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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 deliv-								
ered custor	mer as indicate	ed. Grade gi	uidelines used i	n this report				
have the fol	llowing relation	ship to Rela	tive Feed Value	(RFV), Acid				
Detergent F	Fiber (ADF), TI	DN (Total Dig	gestible Nutrient	ts), or Crude				
Protein (CP) test numbers	S:						
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)								
	(US	DA Market I	News)					

	(Columbia Basin)						
(USDA Market News)							
	Aug. 18						
This week FOB	Last week	La	ast year				
11,017	6207		4770				
Compared to Aug. 11	: Premium and good A	lfalfa we	re steady				
to slightly higher. Timot	hy Grass prices were t	firm with	a greater				
variety of bale sizes ava	ilable. Prices for Alfalfa	Straw we	re steady.				
This week FOB	Last week	Last year	ar				
Alfalfa	Mid Square						
	Premium	4344	162.69				
	Good	1888	142.85				
Alfalfa	Small Square						
	Premium	2381	196.71				
Orchard Grass	Mid Square						
	Fair	350	145.00				
Timothy Grass	Mid Square						
	Premium	600	245.00				
	Good	424	215.00				
Timothy Grass	Small Square						
	Premium	20	240.00				
Alfalfa Straw	Mid Square						
	Utility	1000	60.00				
Wheat Straw	Small Square						

Compared to Aug 11: Prices trended generally steady. All prices reported are 2017 crop, unless otherwise noted. Most producers are done with first cutting and out in the field working on second cutting. Extreme heat in some of the growing areas has slowed movement. Some rain and thunderstorms have diminished quality of hay. Retail/Stable type hay remains the largest demanded hay. All prices are in dollars per ton and FOB unless otherwise stat

OREGON AREA HAY

(USDA Market News)

Aug. 18

This week FOB	Last week	L	ast year
2729	5921		6904
CROOK, DESCHUTI	ES, JEFFERSON, WAS	CO COUN	TIES
		Tons	Price
Alfalfa	Small Square		

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Joseph, MoPort	land		
	Prem Retail/Stable	30	210.00
Orchard Grass	Small Square Premium	24	240.00
Eastern Oregon	FIEIIIIIIII	24	240.00
Alfalfa	Large Square		
	Premium	28	160.00
	Good	28	130.00
	Mid Square Premium	300	155.00
Alfalfa/Grass Mix	Sm Square	300	133.00
	Premium	270	173.52
Harney County			
Grass	Small Square		
	Good	30	90.00
Klamath Basin Oat	Large Square		
Oat	Good	300	90.00
Lake County	0000	500	30.00
Alfalfa	Large Square		
	Supreme	1234	200.41
	Prem Rain Damage	200	180.00
	Small Square	0.5	105.00
Triticale	Good/Premium Large Square	85	185.00
mucaie	Premium	200	110.00
	IDAHO HAY	200	110.00
(U	SDA Market News)		
	Aug. 18		
This week FOB	Last week	L	ast year
17,857	1800	ariot a	700
available this week. The	1: An increase in the v		
Timothy Grass may ha			
reported for the week.			
Alfalfa	Large Square		
	Good	500	120.00
Alfalfa	Mid Square	2500	450.50
	Supreme Premium	3500 3615	152.50
	Good	3615 5550	136.61 124.51
	Evnort	500	125.00

	Export	500	125.00
	Fair	4100	100.00
Timothy Grass	Mid Square		
	Fair	92	165.00
	CALIFORNIA HAY	1	
	USDA Market New	rs)	
	Aug. 18		
This week FOB	Last week	L	ast year
8858	10,016		43,550
Compared to Aug. 11	: All classes traded s	steady with mo	derate de-
mand. According to the	NASS crop progre	ss report Aug.	13, Alfalfa
fields were being irriga	ated, cut, and baled.	Black-eved b	eans con-

tinued to be irrigated and cultivated. Corn was being harvested for

silage. Cotton was blooming and forming bolls, and continued to be

irrigated. Sorghum for silage continued to be cultivated and irrigated.							
REGION 1: NORTHEI	REGION 1: NORTHERN INTERMOUNTAIN						
Includes the counties	of Siskiyou, Modoc, SI	hasta, La	ssen and				
Plumas.							
		Tons	Price				
Alfalfa	Supr Organic	150	325.00				
	Prem Organic	25	260.00				

