome	stic and e	,			Fair	75	\$120-145		Utility/Fair	30	\$100
		w and buyers rema			Oat		Good	1	\$20-23	Alfalfa/Oat Mix Large Square	Premium	25	\$100
		rst crop. Demand i						50	\$205	Triticale Large Square	Premium	100	\$225
		ested this week. D			REGION 4: CENTRAL	SAN JOA					Fair	400	\$75
			Tons	Price	Includes the counties				e, and Invo	EASTERN OREGON: No new s			÷. •
Alfalfa Mid S	Square	Supreme	100	\$135	Wheat		Good	2000	\$65	HARNEY COUNTY: No new sa			
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Bids

# 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 14

PACIFIC NORTHWEST MARKET SUMMARY Cash wheat bids for April delivery ended the reporting week on Thursday, April 14, higher compared to April 7 noon bids for April delivery.

May wheat futures ended the reporting week on Thursday, April 14, higher as follows compared to April 7 closes: Chicago wheat futures were 2.75 cents higher at \$4.5975, Kansas City wheat futures were .75 of a cent higher at \$4.55 and Minneapolis wheat futures trended nine cents higher at \$5.2250.

Chicago May corn futures trended 12.50 cents higher at \$3.74 and May soybean futures closed 43.50 cents higher at \$9.48.

Bids for US 1 Soft White Wheat delivered to Portland in unit trains or barges during April 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 US 1 Soft White Wheat any protein for April delivery by unit trains and barges to Portland were \$6-6.37 and bids for White Club Wheat were \$7.80-8.77.

Forward month bids for soft white wheat ordinary protein were as follows: May and June \$5.09-5.10. One year ago, forward month bids for soft white wheat for any protein were as follows: May \$6 6.37, June \$6-6.16, July \$5.9650-6 and August New Crop \$5.9550-6.0550

Bids for US 1 Soft White Wheat guaranteed maximum 10.5 percent protein during April were \$5.3975-5.47, 5 to 7.75 cents per

des the counties of Madera	a, Fresno, King Good	gs, Tulare 2000	e, and Inyo. \$65
· • •	20 5 50 lug		
: April \$5.32-5.45, May \$5 and August New Crop \$5. for non-guaranteed 14.0	45-5.50.		

orth ern Spring Wheat for Portland delivery during April were nine to 14 cents per bushel lower than April 17 noon bids for the same delivery period. Some exporters were not issuing bids for nearby delivery. This week, bids for non-guaranteed 14 percent protein were as follows: April \$6.1750-6.2750, May \$6.0750-6.2250, June and July

\$6.1750-6.2250 and August New Crop \$6.1025-6.2025. COARSE FEEDING GRAINS Bids for US 2 Yellow Corn delivered full coast Pacific Northwest

BN shuttle trains for April delivery were \$10.50 to 12.50 cents higher from \$4.52-4.54 per bushel. Forward month corn bids were as follows: May \$4.53-4.56, June \$4.53-4.58, July \$4.52-4.56, Au gust/September \$4.4550-4.5250 and October/November \$4.5350-4.6050. Bids for US 1 Yellow Soybeans delivered full coast Pacific Northwest - BN shuttle trains for April delivery were 40.50 cents higher at \$10.08-10.13 per bushel. Forward month soybean bids were as follows: May \$10.08-10.18, June \$10.2125-10.2425, July \$10.2125-10.2825 and October/November \$10.3425-10.3725. Bids for US 2 Heavy White Oats for April delivery trended steady at 3.92  $\,$ per bushel

PACIFIC NORTHWEST EXPORT NEWS There were 15 grain vessels in Columbia River ports on Thursday, April 14, with four docked compared to 12 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

