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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	retail outlets. Basis is current delivery FOB barn or stack, or delivered						
customer as	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)							
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GRADE	RFV	ADF	TDN	CP			

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	test numbers:							
	GRADE	RFV	ADF	TDN	CF			
	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	<1			
WASHINGTON-OREGON HAY								
	(Columbia Basin)							
	(LICDA Market Navio)							

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	(Columbia Basin)	
	(USDA Market News)	
	April 6	
This week FOB	Last week	Last year
1400	8665	1970 tons
Compared to March	30: Export Alfalfa stead	ly in a light test. No
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new sales of domestic hav reported this week. Trade slow this week for old crop as most interests are awaiting new crop. Retail/

		Tons	Price
Alfalfa	Mid Square		
	Good/Export	900	150.00
	Fair/Export	350	140.00
Alfalfa	Small Square		
	Good/Export	150	180.00
	OREGON AREA HAY		
	(USDA Market News)		
	April 6		

Compared to March 30: Prices trended generally steady in an extremely limited test. Retail/Stable type hay remains the most demanded hay. Most hay producers are sold out for the growing

year. This week FOB	Last week		Last year
1154	509		2042 tons
CROOK, DESCHUTES	S, JEFFERSON, WASCO	COUNT	TES
		Tons	Price

Mixed Grass Five-Way Small Square

	1 TOTAL OLGO	10	210.00
Triticale	Large Square		
	Good/Premium	25	165.00
EASTERN OREGON:			
Alfalfa/Orchard Mix	Small Square		
	Prem/Ret/Stab	20	182.50
Timothy Grass	Large Square		
-	Good/Premium	65	120.00
KLAMATH BASIN:			
Alfalfa	Small Square		
	Good/Premium	26	180.00
LAKE COUNTY:			
Alfalfa	Large Square		
	Supreme	68	215.00
	Prem/Export	850	180.00
	Small Square		
	Premium	30	185 00

10

30

30

185.00

150.00

275.00

HARNEY COUNTY: NO NEW SALES CONFIRMED. **IDAHO HAY** April 6 This week FOB Last week Last year 125,150 1100 200 Compared to March 30: Alfalfa steady in a light test. No nev

Fair/Good

Prem/Ret/Stab

	Prices are dollars per to wise stated.		
		Tons	Price
Alfalfa	Mid Square		
	Prem/Tarped	450	175.00
	Good/Organic	650	150.00
	CALIFORNIA HAY		

contracts for new crop reported this week. Trade slow with good

(USDA Market News) April 6 Compared to March 30: All classes traded steady with very good demand. According to the NASS Crop Progress Report, high presnormal temperatures across California. As the high pressure slowly dissipated, mild conditions returned over the state. Winter forage crops were maturing well. Some silage harvesting began. Alfalfa swathing was reported in the San Joaquin Valley. Cotton field preparation was ongoing. Wheat development was benefiting from the precipitation in March This week FOB Last week Last vear

sure developed during the week leading to dry weather and above

3575 4100 5531 REGION 1: NORTHERN INTERMOUNTAIN Includes the counties of Siskiyou, Modoc, Shasta, Lassen and Plumas No New Sales Confirmed REGION 2: SACRAMENTO VALLEY

Includes the counties of Tehama, Glenn, Butte, Colusa, Sutter, Yuba, Sierra, Nevada, Placer, Yolo, El Dorado, Solano and Sacra-Alfalfa Prem/Supr/Del 100 REGION 3: NORTHERN SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY

Includes the counties of San Joaquin, Calaveras, Stanislaus, Tuolumne, Mono, Merced and Mariposa. Alfalfa 150 REGION 4: CENTRAL SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY Includes the counties of Madera, Fresno, Kings, Tulare and

Inyo. Alfalfa Supr/Del 725 296.21 230.00 Fair/Del 300 REGION 5: SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Includes the counties of Kern, Northeast Los Angeles and Western San Bernardino No New Sales Confirmed.