Alfalfa	Supr Organic	150	325.00
	Prem Organic	25	260.00
	Retail/Stable	25	220.00
Orchard Grass	Premium		
	Retail/Stable	25	300.00
REGION 2: SACRA	MENTO VALLEY		
Includes the countie	es of Tehama, Glenn,	Butte, Colu	sa, Sutter
Yuba, Sierra, Nevada,	, Placer, Yolo, El Dora	ado, Solano	and Sac-
romonto			

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	Guuu	100	170.00
Dat	Premium	125	135.00
	Good	175	115.00
REGION 3: NORTHERN	I SAN JOAQUIN VALLE	ΞY	
ncludes the counties of	San Joaquin, Calavera	s, Stanisl	aus,
Tuolumne, Mono, Merce	d and Mariposa.		
Alfalfa	Supreme Del	80	265.00
	Premium	1600	204.69
	Retail/Stable	500	220.00
	Del	100	220.00
	Del Ret/Stable	200	225.00
	Good/Premium	425	200.00
	Good	400	165.00
	Grassy	170	83.00
	Del	450	165.00
	Fair Del Rain Dam	100	160.00
Orchard Grass	Good	800	214.00
Oat	Good Del	200	125.00
Corn Silage	Good Contr	1	40.00
Nheat Straw	Good Del	600	105.00
REGION 5: SOUTHER	RN CALIFORNIA		
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Includes the counties of Kern, Northeast Los Angeles and West-Alf

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falfa			
	Premium	150	200.00
	Retail/Stable	125	220.00
rage Mix-Three Wa	ay		
-	Premium	75	180.00
REGION 6: SOUTH	EAST CALIFORNIA		
Includes the countie	s of Eastern San Berna	rdino, Riv	erside and
perial.			
falfa			
	Prem Ret/Stable	50	180.00
	Good/Premium	175	152.86

Imperial. Alfalfa			
	Prem Ret/Stable	50	180.00
	Good/Premium	175	152.86
	Good	250	125.00
	Export	500	140.00
	Fair	750	110.00
Bermuda Grass			
	Prem Ret/Stable	100	185.00

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 Aug. 17

Pacific Northwest Market Summary

Cash wheat bids for August delivery ended the reporting week on Thursday, Aug. 17, steady to lower compared to week ago noon bids for August delivery.

September wheat futures ended the reporting week on Thursday, Aug. 17, lower as follows compared to week ago closes: Chicago wheat futures were 26.50 cents lower at 4.14, Kansas City wheat futures were 34 cents lower at 4.1425 and Minneapolis wheat futures trended 33 cents lower at 6,7025. Chicago September corn futures trended 6.75 cents lower at 3.5050 and August soybean futures closed 2.25 cents higher at 9.33.

Bids for US 1 Soft White Wheat delivered to Portland in unit trains or barges during August for ordinary protein trended 26.50 to 35.00 cents per bushel lower compared to week ago prices for the same delivery period from 4.89 to 5.25.

Some exporters were not issuing bids for nearby delivery. White club wheat premiums were zero to five cents per bushel

over soft white wheat bids this week compared and last week. One year ago bids for US 1 Soft White Wheat any protein for Au gust delivery by unit trains and barges to Portland were 5.05-5.14 and bids for White Club Wheat were 5.06-5.24. Forward month bids for soft white wheat ordinary protein were as follows: September 4.94-5.25. October, November and December 5.00-5.35.

One year ago, forward month bids for soft white wheat for any protein were as follows: September 5.06-5.18, October 5.15-5.23 November 5.13-5.28 and December 5.13-5.31. Bids for US 1 Soft White Wheat guaranteed maximum 10.5

percent protein during August trended steady to 26.50 cents per bushel lower than week ago prices for the same delivery period from 5.1550 to 5.25.