April 14 Prices in dollars per cwt., bulk Inc.= including; Nom.= nominal;

bushel higher compared to April 7 bids for April delivery.	Ltd.= limite	ed; Ind.= indicated; NYE=Not fully estima	ted.	WHEAT - A	ny Class for Feed		
White club wheat premiums for guaranteed maximum 10.5 per-	GRAIN DE	ELIVERED		FOB	Tulare		NA
cent protein soft white wheat were zero cents per bushel over soft	Mode	Destination	Price per cwt.		Kings-Tulare-Fresno Co	unties	\$9.20
white wheat bids this week and last week.	BARLEY -	- U.S. No. 2 (46-lbs. per bushel)		Truck/Rail	Los Angeles-Chino Valle	ey	NA
One year ago bids for US 1 Soft White Wheat any protein for April	FOB	Solano County	NA	Truck	Petaluma-Santa Rosa		NA
delivery by unit trains and barges to Portland were \$6.57-6.87 and	Rail	Los Angeles	NA		Stockton-Modesto-Oako	ale-Turlock	NA
bids for White Club Wheat were 8.55-9.27.		Stockton-Modesto-Oakdale-Turlock	NA		King-Tulare-Fresno Cou	nties	NA
Forward month bids for soft white wheat guaranteed 10.5 percent		Colusa County	NA		Fresno		NA
proteins were as follows: May \$5.3975-5.47, June \$5.4175-5.49,	Truck	Petaluma-Santa Rosa	NA		Merced County		NA
July \$5.40-5.4175 and August New Crop \$5.1675-5.28.		Stockton-Modesto-Oakdale-Turlock	\$10		Colusa County		NA
One year ago, forward month bids for soft white wheat for any		Kings-Tulare-Fresno Counties	\$9.35		Kern County		NA
protein were as follows: May \$6.57-6.87, June \$6.66-6.75, July		Madera County	NA	Prices p	aid to California farmers,	, seven-day	reporting period
\$5.9650-6.01 and August New Crop \$5.9550-6.15.		Kern County	NA	ending Apri			
Bids for 11.5 percent protein US 1 Hard Red Winter Wheat for		Glenn County	NA	YELLOW C	ORN, US No 2 or better		
April delivery were .75 of a cent to 10.75 cents per bushel higher		Colusa County	NA	Glenn	\$8.20	Spot	Del locally
compared to April 7 noon bids for April delivery. Current bids were as		Solano County	NA	Glenn	\$8.40	Spot	Del locally

(USDA Market News)						
Portland, Ore.						
	oril 15					
	This week FOB Last week		Last year			
	,547		1,285			
Compared to April 8: Prices tre						
week ago prices in a very limited						
to hold on to their hay for now in						
to their own animals. Many hay	producers are s	iola ( <b>Tol</b>		Price		
CROOK, DESCHUTES, JEFFEI						
Alfalfa Large Square	Fair/Good	12		\$160		
Small Square	Premium	4		\$240-250		
Orchard Grass Small Square	Premium	18		\$240-260		
Meadow Grass Small Square				\$150		
		1		\$150		
Grass Mix-Five Way						
Large Square	Premium	5		\$250		
KLAMATH BASIN						
Alfalfa Mid Square	Premium	25		\$175		
Small Square	Premium	75		\$180		
	Fair	25		\$100		
LAKE COUNTY						
Alfalfa Large Square	Supreme	14(		\$225		
	Data and JOurs	100		\$290		
	Prem./Sup.	400 280		\$190		
	Premium Good	200		\$180 \$165		
Small Square	Prem./Sup.	60	,	\$200		
oman oquare	Utility/Fair	30		\$100		
Alfalfa/Oat Mix Large Square	Premium	25		\$100		
Triticale Large Square	Premium	100	)	\$225		
	Fair	400	)	\$75		
EASTERN OREGON: No new s	ales confirmed.					
HARNEY COUNTY: No new sale	es confirmed.					
CORN - U.S. No. 2 Yellow						
FOB Turlock-Tulare			\$8.5			
Stockton-Modesto-		ck	\$8.1	10		
Kings-Tulare-Fresh			NA			
Rail Single Car Units vi			¢0			
Chino Valley-Los A Truck Petaluma-Santa Ro			\$9 NA			
Truck Petaluma-Santa Ro Stockton-Modesto-		ok		75-8.80		
Los Angeles-Chino		UK	NA	5-0.00		
Kings-Tulare-Fresh			\$8.8	30		
Glenn County	io oounties			20-8.40		
SORGHUM - U.S. No. 2 Yellow			ψ <b>0</b> .2			
Rail Los Angeles-Chino	Vallev					
via BNSF Single			\$8.9	95		
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			NA			
Stockton-Modesto-	Oakdale-Turlo	ck	NA			
Rail <b>Petaluma</b>			NA			

