

Farm Market Report

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California Egg Reports

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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
Oct. 14

Benchmark prices are steady. Asking prices for next week are 6 cents higher for Jumbo, 10 cents higher for Extra Large, 13 cents higher for Large and 3 cents higher for Medium and Small. The undertone is higher.

Demand is mostly moderate. Offerings are moderate although held with increased confidence. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. Small benchmark price 66 cents.

Size	Range	Size	Range
Jumbo	118	Extra large	108
Large	103	Medium	86

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
Prices to retailers, sales to volume buyers, USDA Grade AA and Grade AA, white eggs in cartons, delivered store door.

Size	Range	Size	Range
Jumbo	90-100	Extra large	93-98
Large	85-94	Medium	66-78

Cattle Market Reports

Compiled by USDA Market News Service • Oklahoma City-Des Moines-St. Joseph, Mo.-Moses Lake, Wash.

NATIONAL FEEDER AND STOCKER CATTLE

(Federal-State Market News)
St. Joseph, Mo.
Oct. 21

This week	Last week	Last year
325,200	317,500	324,400

Compared to Oct. 14: Feeder steers and heifers sold mostly \$3 to \$4 lower. However, there were some auctions reported slightly higher this week.

Steer and heifer calves sold mostly \$3 to \$6 lower, with unweaned calves selling up to \$10 lower.

It's been a month since this report has mentioned a higher trend, as the auctions that were called higher this week were sharply lower last week.

Many more spring born calves are making their way to the market place in mid to late October and buyers continue to be very selective in their purchases. Preconditioning, weaning for over 30 days and two rounds of shots are paramount for producers to getting top dollar for their calves at this time of year.

Diversified operations sometimes don't have the time to get out of the combine cab and get all the work done when weather is optimum for harvesting.

However, that can pay off in the long run if that work had been done a while ago.

Grass has been plentiful in the Plains this summer with very few spots that didn't receive ample rainfall, leaving cows and calves in the best body condition scores for this time of year in a long time.

Cattle futures had good gains in the market on Oct. 17 and 18, only to get whiplash a little on Oct. 19.

Oct. 20 climbed rather mightily throughout the trading session and Oct. 21 has been an overall good day as feeder futures closed the week where it was on Oct. 10 while live cattle futures closed around \$2 higher since then.

Yearlings are still in high demand this week on Tuesday with a package of 735 lb. steers in Kingsville, Mo., sold at \$137 and on Wednesday a load of 793 lb. steers sold in Kearney, Neb., at Huss-Platte Valley Livestock at \$130.

Also on Oct. 19 in Bassett, Neb., a load of 895 lb. steers found new owners when the gavel fell at \$126.75 and on Oct. 20 in Pratt, Kan., a load of 900 lb. steers sold at \$126.10.

Optimism abounds for their new owners and they begin the process of marketing them for a profit.

Packers have made their stockholders happy with the large profits in the third quarter and still have a very positive outlook as the fourth quarter starts off with a bang. Large protein slaughter continues as the cattle slaughter still hovers above 600,000 even with some plants doing their scheduled cleanup procedures these past few weeks.

Hog slaughter is breaking records as the largest slaughter on record was estimated this week at 2,514,000; which would be 15,000 head more than the previous record set back in December 2015.

Hurricane Matthew idled some southeastern hog plants certain days last week and those packers need to try and make headway into their unscheduled backup of around 150,000 originally scheduled for harvest last week.

The Cattle on Feed Report was released Oct. 21 afternoon with Oct. 1 reported at 100 percent, Placements at 98 percent and Marketings at 105 percent with placements being well below estimates and others coming in slightly under the industry analyst estimates.

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)
Oct. 22

Market commentary: Russet table potato prices have come under renewed pressure as packers across the country battle for market share.

FWA	Chg	GRI	Chg	70 ct	Chg	10 lb. Film	Chg
IDAHO BURBANKS	\$12.03	-\$0.32	\$4.97	-\$0.19	\$14.50	\$0	\$9.50
IDAHO NORKOTAHs	\$10.61	-\$0.23	\$4.02	-\$0.18	\$12	\$0	\$9.50
COLUMBIA BASIN	\$10.68	\$0	\$4.14	\$0	\$12	\$0	\$9

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 relationship to Relative Feed Value (RFV), Acid Detergent Fiber (ADF), TDN (Total Digestible Nutrients), or Crude Protein (CP) test numbers:

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.
Oct. 21

This week FOB	Last week	Last year
4,100	5,160	5,400

Compared to Oct. 14: All grades of export and domestic Alfalfa steady in a light test. Trade slow with light to moderate demand. Rain showers across the trade area this week is slowing movement. Retail/Feedstore not tested this week. Demand remains good.