REGION 6: SOUTHEAST CALIFORNIA Includes the counties of Eastern San Bernardino, Riverside and Imperial Alfalfa

Premium 1850 224.05 Prem/Ret/Stab 450 231.67

NA

8.70 Del

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 April 5

Pacific Northwest Market Summary: Cash wheat bids for April delivery ended the reporting week on Thursday, April 5, were steady to higher, compared to week ago noon bids for April delivery.

May wheat futures ended the reporting week on Thursday, April 29, higher as follows compared to week ago closes: Chicago wheat futures were 13.75 cents higher at 4.6475, Kansas City wheat futures were 31.25 cents higher at 4.9850 and Minneapolis wheat futures trended 11.25 cents higher at 5.8975. Chicago May com futures trended 1.75 cents higher at 3.8950 and May soybean futures closed 13.50 cents lower at 10.3125.

Bids for US 1 Soft White Wheat delivered to Portland in unit trains or barges during April for ordinary protein trended steady to 10.75 cents per bushel higher compared to week ago prices for the same delivery period from 5.40-5.66. 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 April delivery by unit trains and barges to Portland were 4.4975-4.80 and bids for White Club Wheat were 4.4975-4.92. Forward month bids for soft white wheat ordinary protein were as follows: April 5.40-5.8175, May 5.65-5.8475, June 5.70-5.8625, July 5.50-5.7125 and August New Crop 5.50-5.68.

One year ago, forward month bids for soft white wheat for any protein were as follows: May 4.4975-4.80, June and July 4.5250-4.80 and August New Crop 4.5675-4.77.

Bids for US 1 Soft White Wheat guaranteed maximum 10.5 percent protein during April trended steady to 10.75 cents per bushel higher than week ago prices for the same delivery period from 5.25-5.8175. 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 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 maxi

mum 10.5 percent protein for April delivery by unit trains and barges to Portland were 4.4975-4.7975 and bids for White Club Wheat were 4.4975-4.8975.

Forward month bids for soft white wheat guaranteed 10.5 percent proteins were as follows: May 5.78-5.8475, June 5.78-5.8625, July 5.60-5.7125 and August New Crop 5.60-5.68.

One year ago, forward month bids for soft white wheat for any protein were as follows: May 4.4975-4.7975, June 4.5250-4.75 and August New Crop 4.5675-4.7175.

Bids for 11.5 percent protein US 1 Hard Red Winter Wheat for April delivery trended 31.25 cents per bushel higher than week ago bids for the same delivery period. Some exporters were not issuing bids for nearby delivery. This week, bids were as follows: April and May 6.3350 - 6.5850, June 6.4650 - 6.6150, July 6.4450 - 6.5650 and August New Crop 6.3450.

Bids for non-guaranteed 14.0 percent protein US 1 Dark Northern Spring Wheat for Portland delivery during April trended 11.25 to 18.25 cents per bushel higher than week ago bids for the same delivery period. Some exporters were not issuing bids for nearby delivery. This week, bids for non-guaranteed 14 percent protein were as follows: April 7.0475-7.3475, May 7.1975-7.3475, June and July 7.2125-7.4125 and August New Crop 7.3950-7.4450.

Coarse feeding grains: Bids for US 2 Yellow Corn delivered full coast Pacific Northwest - BN shuttle trains for April delivery trended mixed, from 2.25 cents lower to 6.75 cents per bushel higher than week ago bids for the same delivery period at 5.0150. Some exporters were not issuing bids for nearby delivery.

Forward month corn bids were as follows: May 4.9950-5.0150, June 5.0225-5.0325, July 5.0025-5.0125 and August 4.8975. Bids for US 1 Yellow Soybeans delivered full coast Pacific Northwest -BN shuttle trains for April delivery trended 3.50 cents lower than week ago bids for the same delivery period from 11.2625. Some exporters were not issuing bids for nearby delivery. Forward month soybean bids were as follows: May 11.2825, June 11.37, July 11.39 and October 11.29. Bids for US 2 Heavy White Oats for April delivery trended steady at 3.4825 per bushel.

