# **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

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)						
Moses Lake, Wash.						
Jan. 13						

This week FOB Last week Last year 6,300 3,460 No trends due to the holidays the last two weeks and market no reported. Trade moderate with light to moderate demand. Tons Alfalfa Mid Square Good 2500 \$95-100 Fair/Good \$125 200 Alfalfa Small Square 100 \$220

Supreme Alfalfa/Orchard Mix OREGON AREA HAY (USDA Market News) Jan. 13 This week FOB Last week Last year

Compared to Dec. 23: Prices trended generally steady in a limited test compared to week-ago prices. Most demand lies with the retail/ stable hay. According to some producers, horse owners prefer lower sugar, higher protein hay. The recent snows slowed movement as trucks can't get to the farms to get loaded

		Tons	Price	
CROOK, DESCHUTES, JEFFERSON, WASCO COUNTIES				
Alfalfa Large Square	Fair	35	\$90	
Small Square	Premium	40	\$180	
		30	\$200	
	Fair	20	\$100	
Orchard Grass Large Square	Good	40	\$160	

Small Square	Premium Fair	24 9	\$240-250 \$150	
Meadow Grass Small Square	Premium	50	\$200	
Oat Small Square	Premium	25	\$160	
EASTERN OREGON				
Alfalfa Large Square	Fair	100	\$110	
Alfalfa/Orchard Mix				
Small Square	Premium	32	\$185	
Timothy Grass Small Square	Premium	10	\$200	
HARNEY COUNTY				
Alfalfa Small Square	Good	75	\$175	
Alfalfa/Grass Mix Small Square	Fair	50	\$110	
Grass Small Square	Premium	50	\$150	
LAKE COUNTY				
Alfalfa Large Square	Prem./Sup.	100	\$180	
	Premium	30	\$160	
		800	\$150	
Small Square	Premium	180	\$185	
Alfalfa/Oat Mix Large Square	Premium	30	\$100	
Small Square	Premium	60	\$125	
Oat/Barley/Wheat/Pea				
Large Square	Premium	90	\$105	
KLAMATH BASIN: No new sales confirmed.				
IDAHO HAY				
(USDA Market News)				

Moses Lake, Wash. This week FOB Last week Last year 2,985 500 reported. Trade remains slow with light to moderate demand Price

650 \$120-125 400 Premium \$75 \$100 Fair/Good 700 \$200 **Timothy Grass Mid Square** 450 Premium CALIFORNIA HAY (USDA Market News)

Jan. 13 This week FOB Last week Last year Compared to Dec. 23: All classes traded steady with moderate

demand. According to NASS crop production, area harvested for 2016 for hay in California was 1,200,000 acres vs. 1,190,000 acres

According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, a plethora of Pacific storms and moisture slammed into California and most of the West, dumping copious amounts of precipitation on the northern two-thirds of the state and Sierra Nevada. This very wet week maintained the great start to the Water Year (since Oct. 1) across the West where

NRCS SNOTEL basin average precipitation was above or much above normal at nearly every major basin while basin average snow water content was at or above normal in most Western basins. With more than a foot of precipitation falling on the Sierra Nevada (20.7 inches at Strawberry Valley, Calif.), most major reservoirs were at or above the Jan. 10 historical average, USGS monitored

streams were at near or record high flows, Jan. 10 state snow water content was at 135 percent, and the Northern Sierra 8-station, Sar Joaquin 5-station, and Tulare Basin 6-station precipitation indices topped their wettest previous year as of Jan. 10.

REGION 1: NORTHERN INTERMOUNTAIN Includes the counties of Siskiyou, Modoc, Shasta, Lassen, and Plumas. \$290-300 Premium **Timothy Grass** 125 \$340 REGION 2: SACRAMENTO VALLEY Includes the counties of Tehama, Glenn, Butte, Colusa, Sutter

Yuba, Sierra, Nevada, Placer, Yolo, El Dorado, Solano, Sacramento \$375 Supreme Fair/Good 75 \$268 **Orchard Grass** 50 \$200 Premium \$250-270 100 Oat Good 50 \$100 \$62.50 Rice Straw Good 125

REGION 3: NORTHERN SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY Includes the counties of San Joaquin, Calaveras, Stanislaus, Tuolumne, Mono, Merced and Mariposa. Fair/Good Wheat Good 100 \$105

REGION 4: CENTRAL SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY Includes the counties of Madera, Fresno, Kings, Tulare, and Inyo No new sales confirmed.

