Farm Market Report

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Hay Market Reports

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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-

bers:						
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)						

1700 3500 4855 Compared to Dec. 9: All grades of export Alfalfa steady in a light test. Domestic Alfalfa weak in a light test. Trade slow with light to moderate demand. A polar vortex came into the trade area this week causing temperatures to plunge. That, combined with the upcoming holidays has many interests waiting until after the first of the year to resume business. Retail/Feedstore not tested this week. Demand

Moses Lake, Wash.

Last week

This week FOB

remains good.					
-		Tons	Price		
Alfalfa Mid Square	Prem./Supr.	3000	\$133		
	Good	300	\$115		
	Fair	200	\$110		
	OREGON AREA HAY				
(USDA Market News)					
Portland, Ore.					
	Dec. 16				
This week FOB	Last week	L	.ast year		
2415	321		2772		
Compared to Dec.	9: Prices trended generall	y steady	y in a limi	te	

test compared to week ago prices. Most demand lays with the retail/ stable hay. According to some producers, horse owners prefer lower sugar, higher protein hay. Many hay producers are looking forward to upcoming snow in the forecast as hay sales tend to increase as the snow comes

		Tons	Price
CROOK, DESCHUTES, .	JEFFERSON, WASCO	COU	NTIES
Alfalfa Large Square	Utility	100	\$90
Alfalfa Small Square	Premium	1	\$240

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	Good/Prem.	25	\$220	
Orchard Grass Small Square	Premium	11	\$245	
Retail/Stable	Good/Prem.	53	\$227.64	
Meadow Grass Small Square	Good/Prem.	25	\$200	
EASTERN OREGON .				
Alfalfa Large Square	Good/Prem.	30	\$140	
		2	\$120	
Retail/Stable	Fair	650	\$95	
	Utility/Fair	300	\$80	
Orchard Grass Large Square	Good/Prem.	2	\$120	
Timothy Grass Large Square	Good/Prem.	2	\$120	
KLAMATH BASIN				
Alfalfa Large Square	Supreme	107	\$165	
	Good	27	\$115	
Alfalfa Small Square	Supreme	50	\$170	
	Premium	50	\$160	
LAKE COUNTY				
Alfalfa Large Square	Supreme	200	\$180	
	Organic	100	\$250	
	Premium	250	\$150	
		250	\$150	
Alfalfa Small Square	Supreme	30	\$185	
	Premium	90	\$185	
Alfalfa/Oat Mix Small Square	Premium	30	\$120	
Oat/Wheat/Barley/				
Alfalfa Mix Large Square	Good	30	\$120	
HARNEY COUNTY: No New Sale				
IDAHO HAY				

(USDA Market News) Moses Lake, Wash Dec. 16 This week FOB Last year Last week Compared to Dec. 9: Feeder grade Alfalfa steady in a light test. Trade remains slow with very light demand. Temps plunged during the week. That, combined with the upcoming holidays has many interests waiting until after the first of the year to resume business Retail/feed store/horse not tested this week.

Alfalfa Mid Square	Fair/Good CALIFORNIA HAY	1200	\$80	
(USDA Market News) Moses Lake, Wash. Dec. 16				
This week FOB	Last week	L	ast year	
3000	7200		4643	
Compared to Dec. 9	: All classes traded stea	dy with m	noderate de-	

mand. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, Water Year to Date (since Oct. 1) is well above-normal (mostly 125-200 percent) ir much of Washington, Western Oregon and a large fraction of north western California. Higher amounts (perhaps up to 10 inches liquid equivalent) are forecast in northwestern California and the Sierras.