otockton-modesto-oakdale-Turiock	ψ0.10
Kings-Tulare-Fresno	NA
Single Car Units via BNSF	
Chino Valley-Los Angeles	\$9
Petaluma-Santa Rosa	NA
Stockton-Modesto-Oakdale-Turlock	\$8.75-8.80
Los Angeles-Chino Valley	NA
Kings-Tulare-Fresno Counties	\$8.80
Glenn County	\$8.20-8.40
- U.S. No. 2 Yellow	
Los Angeles-Chino Valley	
via BNSF Single	\$8.95
Modesto-Oakdale-Turlock	NA
. No. 1 White	
Los Angeles-Chino Valley	NA
. No. 2 White	
Petaluma	NA
Stockton-Modesto-Oakdale-Turlock	NA
Petaluma	NA
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
Los Angeles 12 percent Protein	NA
Los Angeles 13 percent Protein	NA
Los Angeles 14 percent Protein	NA
S. Durum Wheat	
Imperial County	NA
Kings-Tulare-Fresno Counties	NA
ny Class for Feed	
Tulare	NA
Kings-Tulare-Fresno Counties	\$9.20
Los Angeles-Chino Valley	NA
Petaluma-Santa Rosa	NA
Stockton-Modesto-Oakdale-Turlock	NA
King-Tulare-Fresno Counties	NA
Fresno	NA
Merced County	NA
Colusa County	NA

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Truck/Rail

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Truck

# period

MADRAS

(Central Oregon Livestock Auction)

April 11

Steers: 300-400 lbs. \$180-200; 400-500 lbs

\$165-185; 500-600 lbs. \$165-185; 600-700 lbs.

\$148-164; 700-800 lbs. \$135-147; 800-900 lbs.

Bulls: High yield \$95-99; mostly \$95; thinne

Heifers: 300-400 lbs. \$170-190; 400-500 lbs.

Cows: Heiferettes \$100; Fleshy cows \$83;

high-yield \$87; medium-yield \$78; low-yield

VALE

(Producers Livestock Market)

April 13

Comments: Quite a bit better guality offered on

the lighter (greener) grass cattle this week than

last. Higher market throughout the grass cattle

Steer calves: 300-400 lbs. \$189-204; 400-500

Heifer calves: 300-400 lbs. \$167-185; 400-500

mostly because of the bigger strings offered.

lbs. \$177-211; 500-600 lbs. \$167-192.

\$160-170; 500-600 lbs. \$150-160; 600-700 lbs.

\$135-150; 700-800 lbs. \$130-135.

Total receipts: 1,239 head.

Heiferettes: 850-1000 lbs. \$120-130

Total receipts: 316 head.

Baby calves: NA.

Oregon

\$125-138

Pairs: NA.

Bred cows: NA.

\$85-95

# 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 Marke	t News)
April 1	6

Market commentary: Russet table potato price movement has been limited for several weeks as the
market seeks direction

SHIPPING AI								
FWA	Chg	GRI	Chg	70 ct	Chg	10 lb. Film	Chg	
IDAHO BURE	BANKS							
\$12.94	\$0	\$5.59	\$0	\$20	\$0	\$7.50	\$0	
IDAHO NORI	KOTAHS							
\$13.01	\$0.05	\$5.92	\$0.04	\$20	\$0	\$7.50	\$0	
COLUMBIA E	BASIN							
\$13.37	\$0.21	\$5.89	\$0.13	\$19	\$1	\$8.50	\$0	
KLAMATH BA	ASIN							
\$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, Texas

\$132-148.