Outstanding Export Sales: Outstanding U.S. white wheat export sales can be found at the following link: https://apps.fas.usda.gov/ export-sales/wheat.htm

Outstanding U.S. barley export sales can be found at the following link: https://apps.fas.usda.gov/export-sales/barley.htm

Pacific Northwest Export News: There were 23 grain vessels in Columbia River ports on Thursday. April 5. with six docked compared to 22 last week with five docked. There were no new confirmed export sales this week from the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) of the USDA.

CALIFORNIA WEEKLY **GRAIN REPORT** April 5

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

Only one trade was reported for the week

Dollars Per Cwt. -Bulk-BARLEY US No 2 (46-lbs, per bushel) Solano County Colusa County **Tehama County Yolo County**

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

Kern County Colusa County Glenn County CORN US No 2 Yellow Stockton-Modesto-Oakdale-Turlock Modesto-Oakdale-Turlock Kings-Tulare-Fresno

Turlock/Tulare Rail: Single Car Units via BNSF Los Angeles Chino Valley

Stockton Petaluma-Santa Rosa Stockton-Modesto-

Kings-Tulare-Fresno Counties Glenn County

Hanford County Kern County

Dairy Report

Compiled by USDA Market News Service • Madison, Wis. FLUID MILK AND CREAM

REVIEW - WEST (USDA Market News) April 5 In California, milk processors report that milk

output has reached the peak of the spring flush and should start to go down soon. Processing plants continue to process at full capacity.

Class I demand is back to normal as educational institutions reopened after the spring break. Some loads of milk are moving from California to Nevada to find processing homes. In Arizona, although temperatures are warming up little by little, milk output is strong follow-

ing seasonal trends. Industry contacts report that Arizona is at the peak of the spring flush. Some manufacturers are sending milk loads to

California to help out with balancing.

With schools being back in session, Class I intakes increased compared to last week. New Mexico milk production slightly increased this week. Plants are running at or near full capacity. Class I and II sales are steady to slightly down while Class III intakes increased. Repair/maintenance workloads at some Class III producing plants caused milk redistribution to other Class III plants. Milk holdovers are higher, but still

In the Pacific Northwest, milk production is trending higher, following seasonal trends. Some industry contacts say this is the beginning of the spring flush that will continue to climb through early May. Manufacturers report no shortage of milk or cream. Bottlers and processors are busy handling the early swells of milk within the region. A few manufacturers suggest a little added heat could spur on ice cream demand and also help balance milk volumes.

Milk production in the mountain states of Ida ho, Utah and Colorado is steady to higher. Manufacturers report there is plenty of milk for most processing needs. There are a few distressed loads floating around the region, however, the number of those loads seems to be dependent on the ability of some manufacturers to take in a few extra loads of milk.

This week, slight increases in processing schedules at several plants helped alleviate a little bit of the pressure.

In the Western dairy market, condensed skim is plentiful. Many loads are clearing into nonfat dry milk. Western cream demand is steady. Ice cream manufacturers are taking on more loads Cream supplies are not flooding the market as they were a few months ago. However, supplies are still abundant.

Livestock Auctions

Washington TOPPENISH (Toppenish Livestock Auction) April 6

Receipts: 1400 Compared to March 30 at the same market: Stocker steers less than 600 lbs. firm, more than 600 lbs. weak. Not enough feeder steers for accurate trends. Stocker heifers less 700 lbs. weak to 4.00 lower. Feeder heifers more than 700 lbs. firm in a light test. Trade active with good demand for all classes. CME positions have traded lower over the last few weeks and buyers have passed this weakness on to cash prices. However, today and vesterday saw sharply higher contract prices as both days closed with triple-digit gains. Slaughter cows 2.00-5.00 higher. Slaughter bulls steady. Trade active with good demand. Slaughter cows 61 percent, slaughter bulls 10 percent, and feeders 29 percent of the supply. The feeder supply included 41 percent steers and 59 percent heifers. Near 47 percent of the run weighed over 600 lbs. Feeder Steers: Medium and Large 1-2: 500-600

lbs 173.00-181.50; 600-700 lbs 148.00-160.00; 700-800 lbs 145.50. Large 1: 900-1000 lbs 125.00, Value Added. Small and Medium 1-2: 400-500 lbs 167.00; 500-600 lbs 150.00. Small 4: 300-400 lbs 150.00 Feeder Holstein Steers: Medium and Large 2-3:

