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Hay Market Reports

Compiled by USDA Market News Service • St. Joseph, Mo.-Portland

Hay prices are dollars per ton or dollars per bale when sold to retail outlets. Basis is current delivery FOB barn or stack, or delivered customer as indicated. Grade guidelines used in this report have the following relationship to Relative Feed Value (RFV), Acid Detergent Fiber (ADF), TDN (Total Digestible Nutrients), or Crude Protein (CP) test numbers:

GRADE	RFV	ADF	TDN	CP
SUPREME	185+	<27	55.9+	22+
PREMIUM	170-185	27-29	54.5-55.9	20-22
GOOD	150-170	29-32	52.5-54.5	18-20
FAIR	130-150	32-35	50.5-52.5	16-18
UTILITY	<130	36+	<50.5	<16

WASHINGTON-OREGON HAY (Columbia Basin) (USDA Market News)

	Sept. 22	Last year
This week FOB	4921 tons	23,200 tons
Compared to Sept. 15: Premium export Alfalfa weak in a light test. Export Timothy steady. Rain showers over most of the trade area this week is hurting quality. Most export and retail hay the grower pays for the tarping. Trade slow to moderate with good demand. Retail/Feed store steady.		

Alfalfa	Mid Square	600	155.00
	Premium Export	450	143.00
	Good Export	450	133.00
	Fair Export	150	185.00
	Premium Export	1250	210.00
	Retail/Stable	176	225.00
	Prem Retail/Stable	550	220.00
	Good Export	1020	210.05
	Small Square	275	285.00
	Premium		

OREGON AREA HAY (USDA Market News)

Compared to Sept. 15: Prices trended generally steady. Sporadic rain showers and thunderstorms in hay growing areas have increased rain damaged hay availability. Fires and smoke throughout the state have slowed movement of hay due to highway closures and fire mitigation. Retail/Stable type hay remains the largest demanded hay. The export market demand has increased as compared to prior reports.

	Sept. 22	Last year
This week FOB	10,500 tons	5959 tons
CROOK, DESCHUTES, JEFFERSON, WASCO COUNTIES		
	34	215.29
	50	200.00
	79	224.05

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)

Pacific Northwest Market Summary
Cash wheat bids for September delivery ended the reporting week on Thursday, Sept. 21, were mixed compared to week ago noon bids for September delivery.

December wheat futures ended the reporting week on Thursday, Sept. 21, mixed as follows compared to week ago closes: Chicago wheat futures were 9.50 cents higher at 4.5250, Kansas City wheat futures were 7.50 cents higher at 4.4950 and Minneapolis wheat futures trended 8.25 cents lower at 6.2425.

Chicago December corn futures trended four cents lower at 3.5025 and November soybean futures closed 5.25 cents lower at 9.7075.

Bids for US 1 Soft White Wheat delivered to Portland in unit trains or barges during September for ordinary protein trended steady to 2.50 cents per bushel higher compared to week ago prices for the same delivery period from 5.10-5.3750.

Some exporters were not issuing bids for nearby delivery.

White club wheat premiums were zero to two 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 September delivery by unit trains and barges to Portland were 4.75-4.8775 and bids for White Club Wheat were 4.75-4.88.

Forward month bids for soft white wheat ordinary protein were as follows: October 5.20-5.38, November 5.20-5.42, December 5.20-5.46 and January 5.32-5.49.

One year ago, forward month bids for soft white wheat for any protein were as follows: October 4.75-4.8275, November 4.75-4.9275 and December 4.775-5.0275.

Bids for US 1 Soft White Wheat guaranteed maximum 10.5 percent protein during September trended steady to 2.50 cents per bushel higher than week ago prices for the same delivery period from 5.10-5.3750. 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.

Dairy Report

Compiled by USDA Market News Service • Madison, Wis.

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

Sept. 21

In California, farm milk production is trending slightly up after a sharp decrease a few weeks ago. According to some contacts, this period is the time with the lowest milk production for the remainder of this year.

Class I orders from retailers and educational institutions are stable. Milk supplies are less available in the spot market, but continue to be sufficient for manufacturing needs.

Premium alfalfa hay is limited in the market, but demand is solid. Interest in medium to low quality alfalfa hay is light to moderate.

In Arizona, farm milk is available to processors. Production is steady. Milk intakes are also at the same levels compared to last week.