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shrink or equivalent):

1-3 \$40; Utility 1-2 \$25.

100-105 lbs. \$158-166.

1-2:

\$110-134 cwt.

and Prime 1-4:

45 lbs. Dowr

45-55 lbs.

55-65 lbs

65-75 lbs.

75-85 lbs.

Weight

SLAUGHTER EWES

66: Cull 1 (extremely thin) \$26-50.

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 indicate

NATIONAL WOOL REVIEW (USDA Market News)

#### Greeley, Colo. April 15

Domestic wool trading on a clean basis was very slow this week. There were 25,000 lbs. of confirmed trades. Shearing is ongoing, and for the most part conditions have been good with the occasional storm slowing the process for only one to two days at a time.

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 at a standstill this week. There were no confirmed trades to quote

Domestic wool tags

- No. 1 \$.60-.70 No. 2 \$.50-.60
- \$.40-.50 No. 3
  - NATIONAL SHEEP SUMMARY

(USDA Market News) San Angelo, Texas

#### April 15

Compared to last week: Slaughter lambs were firm to \$5 higher, instances \$10 higher. Slaughter ewes were steady to \$10 higher. No good compar ison on feeder lambs. At San Angelo, Texas, 4,310 head sold. No sales in Equity Electronic Auction.

In direct trading no comparison on slaughter ewes and feeder lambs were not tested. 3,600 head of negotiated sales of slaughter lambs were steady. 10,200 head of formula sales had no trend due to confidentiality. 4,090 lamb carcasses sold with 65 lbs. and down no trend due to confidentiality; 65-75 lbs. \$4.30 lower and 75 lbs. and up no trend due to confidentiality. SLAUGHTER LAMBS Choice and Prime 2-3:

85 lbs. and up Price not reported due to confidentiality Sheep and lamb slaughter under federal inspection for the week to date totaled 39,000 com-

San Angelo: shorn and wooled 125-160 lbs

San Angelo: 40-60 lbs. \$240-254; 60-70 lbs

\$220-240, few \$240-249; 70-80 lbs. \$210-222.

few \$228; 80-90 lbs. \$196-210; 90-110 lbs. \$193-

DIRECT TRADING (Lambs with 3-4 percent

3,600 Slaughter Lambs shorn and wooled 105-

San Angelo: Good 2-3 (fleshy) \$66-76: Utility

and Good 1-3 (medium flesh) \$80-94; Utility 1-2

(thin) \$70-80; Cull and Utility 1-2 (very thin) \$60-

San Angelo: 50-60 lbs. \$214-226; 60-70 lbs. \$204-208; 70-80 lbs. \$190-194; 98 lbs. \$170;

REPLACEMENT EWES Medium and Large

San Angelo: baby tooth hair ewes 85-95 lbs

\$150-160 cwt; mixed age hair ewes 100-155 lbs.

NATIONAL WEEKLY LAMB CARCASS Choice

Wtd. avg

\$545.23

Price not reported due

to confidentiality

\$327.26

\$282.67

\$274.87

FEEDER LAMBS Medium and Large 1-2:

172 lbs. \$119.33-150 (wtd avg \$132.70). Idaho: 300 Slaughter Ewes Utility and Good

SLAUGHTER LAMBS Choice and Prime 1:

pared with 37,000 last week and 37,000 last veal

# 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 DA GGS

ILY CALIFORNIA SHELL E
(USDA Market News)
Des Moines, Iowa
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April 15 Benchmark prices are steady. Asking prices for next week are 17 cents higher for Jumbo, 18 cents higher for Extra Large and Large and unchanged on Medium and Small. Trade sentiment is steady for the larger sizes and steady to mostly higher for Medium. Retail demand is moderate to fairly good with food service movement usually moderate. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate to active Small benchmark price 79 cents

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Size	Range	Size	Range
Jumbo	130	Extra large	121
Large	115	Medium	99
SOUTHERN	I CALIFORNIA		
Prices to re	tailers, sales to	volume buyers, USDA	Grade AA and Grade AA, white eggs in cartons,
delivered store	e door.		