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 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 August delivery by unit trains and barges to Portland were 5.01-5.11 and bids for White Club Wheat

Forward month bids for soft white wheat guaranteed 10.5 percent proteins were as follows: September 4.89-5.25. October. November and December 5.00-5.35

One year ago, forward month bids for soft white wheat for any protein were as follows: September 5.06-5.11 and October and November 5.13-5.18. Bids for 11.5 percent protein US 1 Hard Red Winter Wheat for

August delivery were 34.00 cents per bushel lower compared to week ago noon bids for the same delivery period. Some exporters were not issuing bids for nearby delivery. This week, bids were as follows: August 4.7925-5.1425, September 4.9925-5.1925, October 5.27-5.42, November and December 5.32-5.42. Bids for non-guaranteed 14.0 percent protein US 1 Dark North-

ern Spring Wheat for Portland delivery during August were 33 cents per bushel lower than week ago noon bids for the same delivery period. Some exporters were not issuing bids for nearby This week, bids for non-guaranteed 14 percent protein were

as follows: August 7.5025-7.8025, September 7.6025-7.8025, October 7.9425-7.9925, November 7.9425-8.0425 and December 7.9425-8.0925.

Coarse feeding grains

Bids for US 2 Yellow Corn delivered full coast Pacific Northwest BN shuttle trains for August delivery trended mixed, from 6.75 cents lower to 0.25 cent higher from 4.0150-4.1550.

Forward month corn bids were as follows: October and Novem ber and December 4.2625-4.3225.

Bids for US 1 Yellow Sovbeans delivered full coast Pacific Northwest - BN shuttle trains for August delivery were not available as

most exporters were not issuing bids for nearby delivery. Forward month soybean bids were as follows: September 10.11-10.15, October 10.13-10.17 and November 10.11-10.17. Bids for US 2 Heavy White Oats for August delivery trended steady at 3.1200 per bushel.

Pacific Northwest Export News: There were 11 grain vessels in Columbia River ports on Thursday, Aug. 17, with four docked compared to seven last week with three docked. There were no new confirmed export sales this week from the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) of the USDA.

CALIFORNIA GRAINS (USDA Market News) Aug. 17

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

BARLEY US No 2 (46 lbs. per bushel) Petaluma-

	Santa Rosa	9.65
	Stockton-Modesto-	
	Oakdale-Turlock	10.00
CORN US	S No 2 Yellow	
FOB		6.85
	Turlock/Tulare	8.10
Rail	Los Angeles-	
	Chino Valley	8.28
Truck	Stockton-Modesto-	
	Oakdale-Turlock	8.40
	Kings-Tulare-	
	Fresno Counties	8.40
	Glenn County	NA
	Kern County	NA
SORGHUI	M US No 2 Yellow (Milo)	
Rail	Los Angeles-	
	Chino Valley	8.95

Dairy Report

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FLUID MILK AND CREAM REVIEW - WEST (USDA Market News) AUG. 17

Warmer weather conditions continue to negatively affect farm milk production in California. Outputs are lower this week.

However, milk is still available for most processing needs and is moving well within con-

tracts. Spot loads are harder to find. Bottled milk demand is strong due to schools being back in session in most parts of the state Arizona milk output is still following a downward trend. Nevertheless, balancing plants are working at or near full capacities processing milk. Class I demand is steady. Demand for Class II is active as ice cream processors con-

tinue taking on more loads of milk. Recent rains in the state have resulted in new forage production. Topsoil and subsoil moistures

are both rated 97 percent adequate to surplus Milk production in New Mexico is slightly down. Class I sales are higher as most schools started to reopen. Class II requests are down. Due to repair/maintenance projects at some plants, cheese manufacturers have reduced their orders by a few loads.

However, demand for Class III remains stronger this week as other Class III plants take on additional loads. Topsoil moisture across the state is 82 percent adequate to surplus compared to 74 percent last week. The third cutting of alfalfa hay is 92 percent complete, while the fourth and fifth cutting are, respectively, 58 and 21 percent complete.

