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# Weekly Market Summary

**For the week ending February 25, 2022**

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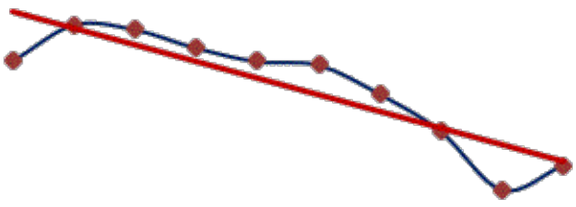
**Compared to last week**, the markets were disrupted by a 'Black Swan' that appeared in Ukraine, causing the most damage to cattle futures. Slaughter cattle were steady to 1.00 higher with feeder cattle slightly lower and stocker calves higher. Dressed beef was lower while corn traded higher.

**TCR's Cattle/Beef Indexes & Trendlines...**

**10 Day Index Trendline**



**Change from Previous Day: +0.87%**
**Change from 10 Days Ago: -3.68%**

**60 Day Index Trendline**

**Change from 60 Days Ago: -4.07%**
**Change from 60 Day High: -6.68%**

*Indexes track the daily market values for the past 10 & 60 days. Each value is the weighted total of the Gain/(Loss) for 15 major market factors compared to the previous trading day.*

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**Slaughter Cattle**: Trade in the South was steady at 142.00 and Northern dressed trade 1.00 higher at 227.00. In the 3 front months, Live Cattle futures closed from 3.20 to 3.98 lower. USDA's most recent carcass weight data showed weights were 12 lbs. lighter than last week at 918 lbs., 1 lb. lower than a year ago.

**Feeder Cattle**: The national average price for feeder steers @ 161.08, 1.01 lower with trade mostly 3.00 lower to 2.00 higher. In the 3 front months, Feeder Cattle futures closed 5.30 to 6.10 lower.

**Stocker Calves**: The national average price for stocker steers @ 195.87, 0.58 higher with trade 2.00 lower to 4.00 higher.

**CME Feeder Cattle Index**: 160.02, 2.12 lower than last Friday.

**Boxed Beef Cutouts**: Choice cutout 7.58 lower at 258.27 and the Select cutout 7.22 lower at 255.41. The Choice/Select spread was 2.86, 0.36 lower.

**Cutter Cow Cutout**: 3.28 lower at 228.13.

**Slaughter Cows**: Trade 3.00 lower to 2.00 higher.

**Total red meat production** under Federal inspection for the week ending Saturday, February 26, 2022 was estimated at 1095.6 million lbs. according to the USDA's Marketing Service. This was 1.0 percent lower than a week ago and 3.0 percent lower than a year ago. Cumulative meat production for the year to

date was 4.4 percent lower compared to the previous year.

**Grain**: Corn was 0.06 higher @ 6.60 with March futures @ 6.5950, 0.0525 higher. Wheat 0.52 higher @ 8.57 and the futures @ 8.4300, up 0.4600.

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## Weekly Market Overview:

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| | 02/25/22 | Last Week | 1 Month Ago | 1 Year Ago | 5 Yr. Avg. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **CME Feeder Index** | 160.02 | 162.14 | 158.66 | 138.91 | 143.24 |

| **Live Cattle Futures** | 02/25/22 | Last Week | 1 Month Ago | 1 Year Ago | 5 Yr. Avg. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| February | 139.27 | 143.25 | 138.70 | 113.10 | 115.88 |
| April | 141.92 | 145.87 | 143.10 | 120.00 | 116.25 |
| June | 138.30 | 141.50 | 138.00 | 118.42 | 116.86 |

| **Feeder Futures** | 02/25/22 | Last Week | 1 Month Ago | 1 Year Ago | 5 Yr. Avg. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| March | 160.02 | 165.42 | 159.62 | 138.67 | 144.12 |
| April | 164.75 | 170.85 | 165.30 | 142.57 | 145.45 |
| May | 170.60 | 175.90 | 169.92 | 145.07 | 146.54 |

| Slaughter Cattle | 02/25/22 | Last Week | 1 Month Ago | 1 Year Ago | 5 Yr. Avg. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| S. Central | 142.00 | 142.00 | 137.00 | 114.00 | 117.59 |
| N. Central - Dressed | 227.00 | 226.00 | 218.00 | 182.00 | 187.68 |

| Feedyard Closeout | 02/25/22 | Last Week | 1 Month Ago | 1 Year Ago | 5 Yr. Avg. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Current | 9.30 | 29.97 | (51.55) | (170.29) | (20.14) |
| Future (Projected) | (158.51) | (70.95) | (69.01) | (91.67) | (41.96) |

| Avg. National Prices | 02/25/22 | Last Week | 1 Month Ago | 1 Year Ago | 5 Yr. Avg. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Feeder Cattle | 161.08 | 162.09 | 157.82 | 136.75 | 142.96 |
| Stocker Calves | 195.87 | 195.29 | 186.32 | 166.83 | 163.86 |

| Boxed Beef Cutout | 02/25/22 | Last Week | 1 Month Ago | 1 Year Ago | 5 Yr. Avg. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Choice | 258.27 | 265.85 | 290.42 | 240.53 | 234.65 |
| Select | 255.41 | 262.63 | 283.41 | 229.73 | 220.60 |
| Spread | 2.86 | 3.22 | 7.01 | 10.80 | 14.05 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Cutter Cow Cut-Out | 228.13 | 231.41 | 229.76 | 187.51 | 184.36 |

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| Crude Oil Futures | 91.59 | 91.07 | 86.82 | 61.50 | 73.30 |

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**National Feeder & Stocker Cattle Sale Receipts:**

Released weekly on Monday by USDA

| Week Ending: | 2/19/22 | Last Week | 1 Year Ago | 2 Years Ago | 3 Years Ago | Average |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Auctions | **251,700** | 222,300 | 77,600 | 240,100 | 208,200 | 194,400 |
| Direct Sales | **74,800** | 84,600 | 18,300 | 36,100 | 57,700 | 46,725 |
| Video/Internet | **5,800** | 34,400 | 1,900 | 38,900 | 48,600 | 23,800 |
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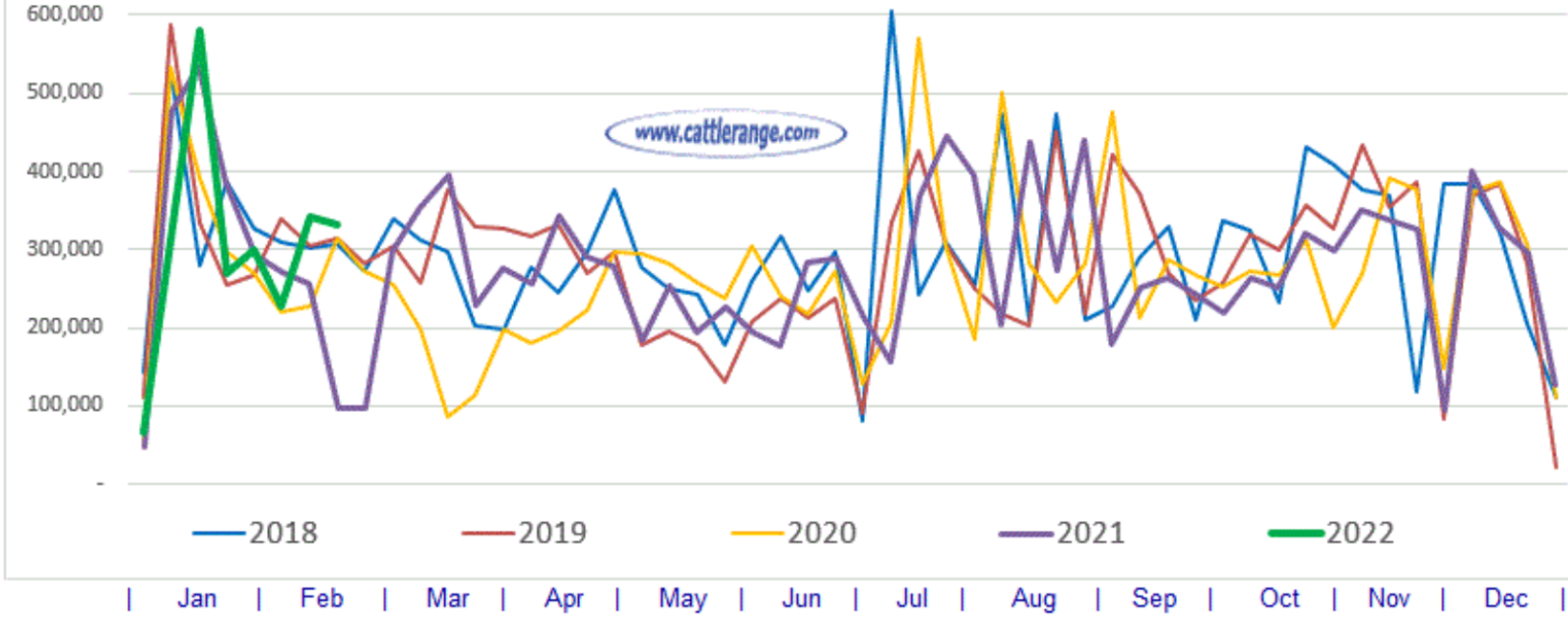
| **Total** | **332,300** | **341,300** | **97,800** | **315,100** | **314,500** | **264,925** |
| **This Week +/-** | **-** | **-2.6%** | **239.8%** | **5.5%** | **5.7%** | **25.4%** |