500-600 lbs 115.00. Medium and Large 3-4: 500-600 lbs 80.00. Small and Medium 3-4: 400-500

Feeder Heifers: Medium and Large 1-2: 400-500 lbs 161.50; 500-600 lbs 149.00-158.00; 600-700 lbs 138.00-140.00; 600-700 lbs 128.00, Full; 600-700 lbs 148.00, Thin Fleshed; 700-800 lbs 130.00-131.00. Medium and Large 2-3: 400-500 lbs 110 00: 600-700 lbs 116.50. Small and Medium 1-2: 300-400 lbs 148.00; 600-700 lbs 125.00. Slaughter Cows:

Boners: 80-85 Pct. Lean; 1400-2100 lbs; Avg Dressing 74.00-79.75; Low Dressing 69.00-74.00 Lean: 85-90 Pct. Lean; 1200-1800 lbs; Avg Dressing 68.00-75.00; High Dressing 77.75; Low Dressing 63.00-68.00 Lean: 90 Pct. Lean; 900-1500 lbs; Avg Dressing

60.00-63.00; Low Dressing 53.00-60.00 Slaughter Bulls: Yield Grade 1-2: 1500-2450 lbs; Avg Dressing 95.00-103.50; High Dressing 111.00-115.50; Low

Dressing 85.00-95.00 Please Note: The USDA LPGMN price report is reflective of the majority of classes and grades of livestock offered for sale. There may be instances where some sales do not fit within reporting guide lines and therefore will not be included in the report.

Prices are reported on a per cwt basis, unless oth-

Oregon MADRAS (Central Oregon Livestock Auction) April 9

Top Quality Pen Lots: 300-400 lbs \$190-207; 400-500 lbs 177.00-198.00 cwt; 500-600 lbs 166.00-186.00 cwt; 600-700 lbs 163.00-179.00 cwt; 700-800 lbs 128.00-145.00 cwt; 800-900 lbs 125.00-138.00 cwt Heifers: 300-400 lbs \$160.00-170.00; 400-500 lbs 155.00-170.00 cwt; 500-600 lbs 151.00-169.00 cwt; 600-700 lbs 140.00-158.00 cwt; 700-800 lbs 120.00-135.00 cwt: 800-900 lbs 100.00-120.00 cwt Butcher Cows: Fleshy Cow \$63-70; Lean \$68-75; Low Yield \$60-68; Feeder \$70-80; Heiferettes

Bulls: High Yield \$95-102; Med Yield \$88-94; Feeder: \$90-100

WOODBURN (Woodburn Livestock Exchange) April 3

Receipts: 286, 284 cattle Top 10 Slaughter Cows A/P: 73.94 cwt Top 50 Slaughter Cows A/P: 70.84 cwt Top 100 Slaughter Cows A/P: 67.06 cwt

Back To The Country Cows: 70.00 cwt Certified Cows: 80.00-140.00 cwt Top Certified Organic Cattle: 59.00-80.00 cwt All Slaughter Bulls: 79.50-93.00 cwt

Top Beef Steers: 200-300 lbs 145.00-165.00 cwt; 300-400 lbs NT; 400-500 lbs 155.00-202.50 cwt; 500-600 lbs 145.00-166.00 cwt; 600-700 lbs 140.00-165.00 cwt; 700-800 lbs 126.00-150.00 cwt; 800-900 lbs 100.00-118.00 cwt