Alfalfa Mid Square	Good/Prem.	Tons	Price
		1150	\$125-140
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	Utility/Fair	1500	\$80
	Fair/Good	200	\$145
	Good	100	\$40

TIMOTHY GRASS MID SQUARE

This week FOB	Last week	Last year
8,465	3,465	4,472

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		700	\$120-140
	Good	200	\$125
	Utility/Fair	300	\$110
		1000	\$80

CALIFORNIA HAY

(USDA Market News)
Moses Lake, Wash.
Oct. 21

This week FOB	Last week	Last year
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CROOK, DESCHUTES, JEFFERSON, WASCO COUNTIES

Orchard Grass Large Square	Good	Tons	Price
		10	\$150
	Good/Prem.	25	\$220
	Good/Prem.	50	\$210

OREGON AREA HAY

(USDA Market News)
Portland, Ore.
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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
Oct. 20

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

GRAIN DELIVERED

Mode	Destination	Price per cwt.
FOB	Kern County	NA
Rail	Los Angeles	NA
Truck	Stockton-Modesto-Oakdale-Turlock	NA
	Petaluma-Santa Rosa	NA
	Kings-Tulare-Fresno Counties	\$7.75
	Glenn County	\$7.80

CORN-U.S. No. 2 Yellow

FOB	Turlock-Tulare	Price
		\$7.87
	Modesto-Oakdale-Turlock	NA
	Kings-Tulare-Fresno	\$7.30

RAIL

Truck	Single Car Units via BNSF	Price
	Chino Valley-Los Angeles	\$8.52-8.55
	Petaluma-Santa Rosa	NA
	Stockton-Modesto-Oakdale-Turlock	\$8.18
	Los Angeles-Chino Valley	NA
	Kings-Tulare-Fresno Counties	\$8.18
	Glenn County	NA

SORGHUM-U.S. No. 2 Yellow

Rail	Los Angeles-Chino Valley via BNSF Single	Price
		\$8.36-8.37
Truck	Turlock County	\$8.50
Truck	Glenn County	\$8.50

OATS-U.S. No. 2 White

Truck	Petaluma	Price
		NA
	Stockton-Modesto-Oakdale-Turlock	NA
	Petaluma	NA

WHEAT-U.S. Durum Wheat

Truck	Imperial County	Price
		\$11-11.25
	Kings-Tulare-Fresno Counties	\$10-10.20

WHEAT-Any Class for Feed

FOB	Kings-Tulare-Fresno Counties	Price
		\$8.85
Truck/Rail	Los Angeles-Chino Valley	NA

Small Square

Premium	Price
30	\$260
Good	25
	\$160

Alfalfa Large Square

Good/Prem.	Price
950	\$300-305
Good	400
	\$175
Premium	400
	\$192

Small Square

Good	Price
250	\$240
Good	200
	\$200
Good	150
	\$100
Good	250
	\$80

Winter Wheat Small Square

Fair/Good	Price
50	\$80

Alfalfa Large Square

Supreme	Price
3250	\$165-180
	1600
	\$170
Premium	600
	\$155
Supreme	50
	\$185
Fair/Good	25
	\$100
Good	50
	\$125
Fair/Good	100
	\$85

Alfalfa/Oat Mix Small Square

Good	Price
50	\$125
Fair/Good	100
	\$85

Oat Large Square

EASTERN OREGON: No new sales confirmed.
HARNEY COUNTY: No new sales confirmed.

IDAHO HAY

(USDA Market News)
Moses Lake, Wash.
Oct. 21

This week FOB	Last week	Last year
2,200	5,700	1,345

Compared to Oct. 14: Supreme Alfalfa steady in a light test. Other grades of Alfalfa steady. Trade slow to moderate with good demand for higher testing supplies. Rain showers continue to hamper marketing progress. Retail/feed store/horse not tested this week.

Alfalfa Mid Square

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PACIFIC NORTHWEST MARKET SUMMARY

Cash wheat bids for October delivery ended the reporting week on Thursday, Oct. 20, were mixed compared to Oct. 14 noon bids for October delivery.

December wheat futures ended the reporting week on Thursday, Oct. 20, mixed as follows compared to Oct. 14 closes: Chicago wheat futures were one cent higher at \$4.17, Kansas City wheat futures were nine cents higher at \$4.23 and Minneapolis wheat futures trended 0.75 of a cent lower at \$5.3125.

Chicago December corn futures trended 1.50 cents higher at \$3.51 and November soybean futures closed 19.25 cents higher at \$9.7550.

Bids for U.S. 1 Soft White Wheat delivered to Portland in unit trains or barges during October for ordinary protein trended mixed, from 9 cents lower to 2 cents per bushel higher compared to week ago prices for the same delivery period at \$4.52-4.77. Some exporters were not issuing bids for nearby delivery.

White club wheat premiums were zero to 30 cents per bushel over soft white wheat bids this week compared to zero to 21 cents per bushel over soft white wheat bids last week.

One year ago bids for U.S. 1 Soft White Wheat any protein for October delivery by unit trains and barges to Portland were \$5.2125-5.55 and bids for White Club Wheat were also \$5.2125-5.55. Forward month bids for soft white wheat ordinary protein were as follows: November \$4.57-4.80, December \$4.67-4.85, January \$4.95-4.9750 and February \$4.9750-4.99. One year ago, forward month bids for soft white wheat for any protein were as follows: November \$5.3125-5.55, December \$5.4125-5.55, January and February \$5.4825-5.55.

Bids for U.S. 1 Soft White Wheat guaranteed maximum 10.5 percent protein during October trended nine cents per bushel lower than week ago prices for the same delivery period at \$4.77-4.82. Some exporters were not issuing bids for nearby delivery.

White club wheat premiums for guaranteed maximum 10.5 per-

centage protein soft white wheat this week were zero to 25 cents per bushel over soft white wheat bids this week compared to zero to 15 cents per bushel over soft white wheat bids last week.

One year ago bids for U.S. 1 Soft White Wheat guaranteed maximum 10.5 percent protein for October delivery by unit trains and barges to Portland were \$6.4125-6.66 and bids for White Club Wheat were \$8.0125-8.4125. Forward month bids for soft white wheat guaranteed 10.5 percent proteins were as follows: November \$4.57-4.82, December \$4.67-4.82, January and February \$4.9750-5.0250.