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

ern San Bernardino. No new sales confirmed. REGION 6: SOUTHEAST CALIFORNIA

Includes the counties of Eastern San Bernardino, Riverside, and

## **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

PACIFIC NORTHWEST MARKET SUMMARY

Cash wheat bids for January delivery ended the reporting week on Thursday, Jan. 12, steady to higher compared to Jan. 5 noon bids for January delivery.

March wheat futures ended the reporting week on Thursday, Jan. 12, steady to higher as follows compared to Jan. 5 closes: Chicago wheat futures were steady at \$4.2625, Kansas City wheat futures were 10.25 cents higher at \$4.4475 and Minneapolis wheat futures trended 23.75 cents higher at \$5.74. Chicago March corn futures trended three cents lower at \$3.5825 and March soybean futures closed 27.75 cents higher at \$10.4025.

Bids for U.S. 1 Soft White Wheat delivered to Portland in unit trains or barges during January for ordinary protein trended steady compared to Jan. 5 prices for the same delivery period at \$4.56 4.7125. Some exporters were not issuing bids for nearby delivery. White club wheat premiums were zero to 25 cents per bushel over

soft white wheat bids. One year ago bids for U.S. 1 Soft White Wheat any protein for January delivery by unit trains and barges to Portland were \$5.30-5.4125 and bids for White Club Wheat were also \$5.30-5.4125. Forward month bids for soft white wheat ordinary protein were as follows: February and March \$4.56-4.7125, April and May \$4.50-

One year ago, forward month bids for soft white wheat for any protein were as follows: February and March \$5.30-5.4125, April and August New Crop not available.

Bids for U.S. 1 Soft White Wheat guaranteed maximum 10.5 percent protein during January trended steady compared to Jan. 5 prices for the same delivery period at \$4.7125-4.7625. 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 U.S. 1 Soft White Wheat guaranteed maximum 10.5 percent protein for January delivery by unit trains and Wheat were \$7.6125-8.15.

Forward month bids for soft white wheat guaranteed 10.5 percent proteins were as follows: February was not available, March \$4.55-4.7625, April and May \$4.55-4.5925. One year ago, forward month bids for soft white wheat for any protein were as follows: February

\$6.3625-6.4625, March \$6.3625-6.48, April \$6.4150-6.45 and August New Crop \$5.50- 5.6125.

Bids for 11.5 percent protein U.S. 1 Hard Red Winter Wheat for January delivery were 10.25 cents per bushel higher compared to Jan. 5 noon bids for the same delivery period. Some exporters were not issuing bids for nearby delivery. Bids were as follows: January \$5.1475-5.4475, February and March \$5.3475- 5.4475 and April \$5,4175-5 4675

Bids for non-guaranteed 14.0 percent protein U.S. 1 Dark Northern Spring Wheat for Portland delivery during January were 23.75 cents per bushel higher than Jan. 5 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: January, February and March \$6.79-6.99 and April \$6.7075-6.8575. COARSE FEEDING GRAINS

Bids for U.S. 2 Yellow Corn delivered full coast Pacific Northwest - BN shuttle trains for January delivery trended mixed, from three cents lower to seven cents higher from \$4.4825-4.6825. Some exporters were not issuing bids for nearby delivery. Forward month corn bids were as follows: February \$4.4825-4.6525, March \$4.4825-4.5625, April \$4.3675-4.4475, May \$4.3675-4.4275 and May \$4.4475-4.4575. Bids for U.S. 1 Yellow Soybeans delivered full coast Pacific Northwest - BN shuttle trains for January delivery trended 32.75 to 43.75 cents higher from \$11.3525-11.4825. Some exporters were not issuing bids for nearby delivery. Forward month soybean bids were as follows: February \$11.2425-11.3525 and March \$11.1025-11.2525. Bids for U.S. 2 Heavy White Oats for January delivery trended steady at 3.2650 per bushe PACIFIC NORTHWEST EXPORT NEWS

There were 26 grain vessels in Columbia River ports on Thursday, Jan. 12, with five docked compared to 22 last week with four docked. There were no new confirmed export sales this week from the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) of the USDA. CALIFORNIA GRÁINS