In the Pacific Northwest, cows are producing more than sufficient milk to meet all manufacturing needs. The heat present in the area is not depressing milk yields as cooler nights are helping cows recharge

Furthermore, pasture and rangeland conditions are good to excellent for dairy herds' productivity. Class I processors continue pulling heavy milk supplies to cover large bottled milk requests from schools and retailers.

Farm milk output throughout the mountain states of Idaho. Utah. and Colorado is very active and processors are getting enough milk intakes to meet most manufacturing needs. Demands for Class Land Class II are fair to good Some distressed milk loads are still available at \$4 under market, according to some processors. Western condensed skim continues to move

strongly in the Western region. Inventories are steady compared to last week. Contacts in the West report that ice cream makers are buying cream at higher multiples while butter producers are taking theirs at the lowest multiples. Most

low multiples seem to be for a few distressed loads of cream

This week cream multiples for all usages main steady at 1.07-1.27. According to the DMN National Retail Report-Dairy for the week of Aug. 11-17, the national weighted average advertised price for one gallon of milk is \$3.22 up \$0.62 from last week, and \$0.73 higher from a year ago.

The weighted average regional price in the Southwest is \$2.25, with a price range of \$1.99 \$2.39. This week, no advertised dairy ads were reported in the Northwest.

According to CDFA, September 2017 Class 1 prices in California are \$18.65 in the North and \$18.92 in the South. The statewide average Class 1 price based on production is \$18.66 This price is up \$0.32 from the previous month, and \$0.53 higher than a year ago

Livestock Auctions

California TURLOCK

(Turlock Livestock Auction Yard) Aug. 15

Receipts: 1629 HD. Compared to a week ago: Light test on choice cattle. Strong test on dairy steers and

heifers bringing 5-10 cents better compared to a week ago. Weigh cows and bulls 1-2 cents softer compared to a week ago. No. 1 Med. & Large Frame Steers: 400-499

lbs. \$150-162.50; 500-599 lbs. \$150-160; 600-699 lbs. \$138-156.50; 700-799 lbs. \$122-130; 800-899 lbs. \$120-129 No. 2 Med. & Large Frame Steers: 300-399

lbs. \$100-165; 400-499 lbs. \$105-149; 500-599 lbs. \$100-149; 600-699 lbs. \$95-137; 700-799 lbs. \$90-121; 800-899 lbs. \$75-119

No. 1 Med. & Large Frame Heifers: 400-499

lbs. \$130-145; 500-599 lbs. \$128-141; 600-699 lbs. \$125-140; 700-799 lbs. \$118-125; 800-899 lbs. \$113-123

No. 2 Med. & Large Frame Heifers: 300-399 lbs. \$110-153; 400-499 lbs. \$107-129; 500-599 lbs. \$105-127; 600-699 lbs. \$100-124; 700-799 lbs. \$95-117; 800-899 lbs. \$92-112

No. 1 Holstein Steers: 300-399 lbs. \$75-110; 400-499 lbs. \$70-105; 500-599 lbs. \$85-103; 600-699 lbs. \$80-101.25; 700-799 lbs. \$80-100; 800-899 lbs. \$75-100; 900-999 lbs. \$75-100

Holstein Barren Heifers;: \$65 94 Weigh Beef Cows: High Yielding \$73-\$82.50; Med Yielding \$55-\$72; Low Yielding \$40-\$54 Weigh Dairy Cows: High Yielding \$72-\$80; Med Yielding \$62-\$71; Low Yielding \$35-\$61 Weigh Bulls: High Yielding \$85-\$100; Med Yielding \$75-\$84; Low Yielding \$58-\$74

Oregon EUGENE (Eugene Livestock Auction)

Aug. 19 Receipts: 408

Compared to Aug. 12: Cows and bulls steady Feeder cattle off slightly. Top cows high dressers 70.00-80.00. Top 10 71.95; Low Dressers 60.00-

Bulls: Top Bulls High Dressers: 78.00-101.00 Feeder Bulls: 300-500 lbs 80.00-105.00; 500-700 lbs 94.00-123.00 700-900 lbs 94.00-105.00 Feeder Steers: 300-400 lbs NT: 400-500 lbs 121.00-124.00; 500-600 lbs 110.00-124.00; 600-700 lbs 110.00.00-120.50; 700-800 lbs 105.00-120.00; 800-900 lbs 105.00-121.00