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**CME Feeder Cattle Index: 1 Year Change: +15.60% -- 52 Week Range: 130.15 to 165.35**

**The Feeder & Stocker Cattle prices below** are statewide average prices compiled to show the overall price trend and do not represent prices for any specific market/region within a state.

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**Feeder Steers:**

| 750 lb. Steers | 02/25/22 | Last Week | 1 Month Ago | 1 Year Ago | 5 Yr. Avg. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Dakotas | 172.70 | 174.52 | 167.60 | 148.46 | 152.89 |
| Iowa | 167.32 | 169.27 | 169.01 | 145.52 | 150.55 |
| Missouri | 163.10 | 164.17 | 158.85 | 139.65 | 147.59 |
| Montana | 167.44 | 169.20 | 166.10 | 143.83 | 148.64 |
| Nebraska | 176.20 | 172.18 | 170.13 | 147.10 | 155.72 |
| Wyoming | 169.20 | 170.65 | 167.55 | 145.15 | 150.40 |
| **North Central Avg.** | **169.33** | **170.00** | **166.54** | **144.95** | **150.96** |
| Arkansas | 159.10 | 162.11 | 156.12 | 134.10 | 139.51 |
| Colorado | 165.78 | 165.87 | 160.80 | 140.85 | 147.00 |
| Kansas | 163.10 | 164.18 | 158.64 | 139.63 | 147.58 |
| New Mexico | 159.28 | 160.20 | 154.74 | 133.58 | 142.23 |
| Oklahoma | 162.45 | 164.35 | 158.45 | 138.39 | 146.23 |
| Texas | 166.03 | 166.12 | 157.12 | 134.09 | 143.76 |
| **South Central Avg.** | **162.62** | **163.81** | **157.65** | **136.77** | **144.38** |
| Alabama | 152.65 | 154.77 | 151.70 | 129.85 | 130.78 |
| Florida | 150.64 | 150.78 | 147.75 | 124.81 | NA |
| Georgia | 154.45 | 153.44 | 152.48 | 130.38 | 130.36 |
| Kentucky | 158.10 | 160.13 | 154.04 | 131.93 | 137.31 |
| Louisiana | 154.65 | 154.77 | 152.66 | 128.81 | NA |
| Mississippi | 155.07 | 155.02 | 153.20 | 129.05 | 130.56 |
| Tennessee | 157.33 | 159.28 | 153.35 | 131.28 | 134.71 |
| Virginia | 157.78 | 159.72 | 153.65 | 131.95 | 137.55 |
| **Southeast Avg.** | **155.08** | **155.99** | **152.35** | **129.76** | **133.55** |
| Arizona | 157.10 | 157.02 | 152.27 | 131.70 | |
| California | 157.97 | 158.14 | 155.18 | 134.12 | |
| Idaho | 157.84 | 159.77 | 155.80 | 137.75 | |
| Nevada | 156.79 | 158.25 | 154.64 | 135.25 | |
| Oregon | 157.26 | 159.21 | 155.26 | 137.23 | |
| Utah | 156.55 | 158.10 | 154.50 | 135.04 | |
| Washington | 157.51 | 159.45 | 155.52 | 137.45 | |
| **Western Avg.** | **157.29** | **158.56** | **154.74** | **135.51** | **NA** |
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| **Overall Average** | **161.08** | **162.09** | **157.82** | **136.75** | **142.96** |
| **This Week +/-** | **-** | **-0.6%** | **2.1%** | **17.8%** | **12.7%** |

**Stocker Steers:**

| 550 lb. Steers | 02/25/22 | Last Week | 1 Month Ago | 1 Year Ago | 5 Yr. Avg. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Dakotas | 208.06 | 208.15 | 196.95 | 176.75 | 176.63 |
| Iowa | 207.17 | 201.19 | 190.83 | 168.25 | 172.40 |
| Missouri | 206.73 | 205.78 | 190.65 | 170.69 | 168.75 |
| Montana | 211.30 | 209.55 | 198.70 | 177.07 | 172.08 |
| Nebraska | 217.27 | 210.48 | 203.15 | 186.22 | 180.10 |
| Wyoming | 213.26 | 212.62 | 200.74 | 178.71 | 175.08 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **North Central Avg.** | **210.63** | **207.96** | **196.84** | **176.28** | **174.17** |
| Arkansas | 187.13 | 195.14 | 185.10 | 167.12 | 159.29 |
| Colorado | 207.19 | 203.80 | 193.81 | 173.95 | 172.85 |
| Kansas | 206.25 | 205.19 | 190.85 | 170.24 | 170.19 |
| New Mexico | 193.52 | 190.05 | 182.25 | 165.51 | 162.37 |
| Oklahoma | 204.08 | 204.12 | 192.20 | 169.07 | 166.01 |
| Texas | 186.04 | 189.87 | 187.04 | 168.15 | 161.75 |
| **South Central Avg.** | **197.37** | **198.03** | **188.54** | **169.01** | **165.41** |
| Alabama | 180.95 | 183.95 | 175.91 | 155.10 | 151.27 |
| Florida | 182.95 | 181.84 | 173.87 | 153.95 | NA |
| Georgia | 179.36 | 181.25 | 175.40 | 153.35 | 149.85 |
| Kentucky | 181.10 | 185.15 | 178.55 | 155.95 | 154.57 |
| Louisiana | 179.75 | 181.75 | 176.82 | 156.95 | NA |
| Mississippi | 180.81 | 183.12 | 177.75 | 157.71 | 149.15 |
| Tennessee | 179.96 | 183.66 | 177.18 | 154.97 | 152.79 |
| Virginia | 180.90 | 184.42 | 177.20 | 155.78 | 154.39 |
| **Southeast Avg.** | **180.72** | **183.14** | **176.59** | **155.47** | **152.00** |
| Arizona | 190.34 | 187.87 | 180.82 | 162.52 | |
| California | 195.05 | 194.17 | 183.05 | 165.15 | |
| Idaho | 196.61 | 192.14 | 184.95 | 168.94 | |
| Nevada | 194.77 | 193.22 | 182.80 | 166.32 | |
| Oregon | 195.84 | 191.28 | 184.30 | 168.29 | |
| Utah | 194.57 | 193.68 | 182.56 | 166.05 | |
| Washington | 196.15 | 191.75 | 184.61 | 168.55 | |
| **Western Avg.** | **194.76** | **192.02** | **183.30** | **166.55** | **NA** |
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| **Overall Average** | **195.87** | **195.29** | **186.32** | **166.83** | **163.86** |
| **This Week +/-** | **-** | **0.3%** | **5.1%** | **17.4%** | **19.5%** |

