Farm Market Report

Hay Market Reports

Compiled by USDA Market News Service • St. Jo

Last year

Hay prices are dollars per ton or dollars per bale when sold to retail outlets. Basis is current delivery FOB barn or stack, or delivered customer as indicated.

Grade guidelines used in this report have the following relationship to Relative Feed Value (RFV), Acid Detergent Fiber (ADF) TDN (Total Digestible Nutrients), or Crude Protein (CP) test num-

RFV	ADF	TDN	CP				
185+	<27	55.9+	22+				
170-185	27-29	54.5-55.9	20-22				
150-170	29-32	52.5-54.5	18-20				
130-150	32-35	50.5-52.5	16-18				
<130	36+	<50.5	<16				
Utility <130 36+ <50.5 <16 WASHINGTON-OREGON HAY (Columbia Basin)							
	185+ 170-185 150-170 130-150 <130 WASHIN	185+ <27 170-185 27-29 150-170 29-32 130-150 32-35 <130 36+ WASHINGTON-OREG	185+ <27 55.9+ 170-185 27-29 54.5-55.9 150-170 29-32 52.5-54.5 130-150 32-35 50.5-52.5 <130 36+ <50.5 WASHINGTON-OREGON HAY				

(USDA Market News) Moses Lake, Wash, Last week

5,545 9,700 4,382 Compared to June 3: Premium and good grade ranges for Alfalfa were steady to moderately firm in regards to exports with the lower good and fair grades, along with most domestic trade, experiencing firmness in demand as well

This week FOB

The Timothy Grass was steady on premium quality for export and the Orchard grass that sold was steady compared to the last time

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Alfalfa Large Square		Good	1200	\$135
Alfalfa Mid Square		Premium	700	\$170-180
			600	\$160
		Good	410	\$135
			275	\$130
			410	\$110
Orchard Grass Mid S	quare	Prem./Good	100	\$250
Timothy Grass Mid S	quare	Premium	1350	\$180-190
		Fair/Good	500	\$150
	OREGON	AREA HAY		
	(USDA M	arket News)		
	Portla	and, Ore.		
	Ju	ne 10		
This week FOB	Las	t week	L	ast year.

Compared to June 3: Prices trended generally steady compared to week-ago prices in a very limited test. Many hay producers are sold out for the year. New crop hay is growing and will be harvested

		Tons	Price
CROOK, DESCHUTES, JEFFER	RSON, WASC	O COUN	ITIES
Alfalfa Small Square	Premium	22	\$240-25
Orchard Grass Small Square	Premium	32	\$260-27
	Good	150	\$210
		40	\$200-210

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Orchard/Timothy Small Square	Premium	20	\$240			
Grass Mix Five-Way Small						
Square	Premium	10	\$250			
KLAMATH BASIN						
Alfalfa Small Square	Good	3	\$150			
	Utility/Fair	30	\$85			
Orchard Grass Small Square	Premium	200	\$240			
LAKE COUNTY						
Alfalfa Small Square	Premium	30	\$200			
	Fair/Good	30	\$150			
EASTERN OREGON: No new sa	EASTERN OREGON: No new sales confirmed.					
HARNEY COUNTY: No new sales	s confirmed.					

IDAHO HAY (USDA Market News) June 10

This week FOB

This week FOB

1,100	800	155
Compared to June	3: There was a bett	er depiction of the market
this week as the ran	ge extremes of alfal	fa grades were displayed
but there was still a	relatively light test.	Trade was slow as most
producers are harves	sting their new crop.	New crop sales continue
to contain moisture c	oncerns. Demand re	mains to be relatively light
to moderate.		

Last week

Last year

Last year

		Tons	Price
Alfalfa Large Square	Premium	1000	\$135
Alfalfa Mid Square	Fair	100	\$110
CALI	FORNIA HAY		
(USDA	Market News)		
Mose	s Lake, Wash.		
	June 10		

Compared to June 3: All classes traded steady. Demand moderate to light. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, long-term drought remains in California, Nevada, Arizona and New Mexico as we move into the heat of summer The National Weather Service 7-Day forecast also calls for dry-

Last week

ness across much of California and northwestern Montana and accumulations of generally less than a half an inch across the lower elevations of the West.