Top Beef Heifers: 200-300 lbs NT; 300-400 lbs 145.00-152.50 cwt; 400-500 lbs 150.00-180.00 cwt; 500-600 lbs 140.00-160.00 cwt; 600-700 lbs 135.00-160.00 cwt; 700-800 lbs NT; 800-900 lbs 95.00-115.00 cwt Cow/Calf Pairs: 1000.00-1430.00 hd

Bred Cows: NT Day Old Beef Cross Calves: 200.00-275.00 hd Day Old Dairy Calves: 5.00-60.00 hd Block Hogs: 100.00-113.00 cwt Feeder Pigs: 60.00-70.00 hd Sows: 18.00-34.00 cwt Weaner Pigs: 37.50-50.00 hd Lambs 40-70 lbs: 175.00-217.50 cwt Lambs 75-150 lbs: 125.00-192.50 cwt Thin Ewes: 10.00-59.00 cwt Fleshy Ewes: 56.00-68.00 cwt Ewe/Lamb Pairs: 47 50-75 00 hd Goats: 10-39 lbs 30.00-92.50 hd; 40-69 lbs 30.00-147.50 hd: 70-79 lbs 120.00-180.00 hd: 80-89 lbs 117.50-242.50 hd; 90-99 lbs 80.00-250.00 hd; 100-199 lbs 52.50-255.00 hd; 200-300 lbs 200.00-270.00 hd

KLAMATH FALLS (Klamath Falls Livestock Auction) April 3
Choice Steers: 300-400 lbs 141.00-150.00;

400-500 lbs 120.00-141.00; 500-600 lbs 120.00-135.00; 600-700 lbs 101.00-125.00; 700-800 lbs 99.00-102.00

Choice Heifers: 300-400 lbs 128.00-139.00; 400-500 lbs 110.00-140.00; 500-600 lbs 114.00-130.00; 600-700 lbs 105.00-120.00; 700-800 lbs 100.00-108.00 Top Cow: 69.00

Top Bull: 82.00 Slaughter Bulls: High Yield 78.00-82.00

Slaughter Cows: High Yield 60.00-69.00; Med Yield 52.00-59.00; Low Yield 39.00-50.00 Feeder Heiferettes: 72.00-76.00 Cow Calf Pairs: NT

Bred Cows: NT **EUGENE** (Eugene Livestock Auction)

April 7 Head Count: 236 Market conditions compared to last week: Butch er cows and bulls up \$3-6. Feeder cattle steady

Light lambs strong.
High Dressers: \$72.00-82.00 Top 10 Cows: \$78.05

Low Dressers: \$62.00-72.00 Bulls: Top Bulls High Dressers: \$84.00-98.00 Feeder Bulls: 300-500 lbs: 130.00-158.00; 500-700 lbs: 126.00-138.00; 700-900 Lbs: 723.00-

Choice Steers Medium to Large Frame No. Feeder Steers: 300 to 400 lbs \$158.00; 400 to 500 lbs \$130.00-160.00; 500 to 600 lbs \$135.00-

153.00; 600 to 700 lbs \$140.00-144.00; 700 to 800 lbs 137.00; 800 to 900 lbs 116.00-120.00 Choice Heifers Medium To Large Frame No Feeder Heifers: 300 to 400 lbs \$130.00-162.50;

400 to 500 lbs \$125.00-150.00; 500 to 600 lbs \$130.00-152.00; 600 to 700 lbs \$130.00-140.00; 700 to 800 lbs \$117.00; 800-up \$100.00-112.00 Pairs: \$1000-1220 Pr Head Calves (up to 250 lbs) Beef: 120-315 Hd;

Feeder Lambs: 50-90 lbs 167.00-250.00; 130 lbs

Dairy: 110 Hd

\$152.00-170.00

California COTTONWOOD (Shasta Livestock Auction Yard) April 6

Slaughter Cows: High Yielding 66.00-74.00; Med Yielding 56.00-65.00; Low Yielding NT Heiferettes: 75.00-95.00 Bulls 1&2: 60.00-87.00; High Dress 88.00-94.00