#### (USDA Market News) Portland

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

GRAIN D	ELIVERED	
Mode	Destination	Price per cwt
BARLEY	<ul> <li>U.S. No. 2 (46-lbs. per bushel)</li> </ul>	
FOB	Kern County	NA
Rail	Los Angeles	NA
	Stockton-Modesto-Oakdale-Turlock	NA
	Kings-Tulare-Fresno Counties	NA
Truck	Petaluma-Santa Rosa	\$9-9.50
	Stockton-Modesto-Oakdale-Turlock	\$9.25

#### **Glenn County** CORN-U.S. No. 2 Yellow Turlock-Tulare \$8.20 Modesto-Oakdale-Turlock \$7.40 Kings-Tulare-Fresno Single Car Units via BNSF Chino Valley-Los Angeles \$8.54 Truck Petaluma-Santa Rosa Stockton-Modesto-Oakdale-Turlock \$8.50 Los Angeles-Chino Valley Kings-Tulare-Fresno Counties \$8.50 Glenn County SORGHUM-U.S. No. 2 Yellov Los Angeles-Chino Valley Rail \$8.27 via BNSF Single OATS-U.S. No. 2 White \$11.50-11.75 Petaluma Stockton-Modesto-Oakdale-Turlock

Kings-Tulare-Fresno Counties

NA

WHEAT-U.S. No. 2 or better-Hard Red Winter (Domestic Values for Flour Milling) Los Angeles 12 percent Protein Los Angeles 13 percent Protein Los Angeles 14 percent Protein NA Los Angeles 11-12 percent Protein Los Angeles 12 percent Protein NA Los Angeles 13 percent Protein NA Los Angeles 14 percent Protein FOR Tulare-Kern-Merced NA WHEAT-U.S. Durum Wheat NA Imperial County Kings-Tulare-Fresno Counties NA WHEAT-Any Class for Feed Tulare Kings-Tulare-Fresno Counties \$8.90 Kern County NA Los Angeles-Chino Valley Petaluma-Santa Rosa Stockton-Modesto-Oakdale-Turlock

Merced County Kern County NA Prices paid to California farmers, seven-day reporting period ending Jan. 12:

King-Tulare-Fresno Counties

YELLOW CORN, U.S. No. 2 or better \$8.15

Del Locally

### **Livestock Auctions**

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

Washington TOPPENISH

(Toppenish Livestock Auction) (USDA Market News) Jan. 13

This week Last week Last year 1,000 1,200 No trends due to the holidays the last two weeks and market not reported. Trade active with good demand. Inclement weather conditions and subzero temps in the trade area affecting movement of livestock. Slaughter cows 86 percent, slaughter bulls 5 percent, and feeders 9 percent of the supply. The feeder supply included  $89\,$ percent steers and 11 percent heifers. Near 11 percent of the run weighed over 600 lbs.

Feeder Steers: Medium and Large 1-2: 400-500 lbs. \$135; 500-600 lbs. \$132.50; 500-600

Feeder Holstein Steers: Large 2-3: 200-300 lbs \$210, Per Head; 300-400 lbs. \$260, Per Head;

Feeder Heifers: Small and Medium 2-3: 600-

700 lbs. \$110. Slaughter Holstein Heifers: Few Select and Choice 2-3: 1580 lbs. 73.50.

Slaughter Cows: Boners 80-85 percent lean 1700-2000 lbs. \$67-72; Lean 85-90 percent lean 1200-1700 lbs. \$61-66; Lean Light 90 percent lean 1000-1500 lbs. \$53-56.

Slaughter Bulls: Yield Grade 1-2 1300-2200 lbs. \$69-74.

CALDWELL (Treasure Valley Livestock) Dec. 30

1300-1400 lbs. \$51.75; 1400-1500 lbs. \$56.75 1500-1600 lbs. \$62; 1600-1700 lbs. \$58; 1700-1800 lbs. \$55. Heiferettes (wt.): 1100-1200 lbs. \$61.25.

Oregon

(Lebanon Auction Yard)

Top conventional cow: \$82, Top 10 avg.: \$79.57, avg. all: \$62.68. Top conventional bull: \$85.50

Feeder steers: 500-600 lbs. \$124-126; 600-700 lbs. \$87.50-112.50

600 lbs. \$82.50-105 Bred cows: \$425-825 per head Goats: \$80-130 per head **EUGENE** 

Jan. 14

Bull Calf (wt.): 500-600 lbs. \$41. Cows (wt.): 900-1000 lbs. \$51; 1000-1100 lbs \$58; 1100-1200 lbs. \$52; 1200-1300 lbs. \$50.75;

LEBANON

Total Receipts: 212.

