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OVER 120 TRUCKS IN STOCK

YOUR TRUCK HEADQUA

CAPITOL CHEVROLET

50

\$180



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.	retail outlets. Basis is current delivery FOB barn or stack, or deliv-					
ered custome	er as indicate	d. Grade guid	lelines used in th	nis report		
have the following relationship to Relative Feed Value (RFV), Acid						
Detergent Fit	per (ADF), TD	N (Total Dige	stible Nutrients),	or Crude		
Protein (CP)	Protein (CP) test numbers:					
Grade	RFV	ADF	TDN	СР		
Supreme	185+	<27	55.9+	22+		
Premium	170-185	27-29	54.5-55.9	20-22		
0	450 470	00.00	50 5 54 5	40.00		

FIEIIIIIIII	170-100	21-23	54.5-55.9	20-		
Good	150-170	29-32	52.5-54.5	18-3		
Fair	130-150	32-35	50.5-52.5	16-		
Utility	<130	36+	<50.5	<16		
	OR	EGON AREA	HAY			
(USDA Market News)						
Portland, Ore.						
		March 24				
This week I	=OB	Last week	Lasi	t year		
2,587		646	1,9	906		

Compared to March 17: Prices trended generally steady limited test compared to week ago prices. Most demand lies the retail/stable hay. According to some producers, horse ow prefer lower sugar, higher protein hay. Many producers are solo for the year

	Tons	Price				
CROOK, DESCHUTES, JEFFERSON, WASCO COUNTIES						
Good	200	\$125				
Good	600	\$160				
Premium	1	\$250				
Good	100	\$115				
Good/Prem.	4	\$150				
Premium	50	\$240				
Good/Prem.	100	\$220				
Utility	110	\$77				
Prem./Sup.	400	\$150				
Good	60	\$95				
Supreme	159	\$175-210				
Premium	60	\$160				
	60	\$160				
	Good Good Premium Good/Prem. Premium Good/Prem. Utility Prem./Sup. Good	SON, WASCO COUNT Good 200 Good 600 Premium 1 Good 100 Good/Prem. 4 Premium 50 Good/Prem. 100 Utility 110 Prem./Sup. 400 Good 60 Supreme 159 Premium 60				

old to	0	Good/Prem.		\$150		Premium
deliv-	Small Square	Premium Good/Prem.	120 30	\$185 \$150		
report	Alfalfa/Oat Mix Small Savara					Cood/Dror
), Acid Crude	Alfalfa/Oat Mix Small Square Oat Large Square	Good/Prem.	30 98	\$125 \$80		Good/Prer
Crude		G000	98	90U	Forage Mix-Three Way	Good
СР	Pea/Barley/Oat/Wheat	Casad/Decas	45	\$10F	REGION 4: CENTRAL SAN	
22+	Large Square	Good/Prem. Good/Prem.		\$105 \$75	Includes the counties of N	
22+ 20-22	Triticale Large Square	AHO HAY	250	\$15	No new sales confirmed.	viauera, riesiiu, r
18-20		Market News)			REGION 5: SOUTHERN C	
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<10		arch 24 ast week	,	.ast year	Alfalfa	Premium
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	Compared to March 17: Do		teady in		REGION 6: SOUTHEAST (
	Trade very slow with very go				Includes the counties of	
ear	hands and winter is still around				Imperial.	
S			Tons	Price	Alfalfa	Supreme
, vina	Alfalfa Mid Square	Fair/Good	1000	\$115-120	/ mana	Prem./Sup
s with		ORNIA HAY	1000	¢110 120		110111./000
wners		Market News)				Premium
old out	,	Lake, Wash.				
na out		larch 24				
e		ast week	L	.ast year		Fair
	3.535	6.930		15.495		
5	Compared to March 17: All	classes traded s	teadv wi	th moderate	WASHIN	GTON-OREGON
0	demand. According the U.S. D				(Cc	olumbia Basin)
0	Service 6- to 10-day outlook f				(USE	OA Market News)
	above-normal temperatures a	nd precipitation	over mos	st of the na-	Mos	ses Lake, Wash.
5	tion, with drier-than-normal we	eather in Califorr	nia.			March 24
			Tons	Price	This week FOB	Last week
0	REGION 1: NORTHERN INTE	RMOUNTAIN			5,730	3,600
	Includes the counties of Sis	skiyou, Modoc, S	Shasta, L	assen, and	Compared to March 17: E	Export and domest
	Plumas.				slow to moderate with good	d demand. Westsi
0	Alfalfa/Orchard Mix	Premium	100	\$240	interest in hay this week a	s last year's winte
0	Orchard Grass	Premium	50	\$280	feed supplies. Retail/Feeds	tore steady.
	REGION 2: SACRAMENTO V	ALLEY				
	Includes the counties of Te	hama, Glenn, B	utte, Co	lusa, Sutter,	Alfalfa Mid Square	Premium
0	Yuba, Sierra, Nevada, Placer, Y	Yolo, El Dorado,	Solano, S	Sacramento.		
	No new sales confirmed.					Good
	REGION 3: NORTHERN SAN					Fair
5-210	Includes the counties of Sar		eras, Sta	anislaus, Tu-	Alfalfa Small Square	Premium
0	olumne, Mono, Merced and Ma				Orchard Grass Small Squ	
0	Alfalfa	Prem./Sup.	100	\$225	Wheat Straw Mid Square	Fair

