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Hay Market Reports

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Hay prices are dollars per ton or dollars per bale when sold to retail outlets. Basis is current delivery FOB barn or stack, or delivered customer as indicated. Grade guidelines used in this report have the following relationship to Relative Feed Value (RFV), Acid Detergent Fiber (ADF), TDN (Total Digestible Nutrients), or Crude Protein (CP) test 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)
Oct. 6

This week FOB	*Last week*	*Last year*
3250 Tons	9900 Tons	5160 Tons

Compared to Sept. 29: Export Timothy and Sudan steady. Alfalfa not tested this week. Most interests who have high-quality fourth cutting Alfalfa are very bullish. Rain showers over most of the trade area this week is hurting quality. Most export hay the grower pays for the tarping. Trade moderate with good demand. Retail/Feedstore not tested this week. All prices are dollars per ton and FOB the farm or ranch unless otherwise stated.

		Tons	Price
Timothy Grass	Mid Square		
	Fair Export	1850	202.84
	Utility Export	150	180.00
Timothy Grass	Small Square		
	Premium Export	600	240.00
Sudan	Mid Square		
	Fair Export	650	150.00

OREGON AREA HAY
(USDA Market News)
Oct. 6

Compared to Sept. 29: Prices trended generally steady to lower on lighter volume this week. Precipitation fell in much of the reporting area and has hindered haying progress.

This week FOB	*Last week*	*Last year*
2502 Tons	4432 Tons	3685 Tons

Crook, Deschutes, Jefferson, Wasco Counties

		Tons	Price
Alfalfa	Small Square		
	Good	300	140.00
Orchard Grass	Mid Square		
	Premium	28	200.00
Orchard Grass	Small Square		
	Premium	109	225.96
Prairie Grass	Small Square		
	Premium	50	210.00
Orchard/Timothy	Small Square		
	Premium	50	235.00
Harney County:			
Alfalfa	Large Square		
	Supreme	300	155.00
Orchard Grass	Large Square		
	Supreme in Field	1200	175.00
Klamath Basin:			
Alfalfa	Small Square		
	Supreme	100	220.00
Lake County:			
Alfalfa	Large Square		
	Supreme	200	208.40
	Premium	33	183.00
Alfalfa	Small Square		
	Supr Weed Free	27	265.00
	Good/Premium	50	185.00
	Good Rain Dam	25	150.00
Alfalfa/Orch Mix	Small Square		
	Good/Premium	30	185.00

Eastern Oregon: No New Sales Confirmed.

IDAHO HAY
(USDA Market News)
Oct. 6

This week FOB	*Last week*	*Last year*
1550 Tons	2500 Tons	3100 Tons

Compared to Sept. 29: Export Alfalfa steady in a light test. Rain showers and snow showers in higher elevations past and present are delaying harvest. Most interests are also busy shipping previously bought supplies. Trade slow this week. Demand remains good. Prices are dollars per ton and FOB the farm or ranch unless otherwise stated.

		Tons	Price
Alfalfa	Mid Square		
	Good Export	1550	135.00

CALIFORNIA HAY
(USDA Market News)
Oct. 6

This week FOB	*Last week*	*Last year*
10,941 Tons	3985 Tons	15,014 Tons

Compared to Sept. 29: All classes traded steady with moderate demand. Alfalfa fields continued to be cut and baled. Sorghum fields were being harvested. Corn silage continued to be harvested. Cotton bolls continued to develop; fields were being defoliated and having borders knocked down in preparation for harvest.

REGION 1: NORTHERN INTERMOUNTAIN

Includes the counties of Siskiyou, Modoc, Shasta, Lassen and Plumas.