• ,		Tons	Price
REGION 1: NORTHERN	INTERMOUNTAIN		
Includes the counties of	f Siskiyou, Modoc,	Shasta, L	assen,
and Plumas.			
Alfalfa	Supreme	150	\$180
	Premium	200	\$145
	Organia	75	ゆつ1 E

50 \$260 Org. Good/Prem. REGION 2: SACRAMENTO VALLEY Includes the counties of Tehama, Glenn, Butte, Colusa Sutter, Yuba, Sierra, Nevada, Placer, Yolo, El Dorado, Solano,

Retail/Stable 375

\$150

Alfalfa	Premium	150	\$180	
Orchard Grass	Premium	25	\$200	
Oat	Good	50	\$85	
Rice Straw	Good	150	\$62.50	
REGION 3: NORTHERN SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY				
Includes the counties of Sa	an Joaquin, Calav	eras, S	tanislaus,	
Tuolumne, Mono, Merced a	and Mariposa.			
Alfalfa	Prem./Supr.	75	\$200	
	Good Org.	50	\$250	
	Fair	75	\$150	
		25	\$165	

50 \$110 Rain Damage 200 \$70 REGION 4: CENTRAL SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY Includes the counties of Madera, Fresno, Kings, Tulare, and

75 REGION 5: SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA Includes the counties of Kern, Northeast Los Angeles, and

Alfalfa Premium 200 REGION 6: SOUTHEAST CALIFORNIA Includes the counties of Eastern San Bernardino, Riverside

and Imperial Fair/Good/Clippings 700 \$113.57

due to confidentiality; 65-75 lbs.. \$2.26 lower; 75-85

otherwise specified

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

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on per head basis as indicated NATIONAL WOOL REVIEW (USDA Market News)

Greeley, Colo. Dec. 16 Domestic wool trading on a clean basis was at a standstill this week. There were no confirmed trades

reported. \$.60-.70 No. 1

No. 2 \$.50-.60 \$.40-.50 NATIONAL SHEEP SUMMARY (USDA Market News)

Dec. 16 Compared to last week: Slaughter lambs were steady to \$15 higher, except at San Angelo, Texas,

where they were \$10-15 lower Slaughter ewes were steady to \$5 lower, instanc-

Feeder lambs were uneven, mostly steady to \$9

At San Angelo 6799 head sold. No sales in Equity

Electronic Auction. In direct trading slaughter ewes were not tested; no recent comparison on feeder

6600 head of negotiated sales of slaughter lambs

were steady. 10,500 head of formula sales had no trend due to confidentiality. 4,574 lamb carcasses sold with 45 lbs.. and down \$7.16 higher; 45-65 lbs.. no trend

to confidentiality. All sheep sold per hundred weight (CWT) unless

lbs.. \$3.32 lower and 85 lbs.. and up no trend due

California Egg Reports

Compiled by USDA Market News Service • Des Moines

cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

Shell egg marketer's benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in

DAILY CALIFORNIA SHELL EGGS

(USDA Market News) Des Moines, Iowa

Dec. 16

Benchmark prices are steady. Asking prices for next week are 38 cents higher for Jumbo, Extra Large

and Large and 21 cents higher for Medium and Small. The undertone is steady to higher. Offerings are

light to instances moderate. Retail demand is fairly good to good with loose egg sales moderate to fairly

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

Range

104

135-139

85-96

good. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is mostly moderate. Small benchmark price 84 cents

Extra large

Extra large

Medium

SLAUGHTER LAMBS Choice and Prime 2-3: San Angelo: Shorn and wooled 110-150 lbs. \$130-140. few 146.

SLAUGHTER LAMBS Choice and Prime 1: San Angelo: 40-60 lbs. 254-268, few 274-276; 60-70 lbs. \$226-254, few \$266-270; 70-80 lbs. \$198-230: 80-90 lbs. \$180-204: 90-110 lbs. \$160-170.

SLAUGHTER EWES: San Angelo: Good 2-3 (fleshy) 66-72; Utility and

Good 1-3 (medium flesh) 77-88; Utility 1-2 (thin) 64-76; Cull and Utility 1-2 (very thin) 52-60; Cull 1 (extremely thin) 40-50.

Ft. Collins: Good 3-5 (very fleshy) \$70; Good 2-3 (fleshy) \$69-79; Utility 1-2 (thin) no test; Cull 1

(extremely thin) no test. FEEDER LAMBS Medium and Large 1-2:

San Angelo: 40-60 lbs. \$210-218; 60-70 lbs. \$190-216; 70-80 lbs. \$160-180; 80-95 lbs. \$150-158: 105-115 lbs. \$158-160.