NA

NA

100 \$240 25 \$185 od/Prem 75 \$190 \$208 75 75 od \$110 N VALLEY esno, Kings, Tulare, and Inyo heast Los Angeles, and West mium 250 \$190 od 50 \$200 IIA an Bernardino. Riverside. and oreme 720 \$190 850 \$180 em./Sup. 140 \$195 mium 350 \$172 175 \$165 250 \$180 100 \$90 REGON HAY lasin) News) Wash. Last vear 6,330 domestic Alfalfa steady. Trade

Westside dairies are showing r's winter has taken its toll or Tons Price \$110-115

Allalla Milu Square	riemum	310	ψΠ0-ΠΟ
		1600	\$120-125
	Good	2200	\$100
	Fair	700	\$90
Alfalfa Small Square	Premium	30	\$180
Orchard Grass Small Square	Premium	90	\$190-215
Wheat Straw Mid Square	Fair	200	\$50

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)

March 25 Market commentary: Russet count cartons continue the advance that got under way at the beginning of March

SHIPPING	AREA						
FWA	Chg	GRI	Chg	70 ct	Chg	10 lb. Film	Chg
IDAHO BU	RBANKS						
\$11.01	\$0.45	\$4.35	\$0.27	\$17.50	\$1.50	\$6.50	\$0
	RKOTAHS						
\$10.42	\$0.41	\$3.88	\$0.31	\$16	\$1	\$6.50	\$0
COLUMBIA	A BASIN						
\$11.88	\$0.10	\$4.89	\$0.06	\$17	\$1	\$7.50	-\$0.50

Sheep/Wool Market Reports

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

\$130-148, few \$152-160

shrink or equivalent):

1-2:

and Prime 1-4:

45-55 lbs.

55-65 lbs

65-75 lbs.

45 lbs, and dowr

Weight

SLAUGHTER EWES:

SLAUGHTER LAMBS Choice and Prime 1:

San Angelo: 40-60 lbs. \$225-240, few 242-248: 60-70 lbs. \$220-238, few \$244: 70-80 lbs

\$212-230, few \$234-238; 80-90 lbs. \$205-228;

90-110 lbs. \$184-202, few \$212-216. DIRECT TRADING (Lambs with 3-4 percent

3,200 Slaughter Lambs shorn and wooled 127-185 lbs. \$136.25-164 (wtd avg \$145.56).

San Angelo: Good 2-3 (fleshy) \$72-75; Utility

and Good 1-3 (medium flesh) \$82-92; Utility 1-2 (thin) \$70-80; Cull and Utility 1-2 (very thin) \$58-

REPLACEMENT EWES Medium and Large

San Angelo: hair ewe lambs 65-75 lbs. \$246-

260 cwt, 80-100 lbs. \$190-198 per head; baby tooth hair ewes \$165-200 per head; mixed age

NATIONAL WEEKLY LAMB CARCASS Choice

Wtd. avg.