Feeder Heifers: 300-400 lbs 100.00-120.00; 400-500 lbs 110.00-124.00; 500-600 lbs 105.00-120.00; 600-700 lbs 105.00-119.00; 700-800 lbs 100.00-116.00; 800 and Up 95.00-110.00 Bred Cows: 580-800 HD Pairs: 900-1100 PR

Head Calves (Up-250 lbs) Beef: 300.00-350

130 lbs 110.00-155.00

(Woodburn Livestock Exchange) Aug. 14-15

Top 50 Slaughter Cows A/P: 72.24 cwt Top 100 Slaughter Cows A/P: 68.86 cwt Top Certified Organic Cattle: NT All Slaughter Bulls: \$52-104 cwt

Top Beef Steers: 200-300 lbs. \$100-130 cwt; 300-400 lbs. \$125-141 cwt: 400-500 lbs. \$120-139 cwt; 500-600 lbs. \$120-128.50 cwt; 600-700 lbs.

500-600 lbs. \$100-121.50 cwt; 600-700 lbs. \$100-118 cwt; 700-800 lbs. \$95-105 cwt; 800-900 lbs. NT: 900-1000 lbs. NT Cow/Calf Pairs: NT Bred Cows: NT

Ewe/Lamb Pairs: NT Goats: 10-39 lbs. \$10-67.50 HD; 40-69 lbs. \$17.50-142.50 HD: 70-79 lbs. \$92.50-185 HD: 80-89 lbs. \$90-220 HD; 90-99 lbs. \$90-220 HD; 100-199 lbs. \$130-282.50 HD: 200-300 lbs.

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) Aug. 19

SHIPPING	AREA						
FWA .	Chg	GRI	Chg	70 ct	Chg	10# Film	Chg
IDAHO BU	JRBANKS						
\$17.18	\$0.59	\$8.06	\$0.35	\$36.00	\$0.50	\$10.00	\$0.50
IDAHO NO	ORKOTAHS						
\$24.57	\$0.47	\$14.39	\$0.35	\$42.00	\$0.00	\$14.00	\$1.00
COLUMBIA	A BASIN						
\$23.58	\$0.01	\$12.07	\$0.01	\$35.00	-\$3.00	\$14.00	\$1.00
WISCONS	SIN						
\$22.05	- NA -	\$13.62	- NA -	\$41.50	- NA -	\$16.50	- NA -

Sheep/Wool Market Reports

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

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. Aug. 18

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.

Domestic wool tags \$.60-.70 No. 1 \$.50-.60 No. 2 \$.40-.50

In Australia this week, the Eastern Market Indicator was up 64 at 1614 cents per kg clean from the sale a week ago. A total of 39,126 bales were offered with sales of 98.0 percent. The Australian exchange rate was weaker by .0059 at .7936 percent of the U.S. dollar. Australian wool prices are quoted delivered Charleston, S.C. The current freight rate is .15 cents per pound clean.

The Eastern Market Indicator closed up 64 at 1614 cents per kg clean. Australian exchange rate was weaker by .0059 at .7936 percent of the U.S. dollar.

NATIONAL SHEEP SUMMARY (USDA Market News) San Angelo, Texas Aug. 18

Compared to Aug. 11: Slaughter lambs were mostly lower. Slaughter ewes were steady to 5.00 lower, with the expectation of San Angelo. Texas, which trended 4.00-8.00 higher. Feeder lambs were steady to 10.00 lower At San Angelo, 10,708 head sold, with sheep

consisting of 5,860 head. In direct trade, feeder lamb trade, no confirmable sales; 7,600 head of negotiated sales of slaughter lambs were 7.00-83.00 lower. 2,580 lamb carcasses sold with all weights no trend due to confidentiality. All sheep sold per hundredweight (cwt) unless otherwise

Slaughter Lambs: Choice and Prime 2-3

San Angelo: Shorn and wooled 115-150 lbs 140.00-156.00.