Ft. Collins: 70-80 lbs. \$175-183; 90-100 lbs. \$167-171; 105-110 lbs. \$155-160; 114 lbs. \$157. REPLACEMENT EWES Medium and Large 1-2

San Angelo: Hair ewe lambs 80-85 lbs. 187-190 cwt; baby tooth to solid mouth hair ewes \$160-206 per head; mixed age hair ewes 90-145 lbs. \$100-140 cwt.

NATIONAL WEEKLY LAMB CARCASS Choice and Prime 1-4:

Weight Wtd. avg. 45 lbs. down \$482.38 Price not reported 45-55 lbs. due to confidentiality 55-65 lbs. \$341.51 65-75 lbs. \$305.18 75-85 lbs. \$302.12 Price not reported due to confidentiality

Sheep and lamb slaughter under federal inspection for the week to date totaled 41,000 compared with 40.000 last week and 41.000 last year.

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 Dec. 9

PACIFIC NORTHWEST MARKET SUMMARY

Cash wheat bids for December delivery ended the reporting week on Thursday, Dec. 15, were mixed, mostly higher com-

pared to last week's noon bids for December delivery. March wheat futures ended the reporting week on Thursday, Dec. 15, higher as follows compared to last week's closes: Chicago wheat futures were 1 cent higher at \$4.0925, Kansas City wheat futures were eight cents higher at \$4.1275 and Minneap olis wheat futures trended seven cents higher at \$5.38. Chicago March corn futures trended three cents higher at \$3.5650 and January soybean futures closed 2 cents higher at \$10.29.

Bids for US 1 Soft White Wheat delivered to Portland in unit trains or barges during December for ordinary protein trended mixed, from 16.75 cents lower to one cent per bushel higher compared to week-ago prices for the same delivery period at \$4.5425-4.6025. Some exporters were not issuing bids for near-

White Club Wheat premiums were zero to 25 cents per bushel over soft white wheat bids this week and last week

One year ago bids for US 1 Soft White Wheat any protein for December 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: January, February and March \$4.5425-4.6525 and April 4.5625-4.6125

One year ago, forward month bids for soft white wheat for any protein were as follows: January, February and March \$4.9425 28 and April not available

Bids for US 1 Soft White Wheat guaranteed maximum 10.5 percent protein during December trended 5.25 to 6 cents per bushel higher than week ago prices for the same delivery period at \$4.5925-4.6525. Some exporters were not issuing bids for nearby delivery.

White club wheat premiums for guaranteed maximum 10.5 percent protein soft white wheat this week were zero to 25 cents per bushel over soft white wheat bids this week and last week. One year ago bids for US 1 Soft White Wheat guaranteed maximum 10.5 percent protein for December delivery by unit trains and barges to Portland were \$6.4925-6.68 and bids for White Club Wheat were \$8.15-8.43.

Forward month bids for soft white wheat guaranteed 10.5 percent proteins were as follows: January, February and March \$4.5925-4.7025, and April \$4.5925-4.6625.

One year ago, forward month bids for soft white wheat for any protein were as follows: January and February \$6.4925-6.70, March \$6.4925-6.7425 and April \$6.6025-6.70.

Bids for 11.5 percent protein US 1 Hard Red Winter Wheat for December delivery were eight cents per bushel higher compared to last week's noon bids for the same delivery period. Some exporters were not issuing bids for nearby delivery

This week, bids were as follows: December \$4.8275-5.0275 January and February \$4.9775-5.0775, March \$5.0275-5.0775 and April \$5.0425-5.0925.

Bids for non-guaranteed 14.0 percent protein US 1 Dark Northern Spring Wheat for Portland delivery during December were $7\,$ cents per bushel higher than last week's 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: December, January, February and March \$6.38-6.63 and April \$6.4425-6.5925

COARSE FEEDING GRAINS

Bids for US 2 Yellow Corn delivered full coast Pacific Northwest-BN shuttle trains for December delivery trended four to 17 cents higher from \$4.3150-4.4850. Some exporters were not issuing bids for nearby delivery.

