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### **Hay Market Reports**

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Hay prices	are dollars p	per ton or do	ollars per bale whe	en sold to	
retail outlets. Basis is current delivery FOB barn or stack, or deliv-					
ered 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	

(Columbia Basin) (USDA Market News)						
		GTON-ORE				
1	<130	36+	<50.5	<16		
	130-150	32-35	50.5-52.5	16-18		
	150-170	29-32	52.5-54.5	18-20		

GOOD

UTILITY

FAIR

This week FOB	Last week	Last year
3550 Tons	3100 Tons	3500 Tons
Compared to Dec.	8: Fair/Good Alfalfa st	eady in a light test
Trade slow this week	a. Demand remains go	od for all grades of
Alfalfa. Timothy for ex	xport remains slow as	export demand ha
decreased with some	plants only running 3	days a week. Retai
Feedstore not tested t	this week. All prices are	dollars per ton and
FOR the farm or ranch	unless otherwise state	hd.

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		Tons	Price	
Alfalfa	Mid Square			
	Good Export	1250	145.40	
	Fair Tarped	2000	120.00	
Alfalfa	Small Square			
	Good Export	200	170.00	
Timothy Grass	Mid Square			
	Fair Export	100	170.00	
	OREGON AREA HAY			
	(USDA Market News)			
	Dec. 15			

Compared to Dec. 8: Prices trended generally steady in a limited test. Retail/Stable type hay remains the largest demanded hay. Many hay producers have sold out for the year. Buyers wanting to bump up their hay inventory prior to the upcoming holidays has increased sales somewhat this

WEEK.			
This week FOB	Last week	L	ast year
2935 Tons	1094 Tons	2	415 Tons
CROOK, DESCHUTES	, JEFFERSON, WASC	O COUN	TIES
		Tons	Price
Alfalfa	Small Square		
	Prem Retail/Stable	15	200.00
Orchard Grass	Large Square		
	Good/Prem Export	300	170.00
Orchard Grass	Small Square		

Joseph, MoPortla	Joseph, MoPortland							
Prem Retail/Stable 5 250.00 Good/Prem Retail/Stable								
		50	225.50					
Mixed Grass Five-Way	Small Square							
	Prem Retail/Stable	20	275.00					
EASTERN OREGON:								
Alfalfa/Orchard Mix	Small Square							
LIABNEW COUNTY	Prem Retail/Stable	15	175.00					
HARNEY COUNTY:	1 0							
Alfalfa	Large Square Supreme	457	169.74					
KLAMATH BASIN:	Supreme	457	109.74					
Alfalfa	Large Square							
Allullu	Fair/Good/Weedy	140	140.00					
	Fair	60	100.00					
	Small Square							
	Supreme	25	210.00					
	Prem Retail/Stable	48	175.00					
	Good/Prem Retail/Stable	100	150.00					
Alfalfa/Orchard Mix	Small Square							
	Prem Retail/Stable	100	220.00					
Wheat Straw	Large Square	100	75.00					
LAKE COUNTY:	Utility Organic	100	75.00					
Alfalfa	Large Square							
Allalla	Supreme	67	215.00					
	Premium	250	190.00					
	Export	500	170.00					
	Good Rain Damage	250	150.00					
	Small Square							
	Prem/Supr/Organic	28	250.00					
	Prem Retail/Stable	30	185.00					
Alfalfa/Oat Mix	Small Square							
	Good/Premium	25	120.00					
Alfalfa/Triticale Mix	Large Square Good/Premium	250	125.00					
	IDAHO HAY	350	125.00					
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(USDA Market News)								

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3900 Tons	1650 Tons		1200 Tons
Compared to Dec.	8: Alfalfa steady.	Trade slow t	this week but
some interest was not plentiful alternative fe	,	, ,	, , ,
ment. Retail/Feedstor		prices nurur	ig nay move-
		Ton	s Price

Dec. 15

This week FOR

ment. Netali/i eeu	store not testeu.	Tons	Price
Alfalfa	Mid Square	10110	
	Supreme Tarped	600	170.00
	Good Export	3200	127.50
	Fair Tarped	100	110.00

### **CALIFORNIA HAY** (USDA Market News) Dec. 15

Compared to Dec. 8: All classes traded steady with moderate demand. This week FOB Last week Last year 5850 Tons 2425 Tons

REGION I: NORTHERN INTERMOUNT	AIN
Includes the counties of Siskiyou, Mod	doc, Shasta, Lassen an
Plumas.	