REGION 1: NORTHERN INTERI Includes the counties of Sisking Plumas.		Shasta, L	assen, and
Alfalfa	Supreme	2000	\$165-175
		150	\$275
		50	\$185
	Prem./Sup.	150	\$165
	Premium	175	\$275
		75	\$200
	Good	50	\$110
Orchard Grass	Premium	425	\$290-320

REGION 2: SACRAMENTO VALLEY Includes the counties of Tehama, Glenn, Butte, Colusa, Sutter

Yuba, Sierra, Nevada, Placer, Yo	lo, El Dorado,	Solano, S	Sacramento.
Alfalfa	Supreme	320	\$180
	Premium	300	\$160-180
	Good	25	\$100
		100	\$200
Alfalfa/Orchard Mix	Premium	200	\$200
Orchard Grass	Premium	50	\$160
Oat	Good	25	\$120
Rice Straw	Good	100	\$75
Wheat Straw	Good	50	\$137
REGION 3: NORTHERN SAN JO	DAQUIN VALI	_EY	
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Includes the counties of San Joaquin, Calaveras, Stanislaus, Tu-

lumne, Mono, Merced and Marip	osa.		
Alfalfa	Supreme	1550	\$225-235
	Prem./Sup.	54	\$220
	Premium	250	\$190
		50	\$170
		500	\$207
		50	\$268
		150	\$205
	Good/Prem.	850	\$150
		1150	\$165-168
	Good	135	\$83
	Fair	54	\$120
Dat	Good	150	\$125
Vheat	Good	1300	\$75
		1300	\$90
orage Mix-Two Way	Good	250	\$35
REGION 4: CENTRAL SAN JOAG	QUIN VALLEY		
Includes the counties of Madera	a, Fresno, King	gs, Tulare	e, and Inyo.
Alfalfa	Premium	325	\$160-170

50 \$50 **REGION 5: SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

100

325

\$150

\$185-195

ern San Bernardino \$200 Premium 25 \$210 Rermuda Grass Premium 50 25 \$180 Forage Mix-Three Way \$190 Good

REGION 6: SOLITHEAST CALLEDRNIA

INLUION O. SOUTHLAST CALL	UNINA		
Includes the counties of East	tern San Bernar	dino, Riv	verside, and
Imperial.			
Alfalfa	Premium	150	\$150-170
	Good/Prem.	200	\$160
	Good	800	\$140
		2300	\$140-150
Bermuda Grass	Premium	100	\$190
Klein Grass	Premium	700	\$120-130

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 CALIFORNIA GRAINS

> (USDA Market News) Portland June 9

	dollars per cwt., bulk inc.= including;	
Ltd.= limite	d; Ind.= indicated; NYE=Not fully estimated	ted.
GRAIN DE	LIVERED	
Mode	Destination	Price per cv
BARLEY -	U.S. No. 2 (46-lbs. per bushel)	
Rail	Kings-Tulare-Fresno Counties	\$8.90
	Glenn County	\$9.39
CORN - U.	S. No. 2 Yellow	
FOB	Turlock-Tulare	\$9.26
	Stockton-Modesto-Oakdale-Turlock	\$8.40
Rail	Single Car Units via BNSF	
	Chino Valley-Los Angeles	\$9.88
Truck	Stockton-Modesto-Oakdale-Turlock	\$9.40-9.56
	Kings-Tulare-Fresno Counties	\$9.56
SORGHUN	1 - U.S. No. 2 Yellow	
Rail	Los Angeles-Chino Valley	
	via BNSF Single	\$9.74
OATS - U.S	S. No. 1 White	
Truck	Petaluma	\$11
	Stockton-Modesto-Oakdale-Turlock	\$11
WHEAT - L	J.S. No. 2 or better-Hard Red Winter	
	(Domestic Values for Flour Milling)	
	Los Angeles 12 percent Protein	NA
Truck/Rail	Los Angeles 14 percent Protein	NA
FOB	Tulare	NA
	Merced	\$8.50
WHEAT - U	J.S. Durum Wheat	
Truck	Imperial County	\$10
	Kings-Tulare-Fresno Counties	NA
WHEAT - A	ny Class for Feed	
FOB	Tulare	NA
	Kings-Tulare-Fresno Counties	\$9.45-9.50