Class I demand from schools is steady as pipe-

lines are filled. Seventy percent of alfalfa hay is rated good to excellent this week, compared to 65 percent last week. Topsoil and subsoil moistures are respectively 92 and 91 percent adequate.

In New Mexico, milk production continues to increase. Due to unforeseen events, milk delivery to some Class III manufacturing facilities was delayed. In addition, repair/maintenance work at some processing plants caused a decrease in Class III intakes. Class II interest is up, whereas Class I demand is lower.

The fourth cutting of alfalfa hay is 90 percent complete while the fifth and sixth cuttings are 50 and 27 percent complete, respectively. Topsoil and subsoil moistures are both 62 percent adequate to surplus as they are being depleted by hot and dry weather conditions. Pacific Northwest milk handlers suggest milk

production has eased back further. Intakes are generally in good balance with production needs. Bottling demand has leveled off. Some rain has entered the region, providing a relief to the long dry spell and heat. A few fires are causing the rerouting of milk loads, but limited disruption to production or processing.

In the mountain states of Idaho, Colorado and Utah, milk supplies are still long.

Excess milk loads, searching out a home, often move at discounted prices, some at \$3.50 under Class III. Processors are pulling hard at available supplies, but a few manufacturers have some scheduled down time to get routine maintenance completed. The market for condensed skim is steady.

In the West, spot loads of cream are moving to butter plants at average market prices. However, a number of manufacturing facilities

stopped churning butter until Thanksgiving. Cream multiples are steady at 1.05-1.26. Some western cream is moving to Mexico at higher multiples.

According to the DMN National Retail Report-Dairy for the week of Sept. 15-21, the national weighted average advertised price for one gallon of milk is \$2.45, down \$0.40 from last week, and \$0.26 lower from a year ago.

The weighted average regional price in the Southwest is \$2.62, with a price range of \$2.59-\$2.69.

The weighted average regional price in the Northwest is \$1.99, with no price range reported.

The NASS Milk Production report noted August 2017 milk production in the 23 selected states was 17.0 billion pounds, 2.1 percent above a year ago.

Milk cows in the 23 selected states totaled 8.73 million head, 66,000 head more than a year ago.

CALIFORNIA GRAINS (USDA Market News)

Sept. 21

Paid by feed manufacturers and other users, delivered plant or receiving station. All prices are offers for prompt shipment unless otherwise stated.

Due to limited availability, prices were not available with the exception of the following categories: BARLEY US No 2 (46 lbs. per bushel)

	Sept. 21	NA
FOB Solano County		NA
Colusa County		NA
Tehama County		NA
Rail Any Origin - via BNSF and U.P.		NA
Central Valley		NA
Stockton-Modesto-Oakdale-Turlock		NA
Tulare County		NA
Truck Petaluma-Santa Rosa		NA
Stockton-Modesto-Oakdale-Turlock		NA
Kings-Tulare-Fresno Counties		NA
Kern County		NA
Colusa County		NA
Glenn County		NA
CORN US No 2 Yellow		NA
FOB Stockton-Modesto-Oakdale-Turlock		NA
Modesto-Oakdale-Turlock		NA
Kings-Tulare-Fresno	6.70	
Turlock/Tulare	7.90	
Rail Single Car Units via BNSF		NA
Los Angeles-Chino Valley		NA
Truck Petaluma-Santa Rosa		NA

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)

SHIPPING AREA	FWA	Chg	GRI	Chg	70 ct	Chg	10# Film	Chg
IDAHO NORKOTAHS	\$15.46	-\$1.24	\$7.56	-\$0.93	\$20.00	-\$3.00	\$11.00	\$0.00
SAN LUIS VALLEY	\$16.99	-\$0.37	\$9.93	-\$0.32	\$24.00	-\$2.00	\$14.00	\$0.00
COLUMBIA BASIN	\$16.46	-\$0.34	\$7.65	-\$0.21	\$21.50	-\$1.50	\$10.50	\$0.00
WISCONSIN	\$17.16	-\$1.21	\$9.71	-\$0.97	\$27.00	-\$4.00	\$13.75	-\$0.75

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. Sept. 22

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. All trades reported on a weighted average.

Domestic wool tags are delivered to buyer and reported on a greasy basis:

Domestic wool tags	No. 1	\$6.00-70
	No. 2	\$5.00-60
	No. 3	\$4.00-50

NATIONAL SHEEP SUMMARY (USDA Market News) San Angelo, Texas Sept. 22

Compared to Sept. 15: Slaughter lambs were 10.00 to sharply lower. Slaughter ewes were steady to 10.00 lower. Feeder lambs were mostly steady to 5.00 lower. At San Angelo, Texas, 7,266 head were sold. Equity Electronic Auction sold 335 slaughter lambs in North Dakota.