Price not reported

due to confidentiality

\$497.65

\$336.60

\$286.78

66; Cull 1 (extremely thin) \$40-55. FEEDER LAMBS Medium and Large 1-2:

San Angelo: 70-80 lbs. \$208-224

hair ewes 90-140 lbs. \$100-150 cwt

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. March 24

Domestic wool trading on a clean basis was active this week. There were 197,000 pounds of confirmed trades reported. Domestic wool trading on a greasy basis was at a standstill this week There were no confirmed trades reported. Domestic wool tags

\$.60-.70 \$.50-.60 \$.40-.50 NATIONAL SHEEP SUMMARY (USDA Market News)

No. 1

No. 2

No. 3

San Angelo, Texas

March 24 Compared to March 17: Slaughter lambs were steady to \$20 lower, except at Sioux Falls, S.D. \$4-6 higher. Slaughter ewes were steady to \$10 lower, except at Sioux Falls steady to \$5 higher Feeder lambs were not well tested. At San Angelo, Texas, 5,905 head sold.

No sales in Equity Electronic Auction. In direct trading slaughter ewes and feeder lambs were not tested. 3,200 head of negotiated sales of slaughter lambs were steady. 6,089 lamb carcasses sold with 45 lbs. and down \$8.81 higher 45-65 lbs. no trend due to confidentiality; 65-75 lbs. \$2.53 higher and 75 lbs. and up \$5.16-5.63 higher

SLAUGHTER LAMBS Choice and Prime 2-3: San Angelo: shorn and wooled 110-165 lbs.

75-85 lbs. \$271.30 85 lbs. and up \$264.88 Sheep and lamb slaughter under federal inspection for the week to date totaled 40,000 compared with 40,000 last week and 40.000 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

5140 410 1	CALIFORNIA GRAINS		FOB
	(USDA Market News)		
	Portland		Truc
	March 23		Truc
Prices	in dollars per cwt., bulk Inc.= including;	Nom.= nominal:	
	ted; Ind.= indicated; NYE=Not fully estimated		Pr
	ELIVERED		ing M
Mode	Destination	Price per cwt.	
BARLEY	- U.S. No. 2 (46-lbs. per bushel)		
FOB	Kern County	NA	
Rail	Los Angeles	NA	
	Stockton-Modesto-Oakdale-Turlock	NA	PA
	Kings-Tulare-Fresno Counties	NA	Ca
Truck	Petaluma-Santa Rosa	NA	Thur
	Stockton-Modesto-Oakdale-Turlock	NA	for N
	Kings-Tulare-Fresno Counties	\$8.00	Ma
	Colusa County	NA	23, I
CORN-U	.S. No. 2 Yellow		futur
FOB	Turlock-Tulare	\$8.19	were
	Modesto-Oakdale-Turlock	NA	7.25
	Kings-Tulare-Fresno	\$7.40	Cł
Rail	Single Car Units via BNSF		and
	Chino Valley-Los Angeles	\$8.46	Bi
Truck	Petaluma-Santa Rosa	NA	train
	Stockton-Modesto-Oakdale-Turlock	\$8.50	cent
	Los Angeles-Chino Valley	NA	deliv
	Kings-Tulare-Fresno Counties	\$8.50	for n
	Kern County	NA	W
SORGHU	JM-U.S. No. 2 Yellow		soft
Rail	Los Angeles-Chino Valley		Or
	via BNSF Single	\$8.10	Marc
WHEAT-U	U.S. No. 2 or better-Hard Red Winter		able
	(Domestic Values for Flour Milling)		Fc
	Los Angeles 12 percent Protein	NA	as fo

es 12 percent Proteir Los Angeles 13 percent Protein NA

Kings-Tulare-Fresno Counties WHEAT-Any Class for Feed NA Tulare B Kings-Tulare-Fresno Counties \$8.75 ck/Rail Los Angeles-Chino Valley NA ck Petaluma-Santa Rosa NA Stockton-Modesto-Oakdale-Turlock NA rices paid to California farmers, seven-day reporting period end-March 3: No confirmed sales PORTLAND GRAIN (USDA Market News) Portland March 24 ACIFIC NORTHWEST MARKET SUMMARY ash wheat bids for March delivery ended the reporting week on rsday, March 23, were lower, compared to March 17 noon bids March delivery. lay wheat futures ended the reporting week on Thursday, March lower as follows compared to March 17 closes: Chicago wheat res were 15 cents lower at \$4.21, Kansas City wheat futures re 22 cents lower at \$4.28 and Minneapolis wheat futures trended 5 cents lower at \$5.4075. hicago May corn futures trended 9.25 cents lower at \$3.5675