Forward month corn bids were as follows: January \$4.4250-4.4350, February \$4.4050-4.4150, March \$4.3650-4.4050, April and May \$4.3725. Bids for US 1 Yellow Soybeans delivered full coast Pacific Northwest-BN shuttle trains for December delivery trended 14 cents higher at \$11.14-11.16. Some exporters were not issuing bids for nearby delivery. Forward month soybean bids were as follows: January \$11.15-11.16, February \$11.1225 nd March \$11 0425 Rids for US 2 Heavy White Oa cember delivery trended steady at \$3.2650 per bushel.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST EXPORT NEWS Outstanding U.S. white wheat export sales as of Dec. 8 for the marketing year beginning June 1, 2016 and ending May 31. 2017, in 1000 MT, totaled 1192.3 thousand MT compared to 1081.1 thousand MT one year ago.

Outstanding white wheat export sales for the 2016-2017 marketing year were to the following countries in 1000 MT: South Korea 182.6, Philippines 151.4, Japan 142.9, Thailand 75.6,

China 30.0, Guatemala 19.4, Taiwan 17.5, Indonesia 10.0, El Salvador 6.4, Burma 4.1, Vietnam 1.7, Canada 1.1, Hong Kong 0.8, Malaysia 0.5, Nigeria 0.4 and total unknown 547.9.

Accumulated white wheat export shipments as of Dec. 8. 2016 in 1000 MT for the 2016-2017 marketing year, totaled 2206.9 compared to 1729.9 one year ago.

Outstanding U.S. barley export sales as of Dec. 8 for the marketing year beginning June 1, 2016 and ending May 31, 2017, in 1000 MT, totaled 5.8 compared to 4.9 one year ago. Outstanding barley export sales for the 2016-2017 marketing year in 1000 MT were to the following countries in 1000 MT: Japan 5.6 and Vietnam 0.2. Accumulated barley export shipments as of Dec. 8, 2016 were 10.8 thousand MT compared to 21.3 one year ago

Pacific Northwest Export News: There were 25 grain vessels in Columbia River ports on Thursday, Dec. 15, with five docked compared to 24 last week with five docked. There were no new confirmed export sales this week from the Commodity Credit Corp. (CCC) of the USDA.

CALIFORNIA GRAINS (USDA Market News) Portland

Dec. 15 Prices in dollars per cwt., bulk Inc.= including; Nom.= nominal; Ltd.= limited; Ind.= indicated; NYE=Not fully estimated. GRAIN DELIVERED

GIVAIN DELIVERED				
Mode	Destination	Price per cw		
BARLEY U	IS No 2 (46-lbs. per bushel)			
Truck	Stockton-Modesto-Oakdale-Turlock	8.15		
CORN US	No 2 Yellow			
FOB	Kings-Tulare-Fresno	\$7.50		
	Turlock/Tulare	\$8.17		
Rail	Single Car Units via BNSF			
	Los Angeles-Chino Valley	\$8.51-8.53		
Truck	Stockton-Modesto-Oakdale-Turlock	\$8.47		
	Kings-Tulare-Fresno Counties	\$8.47		
SORGHUM	/I US No 2 Yellow (Milo)			
Rail	Los Angeles-Chino Valley	\$8.26-8.28		
OATS	US No 2 White (38 lbs. per bushel)			
Truck	Petaluma	\$11.25		
Stockton-N	Nodesto-Oakdale-Turlock	\$11.25		
WHEAT US	S Durum Wheat			

Kings-Tulare-Fresno Counties

Kings-Tulare-Fresno Counties

Dairy Reports

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Range

146

145

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

delivered store door.

Size

Jumbo

Large

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(USDA Market News) Madison, Wis. Dec. 15

Although rain showers associated with the winte storm Decima are present in some areas of California, farm milk output continues improving. Milk volumes are heavy and sufficient to keep balancing plants busy. Most educational institutions are reduc-

ing Class 1 requests as the upcoming holiday break Bottled milk orders from retailers and food service are fair to good. According to some industry participants, rains are helping newly planted forage crops to germinate. Alfalfa hay is into the last cutting of the

year, while demand from dairy operators is light. The January 2017 Class 1 prices in California are \$18.77 in the north and \$19.04 in the south. The statewide average Class 1 price based on production is \$18.78. This price is down 45 cents from the previous month, but 88 cents higher than a year ago In Arizona, milk production is on the rise as cooler

temperatures continue boosting cow comfort. Milk components are steadily improving. Retail demand for Class I is good ahead of the upcoming year-end holiday needs However, bottled milk orders from schools are

easing gradually. Milk pooled on the Arizona Order 131 totaled 378.1 million pounds in November 2016. Class I utilization accounted for about 29.7 per cent of producer milk. The uniform price was \$15.52