Ft. Collins, Colo.: Wooled 110-120 lbs 196.00.

South Dakota: Shorn and wooled 110-155 lbs 150 00-158 00 Slaughter Lambs: Choice and Prime 1-2

San Angelo: 40-60 lbs 190.00-220.00; 60-70 lbs 188.00-206.00; 70-80 lbs 180.00-202.00, few 200.00-2047.00; 80-90 lbs 175.00-198.00, few 200.00-214.00; 90-110 lbs 170.00-200.00, few up to 226.00

Ft. Collins: Few 40-50 lbs. 205.00-210.00; few 60-80 lbs 200.00; pkg 95 lbs 207.50.

Billings, MT: 76 lbs 176.50. Slaughter Ewes:

San Angelo: Good 2-3 (fleshy) 70.00-78.00; Utility and Good 1-3 (medium flesh) 76.00-88.00, few 90.00-94.00; Utility 1-2 (thin) 62.00-76.00; Cull and Utility 1-2 (very thin) 55.00-60 00: Cull 1 20 00-52 00 Ft. Collins: Good 2-3 (fleshy) 67.50-79.00;

Utility 1-2 (thin) 39.00-47.50. **Billings, Mont.:** Good 3-4 (very fleshy) 43.00-50.00; Good 2-3 (fleshy) 47.00-52.50;

Utility 1-2 (thin) 48.00-52.00; Utility and Cull 1-2 47.00-52.00: Cull 1 43.00-46.00. Feeder Lambs: Medium and Large 1-2 San Angelo: 40-70 lbs 180.00-188.00; 70-90 lbs 170.00-174.00; 99 lbs 164.00; 106 lbs

163.00. Ft. Collins: Few 45-80 lbs 195.00-210.00; 90-110 lbs 185.00-195.00.

Billings: 49 lbs 185.00; 50-60 lbs 183.00-185.00; 60-70 lbs 180.00-186.50; 70-80 lbs 172.00-179.00; 80-90 lbs 164.00-175.00; 90-100 lbs 160.00-170.50, few 172.00; 100-110 lbs 156.00-165.00; 110-130 lbs 151.00-159.50, few 162.50. Replacement Ewes: Medium and Large 1-2

San Angelo: Hair ewe lambs 45-80 lbs 190.00-214.00 cwt, 90-105 lbs 130.00-180.00 per head; yearling hair ewes 175.00-188.00 per head; baby tooth hair ewes 165.00-195.00 per head; solid mouth hair ewes 120.00-130.00 per head; mixed age hair ewes 80-135 lbs 85.00-

Ft. Collins: Pkg hair sheep 140.00 lbs 100.00

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)

Aug. 18

Benchmark prices are unchanged. Asking prices for next week are 9 cents lower for Jumbo and $\hbox{Extra Large, 7 cents lower for Large and 4 cents higher for Medium and Small. Trade sentiment is } \\$ steady. Demand ranges light to fairly good, mostly light to moderate and better into retail accounts. Offerings are fully adequate for the larger sizes and light to moderate for Medium. Floor stocks are usually light. Market activity is slow to moderate. Small benchmark price 67 cents Size Range Range

87

68-79

Extra large

Extra large

Medium

Medium

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

Cattle Market Reports

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

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

124

129-142

109-118

Jumbo

Large

NATIONAL FEEDER AND STOCKER CATTLE (Federal-State Market News) St. Joseph, Mo. Aug. 18

Last week This week Last year 190,400 404,200 192,900 Compared to Aug. 11: Feeder steers and heifers began the week with trends mostly 5.00 to 10.00 lower. Early-week markets had to play catch-up with the lower markets observed late last week.

However, as the week progressed, sales became mixed from 3.00 lower to 5.00 higher. In the Southeast region, feeder markets were 1.00 to 5.00 lower. Trade and demand was moderate, with instances of good demand reported in a few auction barns on yearling cattle as feed yards are in need of cattle to fill pen

There has been a larger volume of unweaned and short weaned calves reported, with many seeing heavy discounts.