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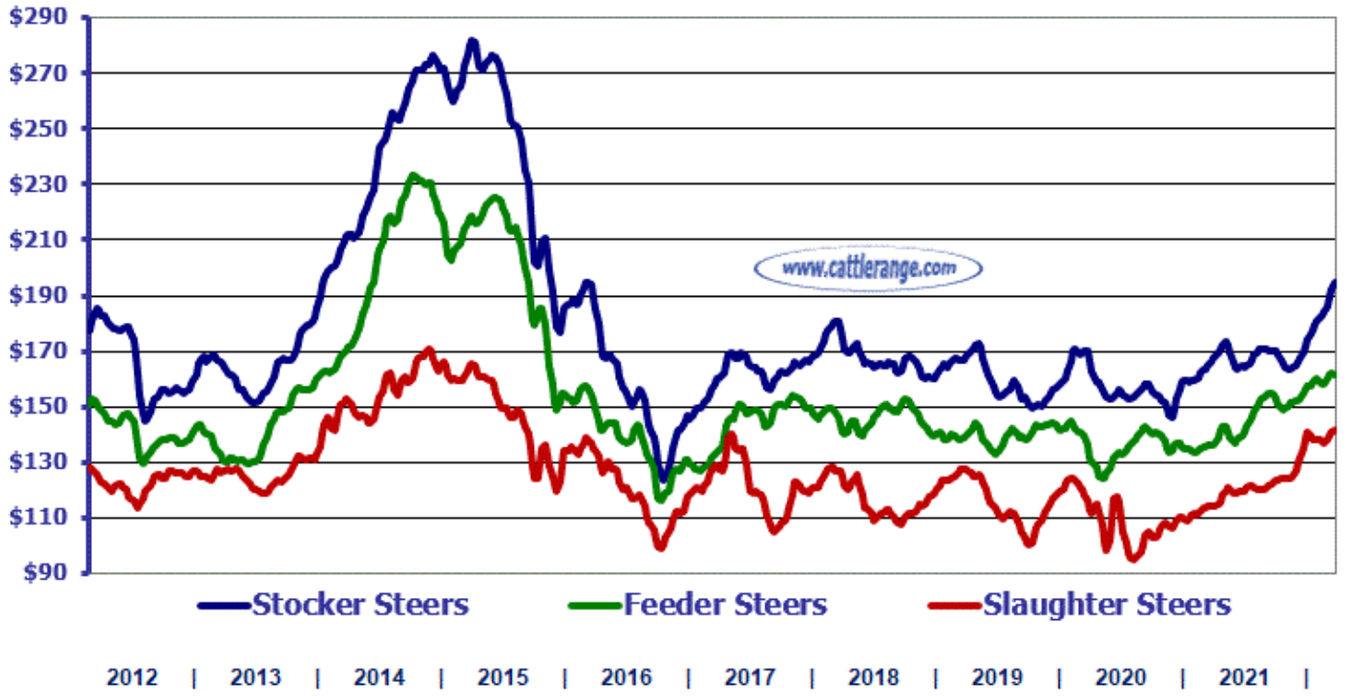
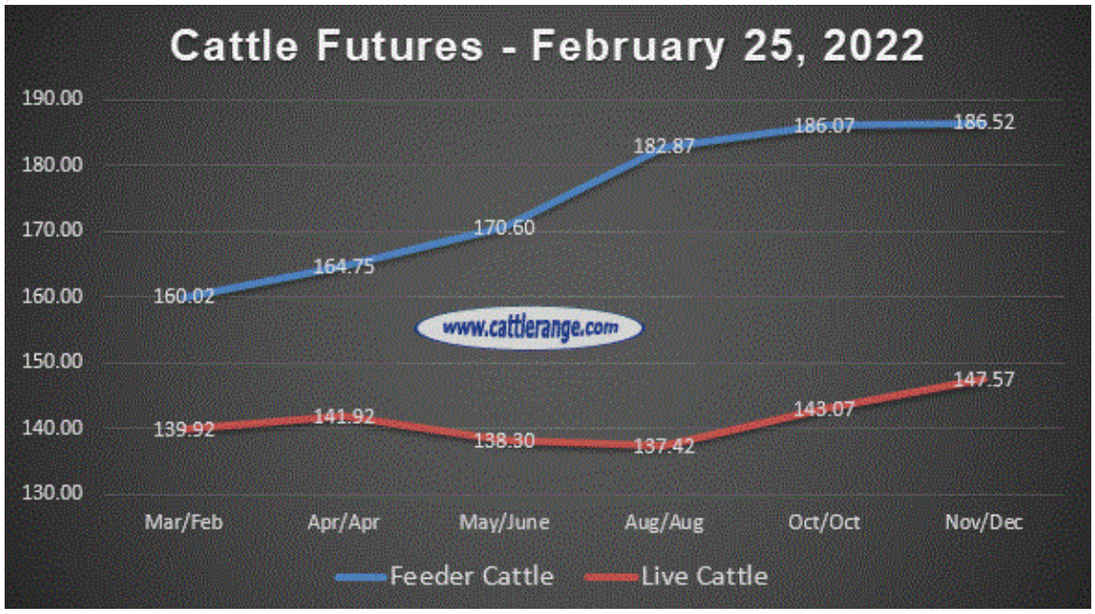
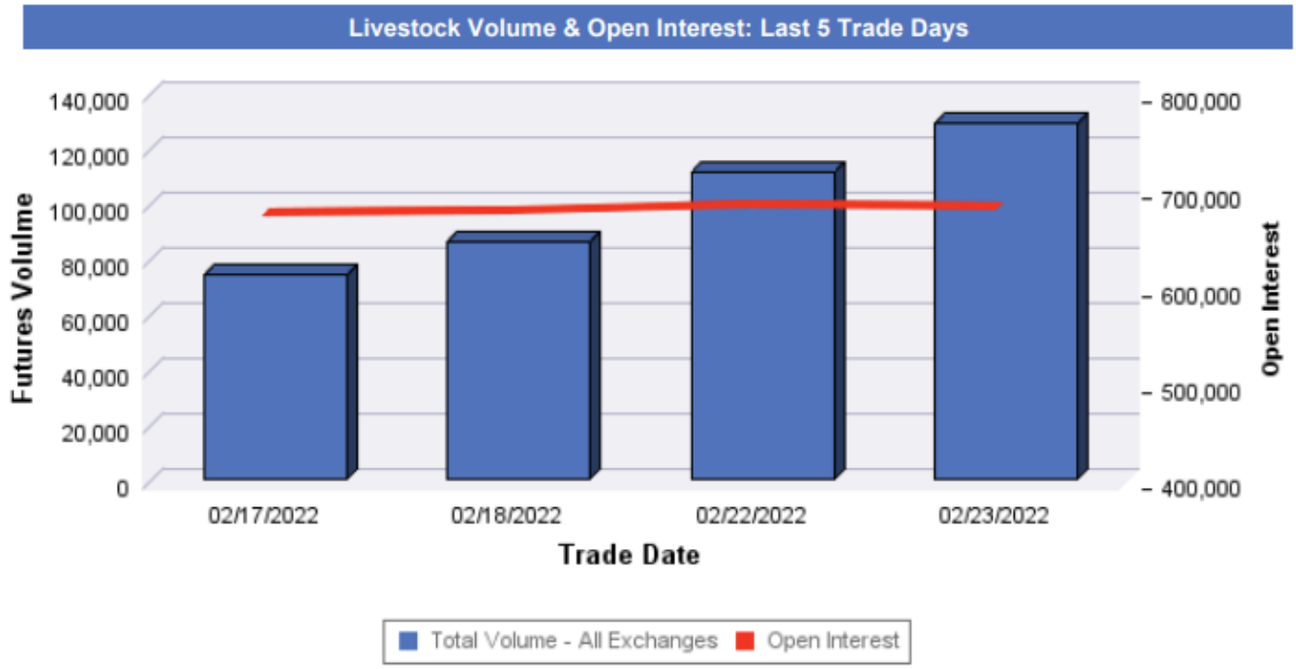
**10 Year Moving Average... Stocker, Feeder & Slaughter Steers**






| Trade Date | Futures Volume |
|---|---|
| 02/17/2022 | 73,491 |
| 02/18/2022 | 85,876 |
| 02/22/2022 | 111,024 |
| 02/23/2022 | 128,701 |

| Trade Date | Futures Open Interest |
|---|---|
| 02/17/2022 | 684,131 |
| 02/18/2022 | 686,370 |
| 02/22/2022 | 691,667 |
| 02/23/2022 | 690,577 |