Compared to the last week, milk output is steady in New Mexico. Milk intakes are more than sufficient to cover manufacturing needs. Also, some milk intakes are clearing into processing plants out of the

state. Sales into Class I and Class II are lower this

However, sales into cheese manufacturing are up. In the Pacific Northwest, milk production is season

available for most processing needs. Bottling demand is steady to lower as educational institutions wind down prior to winter breaks. A lot of the milk freed up from fluid containers is finding its

ally strong. Industry contacts report plenty of milk is

way into cheese vats. Milk production in the mountain states of Idaho, Colorado and Utah is robust. Cheesemakers, in particular, are not having any trouble getting enough milk for processing. Some industry contacts report there are a few loads of milk available within the re-

gion at or slightly below Class III prices. Processing capacity has stayed in fairly good balance with the region's expansions in milk production. Milk pooled on Pacific Northwest Order 124 totaled 556.0 million pounds in November 2016. Class I utilization accounted for about 29.3 percent of pro-

ducer milk. The uniform price was \$15.07, 11 cents above last month, but \$1.61 below one year ago. According to the DMN National Retail Re port-Dairy for the week of Dec. 9-15, the national weighted average advertised price for one gallon of milk is \$2.35. The weighted average regional prices in the Southwest and Northwest are \$2.32 and

\$2.50, respectively. In the West, moderate to heavy intakes of condensed skim continue clearing into dryers. Condensed skim demand from Class II is weakening. Western cream is getting more available for

churning as sour cream, eggnog, and cream cheese manufacturers finished production for the upcoming

Multiples are steady, ranging from 1.04 to 1.24. Industry contacts are expecting a drop in cream

Livestock Auctions

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

Washington

TOPPENISH (Toppenish Livestock Auction) (USDA Market News) Moses Lake, Wash Dec. 16

This week Last week Last vear 1100 1500 1100 Compared to Dec. 9: Not enough stocke or feeder cattle for accurate trend compari-

son. Trade active with good demand for small

lots and singles. Buyer attendance was light Slaughter cows \$1-5 higher. Slaughter bulls steady. Trade active with good demand. Slaughter cows 62 percent, slaughter bulls 10 percent, replacement cows 10 percent and feeders 18 percent of the supply. The feeder supply included 50 percent

steers and 50 percent heifers. Near 42 percent of the run weighed over 600 lbs. Please Note: The below USDA price report is reflective of the majority of classes and grades of livestock offered for sale. There may be instances where some sales do not fit within reporting guidelines and therefore will not be

included in the report. Feeder Steers: Medium and Large 1-2: 400-500 lbs \$135.50-143.50: 500-600 lbs 126-131; 600-700 lbs. \$125-125.50, Calves; 800-900 lbs. \$114. Small and Medium 2-3:

200-300 lbs 350 Per Head: 300-400 lbs 475 Per Head. Feeder Holstein Steers: Large 2-3: 200-300

lbs. \$185. Per Head. Feeder Heifers: Medium and Large 1-2: 400-500 lbs. \$127-128; 500-600 lbs. 111-120; 600-700 lbs. \$110. Calves: 600-700 lbs. \$100. Full: 700-800 lbs. \$106, Calves. Medium and Large 2-3: 700-800 lbs. 80. Small and Medium 1-2: 300-400 lbs. \$119. Small and Medium 2-3: 300-400 lbs. \$435, Per Head.

Slaughter Cows: Boning 80-85 percent lean 1500-1900 lbs. \$63-65; 70 percent lean \$58-63; 85-90 percent lean 1300-1800 lbs. \$58-64; Lean Light 90 percent 900-1350 lbs. \$49-53 Slaughter Bulls: Yield Grade 1-2 1600-2500

Bred Cows (Per Head): Medium and Large 1-2: Young (3-6 yrs. old) 1146 lbs.