		Tons	Price
Alfalfa	Supreme	500	218.00
	Contracted	550	230.00
	Export	250	210.00
	Premium Organic	455	260.00
	Retail/Stable	25	220.00
	Good Export	300	175.00
	Fair Rain Dam	250	116.00
Orchard Grass	Prem Contr	425	180.00
	Retail/Stable	50	295.00
Wheat Straw	Good	75	70.00
	Retail/Stable	75	87.50

REGION 2: SACRAMENTO VALLEY

Includes the counties of Tehama, Glenn, Butte, Colusa, Sutter, Yuba, Sierra, Nevada, Placer, Yolo, El Dorado, Solano and Sacramento.

Alfalfa	Premium	136	200.00
	Organic	125	300.00
	Retail/Stable	50	210.00
Alfalfa/Orchard Mix			
	Prem Retail/Stable	25	260.00

REGION 3: NORTHERN SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY

Includes the counties of San Joaquin, Calaveras, Stanislaus, Tuolumne, Mono, Merced and Mariposa.

Alfalfa	Supreme Del	200	290.00
	Prem Grassy	600	220.00
Orchard Grass	Premium Del	425	210.00
Corn Stover/Stalks			
	Good	3000	50.00

REGION 4: CENTRAL SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY

Includes the counties of Madera, Fresno, Kings, Tulare and Inyo.

Corn Silage	Contracted	0	42.50

REGION 5: SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Includes the counties of Kern, Northeast Los Angeles and Western San Bernardino

Alfalfa	Supreme	100	240.00
	Premium	175	210.00
Forage Mix-Three Way			
	Premium	100	183.75

REGION 6: SOUTHEAST CALIFORNIA

Includes the counties of Eastern San Bernardino, Riverside and Imperial.

Alfalfa	Premium	175	175.00
	Good Grassy	900	150.00
		350	177.14
	Fair	825	120.30
Bermuda Grass	Premium	800	175.31

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
Oct. 5

The Pacific Northwest Market Summary is unavailable from USDA Market News, but in the noon Oct. 6 Portland Daily Grain Report December wheat futures trended 2.50 to 8.25 cents per bushel higher compared to Thursday's closes.

Bids for US 1 Soft White Wheat delivered to Portland in unit trains and barges for delivery ordinary protein trended steady to 2.75 cents per bushel higher compared to Thursday's noon bids for the same delivery period.

Some exporters were not issuing bids for nearby delivery.

Bids for guaranteed maximum 10.5 percent protein trended steady to 2.75 cents per bushel higher compared to Thursday's noon bids for the same delivery period. Some exporters are not issuing bids for nearby delivery.

Bids for 11.5 percent US 1 Hard Red Winter Wheat for October delivery trended steady to 2.50 cents per bushel higher to Thursday's noon bids for the same delivery period. Some exporters were not issuing bids for nearby delivery.

Bids for 14 percent protein US 1 Dark Northern Spring Wheat for October delivery trended 8.25 cents per bushel higher compared to Thursday's noon bids for the same delivery period. Some exporters were not issuing bids for nearby delivery.

Bids for US 2 Yellow Corn delivered full coast in 110 car shuttle trains for October delivery were 0.50 to 8.50 cents per bushel higher compared to Thursday's noon bids for the same delivery period. Some exporters were not issuing bids for nearby delivery.

Bids for US 1 Yellow Soybeans delivered full coast in 110 car shuttle trains for October delivery trended 4.00 cents per bushel higher compared to Thursday's noon bids for the same delivery period. Some exporters were not issuing bids for nearby delivery.