**Top Expirations Traded On: 02/23/2022**

| Product Description | Month | Volume | OI |
|---|---|---|---|
| FDR CATTLE FUT | MAR22 | 4,908 | 8,582 |
| FDR CATTLE FUT | MAY22 | 2,935 | 10,170 |
| FDR CATTLE FUT | AUG22 | 1,483 | 8,938 |
| FDR CATTLE FUT | SEP22 | 331 | 2,339 |
| FDR CATTLE FUT | APR22 | 4,850 | 14,539 |
| Total Feeder Cattle Futures | | 14,740 | 46,852 |
| **Product Description** | **Month** | **Volume** | **OI** |
| LV CATTLE FUT | AUG22 | 9,126 | 64,731 |
| LV CATTLE FUT | DEC22 | 1,845 | 14,282 |
| LV CATTLE FUT | OCT22 | 6,948 | 29,937 |
| LV CATTLE FUT | APR22 | 25,549 | 144,964 |
| LV CATTLE FUT | JUN22 | 14,350 | 100,222 |

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|---|---|---|---|
| Total Live Cattle Futures | | 59,613 | 363,270 |
| **Product Description** | **Month** | **Volume** | **OI** |
| LEAN HOGS FUT | JUL22 | 4,697 | 22,747 |
| LEAN HOGS FUT | AUG22 | 4,538 | 32,546 |
| LEAN HOGS FUT | OCT22 | 2,720 | 30,029 |
| LEAN HOGS FUT | APR22 | 27,723 | 108,209 |
| LEAN HOGS FUT | JUN22 | 12,445 | 58,911 |
| Total Lean Hog Futures | | 54,205 | 278,932 |
| **Product Description** | **Month** | **Volume** | **OI** |
| PORK CUTOUT FUT | MAY22 | 20 | 37 |
| PORK CUTOUT FUT | JUL22 | 1 | 170 |
| PORK CUTOUT FUT | AUG22 | 1 | 164 |
| PORK CUTOUT FUT | APR22 | 94 | 496 |
| PORK CUTOUT FUT | JUN22 | 26 | 459 |
| Total Pork Cutout Futures | | 143 | 1,523 |

**Cattle Futures**: **Charts of Commitment of Traders**

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## Mexican Feeder Cattle Weekly Import Summary

**Estimated Receipts**: **15,000 -- Week ago Act: 15,789 -- Year ago Act: 22,629**

Compared to last week, steer calves and yearlings sold steady to 1.00 higher. Heifers steady to 2.00 higher. Trade very active, demand very good. The bulk of the supply consisted of steers and spayed heifers weighing 300-700 lbs.

- Feeder steers: Medium and large 1&2, 300-400 lbs 187.00-198.00; 400-500 lbs 172.00-183.00, few 184.00; 500-600 lbs 162.00-173.00, few 174.00; 600-700 lbs 150.00-160.00, few 161.00. Medium and large 2&3, 300-400 lbs 172.00-183.00; 400-500 lbs 157.00-168.00; 500-600 lbs 147.00-158.00.
- Feeder heifers: Medium and large 1&2, 300-400 lbs 162.00-174.00; 400-500 lbs 152.00-164.00; 500-600 lbs 142.00-154.00; 600-700 lbs 132.00-144.00.

*Slide 10 cents on steers and heifers basis 300 lbs.

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**Selected Auction Reports...** Click Link to view entire report

**Friday/Saturday Auctions:**

**Burwell Livestock Auction Market - Burwell NE**
This Week:
Last Reported:
Last Year:
No sale reported

**Ft. Pierre Livestock Auction - Ft. Pierre SD**
This Week: 5,873
Last Reported: 7,555
Last Year: 6,184
Compared to last week: Feeder steers from 550 lbs to 649 lbs were 3.00 to 6.00 higher, steers from 650 lbs to 699 lbs and 750 lbs to 799 lbs were 4.00 to 8.00 lower, steers from 700 lbs to 749 lbs were mostly steady to 2.00 higher; heifers 600 lbs to 649 lbs were 6.00 to 8.00 higher, heifers from 650 lbs to 699 lbs were steady to 2.00 lower, no other comparisons available. Good to very good demand for all classes of cattle today.

**Torrington Livestock Commission - Torrington WY**
This Week: 693
Last Reported: 1,167
Last Year: 629
Compared to last week; slaughter and feeder cows traded 2.00 to 4.00 higher with the majority of the cows returning to the country. Slaughter bulls traded mostly steady.

**Cattleman's Livestock Auction - Belen NM**
This Week: 690
Last Reported: 806
Last Year: 252
Compared to last week: Steers and heifer calves sold steady to 2.00-3.00 higher. Feeder steer and heifer steady on limited receipts. Slaughter cows and bulls 4.00-5.00 higher. Trade and demand active

**Eastern MO Commission Company - Bowling Green, MO**
This Week: 545
Last Reported: 1,732
Last Year: 602
Friday's sale was a Special Bred cow auction with one large consignment and several small consignments in the offering of mostly bred cows 3-6 yrs of age in the 3rd stage selling with good demand despite a major snow storm on Thursday as bred cows came in on Wednesday with a large crowd on hand. Slaughter cows sold fully steady to firm with last week's active market.

**Smith County Commission - Carthage TN**
This Week: 743
Last Reported: 1,378
Last Year: 0
Compared to last week, Feeder Steers/Bulls steady to 4.00 higher; Feeder Heifers 3.00-9.00 higher; Slaughter Cows steady to 4.00 lower; Slaughter Bulls mostly steady.

**Carolina Stockyards – Livestock Auction – Siler City, NC**
This Week: 918
Last Reported: 971
Last Year: 114
Slaughter cattle steady this week compared to last . Feeder cattle steady to up 2.00 to 6.00 this week compared to last week. Demand was good ;market activity and buyer interest were active . Offerings were moderate with quality average.

**Lexington Livestock Market - Lexington, NE**
This Week: 4,432
Last Reported: 3,894
Last Year: 4,058
Compared to last week steers 600-900 lbs sold steady to 4.00 higher and heifers 600-850 lbs sold steady to 3.00 lower. Demand was good from the buyers in the crowd. Supply included: 94% Feeder Cattle (39% Steers, 61% Heifers, 0% Bulls); 6% Slaughter Cattle (100% Cows). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 89%.

**Monday Auctions:**

**Sioux Falls Regional Livestock Report - Worthing SD**
This Week: 3,991
Last Reported: 4,628
Last Year: 5,817

Compared to last week: Feeder steers steady to 5.00 higher, except 800 lbs - 850lbs steady to 2.00 lower, heifers steady to 5.00 lower. Lighter weight steers sold with much higher undertones this week. Demand for this nice offering of cattle was good.

**Tri-State Livestock Auction Market - McCook NE**
This Week: 1,690
Last Reported: 2,760
Last Year: 3,110
Compared to last week, steers were steady, and heifers were steady - 6.00 higher. Demand was good on a cold day.

**Roswell Livestock Auction - Roswell NM**
This Week:
Last Reported:
Last Year:
No sale report.

**Oklahoma National Stockyards Feeder Cattle - Oklahoma City OK**
This Week: 13,500
Last Reported: 13,154
Last Year: 2,723
Compared to last week: Feeder steers 1.00-3.00 lower and heifers unevenly steady. Steers calves 1.00-3.00 lower and heifer calves unevenly steady. Demand is moderate.

**Joplin Reg. Stockyards Feeder Cattle - Carthage MO**
This Week: 8,748
Last Reported: 7,911
Last Year: 6,150
Compared to last week feeder steers and heifers traded steady. Supply was heavy with good demand.

**Callaway Livestock Center - Kingdom City MO**
This Week: 2,457
Last Reported: 2,807
Last Year: 1,943
Compared to last week, steer calves weighing 400-500 lbs sold mostly 5.00-10.00 higher, with 500-600 lbs trading steady to firm, 600-650 lbs sold firm to 5.00 higher, 700 -800 lbs overall quality and condition did not compare well with last week's good quality offering. Feeder heifers weighing 400-450 lbs on a light test sold with a higher undertone, 450-500 lbs sold steady to firm, 500-550 lbs sold 5.00-12.00 higher with 550-600 lbs selling 3.00-5.00 higher, much lighter offering of 600-700 lbs sold steady to firm, with a pot load of 720 lb heifers trading with a firm undertone. Demand was good on a moderate offering.