Truck

Kern County

May soybean futures closed 10.50 cents lower at \$9.91. ids for U.S. 1 Soft White Wheat delivered to Portland in unit ns or barges during March for ordinary protein trended five to 15 ts per bushel lower compared to March 17 prices for the same

very period at \$4.41-4.66. Some exporters were not issuing bids nearby delivery. /hite club wheat premiums were zero to 15 cents per bushel over

white wheat bids this week and last week ne year ago bids for U.S. 1 Soft White Wheat any protein for

rch delivery by unit trains and barges to Portland were not avail-

and bids for White Club Wheat were also not available. orward month bids for soft white wheat ordinary protein were as follows: April and May \$4.41-4.88, June \$4.46-4.84 and August

tein were as follows: April through August New Crop not available.

Bids for U.S. 1 Soft White Wheat guaranteed maximum 10.5 per-

cent protein during March trended steady to 15 cents per bushel

lower compared to week ago price for the same delivery period at

\$4.41-4.80. Some exporters were not issuing bids for nearby de-

New Crop \$4.51-4.73.

cent protein soft white wheat this week were zero to 10 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 March delivery by unit trains and barges to Portland were \$5.33-5.38 and bids for White Club Wheat were \$5.33-5.93. Forward month bids for soft white wheat guaranteed 10.5 percent proteins were as follows: April and May \$4.41-4.80 and

March delivery were 22 cents per bushel lower compared to March 17 noon bids for the same delivery period. Some exporters were not issuing bids for nearby delivery. Bids were as follows: March \$5.08-5.33, April \$5.08-5.28, May \$5.08-5.23, June \$5.1575- 5.2575 and August New Crop \$5.1550-5.3050.

Bids for non-guaranteed 14.0 percent protein U.S. 1 Dark Northern Spring Wheat for Portland delivery during March were 7.25 cents per bushel lower than March 17 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 March, April and May \$6.4075-6.7575, June \$6.47-6.72 and August New Crop \$6.6850-6.7350.

Bids for U.S. 2 Yellow Corn delivered full coast Pacific Northwest BNSF shuttle trains for March delivery trended 6.25 to 9.25 cents lower from \$4.2975-4.3675. Some exporters were not issuing bids to mo for nearby delivery. Forward month corn bids were as follows: April Si \$4.3575-4.3775, May \$4.3175-4.3675, June \$4.3650-4.3750 and Ju July \$4.3450-4.3650. Bids for U.S. 1 Yellow Soybeans delivered full coast Pacific Northwest - BN shuttle trains for March delivery trended 10.50 cents lower from \$10.46 to \$10.51. Some exporters were not issuing bids for nearby delivery. Forward month soybean bids were as follows: April and May \$10.51-10.56, October \$10.7625-10.8125 and November \$10.7325-10.7525. Bids for U.S. 2 Heavy Oats for March delivery trended steady at \$3.2 Large PACIFIC NORTHWEST EXPORT NEWS There were 37 grain vessels in Columbia River ports on Thursday, March 23, with six docked compared to 35 last week with five docked. There were no new confirmed export sales this week from Cattle Market Reports the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) of the USDA.

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

Benchmark prices are steady. Asking prices for next week are unchanged for Jumbo and 4 cents higher on all other sizes. The undertone is steady. Offerings are moderate to available. Demand is moderate to fairly good, best into current ads. Warehouse buying interest is slow. Market activity is slow

ioderate. 3	Small benchmark	price 95 cents.		
ize	Price	Size	Price	
umbo	\$140	Extra large	\$140	
arge	\$132	Medium	\$115	
	LCALIFORNIA			

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

Compiled by USDA Market News Service • Oklahoma City-Des

Last year

262,300

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Size	Range	Size	Range	
Jumbo	\$131-143	Extra large	\$131-135	
Large	\$117-126	Medium	\$96-107	

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.

August New Crop \$4.51-4.80. One year ago, forward month bids for soft white wheat for any

protein were as follows: April \$5.33-5.50, May \$5.33-5.53, June \$5.3075-5.55 and August New Crop \$4.98-5.30.