Prices paid to California farmers, seven-day reporting period endina June 9: WHEAT, U.S. No. 1, Hard Amber Durum for Flour Milling

Imperial Valley \$10 BARLEY, U.S. No. 2, 48 lbs per bushel Glenn County \$9.39 October-November Del locally PORTLAND GRAIN

(USDA Market News) Portland June 10

PACIFIC NORTHWEST MARKET SUMMARY

Cash wheat bids for June delivery ended the reporting week on Thursday, June 9, higher compared to June 2 noon bids for June

July wheat futures ended the reporting week on Thursday, June 9, higher as follows compared to June 2 closes: Chicago wheat futures were 24.75 cents higher at \$5.1025. Kansas City wheat futures were 19.75 cents higher at \$4.8425 and Minneapolis wheat futures trended 21.75 cents higher at \$5.54.

Chicago July corn futures trended 11.25 cents higher at \$4.2650 and July soybean futures closed 31.75 cents higher at \$11.76. Bids for U.S. 1 Soft White Wheat delivered to Portland in unit trains or barges during June for ordinary protein trended 29.75 to 30 cents per bushel higher than week ago prices for the same delivery period, from \$5.58-5.6525. 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 June delivery by unit trains and barges to Portland were not avail-

able and bids for White Club Wheat were also not available. Forward month bids for soft white wheat ordinary protein were as follows: July \$5.45-5.6525 and August New Crop \$5.45-5.60.

One year ago, forward month bids for soft white wheat for any protein were as follows: July was not available, August New Crop and September \$5.86-6.3375 and October \$5.86-6.32. Bids for U.S. 1 Soft White Wheat guaranteed maximum 10.5 percent protein during June trended 19.75 to 21 cents per bushel higher than week ago period from \$5.55-5

Some exporters were not issuing bids for nearby delivery. White club wheat premiums for guaranteed maximum 10.5 percent protein soft white wheat were zero to 20 cents per bushel over soft white wheat bids this week and last week

One year ago bids for U.S. 1 Soft White Wheat any protein for June delivery by unit trains and barges to Portland were \$6.2225 6.4725 and bids for White Club Wheat were also \$6.2225-6.4725 Forward month bids for soft white wheat guaranteed 10.5 percent proteins were as follows: July \$5.55-5.7025, August New Crop \$5.55-5.7650, September \$5.60-5.7650, and October \$5.63-5.7450 One year ago, forward month bids for soft white wheat for any pro-

6.6375, and September \$6.3875-6.51. Bids for 11.5 percent protein U.S. 1 Hard Red Winter Wheat for

tein were as follows: July \$6.3925-6.51, August New Crop \$6.3875-

June delivery were 14.75 to 19.75 cents per bushel higher compared to last week's noon bids for June delivery. Some exporters were not issuing bids for nearby delivery. This week, bids were as follows: June and July \$5.5425-5.7425. August New Crop \$5.56-5.76, September \$5.71-5.76, and October \$5.8575. Bids for non-guaranteed 14.0 percent protein U.S. 1 Dark North

ern Spring Wheat for Portland delivery during June were 26.75 to 31.75 cents per bushel higher than June 2 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: June \$6.44-6.64, July \$6.44-6.59, August New Crop \$6.4250-6.6250, September \$6.4750-6.6250, and October \$6.6725-6.7725.

COARSE FEEDING GRAINS

Bids for U.S. 2 Yellow Corn delivered full coast Pacific Northwest BN shuttle trains for June delivery were 10.25 to 15.25 cents higher from \$5.1050-5.1350 per bushel. Forward month corn bids were as follows: July \$5.1150-5.1350, August \$5.1650-5.1850, September \$5.1250-5.1950. October/November \$5.1750-5.1850 and December \$5.1950-5.2150. Bids for U.S. 1 Yellow Soybeans delivered full coast Pacific Northwest - BN shuttle trains for June delivery were 31.75 cents higher at 12.31 per bushel.