Receipts: 1166

Feeder Steers (top offerings and pen lots): 300-400 lbs 170.00-200.00 few; 400-450 lbs NT; 450-500 lbs 170.00-190.00; 500-550 lbs 160.00-182.00: 550-600 lbs 160.00-180.50: 600-650 lbs 150.00-167.00: 650-700 lbs 140.00-146.00 few: 700-750 lbs 130.00-154.00; 750-up lbs NT Feeder Heifers (top offerings and pen lots):

300-400 lbs 143.00-179.00; 400-450 lbs 145.00-174.50; 450-500 lbs 137.00-159.50; 500-550 lbs 135.00-157.00; 550-600 lbs NT; 600-650 lbs 136.00 1 set: 650-700 lbs 125-134.00 few: 700-750 lbs NT: 750-800 lbs 120.00 1 set 792: 800-up Pairs: Heifer load Lots: \$1850-2150; few small

bunches \$1175-1925 Calvy Cows: NT TURLOCK

(Turlock Livestock Market) April 6 Receipts: 1072

No. 1 Holstein Springers: \$1400-1600 No. 2 Holstein Springers: \$1100-1375 No. 1 Jersey Pringers: \$1100-1325 No. 1 Jersey X Springers: \$1200-1600 Fresh No. 1 Holsteins: \$1200-1600 Open Heifers: Holsteins: 9 Hd 590 lbs @ \$600; 4 Hd 548 lbs

Jerseys: 21 Hd 524 lbs @ \$660; 14 Hd 607 lbs @ \$650 Jersey X's: 22 Hd 706 lbs @ \$750; 4 Hd 581 Ibs @ \$558; 4 Hd 321 lbs @ \$410 Holstein Barren Heifers: \$75.00-88.00 Weigh Beef Cows: High Yielding \$65.00-70.00; Med Yielding \$58.00-64.00; Low Yielding

\$42.00-57.00 Weigh Dairy Cows: High Yielding \$68.00-76.25; Med Yielding \$62.00-67.00; Low Yielding Weigh Bulls: High Yielding \$84.00-90.50; Med Yielding \$78.00-83.00; Low Yielding \$62.00-

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) (IISDA Market News)

			Apr	,			
SHIPPING AREA							
FWA	CHG	GRI	CHG	70 CT	CHG	10# FILM	CHG
DAHO BU	RBANKS						
\$15.34	\$0.48	\$6.88	\$0.29	\$25.50	\$1.00	\$9.00	\$0.00
DAHO NO	RKOTAHS						
\$14.14	\$0.56	\$6.57	\$0.42	\$24.00	\$2.00	\$9.00	\$0.00
SAN LUIS	VALLEY						
\$19.01	\$0.00	\$11.68	\$0.00	\$27.00	\$0.00	\$16.00	\$0.00
COLUMBIA	A BASIN						
\$17.37	\$0.14	\$8.21	\$0.09	\$25.00	\$0.50	\$12.00	\$0.00

Sheep/Wool Market Reports

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

Sheep prices in dollars per hundredweight (cwt.) except some replacement animals on per head NATIONAL WOOL REVIEW

savings!*

(USDA Market News April 6 Domestic wool trading on a clean basis was slow this week. There were 90,500 lbs of confirmed trades reported. Prices reflect trades

FOB warehouse in original bag or square pack, bellies out, some graded, and 76 mm or longer. Wools shorter than 75 mm typically discounted .10-.20 clean. Classed and skirted wools usually trade at a .10-.20 premium to original bag 20 Micron: US Grade 64-70s, Territory States

22 Micron: US Grade 62s, Territory States

24 Micron: US Grade 60s, Territory States 3.85 25 Micron: US Grade 58s, Territory States

29 Micron: US Grade 50-54s, Territory States 1.55 Domestic wool trading on a greasy basis was at a standstill this week. There were no con-

firmed trades reported. NATIONAL SHEEP SUMMARY (USDA Market News) San Angelo, Texas April 6

Compared to March 30: Slaughter lambs were steady to 20.00 higher, instances 20.00-40.00 higher. Slaughter ewes steady to 5.00 higher, instances 20.00 higher. Feeder lambs not well tested. At San Angelo, Texas, 2271 head sold. Equity Electronic Auction sold 1340 slaughter lambs in California. In direct trading slaughter ewes and feeder lambs not tested. 2400 head of negotiated sales of slaughter lambs were 2.00-4.00 higher. 3,007 lamb carcasses sold with all weights no trend due to confidentiality.