\$1100 3-6 mos.; 911 lbs. 810 1-3 mos.; Mid-Aged (5-8 yrs. old) Few 1544 lbs. \$1200 6-9 mos.: 1196 lbs. \$985 3-6 mos.: 1141 lbs. \$785

Cow/Calf Pairs (Per Pair): Medium and Large

1-2: Few Young (3-4 yrs. old) 1200 lbs. with 100-150 lbs. calves \$1250. Feeder Cows Large 2-3: 14 Head, 1100-1200

Oregon

MADRAS (Central Oregon Livestock Auction) Dec. 12

Truck

Total head count: 838

Baby calves NA Steers: 300-400 lbs. NA; 400-500 lbs. \$155-174; 500-600 lbs. \$145-158; 600-700 lbs. \$125-

145: 700-800 lbs. \$115-125: 800-900 lbs. \$108-Bulls: High yield. \$72-76; Mostly \$65-72; Thinner \$60-65.

Heifers: 300-400 lbs. NA; 400-500 lbs. \$130-145; 500-600 lbs. \$120-130; 600-700 lbs. \$115-120: 700-800 lbs. \$108-115. Heiferette: 850-1000 lbs. \$100-108; 1000 lbs.

Cows: High vield \$58-68 Fleshy Cows: \$52-58. Med yield: \$48-58.

Low yield: \$45-55. VALE (Producers Livestock Market)

Total receipts: 2513 Comments: Somewhat cheaper on the 400 to 500 wt. steers and heifers. Steady to \$2/cwt higher on the 550 to 800 wt. heavier calves Steer calves: 300-400 lbs. \$151-172: 400-500 lbs. \$144-175; 500-600 lbs. \$124-153.

Dec. 14

Heifer calves: 300-400 lbs. \$135-152: 400-500 lbs. \$125-142; 500-600 lbs. \$109-127.25. Yearling steers: 600-700 lbs. \$121-132.75;

\$11.25

\$8.50

700-800 lbs. \$115-128; 800-900 lbs. \$109-117 900-1000 lbs. NA. Yearling heifers: 600-700 lbs. \$114-122; 700-800 lbs. \$109-118: 800-900 lbs. \$94-103: 900-1000 lbs. NA.

Light Holstein steers, 600 lbs. and under: NA Light Holstein steers, 700 lbs, and over: NA. Stock cows: NA. Butcher cows: \$52-61. Thin shelly cows: \$29-47. Butcher bulls: \$43-55.

Heiferettes: NA

LEBANON (Lebanon Auction Yard) Dec. 15

Total Receipts: 226 Top Conventional Cow: \$65. Top 10 Avg.: \$61.42. Avg. All: \$47.87. Feeder steers 400-500 lbs.: \$111-129. 500-600 lbs.: \$102.50-129. 600-700 lbs.: \$108.50-114. Feeder heifers 400-500 lbs.: \$87.50-120.

500-600 lbs.: \$85-118.

600-700 lbs.: \$102.50-103.50

General Mills sales continue to slide

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Profit at General Mills slumped 9 percent during its most recent quarter and the food company lowered its outlook for the year as it tries to win back custom-

Shares fell more than 3 percent Tuesday.

Like other big food companies, General Mills has been hurt as more Americans stay away from processed foods. The company has been tin-

kering with its recipes, adding more protein to Yoplait yogurt and using antibiotic-free chicken in Progresso soups. But yogurt and soup sales still fell in the second quarter.

General Mills, which also makes Cheerios cereal and Betty Crocker cake mix, now expects organic net sales to fall between 3 percent and 4 percent for the year. It previously expected organic net sales to be flat or down as much as 2 percent.

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 Oregon

NATIONAL FEEDER AND STOCKER CATTLE (Federal-State Market News) St. Joseph, Mo. Dec. 16

This week Last week Last year 325,500 178,100 299,900 Compared to Dec. 9: The majority of the calf and yearling market calls this week were \$3 to \$6 higher with instances of \$10 higher in spots.