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elivered stor	e door.			
Size	Range	Size	Range	
Jumbo	82-93	Extra large	47-59	
Large	47-56	Medium	37-46	

# **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. April 15 Last week Current 705 727

Compared to April 8: Slaughter cows and bulls mostly steady. Cattle under 600 lbs. \$3-10 higher

Yearlings in low supply and market uneven Off lots and singles \$30-60 below top. Slaughter cows: Breakers \$73-80; \$81-91

high dress; Boning \$66-72; Cutters \$55-65. Bulls 1 and 2: \$75-90; \$91-97 high dress

Feeder steers: 300-400 lbs. \$205-214; 400-450 lbs. \$190-223; 450-500 lbs. \$190-217; 500-550 lbs. \$185-199; 550-600 lbs. \$176-196.50; 600-650 lbs. \$162-172; 650-700 lbs. \$162; 700-750 lbs. \$140-151; 750-800 lbs. \$137-140; 800-900 lbs. \$128-134.

Feeder heifers: 300-400 lbs. \$184-207; 450-500 lbs. \$158-183; 500-550 lbs. \$168; 550-600 lbs. \$145-168; 600-650 lbs. \$159; 650-700 lbs. \$137-146; 700-750 lbs. \$142; 750-800 lbs. \$132-140; 800-900 lbs. \$114-129. Pairs: No test.

Calvy cows: No test.

## Washington

EVERSON (Everson Livestock Auction) April 9

Total receipts: 601.

By DAN ELLIOTT

Associated Press

Steers (wt.): Under 300 lbs. \$188; 300-400 lbs. \$113-189; 400-500 lbs. \$68-177; 500-600 lbs. \$71-168; 600-700 lbs. \$50-156; 700-800 lbs. \$82-161: 800-900 lbs. \$65-155: 900-1000 lbs. \$76-152; 1000-1100 lbs. \$62-134; 1100-1300 lbs. \$60-128; 1300-1500 lbs. \$110-122; 1500-2000 lbs. \$60.50:

DENVER (AP) — A pow-

erful weekend storm dropped

welcome snow into the Col-

orado mountains ahead of

the critical spring runoff that

determines how much water

flows into rivers, reservoirs

and farm fields, state and fed-

point, this storm turned out

to be pretty significant," said

Karl Wetlaufer, a hydrolo-

gist for the Natural Resources

"From a snow-water stand-

eral officials said Monday.

Bulls (hd.): 300-400 lbs. \$400-490; 400-500 lbs. \$480 600-700 lbs \$950

Bulls (wt.): 300-400 lbs. \$150-174; 400-500 lbs. \$96-156; 500-600 lbs. \$122-143; 600-700 lbs. \$40-145; 700-800 lbs. \$115; 800-900 lbs. \$50-74; 900-1000 lbs. \$104; 1500-2000 lbs. \$86. Slaughter cows (wt.): \$30 - \$60.50. Heifers (wt.): 300-400 \$109-180; 400-500 \$78-162; 500-600 \$76-155; 600-700 \$84-150; 700-800 \$63-130; 800-900 \$100-140; 900-1000 \$76-124; 1000-1100 \$109; 1100-1300 \$105. Heifers (hd.): Under 300 lbs. \$210-400; 300-400 lbs. \$220-385; 400-500 lbs. \$340; 500-600 lbs. \$70; 700-800 lbs. \$720; 1300-1500 lbs \$1225

