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 relation-

bers: Grade	RFV	ADF	TDN	СР
Supreme	185+		55.9+	22+
Premium	170-185		54.5-55.9	20-22
Good	150-170		52.5-54.5	18-20
Fair	130-150		50.5-52.5	16-18
Utility	<130	36+	<50.5	<16
	CA	LIFORNIA HAY		
	(US	DA Market News)		
		ses Lake, Wash.		
		May 27		
This week H	=OB	Last week	La	ast year
16,585		16,050		7,430
Compared	to May 20: Al	l classes traded ste	adv. Dema	and moder
ate to light (Coming into th	ne summer months	Lako Mo	ad current
		hile Lake Powell is		
percent full, a	according to th	ne May 23 U.S. Bur	eau of Re	clamation's
Lower Colora	ido Water Sup	ply Report.		
			Tons	Price
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Oat	Good	600 600	\$75 \$95	ŀ
Wheat	Good 500	225 \$85	\$95 \$75	L
REGION 4: CENTRAL SA		+		S
Includes the counties of			e, and Invo.	Ā
Alfalfa	Supreme	200	\$245	K
	Fair/Good	75	\$95	
REGION 5: SOUTHERN C Includes the counties of		Anaeles	s. and West-	
ern San Bernardino.		0		
Alfalfa	Premium	450	\$200	
REGION 6: SOUTHEAST	CALIFORNIA			
Includes the counties of	Eastern San Bernar	dino, Riv	verside, and	
Imperial.				Ν
Alfalfa	Premium	600	\$170	le
		375	\$185	to
	Good/Prem.		\$155	а
		3900	\$150-155	W
	a 1	100	\$160-170	
	Good	300	\$140	A
	E : 10 I	600	\$142	
D	Fair/Good	1100	\$140	
Bermuda Grass Klein Grass	Premium Premium	1000	\$150 \$120	
Teff	Premium	1000 25	\$120 \$190	
Forage Mix-Four Way	Good	25 100	\$190 \$150	
OREGON AREA HAY	Good	100	\$10U	
••••••	DA Market News)			
	Portland, Ore.			
	May 26			
This week FOB	Last week	L	.ast year	S
321	238		999	е
Compared to May 20: P				C
to week ago prices in a ve				
sold out for the year. New	crop hay is growing a	and will b	e harvested	р
in the upcoming weeks.		_		0
		Tons	Price	re
CROOK, DESCHUTES, JE Orchard Grass Small Sg		30	\$240-250	A
Grass Mix Five-Way Mid		30 5	\$240-250 200	μ
Small Square	Square Good Premium	5 24	200 \$240-265	
EASTERN OREGON	Fremum	24	φ240-200	
Alfalfa/Orchard Mix				

Grain	Market	Reports

Fair/Good

\$110

\$125

Small Square

625

55

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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

May 19 PACIFIC NORTHWEST MARKET SUMMARY

Cash wheat bids for May delivery ended the reporting week on Thursday May 26, mixed compared to last week's noon bids for May delivery.

July wheat futures ended the reporting week on Thursday, May 26, higher as follows compared to last week's closes: Chicago wheat futures were 12.50 cents higher at \$4.8125, Kansas City wheat futures were 14.25 cents higher at \$4.6225 and Minneapolis wheat futures trended 6 cents higher at \$5.3450.

Chicago July corn futures trended 18.25 cents higher at \$4.0825 and July soybean futures closed 8.25 cents higher at \$10.7975.

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

One year ago bids for U.S. 1 Soft White Wheat any protein for May delivery by unit trains and barges to Portland were not available and bids for White Club Wheat were also not available.

Forward month bids for soft white wheat ordinary protein were as follows: June \$5.20-5.3125, July \$5.20-5.3125 and August New Crop \$5.20-5.32. One year ago, forward month bids for soft white wheat for any protein were as follows: June and July were not available, August New Crop and September \$5.85-6.01

Bids for U.S. 1 Soft White Wheat guaranteed maximum 10.5 percent protein during May were not available as most exporters were not issuing bids for nearby delivery

There were no white club wheat premiums for guaranteed maximum 10.5 percent protein soft white wheat this week. One year ago bids for U.S. 1 Soft White Wheat any protein for May delivery by unit trains and barges to Portland were not available and bids for White Club Wheat were also not available. Forward month bids for soft white wheat guaranteed 10.5 percent proteins were as follows: June \$5.32-5.4125, July \$5.32-5.4125, August New Crop \$5.30-5.5175 and September \$5.32-5.4675 One year ago, forward month bids for soft white wheat for any protein were as follows: June \$6.0350-6.1350, July \$6.0150-6.1350, August New Crop \$6.01-6.30, and September \$6.01-6.30.