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		Tons	Price			
Alfalfa	Supreme	1550	220.29			
	Retail/Stable	100	240.00			
	Prem Rain Damage	300	225.00			
	Retail/Stable	75	200.00			
Alfalfa/Grain	Prem Retail/Stable	100	240.00			
Orchard Grass	Premium	100	220.00			
	Retail/Stable	150	273.33			
	Good/Prem/Ret/Stab	le100	180.00			
Forage Mix-Three Way						
	Good Retail/Stable	50	140.00			
Wheat Straw	Good	25	65.00			

**REGION 2: SACRAMENTO VALLEY** 

Includes the counties	of Tehama, Glenn, But	te, Colus	a, Sutter
uba, Sierra, Nevada, P	lacer, Yolo, El Dorado,	Solano	and Sac
amento.			
lfalfa	Premium	285.00	
	Organic	100	295.00
	Retail/Stable	200	260.00
	Good/Prem Export	300	230.00
	Good	100	220.00
orn Stalks	Good	100	75.00
orage Mix-Three Way	Good	100	190.00
EGION 3: NORTHERN	SAN JOAQUIN VALLE	Υ	

Includes the counties of San Joaquin, Calaveras, Stanislaus, Tuolumne, Mono, Merced and Mariposa: No New Sales Confirmed Good Del

REGION 4: CENTRAL SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY Includes the counties of Madera, Fresno, Kings, Tulare and Invo: No New Sales Confirmed REGION 5: SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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

Supr/Very High Test 200 REGION 6: SOUTHEAST CALIFORNIA Includes the counties of Eastern San Bernardino, Riverside and

Alfalfa	Supreme	1800	199.44
	Prem Retail/Stable	200	213.75

Oakdale-Turlock

Kings-Tulare-

### **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 Dec. 14

Pacific Northwest Market Summary: Cash wheat bids for December delivery ended the reporting week on Thursday, Dec 14, were mixed compared to week ago noon bids for December

March wheat futures ended the reporting week on Thursday. Dec. 14, mixed as follows compared to week ago closes: Chicago wheat futures were 3.25 cents lower at 4.1825, Kansas City wheat futures were 2.50 cents lower at 4.1825 and Minneapolis wheat futures trended six cents higher at 6.17. Chicago December corn futures trended three cents lower at 3.4850 and January soybean futures closed 24.25 cents lower at 9.6775.

Bids for US 1 Soft White Wheat delivered to Portland in unit trains or barges during December for ordinary protein trended steady to 4.50 cents per bushel higher compared to week ago prices for the same delivery period from 5.11-5.30. 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 and last week.

One year ago bids for US 1 Soft White Wheat any protein for December delivery by unit trains and barges to Portland were 4.60-4.75 and bids for White Club Wheat were 4.60-4.93. Forward month bids for soft white wheat ordinary protein were as follows: January 5.15-5.30, February 5.17-5.30, March 5.20-5.30 and April

One year ago, forward month bids for soft white wheat for any protein were as follows: January 4.63-4.75, February and March 4.63-4.67, and April 4.60-4.64.

Bids for US 1 Soft White Wheat guaranteed maximum 10.5 percent protein during December trended steady to 3.25 cents per bushel lower than week ago prices for the same delivery period from 5.0325-5.30. Some exporters were not issuing bids for near-

White club wheat premiums for guaranteed maximum 10.5 percent protein soft white wheat this week were zero to five 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 December delivery by unit trains and barges to Portland were 4.63-4.68 and bids for White Club

Wheat were 4.63-4.93. Forward month bids for soft white wheat guaranteed 10.5 percent proteins were as follows: January 5.15-5.30, February 5.18-5.30, March 5.18-5.30 and April 5.20-5.2075.