In direct trading slaughter ewes were not tested; no comparison on feeder lambs; 2400 head of negotiated sales of slaughter lambs were steady. 2,571 lamb carcasses sold with all weights no trend due to confidentiality. All sheep sold per hundred weight (CWT) unless otherwise specified.

Slaughter Lambs: Choice and Prime 2-3 90-160 lbs

San Angelo: Shorn and woolled 100-145 lbs

120.00-135.00. Ft. Collins, Colo.: Woolled 110-150 lbs 144.00-155.00, few 162.00; 175-180 lbs 140.00-141.00.

Equity Electronic: Shorn 150 lbs 137.25. Slaughter Lambs: Choice and Prime 1-2 San Angelo: 40-60 lbs 190.00-219.00, few 224.00-228.00; 60-70 lbs 180.00-204.00; 70-80 lbs 170.00-176.00; 88 lbs 165.00; 90-110 lbs 150.00-164.00.

Ft. Collins: 50 lbs 160.00; 60-70 lbs 140.00-158.00; 70-80 lbs 135.00-153.00; 80-105 lbs 137.50-156.00.

Slaughter Ewes San Angelo: Good 3-4 (very fleshy) no test; Good 2-3 (fleshy) 55.00-65.00; Utility and Good 1-3 (medium fleshy) 66.00-80.00; Utility 1-2 (thin) 58.00-66.00; Cull and Utility 1-2 (very thin) 45.00-55.00; Cull 1 (extremely thin) 20.00-45.00.

Ft. Collins: Good 3-5 (very fleshy) 51.00; Good 2-3 (fleshy) 71.00-87.50; Utility 1-2 (thin) 32.00-45.00; Cull 1 (extremely thin) no test.

Billings, Mont.: Good 3-4 (very fleshy) no test; Good 2-3 (fleshy) no test; Utility 1-2 (thin) no test; Cull and Utility 1-2 no test; Cull 1 no test.

Feeder Lambs: Medium and Large 1-2 San Angelo: 46 lbs 188.00; 60-100 lbs 148.00-160.00. Ft. Collins: 55 lbs 155.00; 70-80 lbs 152.00-152.50; 89 lbs 149.00.

Replacement Ewes: Medium and Large 1-2 San Angelo: Hair ewe lambs 49 lbs 230.00 cwt, 102 lbs 150.00 per head; Yearling hair ewes 160.00 per head; mixed age hair ewes 80-140 lbs 80.00-120.00 cwt.

Sheep and lamb slaughter under federal inspection for the week to date totaled 37,000 compared with 36,000 last week and 40,000 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 contract terms.

DAILY CALIFORNIA SHELL EGGS (USDA Market News)

Benchmark prices are unchanged. Asking prices for next week are 2 cents higher for Jumbo, 13 cents higher for Extra Large, 10 cents higher for Large and unchanged for Medium and Small. The undertone is firm. Demand ranges from moderate to good, mostly dominated to fairly good. Offerings are light. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate to active. Small benchmark price \$1.14.

Size	Range	Size	Range
Jumbo	167	Extra large	167
Large	168	Medium	134

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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

Size	Range	Size	Range
Jumbo	154-167	Extra large	153-157
Large	153-162	Medium	115-126

Cattle Market Reports

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

NATIONAL FEEDER AND STOCKER CATTLE (Federal-State Market News) St. Joseph, Mo. Sept. 22

This week	Last week	Last year
341,100	272,000	239,800

Compared to last week: Feeder steers and heifers sold mostly steady to 6.00 higher. Calves unevenly steady throughout the week, with early-week auctions slightly lower and mid-to-late week auctions higher.

Demand for the week was moderate to very good, with active trade especially for yearling cattle. Several auction barns across the Plains and Midwest are reporting higher receipts than a year ago. This is due to many bringing their calves to town after weaning, and earlier than usual.

On Wednesday, Hub City Livestock in Aberdeen, South Dakota, had very good demand on yearlings coming off of grass, with buyers having to be aggressive in order to take them home. There were a few bell-ringing sales, with 3 loads of steers weighing an average of 966 pounds selling at 161.75. There were also some impressive sales in the Nebraska.