. Bids for 11.5 percent protein U.S. 1 Hard Red Winter Wheat for

were not issuing bids for nearby delivery. Bids were as follows: May \$5.3725-5.5225, June \$5.3725-5.5225, July \$5.3725-5.5225, August New Crop \$5.3350-5.5350 and September \$5.5350. Bids for non-guaranteed 14.0 percent protein U.S. 1 Dark Northern Spring Wheat for Portland delivery during May were 6 to 16 cents per bushel higher than the previous week's noon bids for the same delivery period. Some exporters were not issuing bids for nearby delivery. Bids for non-guaranteed 14 percent protein were as follows: May \$6.2450-6.3950, June \$6.2450-6.3950, July \$6.2450-

Good/Prem. 20

\$165

6.3950, August New Crop and September \$6.2225-6.4225 COARSE FEEDING GRAINS Bids for U.S. 2 Yellow Corn delivered full coast Pacific Northwest BN shuttle trains for May delivery were 22.25 to 24.25 cents higher from \$4.8825-4.9225 per bushel. Forward month corn bids were as follows: June \$4.8825-4.9625, July \$4.9525-4.9825, August/ September \$4.8850-550, October/November \$4.9375-4.9975 and December \$4.9675-4.9975. Bids for U.S. 1 Yellow Soybeans delivered full coast Pacific Northwest - BN shuttle trains for May delivery were 6.25 to 8.25 cents higher from \$11.2975-11.3275 per bushel. Forward month soybean bids were as follows: June \$11.3475, July \$11.3975-11.4875, August \$11.3725-11.5025, September \$11.4050-11.4550 and October/November \$11.4950-11.5250. Bids for U.S. 2 Heavy White Oats for May delivery trended steady at \$3.92 per bushel.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST EXPORT NEWS There were eight grain vessels in Columbia River ports on Thursday, May 26, with three docked compared to seven last week with two 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	
May 19	

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

GRAIN D	ELIVERED	
lode	Destination	Price per cwt
BARLEY	– U.S. No. 2 (46-lbs. per bushel)	
OB	Solano County	NA
Rail	Los Angeles	NA
	Stockton-Modesto-Oakdale-Turlock	Bid \$8.50
	Kings-Tulare-Fresno Counties	\$8.75-8.90
	Kern County	NA
	Colusa County	NA
ruck	Petaluma-Santa Rosa	NA
	Madera County	NA

	HARNEY COUNTY				
	Orchard Grass Large Square LAKE COUNTY	Good	32	\$180	
	Alfalfa Large Square	Good	120	\$135	
	Small Square	Premium	75	\$200	
nyo.	Alfalfa/Oat Mix Large Square	Fair/Good	15	\$100	
	KLAMATH BASIN: No new sales	confirmed.			
	IDAH	O HAY			
	(USDA Ma	arket News)			
/est-	Moses L	ake, Wash.			
	Ma	iy 26			
	This week FOB Lass	week	L	ast year	
	,	000		3,600	
and	Compared to May 20: All grad				
	New crop sales reported this we				
	lems as rain showers dominate t				
	to moderate demand. Idaho hay				
	a year ago on May 1, 2015. Ref	ail/feed store/l	norse not	t tested this	
155	week.		-		
170		0	Tons	Price	
	Alfalfa Mid Square	Supreme	600 2000	\$155 \$125	
		Prem./Sup. Good/Prem.		\$125 \$125	
	WASHINGTON			\$1Z0	
		bia Basin)	-		
		arket News)			
		ake, Wash.			
		iy 27			
		week	L	ast year	
	21,660 19	,100		4,900	
	Compared to May 20: All grad	des of export a	and dom	estic Alfalfa	
r	steady to firm. Trade active this	week for new	crop no	n-rained-on	
	export Alfalfa. Demand good for	r export quality	y light fo	r dairy hay.	
ared	Dairy hay trade slow.				
are	Rain showers over the trade				
sted	plies. Washington hay stocks are				
	on May 1, 2015. Retail/Feedsto	re steady in a	a light te	st. Demand	
	remains good.				
			Tons	Price	
250	Alfalfa Mid Square	Supreme	2000	\$155-160	
		Good/Prem.	. ,	\$140-160	
265		Good	400	\$125	
		Fair/Good	1200	\$110	
	Timethy Crees Small Sayers	Cood/Dram	3000	\$120-125	

Timothy Grass Small Square

ending May 12:

\$150

trades

No. 1 No. 2

No. 3

60

Good/Prem.