White club wheat premiums for guaranteed maximum 10.5 per-

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

COARSE FEEDING GRAINS

March 24

9	Price	Size	Price	
ıbo	\$140	Extra large	\$140	
ge	\$132	Medium	\$115	
JTHERN (CALIFORNIA			

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Truck/Rail Los Angeles 11-12 percent Protein Los Angeles 12 percent Protein Los Angeles 13 percent Protein NA NA Los Angeles 14 percent Protein WHEAT-U.S. Durum Wheat

Livestock Auctions

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

Idaho

CALDWELL (Treasure Valley Livestock) March 17

Steers (wt.): 300-400 lbs. \$93; 400-500 lbs. \$79.50; 500-600 lbs. \$82; 600-700 lbs. \$77; 700-800 lbs. \$87.25; 800 lbs. and up \$83.

Steers (hd.): 100-200 lbs. \$145; 300-400 lbs. \$195; 400-500 lbs. \$370; 500-600 lbs. \$360.; Heifers (wt.): 400-500 lbs. \$63; 500-600 lbs. \$61; 700-800 lbs. \$107.25; 800-900 lbs. \$72; 900-1000 lbs. \$70.50; 1000-1100 lbs. \$70.75; 1100-1200 lbs. \$76.50; 1200 lbs. and up \$88

Heifers (hd.): 200-300 lbs. \$100; 300-400 lbs. \$175; 400-500 lbs. \$285. Bull Calf (wt.): 400-500 lbs. \$66; 500-600 lbs.

\$65.Bull Calf (hd.): 300-400 lbs. \$325; 500-600 lbs. \$290. Cows (wt.): 1300-1400 lbs. \$52; 1400-1500 lbs.

\$56; 1500-1600 lbs. \$57.50; 1600-1700 lbs. \$57. Holstein Bulls (wt.): 1300-1400 lbs. \$74.

California

SHASTA (Shasta Livestock Auction) Cottonwood, Calif. March 24 Current week Last week 1,121 514

Compared to March 3: Slaughter cows \$5-8 higher due to low supply and high demand. Steers and heifers mostly \$3-10 higher due to a good week in futures and good fed cattle market. Slaughter cows: High yielding \$66-74; Med yielding \$55-65; Low yielding NA.

Bulls 1 and 2: \$65-87. Feeder steers: 600-650 lbs. \$135-160; 700-750

lbs. \$125-135; 750-800 lbs. \$125-128.50; 800-900 lbs. \$118-129.

Feeder heifers: 300-400 lbs. \$145-164; 400-450 lbs. \$150-160; 450-500 lbs. \$140-155; 500-550 lbs. \$145-161; 600-650 lbs. \$120-138; 650-700 lbs. \$120-127; 700-750 lbs. \$115-119; 750-800 lbs. \$115-120.50; 800-900 lbs. \$115-119. Calvy cows: Too few to test.

Dairy Report

FLUID MILK AND CREAM REVIEW - WEST

(USDA Market News)

Madison, Wis.

March 23

California milk production is up this week. The

weather is currently warmer, and some dairy

handlers are still recovering from the preceding

rainy days. Class 1 demand is steady. Proces-

sors are managing to meet their contract needs

and have enough supplies for processing needs.

Alfalfa is growing well as a result of the warmer

Pacific Northwest milk production is stable

Bottling demand is seasonally steady and there

is plenty of milk available to keep manufacturing

facilities operating near capacity. Water held in

Washington reservoirs is below normal for this

weather

Compiled by USDA Market News Service • Madison

Pairs: Three loads of heifers pairs \$1,950-2.000: Full Mouth \$1.375-1.975: Broken Mouth \$1,000-1,375

TURLOCK (Turlock Livestock Auction Yard) Turlock, Calif. March 24

Total receipts: 1041 head. Compared to March 10: Good supply of dairy replacements.

with a steady market. Weigh Cows and Bull market steady with a week ago. Springers: No. 1 Holstein springer \$1700-1900; No. 2 Holstein springer \$1300-1675; No. 1 Jersey springer \$1450-1750 No. 2 Jersey cross springer

\$1400-1800. Weigh beef cows: High yielding no test; Med vielding \$47-64; Low vielding \$40-46. Weigh dairy cows: High yielding \$64-73; Med yielding \$54-63; Low yielding \$35-53. Weigh bulls: High yielding \$80-86.50; Med

yielding \$70-79; Low yielding \$50-69. Holstein Barren Heifers; \$62-80.