At the Ogallala Livestock Auction Market in Ogallala, Nebraska, 48 head of steers weighing 710 pounds brought 174.50 and at the Huss Platte Valley Livestock Market in Kearney, Nebraska, 45 head of heifers weighing 795 pounds sold at 152.75. Load lots were scarce and buyers were willing to piece together loads this week.

On Monday, CME live and feeder cattle futures started the week off by closing in positive territory, with the exception of nearby live cattle futures.

This continued the next two days, with Wednesday seeing significant, triple-digit gains in both the live and feeder cattle futures. Compared to last Friday, October live cattle futures closed 3.83 higher at 111.58 and December was 117.43, up 4.61.

Feeder cattle futures held triple digit gains for the third week in a row. Compared to last Friday, September feeder cattle futures closed 3.17 higher at 153.40 and October was up 5.45 at 156.10.

This week's Fed Cattle Exchange (FCE) sold 636 head, which follows two weeks of light sales from the exchange. The cattle that were sold for 1-9 day delivery from the Southern Plains and sold from 106.50-106.75 FOB, with a weighted average price of 106.67.

This provided optimism to the fed cattle market, with feedlots in hopes of higher cash trade by week-end. Southern Plains cash trade was moderate at 108.00, 2.00 higher than last week. In Nebraska, no trade has been established yet; however, dressed bids are higher than last week's trading.

On Thursday, NASS released their monthly Livestock Slaughter Report with the average weight of a dressed steer in August at 884 pounds. This weight was 15 percent heavier than the previous month and 7 pounds lighter than last August. The average weight of a dressed heifer was 806 pounds, up 13 pounds from the previous month and 3 pounds lighter than last year.

Year-to-date federal inspected beef production was reported at 17 million pounds, 4.9 percent higher than a year ago and cattle slaughter was 21.03 million head, 6.5 percent higher than last year.

NASS's Cattle on Feed was released this af-

temoon, with cattle on feed Sept. 1 totaling 104 percent and cattle placed on feed in August totaling 103 percent, both above estimates. Fed cattle marketed in August came in at 106 percent, in line with estimates.

Cold Storage was released from NASS this afternoon as well. The report stated that total red meat supplies in freezers were up 7 percent from July and down 3 percent from last year. Total pounds of beef in freezers were up 10 percent from the previous month but down slightly from last year.

For pork, frozen supplies were up 4 percent from last month and down 5 percent from last year, with the stock of pork bellies up 8 percent from last month and down 40 percent from last year.

Overall, the boxed-beef market was unsettled for the week; beginning firm to higher and finishing steady to weak. Compared to last Friday, Choice boxed-beef closed at 191.60, up 18 cents and Select boxed-beef was up 2.88 at 188.73. The Choice-Select spread closed today at 2.87. Auction volume this week included 49 percent weight-in-over 600 lbs and 40 percent heifers.

National Slaughter Cattle Summary (USDA Market News) Sept. 22

Slaughter cattle sold mostly 4.00-5.00 higher on a live basis and mostly 4.00 higher dressed sells.

Boxed Beef prices as of Friday afternoon averaged 190.17 down 1.53 from last Friday. The Choice/Select spread is 2.87. Slaughter cattle on a national basis for negotiated cash trades through Friday afternoon totaled about 46,718 head. Last week's total head count was 34,888 head.

Midwest Direct Markets: Live Basis: Steers and Heifers: 108.00-110.00 few. Dressed Basis: Steers and Heifers Few 169.00-172.00.

South Plains Direct Markets: Live Basis: Steers and Heifers 108.00

Slaughter Cows and Bulls (Average Yielding Prices): Slaughter cows and bulls sold 2.00-7.00 lower with exception to Montana trading steady to 2.00 lower.

Cutter Cow Carcass Cut-Out Value Friday was 175.34 down 3.11 from last Friday.

NORTHWEST DIRECT CATTLE (USDA Market News) Moses Lake, Wash. Sept. 22

This Week	Last Week	Last Year
2750	3850	4350

Compared to last week: Feeder cattle 7.00-17.00 higher. Trade slow to moderate. Demand remains very good. The trade is expecting a bullish cattle on feed report with August posting the first month of declining placements.

Average placement guesses of 97 percent would be the first decrease in many reporting months. Monthly placements will begin to benchmark against larger placements last year. The feeder supply included 55 percent steers and 45