One year ago, forward month bids for soft white wheat for any protein were as follows: January, February and March 4.68-4.70 and April 4.64-4.65.

Bids for 11.5 percent protein US 1 Hard Red Winter Wheat for December delivery trended 2.50 cents per bushel lower than week ago bids for the same delivery period. Some exporters were not issuing bids for nearby delivery. This week, bids were as follows December 5.6325-5.7825, January, February and March 5.6825

Bids for non-guaranteed 14.0 percent protein US 1 Dark Northern Spring Wheat for Portland delivery during December trended six cents per bushel higher than week ago bids for the same de

Some exporters were not issuing bids for nearby delivery. This week, bids for non-guaranteed 14 percent protein were as follows: December 7.37-7.42, January, February and March 7.32-7.52.

Coarse feeding grains: Bids for US 2 Yellow Corn delivered full coast Pacific Northwest BNSF shuttle trains for December delivery trended mixed, from two cents lower to one cent higher than week ago offers for the same delivery period from 4.2850-4.3150. Some exporters were not issuing bids for nearby delivery.

Forward month corn bids were as follows: January 4.3050-4.3650, February 4.3250-4.3650, March 4.3250-4.3750, April 4.2775-4.3475 and May 4.2675-4.2975. Bids for US 1 Yellow Soybeans delivered full coast Pacific North-

west BNSF shuttle trains for November delivery trended 24.25 to 26.25 cents lower than week ago bids for the same delivery period at 10.4275. Some exporters were not issuing bids for nearby delivery. Forward month soybean bids were as follows: January 10.4475-

10.4775, and February 10.4375-10.5075. Bids for US 2 Heavy White Oats for November delivery trended steady at 3.0475 per bushel. Pacific Northwest Export News: There were 15 grain vessels

in Columbia River ports on Thursday, Dec. 14, with five docked compared to nine last week with four docked. There were no new confirmed export sales this week from the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) of the USDA.

#### CALIFORNIA GRAINS (USDA Market News) Dec. 14

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

Note: Due to the California grain market at a standstill and the impending holiday this report will not be available again until Jan.

Dollars Per Cwt BARLEY US No 2 (46-lbs. per bushel)

Solano County Colusa County NA Tehama County NA Rail: Any Origin via BNSF and U.P. Los Angeles Stockton-Modesto-Oakdale-Turlock **Tulare County** NA Petaluma-Santa Rosa

Stockton-Modesto-

	Kings-Tulare-	
	Fresno Counties	NA
	Kern County	NA
	Colusa County	NA
	Glenn County	NA
CORN US	No 2 Yellow	
FOB	Stockton-Modesto-	
	Oakdale-Turlock	NA
	Modesto-Oakdale-Turlock	NA
	Kings-Tulare-Fresno	NA
	Turlock/Tulare	8.19
Rail: Single	e Car Units via BNSF	
	Los Angeles-Chino Valley	8.29
	Stockton	NA
Truck	Petaluma-Santa Rosa	NA
	Stockton-Modesto-	
	Oakdale-Turlock	8.49
	Kings-Tulare-	
	Fresno Counties	8.49
	Glenn County	NA
	Hanford County	NA
	Kern County	NA
SORGHUM US No 2 Yellow (Milo)		
Rail: LA-CI	nino Valley via BNSF	8.60
Truck: Mod	lesto-Oakdale-Turlock	NA
	Turlock County	NA
	Glenn County	NA
	Kings-Tulare-Fresno	NA
OATS US	No 1 White (40-lbs. per bushel)	
Truck	LA-Chino Valley	NA
US No 2 W	/hite (38-lbs. per bushel)	
Rail	Petaluma	NA
Truck	Petaluma	NA
	Stockton-Modesto-	
	Oakdale-Turlock	NA
	Colusa County	NA
	S No 2 or better - Hard Red Winter	
(Domestic Values for Flour Milling)		
FOB	Kern	NA
	Fresno	NA
	Merced	NA