All bids in dollars per bushel

US 1 Soft White Wheat - delivered by Unit Trains and Barges

Ordinary protein

Oct	**5.1850-5.4500**	up 2.75-unch
Nov	**5.1850-5.4800**	up 2.75-unch
Dec	**5.2350-5.5100**	up 2.75-unch
Jan	**5.2275-5.5600**	up 3.25-unch

Guaranteed maximum 10.5 pct protein

Oct	**5.1850-5.4500**	up 2.75-unch
Nov	**5.1850-5.4500**	up 2.75-unch
Dec	**5.2350-5.4800**	up 2.75-unch
Jan	**5.2275-5.5200**	up 3.25-unch

US 1 White Club Wheat - delivered by Unit Trains and Barges

Ordinary protein

Oct	**5.1850-5.4500**	up 2.75-unch

Guaranteed maximum 10.5 pct protein

Oct	**5.1850-5.4500**	up 2.75-unch

US 1 Hard Red Winter Wheat - (Exporter bids-falling numbers of 300 or better)

Ordinary protein

Oct	**4.71-5.5175**	up 2.50

11 pct protein

Oct	**5.3175-5.8175**	up 2.50

11.5 pct protein

Oct	**5.3675-6.0175**	up 2.50
Nov	**5.6175-6.0175**	up 2.50
Dec	**5.6175-6.0175**	up 2.50
Jan	**5.6475-6.0475**	up 2.75
Feb		NA

12 pct protein

Oct	**5.7675-6.1675**	up 2.50

13 pct protein

Oct	**6.0675-6.4675**	up 2.50

US 1 Dark Northern Spring Wheat (with a minimum of 300 falling numbers, a maximum of 0.5 part per million vomitoxin, and a maximum of one percent total damage)

13 pct protein

Oct	**7.1175-7.2175**	up 8.25

14 pct protein

Oct	**7.3375-7.5375**	up 8.25
Nov	**7.3375-7.5375**	up 8.25
Dec	**7.3375-7.5375**	up 8.25
Jan	**7.3675-7.6175**	up 7.75

15 pct protein

Oct	**7.5975-7.6975**	up 8.25

16 pct protein

Oct	**7.7575-7.8575**	up 8.25

US 2 Yellow Corn

Shuttle trains-Delivered full coast Pacific Northwest-BNSF

Oct	**3.9800-4.0000**	up 8.50-0.50
Nov	**4.0200-4.1000**	up 0.50
Dec	**4.1200-4.1700**	dn 2.5-up.50
Jan	**4.1825-4.2925**	dn 7.2-up .75
Feb	**4.2525-4.3025**	dn 2.2-up .75
Mar	**4.2825-4.3425**	dn .25-up .75

US 1 Yellow Soybeans

Shuttle trains-Delivered full coast Pacific Northwest-BNSF

Oct	**10.4225-10.4725**	up 4.00
Nov	**10.4725-10.5425**	up 4.00
Dec	**10.5500-10.6500**	up 4.00
Jan	**10.5300-10.6500**	up 4.00
Feb		NA
Mar		NA

US 2 Heavy White Oats **

** Not well tested.

Oct	**3.1200**	unch

Exporter Bids Portland Rail/Barge	**Sep 2017**

Averages in Dollars per bushel

US 1 Soft White by Unit Trains and Barges	**5.1900**
US 1 Hard Red Winter (Ordinary protein)	**4.8300**
US 1 Hard Red Winter (11.5% protein)	**5.5900**
US 1 Dark Northern Spring (14% protein)	**7.4100**

CALIFORNIA GRAINS
(USDA Market News)
Oct. 5

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)

FOB	**Solano County**	NA
	Colusa County	NA
	Tehema County	NA
Rail	**via BNSF and U.P.**	
	Central Valley	NA
	Stockton-Modesto-Oakdale-Turlock	NA
Truck:	**Petaluma-Santa Rosa**	9.25-9.75
	Stockton-Modesto-Oakdale-Turlock	9.25-9.75
	Kings-Tulare-Fresno Counties	NA
	Colusa County	NA

CORN US No 2 Yellow

FOB	**Stockton-Modesto-Oakdale-Turlock**	NA
	Modesto-Oakdale-Turlock	NA
	Kings-Tulare-Fresno	6.75-6.95
	Turlock/Tulare	7.96
Rail	**Single Car Units via BNSF**	
	Los Angeles-Chino Valley	NA

Dairy Report

Compiled by USDA Market News Service • Madison, Wis.