The greatest demand is for long-time weaned calves and fully preconditioned calves with multiple rounds of shots. Grass buyers are now settling for lighter weight cattle under 600 lbs. as most true yearlings are a thing of the past. Winter weather has settled into most parts of the country with extremely low temperatures blanketing the Midwest and some temperatures and wind chill factors nearing below zero. The extreme temperatures have buyers turning

their attention to the condition and flesh of the calves they are bidding on, as bawling calves will be the most affected. Cold weather, poor condition, and overall stress could spell a trip to the hospital before they ever make it to the feed bunk The temperatures have hardened calves up, as the energy requirements have increased for cattle

In the fed cattle arena, much of the 5-Area region feedyards have good yard condition and cattle gains are still holding strong.

However as the weekend approaches feedyards in Nebraska, Kansas and Iowa may see a slight deterioration in yard conditions as a snow/ rain/wind event rolls into parts of the Midwest. On Wednesday the Fed Cattle Exchange sold

fed cattle in the 5-Area Region from \$110-111 with some up to \$111.50. As of Friday afternoon, the majority of the direct fed cattle trade has yet to develop, as feedyards are demanding higher prices moving into the holiday season. Auction volume included 46 percent weighing over 600 lbs. and **AUCTIONS**

MONTANA 10,300. 39 pct over 600 lbs. 47 pct Steers: Medium and Large 1 300-350 lbs. (328)

\$191.23; 350-400 lbs. (372) \$188.41; 400-450 lbs. (424) 178.21; 450-500 lbs. (474) \$160.38; 500-550 lbs. (528) \$146.54; 550-600 lbs. (575) 140.20; pkg 849 lbs. \$130; pkg 982 lbs. \$126.07 Medium and Large 1-2 300-350 lbs. (326) \$180.59: 350-400 lbs. (382) \$169.04: 400-450 lbs. (432) \$159.45; 450-500 lbs. (479) \$152.87; 500-550 lbs. (520) \$137.30; 550-600 lbs. (582) \$131.93. Heifers Large 1 pkg 584 lbs. \$112. Medium and Large 1 300-350 lbs. (340) \$150.29; 350-400 lbs. (377) \$150.23; 400-450 lbs. (424)

\$145.48: 450-500 lbs. (475) \$139.01: 500-550 lbs. (579) \$126.74; 900-950 lbs. (925) \$118.89. Medium and Large 1-2 350-400 lbs. (390) \$139.83: 400-450 lbs. (423) \$134.75: 450-500 lbs. (483) \$132.42; 500-550 lbs. (532) \$118.23; 550-600 lbs. (569) \$119.22.

WASHINGTON 3100, 60 pct over 600 lbs. 41 pct heifers. Steers: Medium and

Large 1-2 450-500 lbs. (440) \$131.47; 500-550 lbs. (529) \$135.66: 550-600 lbs. (578) 135.01: 600-650 lbs. (625) \$133.43; 650-700 lbs. (670) \$133.83; 700-750 lbs. (728) 125.51; 750-800 lbs. (770) \$123.27: 800-850 lbs. (816) \$125.41: 850-900 lbs. (868) 121.70. Heifers: Medium and Large 1-2 350-400 lbs. (382) \$132.55; 450-500 lbs. (471) \$128.91; 500-550 lbs. (527) \$122.97; 550-600 lbs. (578) \$122.76; 600-650 lbs. (615) \$122.76; 650-700 lbs. (684) \$120.77; 700-750 lbs. (721) \$119.86; 750-800 lbs. (786) \$117.41.

500-550 lbs. (522) \$121.08; 550-600 lbs (571) \$117.39; 600-650 lbs. (628) \$114.68; 650-700 lbs. (672) \$115.66. DIRECT

43.100

COLORADO 3600. 100 pct over 600 lbs. \$16

pct heifers. Steers: Medium and Large 1 Del Cur-

rent 740 lbs. \$139: 770-775 lbs. \$133.77: 805 lbs.

\$128.56; Jan 800 lbs. \$125; Mar-Apr 825 lbs. \$123.

Heifers: Medium and Large 1 Del Jan 710 lbs.