Oregon

LEBANON (Lebanon Auction Yard) March 23 Total Receipts: 286. Top conventional cow \$70, Top 10 avg. \$66.98, avg. all \$55.03. Top conventional bull: \$84. Top organic cow: \$93; Top 10 avg. \$86.18, avg all \$69.21. Cow/calf pairs: \$750-1140 per pair. Breed cows: \$570-985 per head. Beef day olds: \$570-985 per head. Goats: \$25-150 per head MADRAS (Central Oregon Livestock Auction)

March 27 Total head count: 426.

Steers: 400-500 lbs. \$150-175; 500-600 lbs. \$140-155; 600-700 lbs. \$128-140; 700-800 lbs. \$122-132; 800-900 lbs. \$117-125. Heifers: 400-500 lbs. \$135-155; 500-600 lbs. \$125-135; 600-700 lbs. \$118-128; 700-800 lbs. \$115-123; 800-900 lbs. \$110-118. Butcher cows: High yielding \$65-70; fleshy \$6067: medium flesh \$65-70: thinner older \$60-65. Bulls: High yielding \$84-87; mostly \$80-84; thinner \$75-80.

VALE (Producers Livestock Market) March 22

Total receipts: 772 head.

Comments: All weights and classes of feed cattle. \$4-8 higher. Cows and bulls a little softer, but not much for high yielding cows. Steer calves: 300-400 lbs. NA; 400-500 lbs.

\$150-176; 500-600 lbs. \$140-164. Heifer calves: 300-400 lbs. \$139-165; 400-500

lbs. \$131-160; 500-600 lbs. \$124-143. Yearling steers: 600-700 lbs. \$130-148; 700-800 lbs. \$119-134; 800-900 lbs. \$120-127; 900-

1000 lbs. \$112-120. Yearling heifers: 600-700 lbs. \$118-130; 700-

800 lbs. \$115-122; 800-900 lbs. \$105-117; 1000 lbs. And up \$90-106. Light Holstein steers, 600 lbs. and under: NA.

Light Holstein steers, 700 lbs. and over: NA. Stock cows: \$750-1000 Pairs, young: \$1100-1525.

Butcher cows: \$55-65. Thin shelly cows: \$46-57. Younger heiferettes: \$87-105. Butcher bulls: \$55-70

WOODBURN

(Woodburn Livestock Auction) Woodburn, Ore. March 21

Total receipts: 563.

Top 10 slaughter cows \$61.48; top 50 slaughter cows \$57.75; top 100 slaughter cows \$55.01 Top certified organic cattle: \$85. All certified organic cattle average price: \$52.

All slaughter bulls: \$70-75

Top beef steers: 300-400 lbs. \$130-150. 400-500 lbs. \$140-160; 500-600 lbs. \$130-146; 600-700 lbs. \$125-137.

Top beef heifers: 300-400 lbs. \$120-140; 400-500 lbs. \$125-139; 500-600 lbs. \$120-134.50; 600-700 lbs. \$115-121.

Cow/calf pairs: \$890-1520. Bred cows: \$700-825. Day-old beef cross calves: \$220-260 per head. Day-old dairy calves: \$5-40 per head.

Hogs: Block hogs \$83-101; feeder pigs \$65-80 per head; sows \$10-32.

\$160-180; thin ewes \$65-95; fleshy ewes \$50-65 ewe/lamb pairs \$60-65 head.

TOPPENISH

Moses Lake, Wash March 24

2,400 1,270 1,560 Compared to March 17: Stocker cattle \$7-8

Feeder Steers: Medium and Large 1-2: 400-500 lbs. \$195; 500-600 lbs. \$169.50-177.50; 600-700 lbs. \$149-149.50; 700-800 lbs. \$118.50-121; 700-800 lbs. \$112, Full; 800-900 lbs. \$117.50 119. Medium and Large 2-3: 500-600 lbs. \$154 Small and Medium 1-2: 300-400 lbs. \$185. Small and Medium 2-3: 400-500 lbs. \$112.50.

Feeder Heifers: Medium and Large 1-2: 300-400 lbs. \$165-172; 500-600 lbs. \$141.50-145; 600-700 lbs. \$130-137; 700-800 lbs. \$112.50-118.50; 800-900 lbs. \$111-114.50.

Slaughter Holstein Steers: Few Select 2-3 1300-1400 lbs. \$68-70.50.