FLUID MILK AND CREAM REVIEW – WEST
(USDA Market News)
Oct. 5

California farm milk prices are reported to be higher in the spot market. Nonetheless, industry contacts suggest that milk production is increasing as the weather is getting cooler. Fluid milk demand into schools' pipelines and grocery stores is steady.

Most balancing plants are only processing contracted volumes. Some are finishing their repair/maintenance works in preparation for the Fall.

The September 4a price (butter/powder) in California is $15.69, down $0.72 from the previous month, but $2.58 higher than a year ago. This compares to the Federal Order Class IV price of $15.86 for September.

The September 4b price (cheese) is $14.88, down $0.41 from the previous month, but $0.45 higher from a year ago. This compares to the Federal Order Class III price for September at $16.36.

According to CDFA, August 2017 Class 1 sales in California totaled 52.6 million gallons, up 9.7 percent from last month, but down 3.6 percent from the previous year. From January through August 2017, Class 1 sales totaled 410.9 million gallons, down 3.4 percent from the comparable period in 2016.

According to CDFA, October 2017 Class 1 prices in California are $18.02 in the North and $18.30 in the South. The statewide average Class 1 price based on production is $18.04. This price is down $0.62 from the previous month, but $0.25 higher than a year ago. Milk processors in Arizona continue their maintenance/repair workloads in view of the fall.

Farm milk output in Arizona is trending upward as cooler weather conditions are starting to replace hot ones. Sales into Class I is stable at previous week level. Processing plants are working at or near full capacities.

Overall, the fluid milk market is balanced in Arizona. Contacts report that some balancing plants in New Mexico have reduced their daily activities due to moving their milk into pipelines in the Southeast. Sales to educational institutions in New Mexico are steady to slightly lower.

Class II demand is steady, but Class III is requesting steady to slightly less milk.

Pacific Northwest milk production is seasonally in balance. Bottling demand is steady. Dairy manufacturers have adequate supplies of milk needed for most processing needs and are getting ready for the final push before peak holiday demand.

Most milk is finding a home within the immediate milk shed. Milk production in the mountain states of Idaho, Colorado and Utah is strong. Supplies are long and manufacturers have plenty of milk for most processing needs.

A few surplus loads continue to find their way into neighboring states for processing. Western condensed skim supplies are declining. Prices are higher now compared to August.

Industry contacts report that cream is plentiful in the West region. Sales are steady to lower. Ice cream processors have slowed down their cream intakes. Butter makers are also taking less cream.

However, cream sales to cheese plants are more active. Cream multiples for all classes are 1.06-1.28. According to the DMN National Retail Report-Dairy for the week of Sept. 29-Oct. 5, the national weighted average advertised price for one gallon of milk is $2.66, up $0.12 from last week, and $0.16 higher from a year ago.

The weighted average regional price in the Southwest is $3.52, with a price range of $2.79-$3.99. The weighted average regional price in the Northwest is $1.85, with a price range of $1.79-$1.99.

Livestock Auctions

Oregon

LEBANON
(Lebanon Auction Yard)
Oct. 5

Total receipts: 516

Butcher Cows: Conventional: Top Cow, $71.00; Top 10 Cows, $69.69; Top 50 Cows, $67.20; Top 100 Cows, $65.11; Organic: Top Cow, $101.00; Top 10, $98.14; Avg. All Organic: $76.45.

Bulls: Conventional: Top Bull, $84.00; Avg. All Bulls, $75.85.