**Mid-South Livestock - Unionville TN**
This Week: 1,199
Last Reported: 935
Last Year: 336
Compared to last week, Feeder Steers steady to 5.00 lower; Feeder Bulls under 500 lbs. 2.00-5.00 lower, over 500 lbs. 2.00-5.00 higher; Feeder Heifers 2.00-5.00 lower; Slaughter Cows mostly steady; Slaughter Bulls mostly steady.

**United Producers Inc. - Irvington KY**
This Week: 874
Last Reported: 722
Last Year: 193
Compared to last week : Feeder steers and feeder heifers sold unevenly steady. Slaughter cows and slaughter bulls sold 5.00 .

**Blue Grass South Livestock Market - Stanford KY**
This Week: 286
Last Reported: 317
Last Year: 117
Compared to last Monday: Feeder steers and heifers steady, Good demand for feeder classes. Slaughter cows 3.00-5.00 lower, Slaughter bulls 1.00-3.00 lower, Moderate demand for slaughter classes.

**Tuesday Auctions:**

**Lonestar Stockyards - Wildorado, TX**
This Week: 518
Last Reported: 1,134
Last Year: 338
Compared to last week: Feeder steers and heifers traded mostly weak to 2.00 lower on a limited comparable sales. Not enough comparable sales on calves for a market trend. Slaughter cows and bulls were sharply higher on when compared to last weeks light test.

**Philip Livestock Auction - Philip SD**
This Week:
Last Reported:
The next Feeder Cattle Sale is February 22

**Winter Livestock Auction - Riverton, WY**
This Week: 143
Last Reported: 1,883
Last Year: 540
Compared to last Tuesday on a light offering due to cold weather conditions: Slaughter cows and bulls steady, not enough feeder calves for a good market test. Demand moderate.

**Miles City Livestock Commission Auction - Miles City, MT**
This Week: 251
Last Reported: 960
Last Year: 2,910
Compared to last week: Feeder steers and heifers were too lightly tested this week to develop any market trend. Quality this week was average on a very limited offering. Demand was moderate to good for very light offerings.

**Winter Livestock - La Junta CO**
This Week: 1,629
Last Reported: 2,603
Last Year: 1,335
Compared with last Tuesday: Steer's under 500 lbs steady, 500 to 600 lbs 2.00 to 3.00 instances 5.00 higher, 600 to 700 lbs 2.00 to 4.00 higher,over 700 lbs 2.00 to 3.00 higher. Heifer's under 550 steady, 550 to 700 lbs 3.00 to 5.00 higher, over 700 lbs steady to 1.00 higher. Slaughter cows 1.00 to 2.00 higher. Slaughter bulls steady. Trade and demand moderate to good.

**OKC West Livestock Auction - El Reno, OK**
This Week: 4,914
Last Reported: 13,193
Last Year: 4,325
Compared to last week: Feeder steers sold 2.00-5.00 lower. Feeder heifers traded 4.00-6.00 lower. Steer and heifer calves sold 4.00-7.00 lower. Demand moderate for all classes.

**Ozarks Regional Stockyards - West Plains MO**
This Week: 1,781
Last Reported: 3,659

Last Year: 1,848
Compared to last week, steer and heifer calves traded steady while yearlings were not well tested. Demand was good, especially on heifer calves. The supply was light due to the heavy early morning rains.

**Mid-State Stockyards LLP - Letohatchee, AL**
This Week: 767
Last Reported: 1,198
Last Year: 1,376
Compared to one week ago: Slaughter cows and bulls sold 1.00 to 4.00 lower. Replacement cows sold steady. Feeder cattle sold 2.00 to 6.00 lower.

**Blue Grass Stockyards - Lexington, KY**
This Week: 852
Last Reported: 979
Last Year: 554
Compared to last Tuesday feeder steers and heifers sold 2.00 to 4.00 higher with very good demand for weaned 400-700 lb packages. Slaughter cows sold steady with good demand. Slaughter bulls lightly tested.

**Wednesday Auctions:**

**Hub City Livestock Auction - Aberdeen SD**
This Week:
Last Reported:
Last Year:
Market not reported this week as feeder cattle receipts very limited.

**Bassett Livestock Auction - Bassett NE**
This Week: 3,250
Last Reported: 3,135
Last Year: 4,400
Compared with last week 650 and 750 lbs steers traded steady and 700 lbs steers traded 10.00 higher. Heifer offerings 550 to 650 lbs traded unevenly steady. Demand was good with several buyers and an active internet.

**OKC West - El Reno OK**
This Week: 4,914
Last Reported: 13,193
Last Year: 4,325
Compared to last week: Feeder steers sold 2.00-5.00 lower. Feeder heifers traded 4.00-6.00 lower. Steer and heifer calves sold 4.00-7.00 lower. Demand moderate for all classes.

**Huss Platte Valley Auction - Kearney NE**
This Week: 2,531
Last Week: 5,271
Last Year: 5,078
Compared to last week, 550 to 600 lbs steers sold 10.00 higher, 800 lbs heifers sold 2.00 higher on a thin test. All other weights of steers and heifers sold 2.00 to 6.00 lower. Wednesday market slipped back a tick due to sharply higher corn board and bitter cold weather in the trade area. Around 1000 head cancelled today due to the single digit temperatures and below zero wind chills. Supply included: 100% Feeder Cattle (58% Steers, 42% Heifers). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 92%.

**Clovis Livestock Auction - Clovis, NM**
This Week: 2,439
Last Reported: 2,319
Last Year: 2,729

Compared to last week: Feeder steers and heifers traded mostly steady. Steer and heifer calves traded mostly firm to 6.00 higher, with the exception of steer calves under 400 pounds which traded with a much lower undertone on a light test. Trading activity was active on good buyer demand.

**Winter Livestock Feeder Cattle Auction - Dodge City KS**
This Week: 2,522
Last Reported: 3,662
Last Year: 4,566
Compared to last week, feeder steers 650 lb to 975 lb sold 3.00 to 5.00 lower. Steer calves 350 lb to 650 lb sold 6.00 to 10.00 higher. Feeder heifers 625 lb to 900 lb sold 3.00 to 4.00 lower. Heifer calves 400 lb to 625 lb sold 5.00 to 7.00 higher. Demand was good on lightweight calves, moderate on feeder cattle. Slaughter cows sold steady. Slaughter bulls sold 5.00 lower.

**Springfield Livestock Auction - Springfield MO**
This Week: 251
Last Reported: 1,968
Last Year: 2,181
Not enough receipts this week for a market comparison. Due to another round of ice and snow moving into the area this afternoon, supply and demand was light.

**South Central Regional Stockyards - Vienna, MO**
This Week:
Last Reported:
Last Year:
Market not reported this week.

**Roanoke Stockyard - Roanoke AL**
This Week: 617
Last Reported: 1,139
Last Year: 808
Compared to one week ago: Feeder cattle sold steady to 2.00 higher. Slaughter cows and bulls sold 2.00 to 3.00 lower. Replacement cows and pairs sold sharply higher on strong demand.

**Blue Grass Stockyards - Albany KY**
This Week: 606
Last Reported: 1,100
Last Year: 930
Compared to last week feeder steers sold unevenly steady, feeder heifers sold steady, feeders sold with good demand. Slaughter cows sold 1.00-3.00 lower, Slaughter bulls sold 1.00-3.00 lower. There was good demand for all feeder cattle, with moderate offerings and good buyer activity this week. Buyers showed good interest in weaned steers and heifers, cattle with favorable condition.

**Thursday Auctions:**

**Billings Livestock Commission Cattle Auction - Billings, MT**
This Week:
Last Reported:
Last Year:
No market report this week.

**Mitchell Livestock Auction – Mitchell SD**
This Week: 3,849
Last Reported: 5,816
Last Year: 8,425
Compared to last week: Feeder steers 650-900 lbs. were 2.00- 7.00 lower, instances 11.00 12.00 higher

on load lot, thin fleshed steers 550-600 & 700-750 lbs. Feeder heifers 600-700 lbs. sold 4.00-5.00 lower, heifers 700-900 lbs. were steady to 2.00 lower. Demand was good, many load lots in the heavy end of feeders.

**Valentine Livestock Auction - Valentine NE**
This Week: 3,890
Last Reported: 660
Last Year: 3,535
No recent test of market for an accurate comparison a trend will not be given for steers or heifers. Demand was good for all offerings.