Slaughter Lambs: Choice and Prime 2-3 San Angelo: shorn and wooled 130-165 lbs 115.00-122.00. VA: wooled 90-110 lbs 180.00-185.00; 110-130 lbs 182.50-194.00; 130-160 lbs 137.00. PA: shorn and wooled 90-110 lbs 285.00 310.00; 110-130 lbs 270.00-297.00; 130-150

lbs 235.00-245.00; 150-200 lbs 190.00-220.00 Ft. Collins, CO: wooled 136 lbs 147.00. South Dakota: shorn and wooled 135-145 lbs 151.00-156.00.

Kalona, IA: no test. Billings, MT: no test. Missouri: no test.

Equity Elec: shorn 125-160 lbs 145.50-Slaughter Lambs: Choice and Prime 1-2:

San Angelo: 40-60 lbs 224.00-249.50: 60 70 lbs 220.00-240.00, few 242.00-250.00; 70- $80\ lbs\ 210.00\text{-}225.00,\ few\ 228.00;\ 80\text{-}90\ lbs$ 200 00-218 00: 90-110 lbs 196 00-200 00 Pennsylvania: 40-50 lbs 280.00-330.00, few 330.00-345.00; 50-60 lbs 312.00-345.00, few

345.00-355.00: 60-70 lbs 290.00-330.00. few 330.00-355.00; 70-80 lbs 265.00-300.00, few 310.00-325.00; 80-90 lbs 275.00-297.00, few 297.00-315.00. Kalona, IA: no test.

Ft. Collins: 60-75 lbs 230.00; 80-90 lbs 220.00-230.00; 90-100 lbs 215.00-220.00 Missouri: no test. Virginia: 30-60 lbs 225.00-269.00; 60-90 lbs

205.00-256.00; 90-110 lbs 210.00-247.50 South Dakota: no test. Billings, MT: no test Direct Trading: (lambs fob with 3-4 percent

shrink or equivalent) 2400: Slaughter Lambs shorn and wooled 135-223 lbs 122.80-159.00 (wtd avg 148.94).

Slaughter Ewes:

San Angelo: Good 3-4 (very fleshy) no test; Good 2-3 (fleshy) 70.00-82.00; Utility and Good 1-3 (medium flesh) 82.00-88.00; Utility 1-2 (thin) 70.00-76.00; Cull and Utility 1-2 (very thin) 60.00-68.00.

Sheep and lamb slaughter under federal inspection for the week to date totaled 36,000 compared with 38,000 last week and 45,000

California Egg Reports Compiled by USDA Market News Service • Des Moines

Shell egg marketer's benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade A 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) April 5

Prices are unchanged. Trade sentiment continues sharply lower. Demand ranges light to instances

Market activity is slow to moderate Size Range Size Range Extra large 337 Jumbo 301

335 Medium 210 Large SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA:

203-210

Prices to retailers, sales to volume buyers, USDA Grade AA and Grade AA, white eggs in cartons, delivered to store door. Size Size Range Range 325-332 Jumbo 288-300 Extra large

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Medium

Moines-St. Joseph, Mo.-Moses Lake, Wash. NATIONAL FEEDER AND STOCKER CATTLE (Federal-State Market No. St. Joseph, Mo. April 6

323-330

Large

2017 196,700 201.900 265,600 Compared to March 30: Early week sales of calves and yearlings in a light test traded unevenly steady to 5.00 lower, with instances

10.00 lower. Early week sales saw the most declines but Wednesday's and Thursday's sharp gains in the CME cattle futures helped to stabilize most markets with several auctions reporting steady to 5.00 higher trends, as this week's sales were a tale of two markets.