Feeder Steers: 400-500 lbs $139.00-141.50; 500-600 lbs $112.50-143.00

Feeder Heifers: 400-500 lbs $95.00-$136.00; 500-600 lbs $122.50-$135.00

Goats: $60.00-$115.00/head

WOODBURN
(Woodburn Livestock Exchange)
Oct. 3

Total Receipts: 557, 531 Cattle

Top 10 Slaughter Cows A/P 70.22 cwt; Top 50 Slaughter Cows A/P 65.41 cwt; Top 100 Slaughter Cows A/P 61.55 cwt

Back To The Country Cows: 70.00 cwt

Certified Cows 80.00-140.00 cwt

Top Certified Organic Cattle: 57.00-87.00 cwt

All Slaughter Bulls: 52.00-86.00 cwt

Top Beef Steers: 200-300 lbs 150.00-172.50 cwt; 300-400 lbs 145.00-159.00 cwt; 400-500 lbs 140.00-155.00 cwt; 500-600 lbs 125.00-145.00 cwt; 600-700 lbs 110.00-122.00 cwt; 700-800 lbs NT; 800-900 lbs NT

Top Beef Heifers: 200-300 lbs NT; 300-400 lbs 130.00-147.00 cwt; 400-500 lbs 130.00-142.50 cwt; 500-600 lbs 120.00-134.00 cwt; 600-700 lbs 100.00-125.00 cwt; 700-800 lbs 95.00-114.50 cwt; 800-900 lbs NT

Cow/Calf Pairs: 710.00-1130.00 HD

Bred Cows: 550.00-850.00 HD

Day Old Beef Cross Calves: 137.50-180.00 HD

Day Old Dairy Calves: 7.00-80.00 HD

Block Hogs: 30.00-48.00 cwt

Feeder Pigs: 25.00-80.00 HD

Sows: 2.00-25.00 cwt

Weaner Pigs: NT

Lambs: 40-70 lbs 145.00-158.00 cwt; 75-150 lbs 130.00-154.00 cwt

Thin Ewes: 75.00-120.00 cwt

Fleshy Ewes: 65.00-71.00 cwt

Ewe/Lamb Pairs: NT

Goats: 10-39 lbs 10.00-52.50 HD; 40-69 lbs 20.00-122.50 HD; 70-79 lbs 40.00-110.00 HD; 80-89 lbs 40.00-200.00 HD; 90-99 lbs 80.00-200.00 HD; 100-199 lbs 80.00-227.50 HD; 200-300 lbs 110.00-147.50 HD

VALE
(Producers Livestock Marketing Assoc.)
Oct. 4

Comments: Steady to higher on the light calf market, under 550 lbs. Steady on the heavier weight calves.

Steer Calves: 300-400 lbs 181-209 bulk, 217 top; 400-500 lbs 159-193 lbs bulk, 200 top; 500-600 lbs 145-163 bulk, 164 top.

Heifer Calves: 300-400 lbs Bulk 154-181, Top 182; 400-500 lbs Bulk 136-161 lbs, Top 173; 500-600 lbs Bulk 129-147, Top 147.75

Yearling Steers: 600-700 lbs Bulk 134-158, Top 163.50; 700-800 lbs Bulk 132-143, Top 145.50; 800-900 lbs Bulk 123-137, Top 139; 900-1000 lbs NT

Yearling Heifers: 600-700 lbs 131-144, 146.75; 700-800 lbs 119-128 bulk, 132 top; 800-900 lbs 117-126, 130 top; 900-1000 lbs NT

Stock Cow Yng: 1275.00-1610.00

Butcher Cows: Bulk 63.00-69.00

Thin Shelly Cows: Bulk 42.00-59.00, Top 72.00

Butcher Bulls: Bulk 65.00-79.00, Top 82

Stock Cow B.M.: 875.00-1075.00

Younger Hfrts: 76.00-103.00

Washington

TOPPENISH
(Toppenish Livestock Auction)
Oct. 5

Receipts: 2250 HD

Compared to Sept. 28 at the same sale: Stocker and feeder steady to 5.00 higher. CME positions continue to post strong gains with triple-digit movement seen in all feed contracts, Oct. 2017-Aug. 2018. Trade very active with very good demand. Slaughter cows 1.00-2.00 higher. Slaughter bulls steady. Trade active with good demand. Slaughter cows 59 percent, slaughter bulls 10 percent, and feeders 31 percent of the supply. The feeder supply included 56 percent steers and 44 percent heifers. Near 57 percent of the run weighed over 600 lbs.