**Apache Livestock Auction - Apache, OK**
This Week:
Last Reported:
Last Year:
No market report this week.

**Woodward Wtd Avg Cattle - Woodward OK**
This Week: 2,004
Last Reported: 2,405
Last Year: 4,330
Compared to last week: Feeder steers over 700 lbs steady to 5.00 lower, under 700lbs up to 10.00 lower. Feeder heifers steady. Steer calves 5.00 to 10.00 lower on a light test. Heifer calves steady on light test. Demand was moderate.

**Pratt Livestock Auction - Pratt KS**
This Week: 3,201
Last Reported: 3,155
Last Year: 4,944
Compared to last week, feeder steers 700 lb to 1000 lb sold 3.00 to 5.00 lower. Steers weighing 1000 lb to 1100 lb sold 5.00 higher. Steer calves 400 lb to 700 lb sold unevenly steady. Feeder heifers 500 lb to 850 lb sold 3.00 to 6.00 lower. Heifer calves 350 lb to 500 lb sold steady to 2.00 higher. Slaughter cows sold 10.00 higher. Slaughter bulls sold 2.00 higher. Demand was moderate.

**Farmers & Ranchers Livestock - Salina KS**
This Week: 2,110
Last Reported: 3,244
Last Year: 4,652
Compared to last week there was no good comparison on steers under 650 lbs. 650 to 750 lb steers sold 5.00 to 8.00 lower and steers 750 to 950 lbs sold 4.00 to 6.00 lower. The 500 to 550 lb heifers sold 6.00 lower, 650 to 700 lb heifers sold 5.00 lower, and 750 to 850 heifers sold 8.00 to 9.00 lower.

**Cattleman's Livestock Auction - Dalhart TX**
This Week: 2,338
Last Reported: 2,590
Last Year: 1,503
Compared to last week: Steer and heifer calves 1.00 to 2.00 lower in a limited test. Feeder steers steady to 1.00 lower; feeder heifers 1.00 to 2.00 lower. Slaughter cows and bulls steady to weak. Trade and demand moderate.

**Douglas County Livestock Auction - Ava MO**
This Week:
Last Reported:
Last Year:

No market report this week.

**Calhoun Stockyard - Calhoun, GA**
This Week: 428
Last Reported: 410
Last Year: 629
Compared to one week ago, slaughter cows mostly steady, slaughter bulls lightly tested, all feeder classes lightly tested, replacement cows steady to 3.00 lower.

**Toppenish Livestock Auction - Toppenish, WA**
This Week: 1,000
Last Reported: 1,370
Last Year: 1,400
Compared to last Thursday, not enough stocker or feeder cattle this week for accurate trends. Most offerings today where small lots and singles. CME feeders were down having closed $2.47 to $4.47 in the red.

**Bluegrass Stockyards South - Stanford KY**
This Week: 829
Last Reported: 1,737
Last Year: 2,050
Feeder and yearling steers and heifers 2.00-4.00 lower, Good demand for feeder and yearling classes. Slaughter cows and bulls steady, Good demand for slaughter classes.

**Paris Stockyards - Paris KY**
This Week: 2,032
Last Reported: 2,283
Last Year: 2,017
Compared to last week feeder steers sold 3.00-5.00 lower, feeder heifers under 500 lbs steady-2.00 higher; over 500 lbs 2.00-4.00 lower, all due to foreign conflict and global instability. Slaughter cows sold steady with good demand, Slaughter bulls sold 1.00-2.00 lower. There was moderate demand for all feeder cattle, with good offerings and good buyer activity this week.

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**Colorado Direct Cattle Report**
This Week: 5,789
Last Reported: 1,725
Last Year: 1,007
Compared to last week: Feeder steers and heifers traded 2.00-4.00 lower on limited comparable sales. Demand light to moderate. Supply included: 100% Feeder Cattle (50.4% Steers, 49.6% Heifers). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 100%. Unless otherwise noted, Feeder Cattle prices FOB based on net weights after a 2-3% shrink or equivalent, with up to a 15 cent slide > 600 lbs. Livestock reported this week originated from CO, ID, MT, ND, NE, TN, UT, WY.

**Eastern Cornbelt Direct Cattle Report (IL/IN/MI/MN/OH/KY)**
This Week: 1,120
Last Reported: 16,278
Last Year: 1,215
Compared to last week: No Current FOB trades last week to establish a trend. Demand moderate. Supply included: 100% Feeder Cattle (31.5% Steers, 68.5% Heifers). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 100%. Unless otherwise noted, Feeder Cattle prices FOB based on net weights after a 2-3% shrink or equivalent, with up to a 15 cent slide > 600 lbs. Livestock reported this week originated from KY.

**Kansas Direct Feeder Cattle Report**
This Week: 3,324
Last Reported: 11,997
Last Year: 2,445
Compared to last week: Current FOB Feeder steers and heifers steady to 2.00 lower. Demand moderate to good. Supply included: 100% Feeder Cattle (79.8% Steers, 20.2% Heifers). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 100%. Unless otherwise noted, Feeder Cattle prices FOB based on net weights after a 2-3% shrink or equivalent, with a 4-8 cent slide > 600 lbs. Livestock reported this week originated from CO, KS, OK, TX.

**Missouri Direct Cattle Report**
This Week:
Last Reported:
Last Year:
Compared to last week: No trades this week for a trend.

**Montana Direct Cattle Report**
This Week: 367
Last Reported:
Last Year:
Compared to last week: No trades last week for a trend this week. Supply included: 100% Feeder Cattle (100% Heifers). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 100%. Unless otherwise noted, Feeder Cattle prices FOB based on net weights after a 2-3% shrink or equivalent, with up to a 15 cent slide > 600 lbs. Livestock reported this week originated from MT.

**New Mexico Direct Cattle Report**
This Week: 1,434
Last Reported: 3,964
Last Year: 7,398
Compared to last week: Limited comparable current FOB trades for a market trend. Demand moderate. Supply included: 100% Feeder Cattle (89.2% Steers, 10.8% Heifers). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 40%. Unless otherwise noted, Feeder Cattle prices FOB based on net weights after a 2-3% shrink or equivalent, with a 6-8 cent slide > 600 lbs. Livestock reported this week originated from Mexico, NM.

**Northwest Direct Cattle Report (WA/OR/ID/UT)**
This Week: 3,438
Last Reported: 1,340
Last Year: 894
Compared to last week: Feeder steers lightly tested last week yet few trades were 3.00-5.00 lower. Feeder heifers not tested this week on a Current FOB Basis. Demand light to moderate. Supply included: 100% Feeder Cattle (56.4% Steers, 43.6% Heifers). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 100%. Unless otherwise noted, Feeder Cattle prices FOB based on net weights after a 2-3% shrink or equivalent, with up to a 15 cent slide > 600 lbs. Livestock reported this week originated from ID, UT.

**Oklahoma Direct Cattle Report**
This Week: 3,452
Last Reported: 12,303
Last Year: 3,630
Compared to last week: Feeder steers and heifer sold 6.00-9.00 lower. Demand light. A strong winter storm has swept across the trade area hampering livestock movement. Supply included: 100% Feeder Cattle (72.5% Steers, 27.5% Heifers). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 100%. Unless otherwise noted, Feeder Cattle prices FOB based on net weights after a 2-3% shrink or equivalent, with up to a 15 cent slide > 600 lbs. Livestock reported this week originated from OK, TX

**Southeast Direct Cattle Report (AL/AR/FL/GA/LA/MS/TN)**

This Week: 1,335
Last Reported: 5,370
Last Year: 890
Compared to last week: Not enough comparable Current FOB sales for a market trend, Trade activity and demand were light to moderate. Supply included: 100% Feeder Cattle (31% Steers, 69% Heifers). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 100%. rices based on net weights FOB after a 2-3 percent shrink or equivalent and 4-8 cent slide on calves and 8-12 cent slide on yearlings from base weights. Current sales are up to 14 days delivery. Livestock reported this week originated from AL, GA, LA, MS, TN.