Top organic cow: \$82.

Feeder Heifers: 300-400 lbs. \$102.50-110; 500-

(Eugene Livestock Auction)

Total head count: 283. Market conditions compared to last week Cows up \$5 - 10. Bulls up slightly. Feeder cattle \$5-10 stronger. Yearlings steady.

Top cows: high dressers \$70-78, low dressers \$60-70: top 10 cows \$76.25. Top bulls: high dressers \$89.50.

Feeder Bulls: 300-500 lbs. \$110-131.50; 500-700 lbs. \$84-135; 700-900 lbs. \$75-104.

Choice steers: Medium to large frame No. 1 and No. 2: 400-500 lbs. \$115-134; 500-600 lbs.

\$115-135; 600-700 lbs. \$100-124.50; 800-900 lbs. \$109.50. Choice heifers: Medium to large frame No. 1 and No. 2: 300-400 lbs. \$115-124.50; 400-500

lbs. \$117-134; 500-600 lbs. \$110-123; 600-700 lbs. \$100-121; 700-800 lbs. \$99; 800 lbs. and up Bred Cows: \$600-1170 head. Pairs: \$850-1050

Head calves (up to 250 lbs.): Beef \$100-385 head; Dairy: \$80 head.

Feeder lambs: 50 - 90 lbs. \$120-179; 90-130 lbs. \$110-167.50

California SHASTA (Shasta Livestock Auction)

Cottonwood, Calif. Jan. 13 Current week Last week Due to weather and road conditions, 8-10

loads did not make it this week.

The pairs expected this week will be here next week. Cull cows in short supply this week and a good \$5 higher. Feeder cattle in smaller supply and lower this week except for 650-750 wt steers \$2-3 higher. Off lots and singles \$25-50 Slaughter cows: High yielding \$61-69; \$70-77

high dress; Boning \$5-60; Cutters \$40-55. Bulls 1 and 2: \$58-73. Feeder steers: 300-400 lbs. \$144-167: 450-500 lbs. \$135-156; 500-550 lbs. \$155-158.50;

550-600 lbs. \$136-154; 600-650 lbs. \$125-150 650-700 lbs. \$120-144; 700-750 lbs. \$119-135 800-900 lbs. \$120-127.50; 900-1,00 lbs. \$122. Feeder heifers: 400-450 lbs. \$125-142; 450-500 lbs. \$135-138; 500-550 lbs. \$125-138; 550-

600 lbs. \$115-131; 600-650 lbs. \$113-126.25; 650-700 lbs. \$110-124.25; 700-750 lbs. \$110-125; 750-800 lbs. \$114-123, Calvy cows: 5-6 pen lots \$1050-1200.

Pairs: Very small test \$1525-1975. TURLOCK (Turlock Livestock Auction Yard)

Turlock, Calif. Total receipts: 944 head.

Springers: No. 1 Holstein springer \$1600-1950; No. 2 Holstein springer \$1400-1575; No. 1 Jersey springer \$1600-1700; No. 1 Jersey cross springer \$1400-1750.

Weigh beef cows: High yielding \$57-65; Med yielding \$51-56; Low yielding \$42-50. Weigh dairy cows: High yielding \$56-64; Med yielding \$50-55; Low yielding \$40-49. Weigh bulls: High Yielding \$74-80; Med yielding \$62-73. Low yielding \$55-61 Holstein barren heifers: \$62-78

# Wyoming to get its first USDA slaughterhouse

ness is on track to become Wyoming's first federally licensed and inspected slaughterhouse.

that Wyoming Legacy Meats is working to attain licensing through the U.S. Department of Agriculture, a move that will allow the brand to sell Wyoming beef to markets beyond state borders.

Schmidt purchased the former Cody Meat slaughterhouse in September and rebranded it as Wyoming Legacy Meats.

USDA facility by April, though the process could take longer.