#### Pairs (hd.): \$975-1700. TOPPENISH (Toppenish Livestock Auction) (USDA Market News) Moses Lake, Wash

April 15 This week Last week Last year 1,800 1.900 1.850 Compared to April 8 at the same market: Not enough stocker or feeder cattle this week for accurate trend comparisons. Trade active with good demand for small lots and singles with good buyer attendance

Slaughter cows and bulls Steady. Trade active with good demand. Slaughter cows 73 percent, Slaughter bulls 5 percent, and feeders 22 per cent of the supply. The feeder supply included  $44\,$ percent steers and 56 percent heifers. Near 57 percent of the run weighed over 600 lbs.

Feeder Steers: Medium and Large 1-2: 400-500 lbs. \$195; 400-500 lbs. \$206, Thin Fleshed; 500-600 lbs. \$160-166; 500-600 lbs. \$180, Thin Fleshed: 600-700 lbs. \$170-171: 600-700 lbs. \$151, Full; 700-800 lbs. \$150. Medium and Large 2-3: 800-900 lbs. \$106. Large 1: 900-1000 lbs. \$127. Small and Medium 1-2: 300-400 lbs. \$185; 500-600 lbs. \$127.50.

Feeder Bulls: Medium and Large 1-2: 300-400 lbs. \$195; 500-600 lbs. \$161; 700-800 lbs. \$115.

Large 1: 1000-1100 lbs. \$107.50.

Feeder Heifers: Medium and Large 1-2: 100-200 lbs. \$350-400, Per Head; 400-500 lbs. \$165-176; 500-600 lbs. \$165; 600-700 lbs. \$141-145; 600-700 lbs. \$134. Full: 700-800 lbs. \$140-141: 700-800 lbs. \$121, Full. Large 2-3: 1100-1200 lbs. \$100-101.50; 1400-1500 lbs. \$95.50-99. Small and Medium 1-2: 400-500 lbs. \$162. Small and Medium 2-3: 600-700 lbs. \$127. Slaughter Cows: Boning 80-85 percent lean

1300-2000 lbs. \$76-80; Lean 85-90 percent lean 1200-1800 lbs. \$74-79; Lean Light 90 percent lean 900-1250 lbs. \$64-68. Slaughter Bulls: Yield Grade 1-2 1400-2400

lbs. \$92-98.

### Idaho

### CALDWELL (Treasure Valley Livestock)

April 8 Steers (wt.): 300-400 lbs. \$120.75; 400-500 lbs. \$90.75; 500-600 lbs. \$107.25; 600-700 lbs. \$93.50; 700-800 lbs. \$93.75; 800 & Up \$97. Steers (hd.) 100-200 lbs. \$225; 300-400 lbs.

\$285; 400-500 lbs. \$300. Heifers (wt.): 300-400 lbs. \$105: 400-500 lbs \$93; 500-600 lbs. \$96; 600-700 lbs. \$82.50; 700-800 lbs. \$106.75; 800-900 lbs. \$86.50; 900-1000 lbs. \$86.75; 1000-1100 lbs. \$86; 1100-1200 lbs. \$85.50; 1200 and up \$93.

Heifers (hd.): 100-200 lbs. \$200; 300-400 lbs. \$345.

Bull Calf (wt.): 400-500 lbs. \$79.50; 500-600 lbs. \$89

Bull Calf (hd.): 100-200 lbs. \$230; Cows (wt.): 900-1000 lbs. \$53; 1100-1200 lbs. \$72; 1200-1300 lbs. \$65.75; 1300-1400 lbs. \$74.75; 1400-1500 lbs. \$73.50; 1500-1600 lbs. \$62.25; 1600-1700 lbs. \$72.50; 1700-1800 lbs. \$75.75; 1800-1900 lbs. \$76.25; 1900-2000 lbs \$81.

#### Heiferettes (wt.): 1600 lbs and up \$96.

Holstein Bulls (wt.): 1000-1100 lbs. \$80; 1200-1300 lbs. \$82.