**Southwest Direct Cattle Report (AZ/CA/NV)**
This Week: 300
Last Reported: 2,100
Last Year: 8,923
Compared to last week, feeders were not well tested. Trade slow, demand light. Supply included: 100% Feeder Cattle (100% Dairy Steers). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 0%. Unless otherwise stated, prices fob shipping point with 2-3 percent shrink or equivalent with 5-10 cent slide on calves, 3-6 cent slide on yearlings from base weight. Delivered prices include freight, commissions and other expenses. Livestock reported this week originated from CA.

**Texas Direct Cattle Report**
This Week: 12,764
Last Reported: 28,939
Last Year: 19,207
Compared to last week: Current FOB steers and heifers sold 1.00 to 5.00 lower. Trade activity was light to moderate on moderate demand. Temperatures in the panhandle remain frigid without moisture. Supply included: 100% Feeder Cattle (60.8% Steers, 39.2% Heifers). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 90%. Prices based on net weights FOB after a 2-3 percent shrink or equivalent and 4-8 cent slide on calves and 8-12 cent slide on yearlings from base weights. Current sales are up to 14 days delivery. Livestock reported this week originated from AL, GA, KY, LA, MS, NM, OK, TX, UT

**Wyoming-Nebraska Direct Cattle Report**
This Week: 633
Last Reported: 255
Last Year: 615
No comparable cattle from last week for a market comparison. Even with the volatile CME corn and cattle boards demand was good for feedlot placements, from direct sales and at auctions in the two reporting areas. Nebraska feedlots traded live sales 2.00 higher at 144.00 and dressed sales sold 1.00 higher at 227.00. Bitter artic temperatures along with light snow in both states most of the week. March looks like it will roll in like a lamb on Tuesday with early week forecast in the mid 50's to low 60's. Supply included: 100% Feeder Cattle (57.9% Steers, 42.1% Heifers). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 100%. Unless otherwise noted, Feeder Cattle prices FOB based on net weights after a 2-3% shrink or equivalent, with a 8-10 cent slide > 600 lbs. Livestock reported this week originated from MO, NE, WY.

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## Canadian Cattle Prices:

Prices have been converted to U.S. $/CWT. Grades changed to approximate U.S. equivalents
**Exchange Rate: Canadian dollars equivalent to $0.7873 U.S. dollars**

| Average Feeder Cattle Prices Expressed in U.S. Dollars: | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Alberta | | Saskatchewan | | Ontario | |
| **Steers:** | **2/18** | **2/11** | **2/18** | **2/11** | **2/18** | **2/11** |
| 501-600 lbs. | $182.90 | $181.95 | $181.23 | $179.75 | $178.77 | $176.92 |
| 601-700 lbs. | $169.34 | $166.23 | $167.68 | $166.85 | $167.58 | $169.84 |
| 701-800 lbs. | $156.61 | $155.71 | $155.44 | $155.11 | $161.52 | $156.30 |
| 801-900 lbs. | $148.64 | $148.65 | $147.92 | $148.12 | $147.50 | $150.27 |
| | | | | | | |
| **Heifers** | **2/18** | **2/11** | **2/18** | **2/11** | **2/18** | **2/11** |
| 401-500 lbs | $161.29 | $160.66 | $161.35 | $161.67 | $148.27 | $149.95 |
| 501-600 lbs | $155.60 | $156.89 | $154.30 | $156.23 | $154.06 | $152.42 |
| 601-700 lbs. | $145.64 | $146.88 | $145.31 | $143.99 | $148.46 | $145.07 |
| 701-800 lbs. | $139.45 | $138.51 | $137.09 | $137.46 | $137.97 | $136.52 |
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| **Average Feeder Cattle Prices Expressed in Canadian Dollars:** | | | | | | |
| | Alberta | | Saskatchewan | | Ontario | |
| **Steers:** | **2/18** | **2/11** | **2/18** | **2/11** | **2/18** | **2/11** |
| 501-600 lbs. | $221.80 | $220.65 | $219.78 | $217.98 | $216.79 | $214.55 |
| 601-700 lbs. | $205.36 | $201.59 | $203.35 | $202.34 | $203.22 | $205.96 |
| 701-800 lbs. | $189.92 | $188.83 | $188.50 | $188.10 | $195.88 | $189.55 |
| 801-900 lbs. | $180.26 | $180.27 | $179.38 | $179.63 | $178.87 | $182.23 |
| | | | | | | |
| **Heifers** | **2/18** | **2/11** | **2/18** | **2/11** | **2/18** | **2/11** |
| 401-500 lbs | $195.60 | $194.83 | $195.67 | $196.06 | $179.81 | $181.84 |
| 501-600 lbs | $188.70 | $190.26 | $187.12 | $189.46 | $186.83 | $184.84 |
| 601-700 lbs. | $176.62 | $178.12 | $176.22 | $174.62 | $180.04 | $175.93 |
| 701-800 lbs. | $169.11 | $167.97 | $166.25 | $166.70 | $167.32 | $165.56 |

| Slaughter Cattle Prices for Week of 2/18/22: | US $'s | CA $'s |
|---|---|---|
| **Area: Alberta Direct Sales, 4% Shrink** | | |
| Slaughter Steers, mostly Select 1-2, 1000-1200 lbs | $126.99 | $154.00 |
| Slaughter Heifers, mostly Select 1-2, 850-1050 lbs | $125.06 | $151.66 |
| www.cattlerange.com | | |
| **Area: Alberta Auctions** | | |
| Slaughter Cows, Cutter and Utility 1-3, 1100-1400 lbs | $66.13 | $80.20 |

| Area: Ontario Auctions | | |
|---|---|---|
| Slaughter Steers, mostly Choice and Select 1-3, 1300-1500 lbs | $136.27 | $165.25 |
| Slaughter Heifers, mostly Choice and Select 1-3, 1200-1400 lbs | $135.14 | $163.88 |
| Slaughter Cows, Cutter and Utility 1-3, 1100-1400 lbs | $70.91 | $85.99 |

**Alberta Beef Producers**:

Alberta direct cattle sales so far this week have seen light trade develop with dressed sales ranging from 272.00-275.00 delivered, steady to 2.00 higher than last week. Live sales have been reported on either side of 160.00 FOB lot, steady to 1.00 higher than last week. Most of the cattle that traded this week were being scheduled for the week of March 28th delivery. Over the past couple of weeks Alberta fed prices have been trading at an 18.00-20.00 discount against the Nebraska market. Usually when basis levels get this weak US packers come up and start buying cattle. That has not been the case this year.

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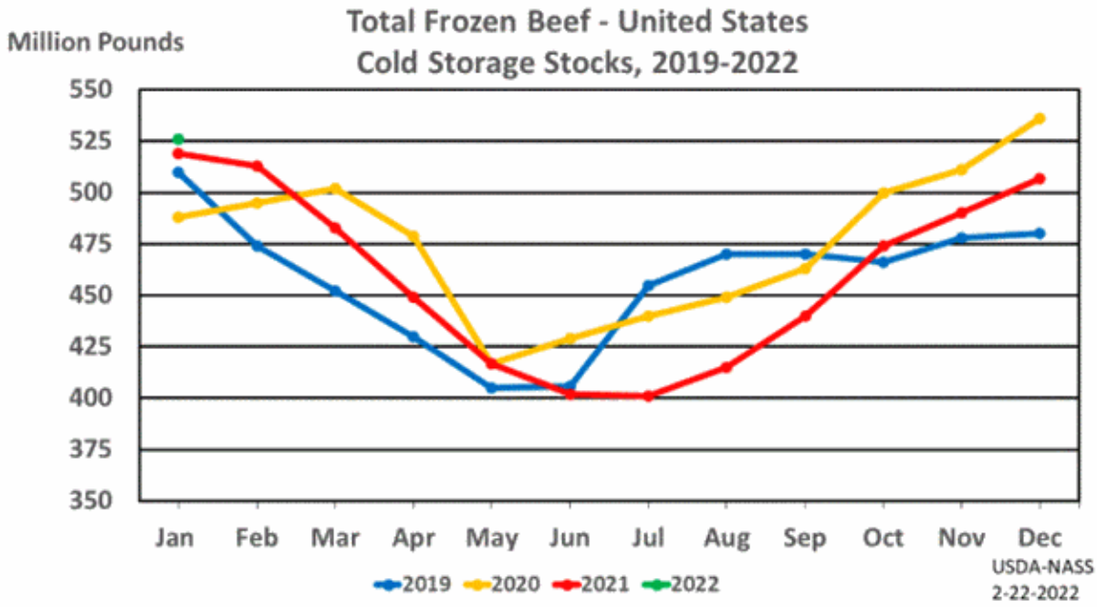
**Chart of the Week:**