## **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 veighted 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 (USDA Market News)

Jan. 14 Market commentary: Russet table potato prices remained flat, at levels which fall short of growers production costs in most shipping areas

SHIPPING	AREA	11 0					
FWA	Chg	GRI	Chg	70 ct	Chg	10 lb. Film	Chg
IDAHO BUI	RBANKS						
\$10.89	\$0	\$4.29	\$0	\$13.50	\$0	\$9	\$0
IDAHO NO	RKOTAHS						
\$9.97	\$0	\$3.54	\$0	\$11.50	\$0	\$9	\$0
COLUMBIA	BASIN						
\$11.03	\$0	\$4.37	\$0	\$13.50	\$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 was at a standstill this week. There were no confirmed trades reported. Domestic wool trading on a greasy basis was at a standstill this week. There were no confirmed trades reported.

\$.60-.70 No. 1 \$.50-.60 No. 2 \$.40-.50 NATIONAL SHEEP SUMMARY (USDA Market News) San Angelo, Texas

Compared to last week: Slaughter lambs were firm to \$4 higher, except at San Angelo, Texas, weak to \$5 lower. Slaughter ewes were steady to \$3 higher, instances sharply higher. No compari-

Jan. 13

At San Angelo, 3,750 head sold. No sales in Equity Electronic Auction. In direct trading slaughter ewes and feeder lambs were not tested. 4,200 head of negotiated sales of slaughter lambs were steady. 10,800 head of formula sales had no trend due to confidentiality.

3.006 lamb carcasses sold with 45 lbs. down \$3.06 higher; 45-65 lbs. no trend due to confidentiality; 65-75 lbs \$1.85 higher; 75-85 lbs \$.10 lower and 85 lbs up \$2.43 lower. SLAUGHTER LAMBS Choice and Prime 2-3:

San Angelo: shorn and wooled 115-150 lbs. \$129-140, few \$146.

SLAUGHTER LAMBS Choice and Prime 1: San Angelo: 40-60 lbs. \$240-252, few \$260; 60-70 lbs. \$218-244; 70-80 lbs. \$212-230; 80-90 lbs \$186-216 few \$224: 90-110 lbs \$165-172 DIRECT TRADING (Lambs with 3-4 percent

shrink or equivalent): 4.200 Slaughter Lambs shorn and wooled 114-184 lbs. \$126-164 (wtd avg \$141.93).

SLAUGHTER EWES: San Angelo: Good 2-3 (fleshy) \$79-82; Utility and Good 1-3 (medium flesh) \$82-93; Utility 1-2 (thin) \$74-82; Cull and Utility 1-2 (very thin) \$60; Cull 1 (extremely thin) \$40-56.

FEEDER LAMBS Medium and Large 1-2: San Angelo: 60-70 lbs. \$180-194; 70-80 lbs. \$180-185 80-90 lbs \$172-180 94 lbs \$168 100-115 lbs. \$156-166.

REPLACEMENT EWES Medium and Large San Angelo: hair ewe lambs 70 lbs. \$238 cwt; mixed age hair ewes 90-150 lbs. \$90-144 cwt.

NATIONAL WEEKLY LAMB CARCASS Choice

and Prime 1-4: 45 lbs. Down \$472.60 45-55 lbs. Price not reported due to confidentiality 55-65 lbs. Price not reported due to confidentiality 65-75 lbs \$299.30 \$292.97

75-85 lbs. 85 lbs. and up \$282.92 Sheep and lamb slaughter under federal inspection for the week to date totaled 39,000 compared with 32,000 last week and 37,000 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 DAILY CALIFORNIA SHELL EGGS

(USDA Market News) Des Moines, Iowa Jan. 13

Benchmark prices are steady. Asking prices for next week are 2 cents lower for Jumbo, 8 cents higher for Extra Large, 9 cents higher for Large and 13 cents higher for Medium and Small. Trade sentiment is higher. Demand into all channels is moderate to fairly good. Offerings are usually light while supplies are light to just moderate in most locations. Market activity is moderate to active. Small benchmark price

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

Range Size Range Size 148 128 Jumbo Extra large 92 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Size Range Size Range 100-112 114-118 Jumbo Extra large 73-84

## 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 head as indicated. NATIONAL FEEDER AND STOCKER CATTLE (Federal-State Market News)

St. Joseph, Mo Jan. 13 Last week This week Last year

258,300 405,000 499,700 Compared to Jan. 6: Calves under 600 lhs sold unevenly steady ranging from steady to \$4 higher to \$4 lower with some spots \$6 to \$10 higher throughout all regions. Yearlings traded steady to \$3 lower with some spots up to \$6

The first full week of direct trading occurred with most trends reported steady to \$4 higher. Many producers have been waiting for this week to sell their spring-born calf crop, evidenced by the showing of nearly 500,000 head sold through auctions, directs and video sales this week. That is the second largest volume reported on this report in the last five years; only topped by the week ending July 17, 2015, when nearly two-thirds of the reported receipts of

554,900 were video sales. Producers throughout the country have not liked the prices through fall and when December finally got here, most were prepared to carry cattle until the new year. Demand was good to very good in auctions as order buyers had plenty of orders to fill, especially Jan. 9 through Wednesday when several of the larger receipt auctions in the country took place.