	Solano County	NA
	S. No. 2 Yellow	
FOB	Turlock-Tulare	\$9.02
	Stockton-Modesto-Oakdale-Turlock	\$8.50
	Kings-Tulare-Fresno	\$7.75
Rail	Single Car Units via BNSF	** ** * *
T	Chino Valley-Los Angeles Petaluma-Santa Rosa	\$9.56-9.74
Truck	Stockton-Modesto-Oakdale-Turlock	NA ¢0.22
		\$9.33
	Los Angeles-Chino Valley	NA \$9.33
	Kings-Tulare-Fresno Counties Glenn County	\$9.33 NA
CODOLUM	I - U.S. No. 2 Yellow	NA
Rail	Los Angeles-Chino Valley	
Rall	via BNSF Single	\$9.45-9.49
Truck	Modesto-Oakdale-Turlock	\$9.45-9.49 \$9.25
	S. No. 1 White	\$9.25
Truck	Petaluma	\$11.25
THUCK	Stockton-Modesto-Oakdale-Turlock	\$11.25
Rail	Petaluma	φ11.23 ΝΑ
	J.S. No. 2 or better-Hard Red Winter	11/1
WHEAT C	(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
FOB	Tulare	NA
WHEAT - U	J.S. Durum Wheat	
Truck	Imperial County	\$11.08
	Kings-Tulare-Fresno Counties	NA
WHEAT - A	my Class for Feed	
FOB	Tulare	NA
	Kings-Tulare-Fresno Counties	\$9.10
	Merced County	\$7.35
Truck/Rail	Los Angeles-Chino Valley	NA
Truck	Petaluma-Santa Rosa	NA
	Stockton-Modesto-Oakdale-Turlock	NA
	King-Tulare-Fresno Counties	NA
	Fresno	NA
	Merced County	NA
	Kern County	NA

Potato Market Reports

\$14 CO \$15

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 MARKE	T REPORT
(North American Potato Marke	t News)
(USDA Market News)	

			Ma	ay 28				
Market	commentary: F	Packers in the	San Luis Val	ley and the Co	lumbia Basi	n are leading the	e charge for	
higher cou	unt carton price	es.						
SHIPPINO	GAREA							
FWA	Chg	GRI	Chg	70 ct	Chg	10 lb. Film	Chg	
IDAHO BL	JRBANKS							