Tuesday's CME live and feeder cattle futures put optimism into the market, encouraging feeder buyers to purchase cattle at higher prices. However, the confidence faded as the board

slaughter cattle saw lower prices. Compared to last Friday, August live cattle futures ended the week 3.37 lower at 106.38 and October 1.50 lower at 105.90.

saw declines thereafter and cash trade for

Feeder cattle futures for August were 1.27 lower at 140.50 and 2.19 lower at 140.03 for September. There were still noteworthy sales in the field,

with the Sheridan Livestock Auction Co. in Rushville, Neb., seeing several good strings of yearling steers, with several loads of steers weighing 890 pounds selling at an average price of 150.85. There were also several loads of 918-pound yearling steers coming off grass that sold at an average price of 145.30.

On Monday, lowa traded live slaughter cattle at 110.00, setting the tone for the week. On Wednesday, direct slaughter cattle trade broke out in Nebraska, Dressed purchases were 8.00 to 10.00 lower from 175.00 to 177.00. On Thursday, more trade occurred with

dressed purchases steady with Wednesday at 175.00. Live sales were 6.00 to 7.00 lower compared to last week from 109.00 to 110.00, with a few up to 110.50. In Kansas and the Texas Panhandle, trade

Weather has played a factor throughout many regions this week, with the Northern and Southern Plains seeing heavy rainfall and unseasonable lower temperatures. This curtailed receipts throughout both regions.

In central Nebraska, adverse weather was reported as well, with some areas receiving extensive damage from hail The Corn Belt may find the rain showers ben-

eficial for their soybeans, as they are in a critical

development stage. The sovbean crop rating

declined 1 point, with 59 percent in the good or excellent category. The corn crop rating improved 2 points, now with 62 percent rated in the good or excellent

category and only 16 percent dented. Compared to last Friday. Choice boxed-beet closed 5.31 lower at 194.29 and Select boxedbeef closed at 192.50, down 3.62. Today's Choice-Select spread is at 1.79.

Auction volume this week included 55 percent weighing over 600 lbs and 40 percent heifers. NATIONAL SLAUGHTER

CATTLE SUMMARY (USDA Market News) Aug 18 Slaughter cattle on a live basis sold 4.00-5.00

lower, dressed 8.00-9.00 lower. Boxed Beef prices as of Friday afternoon averaged 197.86 down 2.60 from last Friday. The Choice/Select spread is 3.48. Slaughter cattle on a national basis for negotiated cash trades through Friday afternoon totaled about 75,500 head. Last week's total head count was 73,890 head.

Midwest Direct Markets: Live Basis: Steers and Heifers: 109.00-110.50. Dressed Basis: Steers and Heifers 173.00-175.00.

South Plains Direct Markets: Live Basis: Steers and Heifers 109.00-110.00. Slaughter Cows and Bulls (Average Yielding Prices): Slaughter cows and bulls sold mostly 2.00-3.00 lower this week

Cutter Cow Carcass Cut-Out Value Friday was 181.48, down 0.21 from last Friday NORTHWEST DIRECT CATTLE

(USDA Market News) Moses Lake, Wash, Aug. 18 This Week Last Week

Last Year 1.050 Compared to Aug. 11: Not enough comparable trades for a market test. The feeder supply

included 0 percent steers and 100 percent heifers. Near 100 percent of the supply weighed over 600 lbs. Prices are FOB weighing point with a 1-4 percent shrink or equivalent and with a 3-8 cent slide on yearlings. Delivered prices

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\$110-126.50 cwt: 700-800 lbs. \$105-119 cwt: 800-900 lbs. \$102-117.50 cwt; 900-1000 lbs. NT Top Beef Heifers: 200-300 lbs. \$NT; 300-400 lbs. \$120-136 cwt; 400-500 lbs. \$115-130 cwt;

Lambs: 40-70 lbs. \$160-187.50 cwt; 75-150 lbs. \$155-185 cwt Thin Ewes: \$43-152.50 cwt Fleshy Ewes: \$42-100 cwt

> has been inactive on light demand. In the Southern Plains, live purchases were 5.00 lower at 110.00.

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include freight, commissions and other expenses. Current sales are up to 14 days delivery. Feeder Steers: No test.