Even though there were plenty of cattle head ed to feedyards, several auctions in the North Plains had heifers marked as Replacement on their market reports. On Jan. 10 in Kearney, Neb., at Huss-Platte Valley Livestock Auction, a half load of light 7-weight replacement quality heifers sold from \$177-177.25 or just a tick over \$1300/head average. Wow what a ticket! Fed cattle prices not established as of mid-day on Jan. 13 with feedyards wanting to push the mar ket higher than the \$117 to \$118 live and \$188 dressed market of last week

Some uncertain weather that is to roll into the Central Plains over the weekend may just keep the packers somewhat on the sidelines due to the extreme ice forecast. Slaughter levels topped 600,000 again this week, with the pack ers picking up right where they left off before the holidays. Cattle slaughter for 2016 reported at 30.1 mil-

lion head; nearly 2 million more than 2015 and 1 million under the previous 5-year average. CME Live Cattle futures closed the week

\$3.22 to \$4.05 higher than Jan. 6 with most of the gain coming from Jan. 9 and Jan. 10. Also, the Feeder Cattle contracts were \$2.13 to \$5.50 higher for the week with limit or near limit move ups on the March and April on Jan. 10. Choice Boxed beef values have eroded this

week to the tune of \$8.01 to close at \$190.80. In addition, the Choice-Select spread has shrunk to around \$4 after being near \$10 at the turn of the year. Auction volume this week included 59 percent weighing over 600 lbs and 40 percent **AUCTIONS** Last week Last year

This week

211,700 281,900 WASHINGTON 1.300, 48 pct over 600 lbs. 40 pct heifers. Steers: Medium and Large 1-2 450-500 lbs. \$146.06; 500-550 lbs. \$136.43; 600-650 lbs. \$129.18; 700-750 lbs. \$122.35; 750-800 lbs. \$119.50; 850-900 lbs. \$122. Heifers: Medium and Large 1-2 400-450 lbs. \$135.50; 500-550 lbs. \$124; 550-600 lbs. \$121.50; 700-

750 lbs. \$110.02. DIRECT Last vear This week Last week 53,400 44,100 56,500 SOUTHWEST (Arizona-California-Nevada) 2,000. No cattle over 600 lbs. No heifers. Hol-

steins: Large 3 275 lbs. \$125 April Del; 300 lbs

\$125 May Del; 325 lbs. \$115 current Del. NORTHWEST (Washington-Oregon-Ida-ho) 2,100. 76 pct over 600 lbs. 16 pct heifers. Steers: Medium and Large 1 Current FOB Price 500-550 lbs. \$150 thin fleshed Washington; 650-700 lbs. \$137.50 Washington; 750-800 lbs. \$118 fleshy WA; 850 lbs. \$125 Washington. Current Delivered Price 600-650 lbs \$142 68 Idaho: 800-900 lbs. \$122-129.25 Idaho. Future Delivery Delivered Price 850-900 lbs. \$122.25 Idaho for March-April. Large 1 900 lbs. \$126-130 cur-rent Idaho. Heifers: Medium and Large 1 Current FOB Price 650 lbs. \$130 Washington; 800-850

#### lbs. \$122 Washington. Current Delivered Price 750-800 lbs. \$123 Idaho. NATIONAL SLAUGHTER CATTLE (USDA Market News Oklahoma City, Okla.

Slaughter cattle trade limited through midday Jan. 13. Cattle futures made strong advances Jan. 13 and so far feedyards are not interested in steady or less money. Boxed beef prices declined through the week but were higher on

\$196.01 down \$2.06 Jan. 6. The Choice/Select spread is 3.51. Slaughter cattle on a national basis for negotiated cash trades through Jan. 13 totaled about 11,000 head. The previous week's total head count was 84,732 head

Boxed Beef prices as of Jan. 13 averaged

Midwest Direct Markets: Live Basis: Steers and Heifers: few \$117. Dressed Basis: Steers and Heifers few \$186.