Forward month soybean bids were as follows: July \$12.36-12.48, August \$12.50-12.52, September \$12.5475-12.5575, October/November \$12,5575-11,5775 and December \$12,5025-12,5325. Bids for U.S. 2 Heavy White Oats for June delivery trended steady at \$3.92 per bushel.

PACIFIC NORTH

There were twelve grain vessels in Columbia River ports on Thursday, June 9, with five docked compared to ten June 3 with two docked. There were no new confirmed export sales this week from the Commodity Credit Corporation of the USDA.

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: Idaho markets held steady in the first full week of June. Russet potato priced advanced in the Columbia Basin and Washington.

SHIPPING AREA

FWA	Chg	GRI	Chg	70 ct	Chg	10 lb. Film	Chg
IDAHO BU	IRBANKS						
\$13.97	\$0	\$6.21	\$0	\$25	\$0	\$7.50	\$0
COLUMBIA	A BASIN						
\$15.51	\$0.09	\$7.22	\$0.06	\$25	\$0	\$8.50	\$0

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 replacement animals on per head basis as indicated

NATIONAL WOOL REVIEW (USDA Market News) Greeley, Colo

Domestic wool trading on a clean basis has been active, though there were no confirmed trades reported this week. The trend for wool this year has been prices reflecting the $80\ to\ 85$ percent of Australia range. This week was no different, as prices have been remaining steady, and have adjusted only to follow the currency differences. Wool this year has seen increased yields compared to last and trade has been steady and ongoing for the past several weeks. Domestic wool trading on a greasy basis was active this week, though there were no confirmed trades reported.

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

Compared to June 3: Slaughter lambs were uneven. Under 80 lbs. were mostly steady to \$5 higher and over 80 lbs. were weak to \$5 lower. Slaughter ewes were steady to \$5 lower. Feeder lambs were uneven, mostly steady

At San Angelo, Texas, 8,350 head sold. No sales in Equity Electronic Auction.

In direct trading slaughter ewes were not tested and no comparison on feeder lambs. 3,400 head of negotiated sales of slaughter lambs were steady. 6,900 head of formula sales had no trend due to confidentiality. 4,360 lamb carcasses sold with 45 lbs and down \$8.14 lower; 45-65 lbs no trend due to confidentiality; 65-85 lbs \$1.53-4.69 higher and 85 lbs and up no trend due to con-

SLAUGHTER LAMBS Choice and Prime 2-3: San Angelo: Shorn and wooled 110-145 lbs.

SLAUGHTER LAMBS Choice and Prime 1: San Angelo: 40-60 lbs. \$222-240, few 240-244; 60-70 lbs. \$190-220, few 220-230; 70-80 lbs. \$168-186, few \$190; 80-90 lbs. \$160-170, few

\$183; 90-110 lbs. \$158-170. DIRECT TRADING (Lambs with 3-4 percent shrink or equivalent): 3,400 Slaughter Lambs shorn and wooled 122-167 lbs. \$127.10-162.50

(wtd avg \$143.29) California: 1,000 Feeder Lambs 130-140 lbs. \$162. 3,500 Feeder Lambs 130-140 lbs. \$162 for

July delivery **SLAUGHTER EWES:** San Angelo: Good 2-3 (fleshy) \$48-59; Utility and Good 1-3 (medium flesh) \$63-76; Utility 1-2

(thin) \$59-65; Cull and Utility 1-2 (very thin) \$40-45; Cull 1 (extremely thin) \$25-42. FEEDER LAMBS Medium and Large 1-2: San Angelo: 50-60 lbs. \$200-212; 60-70 lbs

\$181-190; 70-90 lbs. \$174-185.75; 90-100 lbs. \$170-180 REPLACEMENT EWES Medium and Large

San Angelo: hair ewe lambs 70-105 lbs. \$175-

206 cwt; mixed age hair ewes 90-150 lbs. \$98-130 cwt NATIONAL WEEKLY LAMB CARCASS Choice

Weight Wtd. avg.