# Merced NA LA 12% Protein NA I A 13% Protein NA LA 14% Protein NA

# Truck (California Origin) Colusa County Rail-Truck (Out of State Origin) LA Guaranteed 12% Protein

#### LA Guaranteed 13% Protein LA Guaranteed 14% Protein WHEAT US Durum Wheat FOB Imperial County Imperial County Truck

## **Livestock Auctions**

### Oregon EUGENE (Eugene Livestock Auction) Dec. 16

Head Count: 325 Market Conditions Compared to Last Week: Cows and bulls \$2-3 stronger. Feeder cattle steady. High Dressers: 60.00-67.00

Top 10 Cows: 63.80 Low Dressers: 50.00-59.50 Bulls: Top Bulls High Dressers: 68.50-81.00 Feeder Bulls: 300-500 lbs 100.00-154.50: 500-700 lbs 100.00-140.00; 700-900 lbs 78.50-

Choice Steers: Medium to Large Frame No.

1 & 2s: Feeder Steers: 300 to 400 lbs 110.00; 400 to 500 lbs 130.00-156.50; 500 to 600 lbs 120.00-145.00: 600 to 700 lbs 110.00-122.00: 700 to 800 lbs 107.00-126.50; 800 to 900 lbs NT Choice Heifers Medium To Large Frame No.

Feeder Heifers: 300 to 400 lbs 110.00-148.00; 400 to 500 lbs 110.00-136.00; 500 to 600 lbs 110.00-130.50: 600 to 700 lbs 110.00-124.00: 700 to 800 lbs 100.00-116.00; 800 and up

100.00-110.50 Bred Cows: 650-850 HD Pairs: NT

130 lbs 110.00-152.50

1&2s:

Head Calves (up to 250 lbs) Beef: 140.00-355.00 HD Dairy: 30-130 HD Feeder lambs: 50-90 lbs 120.00-145.00: 90-

### LEBANON (Lebanon Auction Yard) Dec. 14

Total Receipts: 275 Butcher Cows: Conventional: Top Cow, 66.50; Top 10 Cows, 65.35; Top 50 Cows, \$63.78; Avg. All Cows, \$56.97. Organic: Top Cow, \$81.00; Top 10, \$75.35;

Avg. All Organic: \$59.98. Bulls: Conventional: Top Bull, \$76.50; Avg. All

WOODBURN (Woodburn Livestock Exchange) Dec. 12

Total Receipts: 527 (493 Cattle)

Top 10 Slaughter Cows A/P: 62.11 cwt Top 50 Slaughter Cows A/P: 60.30 cwt Top 100 Slaughter Cows A/P: 58.81 cwt Top Certified Organic Cattle: 40.00-70.00 cwt

Top Beef Steers: 300-400 lbs 135.00-145.00 cwt; 400-500 lbs 135.00-146.00 cwt 500-600 lbs 130.00-146.00 cwt; 600-700 lbs 119.00-136.25 cwt; 700-800 lbs 117.00-123.50 cwt; 800-900

All Slaughter Bulls: 67.00-76.00 cwt

Top Beef Heifers: 300-400 lbs 130.00-138.00 cwt; 400-500 lbs 125.00-140.00 cwt 500-600 lbs 122 50-132.00 cwt: 600-700 lbs 110.00-127.50 cwt; 700-800 lbs 94.00-118.50 cwt; 800-900 lbs

94.00-115.50 NT Cow/Calf Pairs: NT Bred Cows: 650.00-975.00 Day Old Dairy Calves: 2.00-70.00 Block Hogs: 85.00-92.00 Feeder Pigs: 21.00-61.50 HD Sows: 35.00-82.00 cwt