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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. April 15

This week Last week Last year 339,800 295.900 307,600 Compared to April 8: Steers and heifers traded mostly steady to \$4 lower, with a few instances of

top-quality feeders being quoted firm to \$3 higher. Demand for feeder cattle has not waned mid-April and ranchers are optimistic this time of year with grass greening up and readying to turn into on lush pastures this spring.

Grazed on wheat cattle are coming off their winter home carrying plenty of flesh as wheat has started to head out in the South Plains. The gain has been exceptional this year for those as Old Man Winter really didn't rear his head in wheat-grazing country with many strings weighing over 950 lbs.

Hopefully, the wildfires will subside in Western Oklahoma and Kansas this week as a month's worth of rain is forecast to fall in a just a few days. A low pressure system is predicted to hover in the four corners of New Mexico, Arizona, Utah and Colorado and just park for 4-5 days and bring moisture from Texas to South Dakota; forecasts in the 3-5 inches are not uncommon for this weekend through early next week.

Several strings of light 9-weight cattle were quoted this week from the Southern Plains to the Northern Plains with some high sellers in Ogallala, Neb. bringing \$149.75 at the fall of the gavel. In addition, good grazing light 7-weight cattle are in demand as well as the top prices for those happen to ring the bell just around \$175 this week in the Midwest and Northern Plains.

Feeder cattle futures have held their own this week live cattle futures have lost a couple dollars even though cash cattle sales reported so far this week have been unevenly steady with the previous week.

Northern Plains feedyards are looking to take advantage of the visual of the April Live Cattle contract as producers are selling some cattle this week for May delivery dates and they are running the playbook from last spring hoping for the go route to pay some dividends.

Currently the June Live Cattle contract is trading near \$10 under the April. Corn futures are around \$.10 to \$.15 higher than last week even though planters are running at a swift pace across the Corn Belt and farmers are taking advantage of the warmer and dry conditions this week ahead of forecasted rains. Boxed beef values have ratcheted up more than \$10 over the last five trading sessions and rebounded to the level of three weeks ago as Choice closed April 8 at \$225.13. Auction volume this week included 57 percent weighing over 600 lbs. and 41 percent heifers.

AUCTIONS This week Last week Last year 220.100 240.900 221.700 WASHINGTON 3,100. 39 pct over 600 lbs. 59 pct heifers. Steers: Medium and Large 1-2 450-500 lbs. \$183.74; 550-600 lbs. \$170.71; 600-650 lbs. \$160.23; 750-800 lbs. \$149.82. Heifers: Medium and Large 1-2 400-450 lbs.  $171;\,450\text{-}500$ lbs. \$170.99; 500-550 lbs. \$158.72; 550-600 lbs. \$160.78; 600-650 lbs. \$148.47; 650-700 lbs. \$147.18; 700-750 lbs. \$145.07.

DIRECT		
This week	Last week	Last year
54,900	41,100	44,800
SOUTHWEST	(Arizona-California-Nevada)	
2,400. No cattle over 600 lbs. No heifers. Holsteins:		
Large 3 300 lbs. \$150; July-August Del.		

NORTHWEST (Washington-Oregon-Idaho) 9,900. 93 pct over 600 lbs. 56 pct heifers. Steers: Medium and Large 1-2 Current Delivered Price 850 lbs. \$148 Idaho. Future Delivery FOB Price: 550-600 lbs. \$150.50 for September-October Oregon; 600 lbs. \$181 value added calves for September-October Idaho: 600-650 lbs \$151 calves for November-December Idaho; 800-850 lbs. \$140 for December Idaho. Future Delivery Delivered Price: 750-800 lbs. \$150 for August-September Idaho: 850-900 lbs. \$150 for May-September Idaho. Heifers: Medium and Large 1-2 Current Delivered Price: 850 lbs. \$139 Idaho. Future Delivery FOB Price 550-600 lbs. \$177 value added for September-October Idaho. Future Delivery Delivered Price: 700-750 lbs \$144 for August-September Idaho: 800-850 lbs