Feeder Steers: Medium and Large 1-2 400-500 lbs 154.00-164.00; 400-500 lbs 170.00, Thin Fleshed 500-600 lbs 145.00-151.50; 600-700 lbs 146.00-153.00, Calves 700-800 lbs 147.50-148.00; 800-900 lbs 132.00-135.00. Medium and Large 2-3 500-600 lbs 142.00; Small and Medium 1-2 500-600 lbs 139.50-142.00.

Feeder Holstein Steers: Large 2-3: 700-800 lbs 90.00; 800-900 lbs 96.00.

Feeder Bulls: Medium and Large 1-2: 500-600 lbs 106.00.

Feeder Heifers: Medium and Large 1-2: 300-400 lbs 148.00; 300-400 lbs 160.00, Thin Fleshed; 400-500 lbs 140.00-145.50; 500-600 lbs 130.00-138.00; 600-700 lbs 129.00-139.50, Calves 600-700 lbs 125.00, Full; 700-800 lbs 129.00-135.00.

Medium and Large 2-3: 700-800 lbs 109.00. Large 1: 900-1000 lbs 106.00; 1000-1100 lbs 100.00. Large 2-3: 1200-1300 lbs 92.50; 1400-1500 lbs 93.00-93.50; 1500-1600 lbs 85.50. Small and Medium 2-3: 300-400 lbs 137.00; 500-600 lbs 110.00.

Slaughter Cows:

Boners: 1300-2000 lbs Avg Dressing 63.00-68.00; Low Dressing 58.00-63.00

Lean: 1200-1900 lbs Avg Dressing 63.00-69.00; High Dressing 69.75-72.50; Low Dressing 58.00-63.00

Lean: 900-1400 lbs Avg Dressing 53.00-58.00; Low Dressing 47.00-53.00

Slaughter Bulls:

Yield Grade 1-2: 1400-2200 lbs Avg Dressing 84.00-89.50; High Dressing 96.00-104.50

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)
OCT. 7

SHIPPING AREA

FWA	*Chg*	*GRI*	*Chg*	*70 ct*	*Chg*	*10# Film*	*Chg*
IDAHO BURBANKS							
$16.27	-NA-	$7.43	-NA-	$20.00	-NA-	$12.25	-NA-
IDAHO NORKOTAHS							
$14.54	-$0.21	$6.87	-$0.16	$18.00	$0.00	$11.00	$0.00
SAN LUIS VALLEY							
$16.09	-$0.44	$9.15	-$0.38	$20.00	-$2.00	$14.00	$0.00
COLUMBIA BASIN							
$14.58	-$0.83	$6.48	-$0.51	$17.50	-$1.50	$10.50	$0.00

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

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.

NATIONAL SHEEP SUMMARY
(USDA Market News)
San Angelo, Texas
Oct. 6

Compared to Sept. 29: Slaughter lambs were steady to 10.00 lower, except at San Angelo, Texas, steady to 10.00 higher. Slaughter ewes were uneven, steady to 10.00 higher, except at New Holland, Pa., and Ft. Collins, Colo., 3.00-10.00 lower. Feeder lambs were mostly steady to 10.00 higher. At San Angelo, 3045 head sold. Equity Electronic Auction sold 335 slaughter lambs in North Dakota. In direct trading slaughter ewes and feeder lambs were not tested. 4100 head of negotiated sales of slaughter lambs were steady to 5.00 lower. 2,662 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 wooled 107 lbs 130.00.

Ft. Collins: Shorn 166 lbs 126.00; wooled 110-115 lbs 132.50-137.50, 140 lbs 125.00-130.00.

Billings, Mont.: No test.