South Plains Direct Markets: Live Basis Steers and Heifers few \$117. Slaughter Cows and Bulls (Average Yielding Prices): Slaughter cows and bulls steady to \$2 higher. Cutter Cow Carcass Cut-Out Value was

\$163.34 up \$4.08 from Jan. 6 NORTHWEST DIRECT CATTLE (USDA Market News) Moses Lake, Wash

Jan. 13 This week Last week Last year 2,050 NA 3,550 No trends due to the holidays the last two weeks and market not reported. Trade slow to moderate with good demand. The feeder sup-

ply included 84 percent steers and 16 percent heifers. Near 76 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 mmissions and other expenses. Current sales are up to 14 days delivery. Feeder Steers: Medium and Large 1: Current FOB Price: 500-550 lbs. \$150 thin fleshed

\$125 Washington. Current Delivered Price: 600-650 lbs. \$142.68 Idaho; 800-900 lbs. \$122-129.25 Idaho. Future Delivery Delivered Price 850-900 lbs. \$122.25 Idaho for March-April Large 1: 900 lbs. \$126-130 current Idaho. Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 1: Current FOB Price: 650 lbs. \$130 Washington; 800-850

Washington; 650-700 lbs. \$137.50 Washington;

750-800 lbs. \$118 fleshy Washington; 850 lbs

lbs. \$122 Washington. Current Delivered Price 750-800 lbs. \$123 Idaho

#### Compiled by USDA Market News Service • Madison FLUID MILD AND CREAM REVIEW

Dairy report

(USDA Market News) Jan. 12

Milk production is slightly down in California as heavy rain swamped some dairy zones in the Central Valley. Milk quality has decreased a little bit due to muddy conditions in some dairy farm holding areas Milk hauling was marginally affected with a few delays in milk deliveries. Nevertheless, milk volumes are more

than sufficient to cover manufacturing

needs, especially from Class 4b (cheese).

Class 1 demands from retailers are im proving as some grocery stores stock up ahead of the upcoming holiday weekend. A positive impact of the current weather conditions is that snowpack across the Sierra Nevada is improving. In addition, the drought is easing in some areas of the Central Valley. Therefore, some dairy

This week, alfalfa field works are inactive due to the low temperatures. According to CDFA, February 2017 Class 1 prices in California are \$18.13 in the north and \$18.40 in the south. The statewide aver-

operators anticipate more water availability

\$18.15. This price is down \$0.63 from the previous month, but \$3.16 higher than a

Pacific Northwest milk production is steady and following normal seasonal patterns. A few bouts of cold, wet weather have kept a lid on milk production, but output has guickly returned as the temperatures moderate. Processors report milk intakes are well balanced with manufacturing needs. Bottling demand is steady and has returned to pre-holiday levels. Last week's winter storms and cold tem-

peratures had a downward influence on milk production in the mountain states of Idaho, Colorado and Utah. Industry contacts expect milk volumes to recover as warmer temperatures build into the region. While weather events are suppressing production, manufacturers report there seems to be no shortage of milk available for processing. Contacts further report farmers are already making plans to expand or start new

dairies in the coming months. The addi-

tional cows and already strong milk intakes

are prompting some milk handlers to think

about how best to balance the milk supply

once the region enters into spring flush.

According to the DMN National Retail Report-Dairy for the week of Jan. 6-12, the national weighted average advertised price for one gallon of milk is \$2.74, up 5 cents from last week and 20 cents higher than a year ago. The weighted average regional price in the Southwest is \$2.68. There were no reported prices for gallon milk in the Northwest this week Western balancing plant managers are

focusing operational schedules on clearing heavy condensed skim volumes into NDM and SMP. Condensed skim usage for cheese fortification is active and demand from ice cream makers is improving, but slowly. Cream is readily available in the West. Most of this cream is clearing into butter churning. With the Super Bowl approaching, some sour cream and cream cheese processors

are starting to pull more cream. A few cream loads have been exported to Mex ico. Multiples for all classes are steady ranging from 1.00 to 1.20 According to the NASS Dairy Products report, hard ice cream production in the West region for November 2016 is 11.7

million gallons, 9.9 percent lower than a

year ago, and 9.4 percent lower than the

previous month.

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The Cody Enterprise reported Monday

Cody orthopedic surgeon Dr. Frank

The company hopes to operate a