4.03 \$0.23 \$6.25 \$0.14 \$25 \$1 \$7.50	\$0	
DLUMBIA BASIN		
5.41 \$0.50 \$7.16 \$0.31 \$25 \$1 \$8.50	\$0	

Sheep/Wool Market Reports

Compiled by USDA Market News Service • Greeley, Colo.-San Angelo Texas

Wool prices in cents per pound and foreign SLAUGHTER LAMBS Choice and Prime 2-3: currency per kilogram, sheep prices in dollars per San Angelo: shorn and wooled 100-135 lbs. hundredweight (cwt.) except some replacement \$130-138 SLAUGHTER LAMBS Choice and Prime 1: animals on per head basis as indicated NATIONAL WOOL REVIEW San Angelo: 40-60 lbs. \$210-230, few 230-(USDA Market News) 238; 60-70 lbs. \$180-200, few \$200-228; 70-80 lbs. \$165- 184; 80-90 lbs. \$160-176, few \$180-Greeley, Colo. May 27 182; 90- 110 lbs. \$160-170 Domestic wool trading on a clean basis was at DIRECT TRADING (Lambs with 3-4 percent a standstill this week. There were no confirmed shrink or equivalent): trades. Most wools traded so far this year have 3,300 Slaughter Lambs shorn and wooled 127been falling within the 80 to 85 percent of Aus-187 lbs. \$128- 150 (wtd avg \$139.90). California: 1.900 Feeder Lambs 105-115 lbs. tralia range. Prices have been remaining steady and have followed suit to the currency differenc-\$160. es. It has been reported that yields for the current Idaho: 600 Slaughter Ewes Utility and Good 1-3 \$45; Cull and Utility 1-2 \$25. season have been up, which would indicate the winter this past year was closer to ideal for wool SLAUGHTER EWES San Angelo: Good 2-3 (fleshy) \$55-66.50; Utilproducers Domestic wool trading on a greasy basis was ity and Good 1-3 (medium flesh) \$70-82; Utility 1-2 (thin) \$60-72; Cull and Utility 1-2 (very thin) at a standstill this week. There were no confirmed \$55-60; Cull 1 (extremely thin) \$22-50. FEEDER LAMBS Medium and Large 1-2: Domestic wool tags San Angelo: 50-60 lbs. \$200-210; 60-70 lbs \$.60-.70 \$.50-.60 \$180-184; 70-90 lbs. \$175-182; 90-95 lbs. \$169-\$.40-.50 179. NATIONAL SHEEP SUMMARY REPLACEMENT EWES Medium and Large (USDA Market News) 1-2: San Angelo: mixed age hair ewes 90-150 lbs San Angelo, Texas May 27 \$102-130 cwt. Compared to last week: Slaughter lambs were NATIONAL WEEKLY LAMB CARCASS Choice steady to \$10 higher. Slaughter ewes were steady and Prime 1-4: Wtd. avg. to \$7.50 higher. Feeder lambs were mostly steady Weight 45 lbs. Down to \$10 higher. \$487.14 At San Angelo, Texas, 5,044 head sold. No 45-55 lbs. Price not reported due to sales in Equity Electronic Auction. confidentiality In direct trading slaughter ewes and feeder 55-65 lbs Price not reported due to lambs were steady. 3,300 head of negotiated confidentiality sales of slaughter lambs were unevenly steady 65-75 lbs \$288.91 9,900 head of formula sales had no trend due to 75-85 lbs. \$276.98 confidentiality. 4,744 lamb carcasses sold with 45 85 lbs. and up Price not reported due to lbs. and down \$12.56 lower; 45-65 lbs. no trend confidentiality due to confidentiality; 65-75 lbs. \$3.44 higher; 75-Sheep and lamb slaughter under federal in-85 lbs. \$1.19 higher and 85 lbs. and up no trend spection for the week to date totaled 39,000 comdue to confidentiality pared with 40,000 last week and 33,000 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
May 26

Benchmark prices are steady. Asking prices for next week are unchanged for Jumbo, 10 cents lower for Extra Large, 9 cents lower for Large and 3 cents lower for Medium and Small. The undertone is usually lower. Retail demand is light to at best moderate with food service movement moderate. Offerings are heavy. Supplies are moderate to instances heavy. Market activity is slow. Small benchmark price 66 cents.

Size	Range	Size	Range
Jumbo	125	Extra large	112
Large	104	Medium	86

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Size

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Prices to retailers, sales to volume buyers, USDA Grade AA and Grade AA, white eggs in cartons. delivere

00 010				
)	Range	Size	Range	
ıbo	77-88	Extra large	38-49	

May delivery were 14.25 to 22.25 cents per bushel higher compared to the previous week's noon bids for May delivery. Some exporters

Glann Count Colusa County WHEAT, U.S. No 1, Hard Amber Durum for Flour Milling Imperial Valley \$11.08 Spot Del locally

Stock cows (young): NA.

Pairs, young: \$1375-1600.

Butcher cows: \$66-75.

Butcher bulls: \$77-88

Heiferettes: \$81-96

California

Current week

1,502

\$3 lower.

Thin shelly cows: \$47-61

Stock cows (B.M.): \$1050-1300

Prices paid to California farmers, seven-day reporting period

Light Holstein steers, 600 lbs. and under: NA

Light Holstein steers, 700 lbs. and over: NA.

SHASTA

(Shasta Livestock Auction)

Cottonwood, Calif.

May 27

Last week

2,703

Compared to May 20: Slaughter cows and bulls

Few cattle under 400 lbs., which were lower

Steers over 600 lbs. steady to \$5 lower. Heifers

Large

Medium

24-33

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. May 26						
This week	Last week	Last year				
220,100	234,700	162,400				

The feeder cattle markets nationwide had a common term listed in most every market report - lower. It just depended on where in the country as to how much lower it was.

Compared to last week, feeder steers and heifers were mostly \$3 to \$10 lower, with steer and heifer calves ranging \$5 to \$15 lower.