Slaughter Cows: Boners 80-85 percent lean 1500-2100 lbs. \$64-69; Lean 85-90 percent lean 1200-1900 lbs. \$63-69; Lean Light 90 percent lean 900-1350 lbs. \$53-58.

Slaughter Bulls: Yield Grade 1-2 few 1600-2200 lbs. \$78-84.

Bred Cows (Per Head): Medium and Large 1-2: Few Mid-Aged 1248 lbs. 1-3 mos. bred \$800.

Cow/Calf Pairs (Per Pair): Medium and Large 1-2: Few Broken Mouth 1400 lbs. with 100-150 lbs. calves

head as indicated Sheep: Lambs 40-70 lbs. \$185-203, 75-150 lbs

March 24 This week Last week 409,500 334,600

Compared to March 17: Steers and heifers were steady to \$7 higher, with the early week sales being steady to \$4 higher and later week auctions \$3 to \$7 higher.

There were instances when trends this week were called up to \$9 higher as the CME cattle complex was sharply higher mid-week and didn't give up the ghost as the week moved on

News of fed cattle trade on March 22 spurred the markets higher when some cattle were reported on the FCE at \$136.50 in Nebraska which would be \$4 to 5 higher than last week's sales.

Dressed sales were turned in on March 23 at \$215 \$5 higher than last week. Support flowed over to the Feeder Cattle contracts when they were from \$3 to almost \$4.50 higher for the week, with the most gain coming in the further out months.

With all the support around the circuit, spring has sprung and cattle buyers were bidding readily and aggressively for all offerings on hand at auctions nationwide. On March 22 in Kearney, Neb., at Huss-Platte Valley Livestock Auction a package of 707 lb, steers with all the bells and whistles sold at \$155 and a load of 542 lb. thin fleshed steers rang the bell at \$186.50.

Additionally, on March 22 in St Joseph, Mo., a load plus of 877 lb. steers sold for \$138 and a short load of 806 lb. steers sold at \$144.75.

On March 23 in Valentine, Neb., a load of 757 lb. steers went for \$152 and a string of 718 lb. replacement heifers sold of \$1335 per head which would equate to around \$186/cwt.

Boxed beef has rallied since the beginning of February, the implied packer margins are back in the black and packers have been more than willing to pay up for live cattle. Since Feb. 10, Choice Boxed Beef has gained around \$35 and this is going through the month of March, which is not known for its spectacular demand.

Some of the boxed beef sales may now be going the way of exports as a number of importing countries that utilize beef from Brazil announced that they are either suspending, curtailing or enhancing inspections of meat from that country. Brazil has surpassed the U.S. in exports and in recent years has become the largest global supplier of red meat and poultry products.

Analysts are looking at how many dollars of product that could be affected by suspension of those products and with approximately \$5.5 billion worth exported from Brazil in calendar year 2016, it could be a boon for other countries that step up production and fill the void.

Cattle on Feed report came in within analyst expectations as the On Feed number is at 100 percent: placements at 99 percent and Marketings at 104 percent. Auction volume this week included 58 percent weighing over 600 lbs. and 43 percent heifers.

AUCTIONS		
This week	Last week	Last year
253,700	228,600	225,300
WASHINGTO	N 2,100. 73 pct	over 600 lbs. 38
pct heifers. Stee	ers: Medium and	Large 1-2 500-
550 lbs. \$155.80	6: 600-650 lbs. \$	140.20; 650-700

lbs \$128 48: 700-750 lbs \$130 30: 750-800 lbs \$128.38; 850-900 lbs. \$118.28. Heifers: Medium and Large 1-2 500-550 lbs. \$143.56; 650-700 lbs. \$125.86; 700-750 lbs. \$117.52; pkg 775 lbs. \$119.50; 850-900 lbs. \$115.85. DIRECT

This week	Last week	Last year		
153,400	80,100	25,900		
SOUTHWEST (Arizona-California-Nevada) 300.				
No cattle over 600 lbs. No heifers. Holsteins: Large				
3 300 lbc \$115	Anril Del	-		

NORTHWEST (Washington-Oregon-Idaho) 2,200. 91 pct over 600 lbs. 26 pct heifers. Steers: Medium and Large 1 Current Delivered Price 700-800 lbs. \$127-135 Idaho; 800-850 lbs. \$124-126 Idaho. Future Delivery FOB Price 600-650 lbs. \$138-145 calves for October-November Oregon. Large 1 Future Delivery Delivered Price 900 lbs. \$126 for May-June Idaho. Heifers: Medium and Large 1 Current Delivered Price 750-800 lbs. \$118.50 Idaho. Future Delivery FOB Price 550-600 lbs. \$128-131 for October-November Oregon; 600-650 lbs. \$135 calves for October-November Oregon. Large 1 950-1000 lbs. \$110 for October-November Oregon.