Weaner Pigs: 27.50-32.50 Lambs: 40-70 lbs 135.00-145.00 cwt; 75-150 lbs 134.00-157.50 cwt Thin Ewes: 65.00-125.00 cwt Fleshy Ewes: 50.00-90.00 cwt Goats: 10-39 lbs 25.00-47.50 HD; 40-69 lbs

35.00-117.50 HD: 70-79 lbs 87.50-157.50 HD: 80-

89 lbs 95.00-155.00 HD; 90-99 lbs 122.50-170.00;

100-199 lbs 80.00-260.00 HD; 200-300 lbs 107.50-

### 135.00 HD MADRAS (Central Oregon Livestock Auction)

Dec. 11 Head: 3471 Steers (1765 HD): 300-400 lbs 185-206: 400-

500 lbs 170-195; 500-600 lbs 160-187; 600-700 lbs 148-155; 700-800 lbs 145-153; 800-900 lbs 136-145 Heifers (1670 HD): 300-400 lbs NT: 400-500

lbs 154-179; 500-600 lbs 143-155.50; 600-700 lbs 134-148; 700-800 lbs 125-133; 800-900 lbs 117-132 Butcher Cows: High Yield 55-63; Med Yield

5055; Low Yield 47-54 Bulls: High Yield 80-84; Med Yield 75-80; Feeder 65-74

Feeder Cows; 55-70 Heiferettes: 85-110

### Idaho LEWISTON (Lewiston Livestock Market)

Dec. 6 Receipts: 2173 HD

Comments: Zero to \$5 lower due to futures market Steers: 300-400 lbs 146-166: 400-500 lbs 161-190: 500-600 lbs 160-180; 600-700 lbs 148-159; 700-800 lbs 137-155; 800-900 lbs 144-150; 900-1000 lbs 130-138.50 1000 lbs up 104-114

Heifers: 300-400 lbs 130-155: 400-500 lbs 146-155; 500-600 lbs 138-148; 600-700 lbs 138-148; 700-800 lbs 133-143.50; 800-900 lbs 120-136; 900-1000 lbs 90-119: 1000 lbs up 70-90

Utility Cows: 53-62 Young Feeder: 70-80 Bulls: 70-83 Baby Calves: 200-300

### **California** TURLOCK

(Turlock Livestock Auction Yard) 11th Annual Anniversary Special Feeder Sale Dec. 12 Receipts: 3706 HD

Steer Penlots: 8 HD 447 lbs. \$190.00; 14 HD 456 lbs. \$188.00; 33 HD 525 lbs. \$173.50; 6 HD 595 lbs. \$160.00: 45 HD 623 lbs. \$158.50: 11 HD 735 lbs. \$148.00; 193 HD 815 lbs. \$143.50 No. 1 Med. & Large Frame Steers: 400-499 lbs

\$165.00-190.00; 500-599 lbs. \$150.00-175.00; 600-699 lbs. \$130.00-160.00; 700-799 lbs. \$125.00-148.00; 800-899 lbs. \$125.00-143.50 No. 2 Med. & Large Frame Steers: 300-399 lbs. \$100.00-190.00; 400-499 lbs. \$120.00-

164.00; 500-599 lbs. \$110.00-149.00; 600-699 lbs. \$95.00-129.00; 700-799 lbs. \$90.00-124.00; 800-899 lbs. \$75.00 124.00 Heifer Penlots: 3 HD 341 lbs. \$160.00; 7 HD

438 lbs. \$158.00; 13 HD 533 lbs. \$152.50; 13 HD 541 lbs. \$148.50: 67 HD 560 lbs. \$144.50: 16 HD 593 lbs. \$137.00; 12 HD 655 lbs. \$134.00; 40 HD 787 lbs. \$133.75; 169 HD 827 lbs. \$133.75 No. 1 Med. & Large Frame Heifers: 400-499 lbs. \$145.00-172.00; 500-599 lbs. \$130.00-