Direct feeder trade this week has been slow due to the large difference in bids and offers. After a couple weeks of higher trends, the feeder cattle market freight train came to a screeching halt as the recent Cattle on Feed Placement number put the brakes on. Recalling the Apri 2016 Placement number being at 107 percent of 2015; analysts were not expecting that high a figure. However, the placement number in 2016 was reported at 1.664 million head: 116.000 head more than a year ago and just 41,000 head more than 2014.

April 2015 placements were as herd expansion was in full swing and producers were selling fed cattle in the \$160s all month long and betting on the future. The CME Cattle complex took the placement number to heart and moved both Feeders and Live Cattle contracts to limit o near limit lower closes on May 22 and additional losses on May 23.

Contracts then recovered throughout the latte half of the week to close the week within \$1.50 to \$2 of May 19. Cattle coming off wheat this month have had tremendous weather to pack on the pounds through their grazing period; there has not been a shortage of cattle for sale weigh ing over 900 lbs.

This week, fed cattle trade in the South Plains have been sold at \$125 after last week's \$130-132 trade. Carcass weights have come down from the winter highs as the marketing of calf feds is in full swing and front end supplies ap pear to be manageable at this time.

The Memorial Day holiday weekend is the start of the summer grilling season and is one of the times to see if consumers are willing to purchase high quality beef items. May 26 Choice Boxed Beef price reported at \$222.72; \$3.24 lower than the May 19 close and \$42.87 lower than the all-time high of \$265.59 on May 19, 2015.

Across the Plains this week, storms from Texas to South Dakota have left an abundance of flash flood warnings, with the most severe weather spawning tornado activity.

Corn and soybean planting progress is right on with the previous 5 year average as of May 22; those rains this week could certainly hinde progress; however, with today's large equipment it allows farmers to catch up in a hurry. Auction volume this week included 55 percent weighing over 600 lbs and 41 percent heifers. AUCTIONS

This week Last week Last yea 158.400 188.700 104.000

WASHINGTON 1,500. 54 pct over 600 lbs. 33 oct heifers. Heifers: Medium and Large 1-2 550

600 lbs. \$139.60 DIRECT

This week Last week Last year 27,000 44,800 36,700 SOUTHWEST (Arizona-California-Nevada) 3,700. No cattle over 600 lbs. No heifers. Holsteins: Large 3 275 lbs. \$135 October Del; 325 lbs \$128-130 10 October Del

NORTHWEST (Washington-Oregon-Idaho) 3,700. 100 pct over 600 lbs. 26 pct heifers Steers: Medium and Large 1-2 Current FOB Price 850-900 lbs. \$134 Idaho. Current Delivered Price: 850-900 lbs. \$141-142 Washington-Idaho: 900-1000 lbs. \$126-140. Large 1 Future Delivery Delivered Price: 900-950 lbs. \$140 for July-August Idaho. Heifers: Large 1 Current FOB Price: 900 lbs. \$129 Washington Future Delivery Delivered Price: 750 lbs. \$139 Washington-Idaho; 850-900 lbs. \$129-137 Washington-Idaho.

NATIONAL SLAUGHTER CATTLE (USDA Market News) Oklahoma City, Okla. May 26

Slaughter cattle sold \$5-9 lower in Texas and Kansas. Dressed basis sales were \$8 lower in Nebraska. Live Cattle futures were sharply lower after the previous week's Cattle on Feed repor tightening up the spread between cash trade and the contract months. Packers took advantage and bought cattle lower. Boxed Beef prices at noon May 26 averaged \$212.02 from May 19 The Choice/Select spread is \$20.58.

Slaughter cattle on a national basis for nego tiated cash trades through noon May 26 totaled about 56,883 head. The previous week's total head count was 87,102 head.

Midwest Direct Markets: Live Basis: Steers and Heifers: \$122-125.50. Dressed Basis: Steers and Heifers \$197-198.

South Plains Direct Markets: Live Basis Steers and Heifers \$122-125.

Slaughter Cows and Bulls (Average Yielding Prices): Slaughter cows and bulls steady to \$1 higher. Cutter Cow Carcass Cut-Out Value May 26 was \$173.73 up \$1.45 from May 19.