NORTHWEST DIRECT CATTLE (USDA Market News) Moses Lake, Wash March 24

This week Last week Last year 2.150 2 950 3,450 Compared to March 17: Feeder cattle steady to \$2 higher on fall contracted calves. Trade slow as most interests are waiting for the cattle on feed report due to be released. Demand remains good. The feeder supply included 74 percent steers and 26 percent heifers. Near 91 percent of the supply weighed over 600 lbs. Prices are FOB weighing point with a 1-4 percent shrink or equivalent and with a 5-12 cent slide on calves and a 3-8 cent slide on yearlings. Delivered prices include freight, commissions and other expenses. Current sales are up to 14 days delivery.

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NATIONAL SLAUGHTER CATTLE (USDA Market News) Oklahoma City, Okla, March 17

Slaughter cattle only lightly traded this week. No trades as of the time of this report for Texas. Limited sales in Kansas were \$2 lower. Slaughter cattle in Nebraska though lightly tested were \$3-\$4 higher live and \$5 higher dressed.

Boxed Beef prices as of March 24 averaged \$218.58 down \$.37 from March 17. The Choice/ Select spread is \$6.07. Slaughter cattle on a national basis for negotiated cash trades through March 24 totaled about 38,700 head. The previous week's total head count was 123.872 head.

Midwest Direct Markets: Live Basis: Steers and Heifers: few \$134.50. Dressed Basis: Steers and Heifers few \$215.

time of year. Water levels have been purposely kept low in preparation of expected above normal spring and summer runoffs. Industry contacts expect adequate supplies of water for irrigation this spring

Milk production in the mountain states of Idaho, Utah and Colorado is coming back after a tough winter. Industry contacts in Northern Utah and Idaho say conditions are improving and milk intakes are growing.

However, they add that some cows are still feeling some stress from the unusually harsh winter and it may be the next lactation before milk production recovers fully. Rivers are full, but crop ground is in good shape. With reservoirs at or above average capacity, farmers expect plenty of water for irrigation and a good start to the

growing season. Condensed skim sales are flat. Some contacts report having offers at \$0.65/lb. in California

Availability of cream in the West is abundant. Some producers are making more butter to keep up with excess cream. Demands are steadily lower in California and cream premiums are from 0 to 5 cents.

According to the DMN National Retail Report-Dairy for the week of March 17-23, the national weighted average advertised price for one gallon of milk is \$2.59, up 8 cents from last week and 41 cents higher from a year ago. The weighted average regional price in the Southwest is \$2.57, with a price range of \$1.99-2.99. No ads were reported in the Northwest

The NASS Milk Production report noted Feb-

ruary 2017 milk production in the 23 selected states was 15.7 billion pounds, 1.0 percent below the unadjusted production of a year ago Milk cows in the 23 selected states totaled 8.69 million head, 66,000 head more than a year ago The following table shows western states in-

California

Colorado

Idaho

Oregon

Washing

cluded in the report and the monthly milk production changes compared to a year ago FEBRUARY 2017 MILK PRODUCTION, (US-DA-NASS)

(Million Lb.) % Change From

		1 Year Ago
а	3,122	-5.4
)	313	+3.3
	1,095	-2.7
	196	-5.8
ton	502	-5.6

Goats: 10-40 lbs. \$20-75; 40-70 lbs. \$50-140; 70-150 lbs. \$160-237.50 head. Washington

> (Toppenish Livestock Auction) (USDA Market News)

This week Last week Last year

higher as spring fever is in full swing. Feeder cattle weak in a light test. Trade active with good demand and good buyer attendance. Slaughter cows steady. Slaughter bulls \$3-4 higher. Trade active with good demand. Slaughter cows 71 percent, slaughter bulls 5 percent, and feeders 24 percent of the supply. The feeder supply included 47 percent steers and 53 percent heifers. Near 53 percent of the run weighed over 600 lbs.