152.50; 600-699 lbs. \$126.00-137.00; 700-799 lbs. \$122.00-133.75; 800-899 lbs. \$120.00-133.75 No. 2 Med. & Large Frame Heifers; 300-399 lbs. \$110.00-175.00; 400-499 lbs. \$115.00-144.00; 500-599 lbs. \$110.00-129.00; 600-699 lbs. \$100.00-125.00; 700-799 lbs. \$95.00-121.00; 800-899 lbs. \$92.00-119.00 No. 1 Holstein Steers: 300-399 lbs. NT; 400-

NA

11.50

499 lbs. \$80.00-110.00; 500-599 lbs. \$75.00-103.00; 600-699 lbs. \$75.00-98.00; 700-799 lbs. \$65.00-97.00; 800-899 lbs. \$60.00-96.50; 900-999 lbs. \$60.00-95.00 Holstein Barren Heifers: \$65.00-95.00

Weigh Beef Cows: High Yielding \$59.00-66.50; Med Yielding \$53.00-58.00; Low Yielding \$40.00-Weigh Dairy Cows: High Yielding \$55.00-

60.50; Med Yielding \$51.00-54.00; Low Yielding \$35.00-50.00 Weigh Bulls: High Yielding \$75.00-83.00; Med Yielding \$68.00-74.00; Low Yielding \$58.00-67.00

### Washington TOPPENISH (Toppenish Livestock Auction)

### Dec. 14 Compared to Dec. 7: Stocker and feeder cattle

steady to 4.00 higher. Trade active with very good demand for all classes. Slaughter cows and bulls 5.00-8.00 higher as processors need supplies. Trade very with very good demand. Slaughter cows 64 percent, slaughter bulls 5 percent, and feeders 31 percent of the supply. The feeder supply included 31 percent steers and 69 percent heifers. Near 57 percent of the run weighed over 600 lbs. Feeder Steers: Medium and Large 1-2: 400-

500 lbs 165.00-167.50: 400-500 lbs 152.50. Full: 500-600 lbs 155.00-157.00; 600-700 lbs 153.00- $155.00, \quad \text{Calves}; \quad 700\text{-}800 \quad \text{lbs} \quad 140.00\text{-}150.00;$ 800-900 lbs 140.00-145.00. Large 1: 900-1000 lbs 137.00. Small and Medium 1-2: 500-600 lbs 154.50; 600-700 lbs 140.00. Feeder Heifers: Medium and Large 1-2: 300-400

lbs 153.00-158.00; 400-500 lbs 140.00-146.00; 400-500 lbs 157.50, Thin Fleshed; 500-600 lbs 138.00-148.00; 600-700 lbs 140.00; 600-700 lbs 136.00-145.00. Calves: 700-800 lbs 136.00-136.75. Medium and Large 3-4: 600-700 lbs 85.00; 700-800 lbs 87.50. Large 1: 900-1000 lbs 125.00. Large 2-3: 600-700 lbs 94.00: 800-900 lbs 90.00: 1300-1400 lbs 74.50; 1500-1600 lbs 69.00. Small and Medium 1-2: 500-600 lbs 137.50.

### **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) Dec. 16 SHIPPING AREA Chg Chg 10# Film Chg **IDAHO BURBANKS** -\$0.91 \$8.41 -\$0.55 \$25.00 -\$0.50 \$12.50 -\$1.50 IDAHO NORKOTAHS -\$0.46 \$8.63 \$23.00 -\$0.34 -\$0.50 \$12.50 -\$0.50 SAN LUIS VALLEY

\$24.00

\$20.50

## **Sheep/Wool Market Reports**

\$0.51

\$0.07

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

\$10.87

\$7.75

NATIONAL WOOL REVIEW (USDA Market News) Dec. 15

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 Dec. 15

Compared to Dec. 8: Slaughter lambs were uneven, steady to 10.00 higher at San Angelo, Texas, and steady to 10.00 lower at New Holland, Pa. Slaughter ewes were steady to 5.00 lower. Feeder lambs were steady in a light test. At San Angelo, 4723 head sold. No sales in Equity Electronic Auction. In direct trading slaughter ewes and feeder lambs were not tested. 5700 head of negotiated sales of slaughter lambs were steady to 3.00 lower. 3,379 lamb carcasses sold with all weights no trend due to confidentiality. All sheep sold per hundred-

weight unless otherwise specified Slaughter Lambs: Choice and Prime 2-3 90-160 lbs:

San Angelo: shorn and wooled 100-150 lbs 128.00-144.00. Ft. Collins. Colo.: wooled 110-125 lbs

131.00-163.00 Billings, Mont.: no test. Equity Elec: no sales. Slaughter Lambs: Choice and Prime 1-2:

San Angelo: 40-60 lbs 256.00-276.00, few 278.00-282.00; 60-70 lbs 228.00-258.00, few 260.00-266.00: 70-80 lbs 196.00-222.00. few 226.00-242.00: 80-90 lbs 180.00-200.00: 90-110 lbs 160.00-172.00

Ft. Collins: 53 lbs 212.50; 60-70 lbs 200.00-210.00: 70-80 lbs 192.50-195.00.

\$0.00

\$0.50

\$15.50

\$12.00

\$0.50

\$0.00

Billings: no test.

50.00.

Slaughter Ewes: San Angelo: Good 3-4 (very fleshy) no test Good 2-3 (fleshy) no test; Utility and Good 1-3 (medium flesh) 80.00-96.00; Utility 1-2 (thin) 68.00-78.00; Cull and Utility 1-2 (very thin)

Ft. Collins: Good 3-5 (very fleshy) 72.50-82.50: Good 2-3 (fleshy) 71.00-82.50: Utility 1-2 (thin) 47.50-53.00; Cull 1 (extremely thin)

50.00-60.00; Cull 1 (extremely thin) 30.00-

Billings: Good 3-4 (very fleshy) no test; Good 2-3 (fleshy) no test; Utility 1-2 (thin) no

Utility 1-2 (thin) 60.00-72.50. Feeder Lambs: Medium and Large 1-2

San Angelo: no test.Ft. Collins: 78 lbs 137.50 Billings: no test. Replacement Ewes: Medium and Large 1-2: San Angelo: hair ewe lambs 70-80 lbs

226.00-242.00 cwt, 80-100 lbs 202.00-220.00

compared with 43.000 last week and 43.000

cwt; mixed age hair ewes 80-130 lbs 90.00-

Ft. Collins: no test. Billings: no test. Sheep and lamb slaughter under federal inspection for the week to date totaled 43,000

## California Egg Reports

Compiled by USDA Market News Service • Des Moines

cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms. **DAILY CALIFORNIA SHELL EGGS** (USDA Market News)

Shell egg marketer's benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade A and Grade AA in

Benchmark prices are unchanged. Asking prices for next week are unchanged for Jumbo, 9 cents

lower for Extra Large, 12 cents lower for Large and 6 cents higher for Medium and Small. Trade

sentiment is lower for the larger sizes and steady to higher for Medium. Offerings are mostly moderate

for the larger sizes and light to very light for Medium. Retail and food service demand is moderate to good. Warehouse buyers are purchasing according to their inventory situation with an eye on an adjusting market. Market activity is moderate to active. Small benchmark price \$1.46. Range Extra large Jumbo 234

Large SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA Prices to retailers, sales to volume buyers, USDA Grade AA and Grade AA. white eggs in cartons.