45 lbs. Down \$481.34 Price not reported due to confidentiality 55-65 lbs. Price not reported due to 65-75 lbs \$293.57 75-85 lbs. \$283.67

85 lbs. and up Sheep and lamb slaughter under federal inspection for the week to date totaled 39,000 com-

NORTHWEST (Washington-Oregon-Idaho)

2,900. 100 pct over 600 lbs. 47 pct heifers. Steers: Medium and Large 1-2 Current FOB

Price 800-900 lbs. \$130-132 Oregon. 900

1000 lbs. \$130 California. Current Delivered

Price: 800-900 lbs. \$137 Oregon; 900-1000

lbs. \$131.28 Idaho. Delivered Price: 900-1000

lbs. \$137 Idaho for August. Heifers: Medium

and Large 1-2: Current FOB Price: 800-900

lbs. \$124-125 Oregon, \$128 California. Current

Delivered Price: 800-900 lbs. \$124-132 Idaho, \$131 Oregon, \$138 Montana.

NATIONAL SLAUGHTER CATTLE

(USDA Market News)

Oklahoma City, Okla.

June 10

mostly steady. Nebraska dressed trade mostly steady. Cattle futures and beef prices have beer

Boxed Beef prices averaged \$215.99 up

\$5.50 from June 3. The Choice/Select spread is

\$23.37. Slaughter cattle on a national basis for

negotiated cash trades through Friday afternoon totaled about 24,270 head. The previous week's

Midwest Direct Markets: Live Basis: Steers

South Plains Direct Markets: Live Basis

Slaughter Cows and Bulls (Average Yielding

Prices): Slaughter cows and bulls mostly steady

to \$3 lower. Cutter Cow Carcass Cut-Out Value June 10 was \$173.41 down \$.32 from June 3.

NORTHWEST DIRECT CATTLE

(USDA Market News)

Moses Lake, Wash

June 10

Last vear

2,007

Last week

1,350

and Heifers: \$128. Dressed Basis: Steers and

total head count was 124,344 head.

Steers and Heifers \$128-129.

relatively flat this week.

Heifers \$206-210.

This week

2,945

Slaughter cattle has been slow to develop for the week of June 10. Limited trade late June 10

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 June 10

for Extra Large and Large and 1 cent higher for Medium and Small. The undertone is higher for Jumbo and Extra Large, steady to higher for Large and steady for Medium. Retail demand is moderate to fairly good, best into aggressively priced features.

Large, moderate for Large and moderate to mostly heavy for Medium. Warehouse buyers are somewhat hand to mouth while they assess market conditions. Market activity is slow. Small benchmark price 63

Size Range Size Range

Jumbo 77-88 Extra large 28-39 26-35

Livestock Auctions

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

California SHASTA (Shasta Livestock Auction)

Kern County

Truck/Rail Los Angeles-Chino Valley

Petaluma-Santa Rosa

Cottonwood, Calif. June 10 Current week Last week 835

Compared to June 3: Slaughter cows steady to slightly higher. Few cattle under 550 lbs. Market on stockers and feeders \$2-8 higher than last week. Off lots and singles \$30-70 below top offerings

Slaughter cows: High yielding \$70-74; \$75-80 high dress; Boning \$63-69; Cutters \$45-60. Bulls 1 and 2: \$65-89; \$90-101.

Feeder steers: 500-550 lbs. \$145-154; 550-600 lbs. \$145-160; 600-650 lbs. \$145-168; 650-700 lbs. \$135-150; 700-750 lbs. \$128-138; 750-800 lbs. \$127-138: 800-900 lbs. \$125-136: 900-1.000 lbs. \$114-127.

Feeder heifers: 450-500 lbs. \$130-151: 500-550 lbs. \$135-145; 550-600 lbs. \$130-144.50; 600-650 lbs. \$125-139; 650-700 lbs. \$120-128; 700-750 lbs. \$120-130: 750-800 lbs. \$125-134: 800-900 lbs. \$115-122.50. Pairs: Too few to test.