NORTHWEST DIRECT CATTLE (USDA Market News) Moses Lake, Wash Mav 26

Last week This week Last year 5,200 3,700 2,100 Compared to May 19: Feeder cattle steady to

\$2 lower. Trade slow. Demand moderate to good at the lower price levels. The feeder supply in cluded 74 percent steers and 26 percent heifers 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 FOB Price: 850-900 lbs. \$134 Idaho. Current Delivered Price: 850-900 lbs. \$141-142 Washington-Idaho; 900-1000 lbs. \$126-140. Large Future Delivery Delivered Price: 900-950 lbs \$140 for July-August Idaho.

Heifers: Large 1: Current FOB Price: 900 lbs \$129 Washington, Future Delivery Delivered Price: 750 lbs. \$139 Washington-Idaho; 850-900 lbs. \$129-137 Washington-Idaho

Livestock Auctions

le 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 May 26 This week Last week Last year 1,130 1,300 1,250 Compared to May 19 at the same market: Not

enough stocker or feeder cattle this week for accurate price trends. Trade active with moderate demand. Slaughter cows and bulls steady to \$2 higher. Trade active with good demand. Slaugh ter cows 68 percent, slaughter bulls 5 percent, and feeders 27 percent of the supply. The feeder supply included 66 percent steers and 34 percent heifers. Near 48 percent of the run weighed over 600 lbs. Replacement Cows: Pre-tested for pregnancy, and age

Feeder Steers: Medium and Large 1-2: 600 700 lbs. \$147-152; 700-800 lbs. \$142; 700-800 lbs. \$133, Full; 800-900 lbs. \$120. Medium and Large 2-3: 600-700 lbs. \$120, Full; 800-900 lbs \$115. Small and Medium 1-2: 600-700 lbs. \$133. Small and Medium 2-3: 600-700 lbs. \$144-145. Small and Medium 4: 500-600 lbs. \$99.50.

Feeder Holstein Steers: Large 2-3: 300-400 lbs. \$110-124; 400-500 lbs. \$102-108; 500-600 lbs. \$107.50; 500-600 lbs. \$117, Value Added

Feeder Bulls: Large 2-3: 100-200 lbs. \$185, Per Head.

Feeder Heifers: Medium and Large 1-2: 400 500 lbs. \$142; 500-600 lbs. \$139; 600-700 lbs. \$139. Medium and Large 2-3: 600-700 lbs. \$119;

700-800 lbs. \$100. Large 2-3: 100-200 lbs. \$125-137, Per Head; 800-900 lbs. \$97, Heiferettes; 900-1000 lbs. \$105, Heiferettes; 1000-1100 lbs. \$94.50, Heiferettes.

Slaughter Cows: Premium White 65-70 percent lean few 1100-1700 lbs. \$83-88; Boning 80-85 percent lean 1000-1900 lbs. \$74-78; Boning 80 85 percent lean 1300-1600 lbs. \$79-83; Lean 85-90 percent lean 1100-1700 lbs. \$72-77; Lean Light 90 percent lean 1000-1200 lbs. \$60-64 Slaughter Bulls: Yield Grade 1-2 1500-2600 lbs. \$98.50.

Bred Cows (Per Head): Medium and Large 1-2: Few Young (3-4 yrs. old) 950 lbs. \$1325 6-9 mos.

Idaho

CALDWELL (Treasure Valley Livestock) April 29

Steers (wt.): 300-400 lbs. \$120; 400-500 lbs \$115; 500-600 lbs. \$79; 600-700 lbs. \$90; 700-800 lbs. \$105; 800 lbs. and up \$54 Steers (hd.): 100-200 lbs. \$20; 300-400 lbs \$225.

Heifers (wt):600-700 lbs \$60: 700-800 lbs \$70; 800-900 lbs. \$98; 900-1000 lbs. \$62; 1000-1100 lbs. \$68; 1100-1200 lbs. \$60; 1200 lbs and up \$78.

Heifers (hd.): 100-200 lbs. \$80; 300-400 lbs. \$200.