\$140-144 for May-September Idaho. NATIONAL SLAUGHTER CATTLE (USDA Market News) Oklahoma City, Okla. April 15

Trades in Texas and Kansas are very light and not enough to test trends. Dressed sales in Nebraska are steady. Cattle futures fell most of the week however beef prices posted gains each day. Boxed Beef prices Friday afternoon averaged \$220.43 up \$10.41 from April 8. The Choice/Select spread is \$9.40. Slaughter cattle on a national basis for negotiated cash trades through April 15 totaled about 61,000 head. The previous week's total head count was 88.769 head.

Midwest Direct Markets: Live Basis: Steers and Heifers: few \$131-135. Dressed Basis: Steers and Heifers \$214-215.

Slaughter Cows and Bulls (Average Yielding Prices): Slaughter cows steady to \$4 lower. Slaughter bulls \$4-6 lower. Cutter Cow Carcass Cut-Out Value April 15 was \$174.70 up \$1.42 from April 8.

#### NORTHWEST DIRECT CATTLE (USDA Market News) Moses Lake, Wash. April 15

This week Last week Last year 9,850 3,000 1,600 Compared to April 8: feeder cattle steady. Trade active this week for fall delivery of calves and year

lings. Demand good. The beef import forecast is raised and the export is reduced from last month based on recent trade data. The strength of the U.S. dollar continues to make the United States an attractive market for imports and constrains exports. The cattle price forecast is reduced from last month on relatively weak demand and larger expected fed cattle supplies. The feeder supply included 44 percent steers and 56 percent heifers Nearly 93 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 Delivered Price: 850 lbs. \$148 Idaho. Future Delivery FOB Price: 550-600 lbs. \$150.50 for September-October Oregon; 600 lbs. \$181 value added calves for September-October Idaho; 600-650 lbs. \$151 calves for November-December Idaho: 800-850 lbs. \$140 for December Idaho. Future Delivery Delivered Price: 750-800 lbs. \$150 for August-September Idaho; 850-900 lbs. \$150 for May-September Idaho.

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Conservation Service, part of the U.S. Department of Agriculture

April snow levels are closely watched indicators of how much water will drain into the four major river systems that begin in Colorado: the east-flowing Platte, Arkansas and Rio Grande and the west-flowing Colorado.

Federal data released Monday showed that snow in the mountains that feed the Arkansas, the North Platte and the South Platte ranged from 94 to 109 percent of average. Southern Colorado's Rio Grande Basin was only 78 percent.

West of the Continental Divide, the Upper Colorado River Basin was at 103 percent of average while the Yampa and White river basins were at 98 percent.

The Gunnison and Animas-San Juan river basins in southwestern Colorado were still below average, at 75 to 85 percent.

All of state's west-flowing rivers eventually empty into the Colorado River.

Statewide, the snowpack

Wetlaufer told state and federal officials who gather monthly to monitor the outlook for water supplies.

The weekend storm brought cant amounts to other areas.

The agricultural eastern plains near the Kansas border received the equivalent of up to 4 inches of rain, State Climatologist Nolan Doesken said. He called it "nice and replenishing."

Weekend storm improves vital Colorado snowpack was at 95 percent of normal,

up to 4 feet of snow to the central Colorado mountains while bringing lesser but still signifi-

lbs. \$166-180; 500-600 lbs. \$151-161 Yearling steers: 600-700 lbs. \$156-177; 700 800 lbs. \$139-153; 800-900 lbs. \$135-141 Yearling heifers: 600-700 lbs. \$133-148; 700-800 lbs. \$126-133. Light Holstein steers, 600 lbs. and under: \$94-

Stock cows (young): NA.

Butcher cows: \$69-81.

Thin shelly cows: \$53-67. Butcher bulls: \$64-84.

Stock cows (B.M.): \$900-1375.