Slaughter Lambs: Choice and Prime 1-2

San Angelo: 40-60 lbs 206.00-232.00, few 236.00; 60-70 lbs 190.00-204.00, few 216.00-224.00; 70-80 lbs 170.00-180.00, few 186.00-194.00; 80-90 lbs 160.00-176.00, few 184.00; 90-100 lbs 150.00-152.00.

Ft. Collins: 78 lbs 150.00; 80-90 lbs 147.50-150.00; 96 lbs 142.50.

Billings: No test.

Direct Trading: (Lambs FOB with 3-4 percent shrink or equivalent)

4100: Slaughter Lambs shorn and wooled 127-172 lbs 130.50-190.00 (wtd avg 150.49).

Slaughter Ewes

San Angelo: Good 3-4 (very fleshy) no test; Good 2-3 (fleshy) 60.00-62.00; Utility and Good 1-3 (medium flesh) 68.00-82.00; Utility 1-2 (thin) 60.00-68.00; Cull and Utility 1-2 (very thin) 54.00-58.00; Cull 1 (extremely thin) 20.00-40.00.

Ft. Collins: Good 3-5 (very fleshy) 50.00-56.00; Good 2-3 (fleshy) 47.00-70.00; Utility 1-2 (thin) 35.00-40.00; Cull 1 (extremely thin) 20.00-25.00.

Billings: 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.

So Dakota: Good 3-4 (very fleshy) 52.00-69.00; Good 2-3 (fleshy) 56.00-64.00; Utility 1-2 (thin) 53.00-65.00; Cull 1 50.00-54.00. Utility 1-2 (thin) 55.00; Cull and Utility 1-2 (very thin) 40.00-45.00.

Feeder Lambs: Medium and Large 1-2

San Angelo: 75-85 lbs 168.00-169.00; 94 lbs 160.00.

Ft. Collins: 55-60 lbs 137.50-138.00; 69 lbs 122.50.

Billings: No test.

San Angelo: Hair ewe lambs 55-75 lbs 210.00-234.00 cwt, 90 lbs 160.00 per head.

Ft. Collins: No test.

Billings: No test.

Sheep and lamb slaughter under federal inspection for the week to date totaled 37,000 compared with 38,000 last week and 38,000 last year.

California Egg Reports

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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)
Oct. 6

Benchmark prices are unchanged. Asking prices for next week are unchanged for Jumbo, 5 cents lower for Extra Large, 7 cents lower for Large and 5 cents lower for Medium and Small. The undertone is usually lower. Retail demand is light to moderate while warehouse buyers work from existing floor stocks and buy only for immediate needs. Offerings are moderate. Supplies are usually moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. Small benchmark price $1.14.

Size	*Range*	*Size*	*Range*
Jumbo	173	**Extra large**	183
Large	181	**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	160-173	**Extra large**	169-173
Large	166-175	**Medium**	115-126

Cattle Market Reports

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NATIONAL FEEDER AND STOCKER CATTLE
(Federal-State Market News)
St. Joseph, Mo.
Oct. 6

This week	*Last week*	*Last year*
276,500	211,000	227,400

Compared to Sept. 29: Feeder steers and heifers were mostly steady to 7.00 higher; however, calves were mixed, with sales quoted from 4.00 lower to 5.00 higher. Long-time weaned, preconditioned calves with a complete vaccination program saw sharply higher undertones, as cattle feeders are concerned that the rain and cooler weather may bring unwelcomed health issues to calves of fleshy, unweaned conditions.

Demand for the week was moderate to very good, with moderate to active trade. Last Friday at the Fort Pierre Livestock Auction in Fort Pierre, South Dakota, there was a huge run of calves and yearlings with over 9,000 head on offer. Nearly 10 loads of heifers weighing 853 pounds sold for a remarkable 157.75.