Calvy cows: Too few to test

Idaho

\$9.25

NA

CALDWELL (Treasure Valley Livestock) June 10

Steers (wt.): 400-500 lbs. \$86; 500-600 lbs. \$90: 600-700 lbs. \$103.75: 700-800 lbs. \$90: 800 lbs. and up \$82.50.

Steers (hd.): 100-200 lbs. \$250; 300-400 lbs. \$305; 400-500 lbs. \$460.

Heifers (wt.): 700-800 lbs. \$102.25; 800-900 lbs. \$95; 900-1000 lbs. \$84.25; 1000-1100 lbs. \$91.25; 1100-1200 lbs. \$76; 1200 lbs and up

Heifers (hd.): 200-300 lbs. \$245; 300-400 lbs. \$300; 400-500 lbs. \$275 Bull Calf (wt.): 200-300 lbs. \$275.

Cows (wt.): 900-1000 lbs. \$70 lbs. \$70: 1000-1100 lbs. \$68.50; 1100-1200 lbs. \$73.25; 1200-1300 lbs. \$61.75; 1300-1400 lbs. \$75; 1500-1600

Oregon

VALE (Producers Livestock Market) June 8

Total receipts: 369 head. Comments: Steady market with last week with smaller numbers offered.

Steer calves: 300-400 lbs. \$171-184; 400-500 lbs. \$163-178; 500-600 lbs. \$154-171

Heifer calves: 300-400 lbs. \$135-164: 400-500 lbs. \$149-159; 500-600 lbs. \$134-141.

Yearling steers: 600-700 lbs. \$144-153; 700-800 lbs. \$131-141.

Yearling heifers: 600-700 lbs. \$127-135; 700-800 lbs. \$119-128.

Light Holstein steers, 600 lbs. and under: NA Light Holstein steers, 700 lbs. and over: NA. Stock cows (young): NA.

Butcher cows: \$66-74 Thin shelly cows: \$53-63 Heiferettes: \$81-94. MADRAS

June 6 Total head count: 339. Baby calves: NA.

Steers: 200-300 lbs. \$160-170; 300-400 lbs \$160-170; 400-500 lbs. \$155-170; 500-600 lbs. \$145-160; 600-700 lbs. \$140-155; 700-800 lbs. \$135-145: 800-900 lbs. \$125-135.

(Central Oregon Livestock Auction)

Bulls: High yield. \$92-96; Mostly \$90-93; Thin-

Pairs: NA Bred cows: NA

Heifers: 200-300 lbs. \$150-160; 300-400 lbs \$140-150; 400-500 lbs. \$140-150; 500-600 lbs \$135-145; 600-700 lbs. \$125-135; 700-800 lbs.

Cows: Heiferettes \$90; Fleshy cows \$75; highyield \$78; medium-yield \$72; low-yield \$68.

Truck hauls dead bees on tour of country to highlight declines

By REGINA GARCIA CANO Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) – A truck hauling more than 2.5 million dead bees began a cross-country tour with a stop in South Dakota Monday in an effort to raise awareness on the collapse of bee colonies and other pollinators in the U.S. and the role that chemicals such as pesticides have played in the decline.

The tour comes about a month after a federal report on honeybees showed a jump in the winter colony loss rate. Backed by Friends of the Earth and other advocacy groups, the truck will stop in Minnesota, Michigan, Pennsylvania and North Carolina throughout June with the final destination being Washington for a rally outside the headquarters of the

U.S. Environmental Protection A beekeeper in Barrett,

Minnesota, James Cook, said he agreed to drive the truck that's hauling the display after he witnessed a massive bee die-off during the spring of

"I'm only 30, and I'm looking at trying to do this as my livelihood for the rest of my life," Cook said. "I want to be part of the next generation of beekeepers, but if I don't start talking about it and fostering discussions about it, I feel like nothing is really going to change." Beekeepers, farmers and others will participate at planned events at each stop such as Monday's in a farm in Estelline.

The more than 2.5 million bees, considered to be equivalent to 75 hives, is a very

beekeepers may lose in a year. Commercial beekeepers own thousands of hives. A host of issues have been

small representation of what

blamed over the years for the decline in bee populations. The causes have included disease, parasites and pathogens; limited food supply; habitat loss; and use of pesticides, including neonicotinoid, which attacks the nervous system.