Receipts were light this week coming back from Easter Holiday, a strong cold front through the Southern and Northern Plains along with fears of lower market uncertainties all hampered receipts this week; especially at some of your larger markets as Oklahoma City, El Reno and Joplin all had very light receipts. Live and Feeder Cattle futures on Wednesday scored a large reversal coming up for rare air and hopefully a key reversal.

Feeder contracts established new lows before rebounding to close more than 4.00 higher for the day, as solid gains continued through Thursday posting an impressive market bounce the last two days of trading. The coming weeks will be made up of new crop fall born calves which are not always in high demand by feeder buyers as many are unweaned and carrying flesh. Nevertheless, most top quality 5 weight and 6 weight steers suitable for grass that are longtime weaned with good weighing conditions are still in good demand.

Some handsome prices were reported this week for all the uncertainty that markets have seen this week; mostly in the Northern Plains with Bassett, Neb., on Wednesday selling 175 head of steers weighing 601 lbs at 184.75 and near 230 head of 800-850 lb steers averaging 819 lbs sold for a weighted average price of 145 36 Yearling market in Kearney, Neb., on

Wednesday was also good with two loads of steers weighing 761 lbs selling for 148.10 and in Creston, Iowa, on Wednesday saw a load of 664 lb steers sell for 163.50. Packers came out on Tuesday and bought

fed cattle lower picking them up from mostly 117.00-118.00, with sales in the Northern Plains on Wednesday and Thursday at 114.00-114.50. This week has been very volatile for the mar-

kets as Stock Market started the week with large losses before finding footing at mid-week. The tariff showdown between U.S. and China has uncertainties with a possible intense negotiating period ushering in a high stakes standoff. One thing markets loathe is uncertainty. Feeder cattle are caught in a bottleneck of lower fed cattle prices, increasing supplies of fed cattle, sharply lower cattle futures and record supplies of competing meats as the entire livestock complex struggles with these issues, demand and exports are very important to keep

Until the fed cattle market finds a bottom and

live cattle futures find support hoping to see

higher fed cattle market down the road and fund selling stops feeder cattle prices will continue to be volatile until in most cases they align with profitable returns on fed cattle

product moving and prices stable

This keeps the cattle markets and futures very vulnerable and very fluid in moving fast in one direction or the other; caution certainly remains in the air. Choice boxed-beef closed .78 cents lower on Friday at 214.31 with Select .71 cents lower at 205.60 compared to last Friday's close with Choice at 221.04 and Select at 208.69.

Auction volume this week included 49 percent weighing over 600 lbs and 47 percent heifers. NATIONAL SLAUGHTER **CATTLE SUMMARY** April 6

Slaughter cattle traded mostly 4.00-6.00 lower for live and 2.00-6.00 lower, bulk of the trade being 2.00 lower for dressed sales. Boxed Beef prices as of Friday at afternoon averaged 209.96 down 4.87 from last Friday. The Choice/Select spread is 8.71. Slaugh-

ter cattle on a national basis for negotiated

cash trades through Friday afternoon totaled

77,582 head. Last week's total head count Midwest Direct Markets: Live Basis: Steers and Heifers: 114.00-

Dressed Basis: Steers and Heifers: 184.00-188.00. NORTHWEST WEIGHTED DIRECT FEEDER CATTLE

April 6 This week Last week 837 1,900 748 Compared to last week: Feeder steers and heifers had no FOB current trades to compare. The feeder supply included 100 percent over 600 lbs and 40 percent heifers. Unless other-

wise 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. Feeder Steers Medium and Large 1:

100 Head: Avg Wt 725 lbs; Avg Price 137.00;

Current Del 350 Head: Avg Wt 850-875lbs; Avg Price 129.63; Current Del

Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 1: 78 Head: Avg Wt 630 lbs; Avg Price 136.00; Current Del

220 Head: Avg Wt 825 lbs; 825 Avg Price

124.64; Current Del

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