25.200

59.300

WYOMING 3500. 100 pct over 600 lbs. 21 pct heifers. Steers: Medium and Large 1 FOB 740 lbs \$138.28: 750-770 lbs. \$129.67-134: 800-840 lbs \$132-134.50; 925 lbs. \$129. Delivered 730 lbs. \$136.85; 800 lbs. \$136. Heifers: Medium and Large 1 FOB 715-725 lbs

DAKOTA 300. 100 pct over 600 lbs. No heifers Steers: Medium and Large 1 Current 800 lbs. \$130. MONTANA 100. 100 pct over 600 lbs. 100 pct heifers. Heifers: Medium and Large 1 Current 675 lbs. \$123,50 fleshy. SOUTHWEST (Arizona-California-Nevada) 3000. No cattle over 600 lbs. No heifers. Holsteins: Large

\$126.50-130. Future FOB 710 lbs. \$121.67 Jan.

NORTHWEST (WA-OR-ID) 4100. 90 pct over 600 lbs. 34 pct heifers. Steers: Medium and Large 1-2 Current FOB Price 600-700 lbs. \$123-125 calves ID; 750-800 lbs. \$116 WA. Medium and Large 1 Current

3 300 lbs. \$117 Mar/Apr Del.

Delivered Price 600-700 lbs.

Price 750 lbs.

125-133 calves ID; 700-800 lbs. \$122-132 ID; 800-900 lbs. \$129 \$132 ID Future Delivery Delivered Price: 700-800 lbs \$125 for Jan-Fed ID; 850 lbs. \$118.50 for Apr-May ID. Heifers: Medium and Large 1-2 Current FOB

109 WA. Medium and Large 1-2 Current Delivered Price 500-600 lbs. \$122-128 ID; 600-700 lbs. \$122-

127 calves ID: 700-800 lbs. \$113-122 ID: 800-900 lbs. \$119-120 ID. Future Delivery

4050

NORTHWEST DIRECT CATTLE (USDA Market News) Moses Lake, Wash. Dec. 16 This week

Near 900 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 vearlings. Delivered prices include freight, commissions and

Delivered: Price: 600-700 lbs. \$125-133 calves ID; 700-800 lbs. \$122-132 ID; 800-900 lbs. \$129 \$132 ID. Future Delivery Delivered Price: 700-800 lbs. \$125 for Jan-Fed ID; 850 lbs. \$118.50 for Apr-May

Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 1-2: Current FOB Price: 750 lbs. \$109 WA. Medium and Large 1-2: Current Delivered Price:

Last week Last vear 2050 3300

Compared to Dec. 9: Stocker and feeder cattle steady. Trade moderate with good demand. The feeder supply included 66 percent steers and 34

other expenses. Current sales are up to 14 days delivery. Feeder Steers: Medium and Large 1-2: Current FOB Price: 600-700 lbs. \$123-125 calves ID; 750-800 lbs. \$116 WA. Medium and Large \$1: Current

500-600 lbs. \$122-128 ID: 600-700 lbs. \$122-127 calves ID; 700-800 lbs. \$113-122 ID; 800-900 lbs. \$119-120 ID. Future Delivery Delivered Price: 700-800 lbs

\$119 Jan-Feb ID. NATIONAL SLAUGHTER CATTLE (USDA Market News) Oklahoma City, Okla.

Dec. 16

Trade in Texas and Kansas selling steady to \$1

higher than last week. Live trades in Nebraska \$1-3 higher, dressed trades steady. Boxed Beef prices as of Friday afternoon averaged \$187.86 up \$7.55 from last week. The Choice/ Select spread is \$13.54.

Slaughter cattle on a national basis for negoti-

68.260 head. Midwest Direct Markets: Live Basis: Steers and Heifers: few \$109-111. Dressed Basis: Steers and Heifers few \$170.

South Plains Direct Markets: Live Basis: Steers and Heifers \$109-111.50. Slaughter Cows and Bulls (Average Yielding Prices): Slaughter cows steady to 2 higher. Slaughter

Cutter Cow Carcass Cut-Out Value Friday was \$153.11 down 0.71 from last

ated cash trades through Friday afternoon totaled about 9,280 head. Last week's total head count was

bulls \$1-3 higher, up to 7 higher in the Southeast.