On Thursday at the Valentine Livestock Auction in Valentine, Nebraska, a load of fancy 517-pound steers sold at 205.00. CME live and feeder cattle futures closed in positive territory on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday allowing both complexes to hold triple-digit gains for the week.

Compared to last Friday, October live cattle futures closed up 1.93 at 111.03 and December was 116.93, up 1.68. October feeder cattle futures closed at 153.95, up 1.72 from last Friday, with November up 1.75 at 155.75.

Last week marked the highest Federally Inspected Slaughter of the year for cattle, with an estimated slaughter of 648,000. This has enabled feed yards to stay current, aiding demand.

On Wednesday, the Fed Cattle Exchange (FEC) sold 784 of the 1,732 head on offer. The cattle that were sold were for 1-9 day delivery from the Southern Plains and sold from 107.50-108.50 FOB, with a weighted average price of 108.01.

Cash cattle trade has remained inactive on light demand as of this writing. Last week was the latest established market, with live purchases in the Southern Plains at 108.00 and from 108.00-108.50 in Nebraska.

Last week the dressed purchases in Nebraska were at 172.00. The Midwest and Southern Plains have received ample rain throughout the week, with some areas receiving over 7 inches of precipitation in one day.

There have also been storms reported in the western portion of Kansas, with tornadoes, hail and flooding. These conditions have continued to halt the progress of wheat planting, as well as harvest.

As of Oct. 1, NASS projected the winter wheat planting as 36 percent complete; 21 percent in Kansas, which is 16 points behind last year, 30 percent in Oklahoma, and 40 percent in Texas.

NASS' Crop Progress report also projected corn harvest as 17 percent complete, 6 points behind this time last year and soybean harvest as 22 percent complete, 2 points behind last year.

Boxed-beef cutout values have been unsettled for the week, as they began steady to firm, with light to moderate offerings. Choice boxed-beef values remained steady to weak throughout the remainder of the week; however, Select boxed-beef values began firm and made a lower shift late-week.

Compared to last Friday, Choice boxed-beef closed at 197.22, up 60 cents and Select boxed-beef closed up 1.27 at 187.23.

The Choice-Select spread closed today at 9.99. Auction volume this week included 61 percent weighing over 600 lbs and 48 percent heifers.

National Slaughter Cattle Summary
(USDA Market News)
Oct. 6

Slaughter cattle sold mostly steady in all feeding regions on very limited and light offerings. Boxed Beef prices as of Friday afternoon averaged 192.23 down 0.33 from last Friday. The Choice/Select spread is 9.99. Slaughter cattle on a national basis for negotiated cash trades through Friday afternoon totaled about 11,033 head. Last week's total head count was 79,884 head.

Midwest Direct Markets: Live Basis: Steers and Heifers: Few 108.00-108.50. Dressed Basis: Steers and Heifers Few 172.00.

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

Slaughter Cows and Bulls (Average Yielding Prices): Slaughter cows and bulls sold steady to 2.00 higher with exception of Alabama trading 1.00-3.00 lower.

Cutter Cow Carcass Cut-Out Value Friday was 173.98 up 0.83 from last Friday.

NORTHWEST DIRECT CATTLE
(USDA Market News)
Moses Lake, Wash.
Oct. 6

This Week	*Last Week*	*Last Year*
300	3050	1800

Compared to last week: Not enough feeder cattle reported this week for accurate trends as most sale barns had special sales this week. Trade near standstill. Demand remains very good. The feeder supply included 33 percent steers and 67 percent heifers. Near 33 percent of the supply weighed over 600 lbs.

Unless otherwise stated prices are FOB weighting points with 2-3 percent shrink or equivalent and a 5-10 cent slide on calves and a 4-12 cent slide on yearlings from base weights. Current sales are up to 14 days delivery.

Feeder Steers: Medium and Large 1: Current FOB Price: 650 lbs. 146.00 value added WA.

Feeder Heifers: Medium and Large 1: Current FOB Price: 600 lbs. 136.00-138.00 value added WA.