In May, the results of a survey by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and others showed that the winter colony loss rate was 28 percent, up from 22 percent the year before, and higher that the 17 percent that the industry considers acceptable. The suspected culprit was worsening varroa mites. And for the year spanning

from April 2015 to April 2016,

the surveyed showed beekeep-

eybee colonies, up from the 40.6 percent of the previous period. "It definitely is not just one

thing," Amanda Bachmann, urban entomology field specialist some of these different stresses. the colony, and so, is that mak-

and weather issues?" Friends of the Earth has been a fierce critic of pesticides. Tour organizer Tiffany Finck-Haynes said the group believes pesticides are "a leading con-

tributor" to the decline.

ers lost 44 percent of their hon-

with the South Dakota State University Extension, said of the bee die-off causes. "So one the things is that intersection of The varroa mite is weakening ing it more susceptible to poor nutrition or other diseases that are coming in? (Is it) making it less able to deal with some of our new and exciting climate

> attle sales to report. DIRECT This week Last week SOUTHWEST (Arizona-California-Nevada) 1,200. No cattle over 600 lbs. No heifers. Hol-

Benchmark prices are steady. Asking prices for next week are 1 cent higher for Jumbo, 3 cents higher

Food service movement is light to moderate. Supplies and offerings are light for Jumbo and Extra

125 Extra large 102 83 Large SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA Prices to retailers, sales to volume buyers, USDA Grade AA and Grade AA, white eggs in cartons

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.

This week Last week Last year 269,000 127,100 276,200 Compared to June 3: Feeder steers and heif ers sold mostly steady to \$4 higher with instanc es \$7 to \$10 higher. Demand for feeder cattle was moderate to good across the country as feedyards were eager to fill empty pens and early week auctions got back on their normal sched

ules after the Memorial Day holiday last week. The bigger runs of cattle coming off wheat pastures are long gone, however they are still coming out of the woodwork with many auctions close to or above year ago receipt levels.

City this week; rains over the weekend ham pered movement in their southern Oklahoma and northern Texas trading area. Expectations of large receipts didn't come to reality this week, but it is anticipated for June

There are some anomalies such as Oklahoma

13 provided producers will ship cattle when heat indexes get into the danger range. Records for high temperatures will be threatened this weekend as they climb into the upper 90s and low 100s in the Plains, Midwest and South The CME cattle complex has resembled a roller-coaster this week. For the week, the Feeder

ever big deviations within a days trading has left many market observers wondering what will happen next. On June 8, the August Feeder Contract was \$2.30 lower at one point in the morning; only to

Cattle contracts are steady to \$.50 lower; how-

close the day \$1.92 higher. On June 8 in Aberdeen, S.D., at Hub City Livestock, a load of 828-pound steers with all the bells and whistles sold at \$163. The soybean market has been on fire this

week with available contract months being 55-80 cents higher than last week, while corn is 11-15 cents higher in the same time period. After early planting delays, the corn and soybean plantings are above the 5-year average and those numbers should be close to completed after this week's dry weather across the Plains. Auction volume this week included 57 percent weighing over 600 lbs. and 42 percent heifers. **AUCTIONS**

This week 182.400 101,000 168.500 WASHINGTON There were not enough feeder Last year

steins: Large 3 300 lbs. \$128 September Del

Compared to June 3: Feeder cattle weak in a light test. Trade slow. Demand light to moderate The feeder supply included 53 percent steers

on yearlings Delivered prices include freight, commissions and other expenses. Current sales are up to 14

Price: 800-900 lbs. \$130-132 Oregon; 900-1000 lbs. \$130 California. Current Delivered

Nearly 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

days delivery. Steers: Medium and Large 1-2: Current FOB

Price: 800-900 lbs. \$137 Oregon; 900-1000 lbs. \$131.28 Idaho. August Delivered Price: 900-1000 lbs. \$137 Idaho. Heifers: Medium and Large 1-2: Current FOB Price: 800-900 lbs. \$124-125 Oregon, \$128 California. Current Delivered Price: 800-900 lbs. \$124-132 Idaho \$131