Bull Calf (hd.): 100-200 lbs. \$50 Bull Calf (wt.): 800-900 lbs. \$105 Cows (wt.): 900-1000 lbs. \$56; 1000-1100 lbs \$51; 1100-1200 lbs. \$50; 1200-1300 lbs. \$69.50; 1300-1400 lbs. \$66; 1400-1500 lbs. \$62; 1500-1600 lbs. \$71.50; 1600-1700 lbs. \$65; 1700-1800 lbs. \$70; 1800-1900 lbs. \$68. Heiferettes (wt.): 1000-1100 lbs. \$90; 1200-

1300 lbs. \$94.50; 1300-1400 lbs. \$85; 1400-1500 lbs. \$90 Oregon

NA

MADRAS (Central Oregon Livestock Auction) May 23 Total head count: 239 Baby calves: NA. Steers: 400-500 lbs. \$150-160: 500-600 lbs \$145-155; 600-700 lbs. \$135-145; 700-800 lbs. \$130-140; 800-900 lbs. \$125-130. Bulls: High yield \$95-102; mostly \$93; thinner \$87-95. Pairs: NA Bred cows: NA. Heifers: 400-500 lbs. \$140-150: 500-600 lbs. \$130-140; 600-700 lbs. \$125-130; 700-800 lbs.

\$120-125. Heiferettes: 850-1000 lbs. \$105-120. Cows: Heiferettes \$90; Fleshy cows \$77; highyield \$75; medium-yield \$73; low-yield \$65 Oregon VALE (Producers Livestock Market) May 25

Total receipts: 507 head.

Comments: Grass calf market steady with fair demand.

Steer calves: 400-500 lbs. \$147-169; 500-600 lbs. \$143-160.

Heifer calves: 400-500 lbs. \$137-147; 500-600 lbs. \$119-138. Yearling steers: 600-700 lbs. \$136-150; 700-

800 lbs. \$123-135; 800-900 lbs. \$112-124; 900-1000 lbs. \$107-119 Yearling heifers: 600-700 lbs. \$111-129; 700-

800 lbs. \$107-121

as often and help prevent erosion on steep banks, he said.

> The transportation agencies will share seed mixes and roadside management practices that promote the best habitats for pollinating insects while making sure the roadside areas are still safe for drivers, Zelle said.

The federal government's involvement stems from an executive memo issued by President Barack Obama in June 2014 directing agencies to create a federal strategy to promote pollinator health. A task force last year set a goal of restoring or enhancing 7 million acres of land over the next five years through federal actions and public/private partnerships.

Interstate highway becomes butterfly flyway

By DAVID PITT Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) - Soon, passengers zipping along Interstate 35 will see a lusher refuge and more food for bees and butterflies in the hopes of helping the insects boost their declining populations, six states and the Federal Highway Administration announced Thursday.

That 1,500-mile stretch of road from northern Minnesota to southern Texas is a flyway for monarch butterflies that migrate between Mexico and Canada, and is surrounded by acres of public land that can serve as friendly territory for the bees and butterflies that pollinate the plants

that produce much of the nation's food, such as fruits and vegetables.

But the monarch butterfly has lost population in recent years, which researchers say is due in part to shrinking stands of milkweed, on which butterflies feed and lay eggs

And last year, beekeepers reported losing about 40 percent of honeybee colonies in part due to pesticide use, habitat loss and parasites.

The agreement signed Thursday by officials from Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas and the federal government is meant to improve the habitat and develop a branding campaign to informally name the

interstate the Monarch Highway.

The agreement forms what it calls "a cooperative and coordinated effort to establish best practices and promote public awareness of the monarch butterfly and other pollinator conservation.'

'We've actually found in Minnesota that restoring prairie along the interstate is not only good for the environment but it helps reduce our maintenance costs," said Charles Zelle, commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Transportation.

Natural prairie grasses and flowers that provide foraging habitat and places to breed, nest and overwinter also don't have to be mowed

over 600 lbs. were mixed. Off lots and singles \$30-75 below top. Slaughter cows: High yielding \$65-70; \$71-75 high dress; Boning \$59-64; Cutters \$40-60. Bulls 1 and 2: \$65-90.

Feeder steers: 450-500 lbs. \$150-160; 500-550 lbs. \$152-160; 600-650 lbs. \$140-156; 650-700 lbs. \$137-150.50; 700-750 lbs. \$133-150; 750 800 lbs. \$132-138; 800-900 lbs. \$120-139; 900-1,000 lbs. \$116-125.

Feeder lbs. heifers: 450-500 lbs. \$144-151 lbs. 500-550 lbs. \$130-147; 550-600 lbs. \$130-142 600-650 lbs. \$130-135.50; 650-700 lbs. \$120-130; 700-750 lbs. \$125-131.50; 750-800 lbs \$124-133; 800-900 lbs. \$115-132.50. Pairs: Few \$1300-\$2025

Calvy cows: Few \$1200-1450