Medium

delivered store door. Range Range Extra large Jumbo 183-195 220-224

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Moines-St. Joseph, Mo.-Moses Lake, Wash. NATIONAL FEEDER AND STOCKER CATTLE (Federal-State Market News)

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St. Joseph, Mo. Dec. 15 This week Last week Last year 354,400 361,700 Compared to Dec. 8: Steers and heifers traded mixed this week nationwide: from 4.00 lower to 5.00 higher and everything in between

with the most common term in all market report trends is: "steady" to "fill in the blank." Demand was good to very good at auctions this week as there were many more weaned calves this week with an overwhelmingly amount of those having a total preconditioning program. Most calves were sold in moderate flesh, however some were light and some a little

heavier at times The mild weather has allowed these calves to easily maintain, and gain, body condition. With plenty of low cost feed, there were many buyers noted being in the seats geared up to buy cattle Fed cattle recovered some of last week's

losses by trading 2.00 to 3.00 higher at 119.00 to 120.00 in the Southern Plains. Higher bids have been offered in the feedlots of the Northern Plains, however trade has not

been established as of this writing. Steers are not the only items to talk about in this report as replacement heifers were in high demand at the Sheridan Livestock Auction in Rushville, Neb., on Wednesday. A half load of 617 lb heifers sold at 170.00; a load of 687 lb heifers sold at 192.00, with the weighted average of 187.50 on the replacement type heavy 6-weight heifers. Also a part load of 717 lb heifers sold at 180.50 or near \$1300 per head.

Hay trading has picked up in the Plains states in recent weeks as demand has been good in areas where hay supplies are not as plentiful The mild, open weather is helping to stretch hay supplies as cows are out grazing the corn stalk fields and Ole Man Winter has not reared his

The weather forecast continues to show above normal temps.

On Thursday, the US Drought Monitor was released and continues to show too many colors that producers don't need at this juncture in the year. The South, Midwest and High Plains have in their regions.

The top 15 states in number of beef cows all have some type of intensity and impact of a drought this week.

When the cattle inventory report comes out in late January 2018, the number of beef cows in the main cattle states will be watched by analysts to see if producers are continuing to

### increase cow herds when facing drought. **Cattle Summary** (USDA Market News)

Dec. 15 Slaughter cattle trade in all feeding regions sold mostly 1.00-2.00 higher. Nebraska dressed sales 1.00-2.00 higher. Boxed Beef prices as of Friday afternoon averaged 192.56 down 3.22

from last Friday. The Choice/Select spread is 18.62, Slaughter cattle on a national basis for negotiated cash trades through Friday afternoon totaled 34,142 head. Last week's total head count was 108,688

Midwest Direct Markets: Live Basis: Steers and Heifers 117.00-120.00 Dressed Basis: Steers and Heifers 188.00-

South Plains Direct Markets: Live Basis: Steers and Heifers 115.00-118.00. Slaughter Cows and Bulls (Average Yielding

Prices): Slaughter cows sold steady to 2.00 higher. Demand moderate to good in all regions. Cutter Cow Carcass Cut-Out Value Friday was 166.34 down 3.23 from last Friday. NW Weighted Average **Direct Feeder Cattle** 

Year Ago

#### Dec. 15 This Week Last Week

70 HD 0 HD 4050 HD Compared to last week: Feeder steers and heifers not well tested. Demand moderate. The feeder supply included 100 percent over 600 lbs and 50 percent heifers. 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: 35 HD, 800 lbs, 152.50, Current Del Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 1: 35 HD, 1050 lbs, 135.00, Current Del

### Dairy Report

areas of short and long term extreme drought

Compiled by USDA Market News Service • Madison, Wis. FLUID MILK AND CREAM REVIEW - WEST the South

### (USDA Market News) Dec. 14 California farm milk production is steady this

week. Requests from bottlers are active due to the last holiday specialty orders being pushed through the production lines. Milk supplies throughout the state are sufficient to

meet end users' needs. According to some industry contacts, sales in the spot market are limited. According to CDFA, January 2018 Class 1 prices

in California are \$16.07 in the North and \$16.35 in

The statewide average Class 1 price based on production is \$16.09. This price is down \$1.88

from the previous month, and \$2.69 lower than a year ago. Pacific Northwest milk production has sustained

a steady, seasonal pace. Industry contacts say milk supplies are currently neither long nor short, but manufacturers have plenty of milk for processing. Milk handlers are already making their plans

for the next few weeks when schools will close for