Beef: Cold Storage Stocks by Month and Year, US

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**"Shootin' the Bull" Weekly Analysis:**

**In my opinion**, this week was an example of being careful what you ask for. My analysis has been anticipating a return to the $142.00 area on the April live cattle contract. I expected more of a 3 to 5 day move to get there, not 4 hours. This week's exceptional volatility is believed to have encompassed price movement that normally would have taken days or weeks to accomplish. Nonetheless it transpired and we are left dealing with significant price ranges and not much information to go by. Going forward, I keep on the front burner that increased packing capacity, both in labor and new facilities, when combined with fewer numbers to work with this year, leads me to believe it will be more difficult to go into a bear market than in years past. The persistence of drought, that continues to move cattle from winter wheat pastures, is anticipated to elevate current on feed numbers for a couple of more months, and then begin to subside. The consumer was delt a shock factor this week as equities plummeted and oil soared. By Friday's close though, equities were much nearer to Tuesday's high than Thursday's low. Oil prices were down sharply on Friday as well, leading me to anticipate the consumer potentially disregarding this week's volatile trading. I hear a great deal of griping about the inflation, but don't see much in the way of lower consumer spending. Hence, I believe beef and cattle prices will climb a wall of worry.

Feeder cattle futures were lower as well with corn bolstering to new contract highs. The quick narrowing of the basis brought in buyers on Friday morning. I believe that most in the industry believe that the number of cattle to work through this year will be less, and ownership of, is desired. Cattle feeders were urged on Thursday to use the sudden narrowing of basis to the May contract by recommending to buy the at the money calls. This is a sales solicitation. Pasture conditions will remain the most important aspect going into the spring and summer. Without any healing of pastures, more cows and heifers will be sent to slaughter. With a healing of pastures, more cows and heifers remain on the farm, making for a shortage of cattle. Therefore, this sector of the industry is in quite the conundrum of not knowing what the next 60 to 90 days of weather will bring to their region. At present, the long-range forecasts don't offer much in the way of moisture. So, I think the best way to proceed would be to anticipate more of things staying status quo on the drought, keeping cattle production, cow slaughter, and heifer placement about the same as today. As well as, cattle feeders owning call options on feeder cattle to make sure price does not exceed levels for which margins are impacted greatly. Do not think for a moment that the volatility or price expanse will begin to subside. I anticipate equal, if not greater, volatility and price expanse in the future. Note how much price fluctuation there already is and we remain more than 30 days out from the March planting intentions and a long-range weather forecast that gets us through planting and into germination.

Grain trading has been phenomenal this week to say the least. Margin clerks were busy selling traders out or pestering for more margin money this week. The trade higher was anticipated as shown in prior writings. However, I did not know it would take place in just a few hours. The price range created over the past two days is anticipated to be traded within for a week or more before either resuming the uptrend, or plummeting further if weather forecasts start calling for moisture. Since this week's volatile trading had nothing to do with weather, stocks, usage, or much of anything else, I anticipate grain traders to refocus on the events of planting, weather, and aspects of the drought to take center stage again starting Sunday night. This leads me to anticipate traders putting some premium on futures going into the March planting intentions report. I think the market will deal with significant discrepancies of how many acres may be claimed will get planted, versus what is actually planted, or planted for insurance purposes. Hence, I do not believe that the significant price action is near over with. Cattle feeders are urged to consider the volatility of trading so far, consider the impacts to date of such, and make plans on this price break to do something about it. I fully understand how much you may not want to do anything, but with the price action of the first two months, believed setting the stage for the next 10, consider how well you have done doing nothing so far.

Energies soared and plummeted, just like all the other markets this week. This should be a pretty good indication of how closely related all markets are to one another. Going forward, the Fed has stated they want to end quantitative easing, raise interest rates, and combat inflation. Doing such should make money less available, more expensive, and potentially create more inflation at the onset due to the rising cost of money being inflationary as well. How markets will react to this may differ, but the opposite of, over the past 13 years, has produced record equity price movement, low interest rates, and low inflation. Debt instruments were volatile as well this week with most ending at about the same levels as they started. The end of the first quarter is coming quickly. Commodity prices are volatile, and our current administration doing nothing about it. The second quarter is anticipated to be a doozy.

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## February USDA Cattle on Feed Report:

### United States Cattle on Feed Up 1 Percent

- **Cattle and calves on feed** for the slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 12.2 million head on February 1, 2022. The inventory was 1 percent above February 1, 2021. This is the **highest February 1 inventory** since the series began in 1996.
- **Placements in feedlots** during January totaled 2.00 million head, 1 percent below 2021. Net placements were 1.94 million head. During January, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 420,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 445,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 545,000 head, 800-899 pounds were 414,000 head, 900-999 pounds were 105,000 head, and 1,000 pounds and greater were 70,000 head.
- **Marketings of fed cattle** during January totaled 1.77 million head, 3 percent below 2021.
- **Other disappearance** totaled 64,000 head during January, 14 percent above 2021.

## Cattle on Feed and Annual Size Group Estimates

- Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head represented 81.9 percent of all cattle and calves on feed in the United States on January 1, 2022. This is comparable to the 81.6 percent on January 1, 2021.
- Marketings of fed cattle for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head during 2021 represented 87.2 percent of total cattle marketed from all feedlots in the United States, up slightly from 87.0 percent during 2020.

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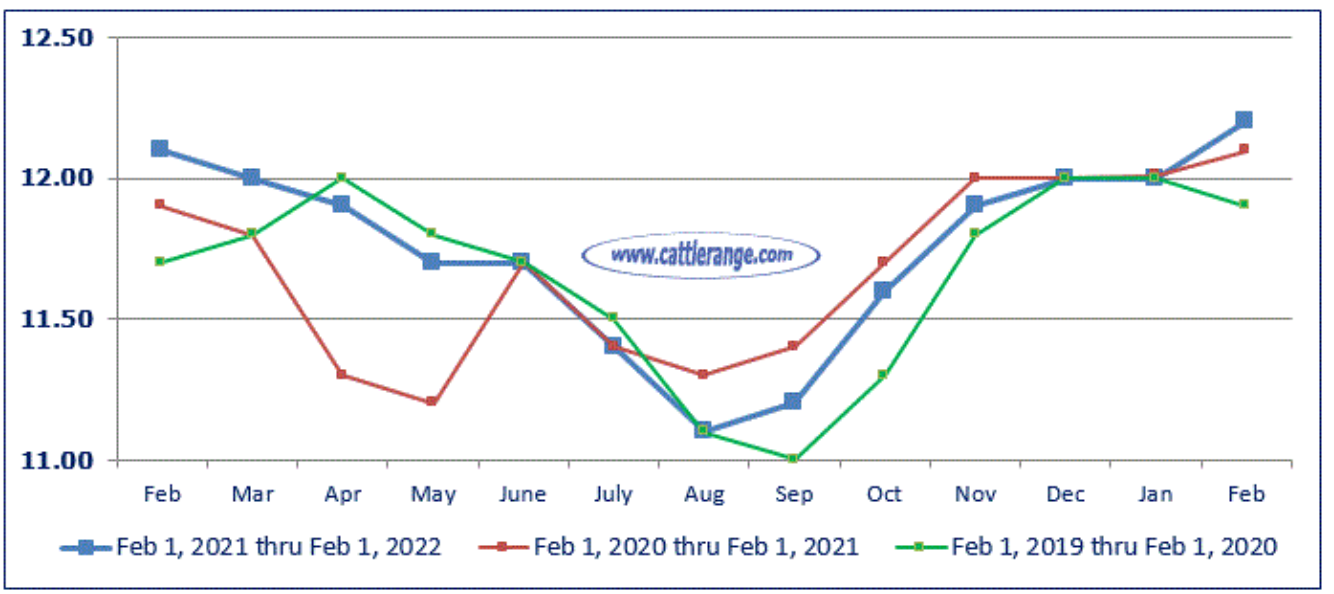
## Cattle on Feed in 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots as of February 1st

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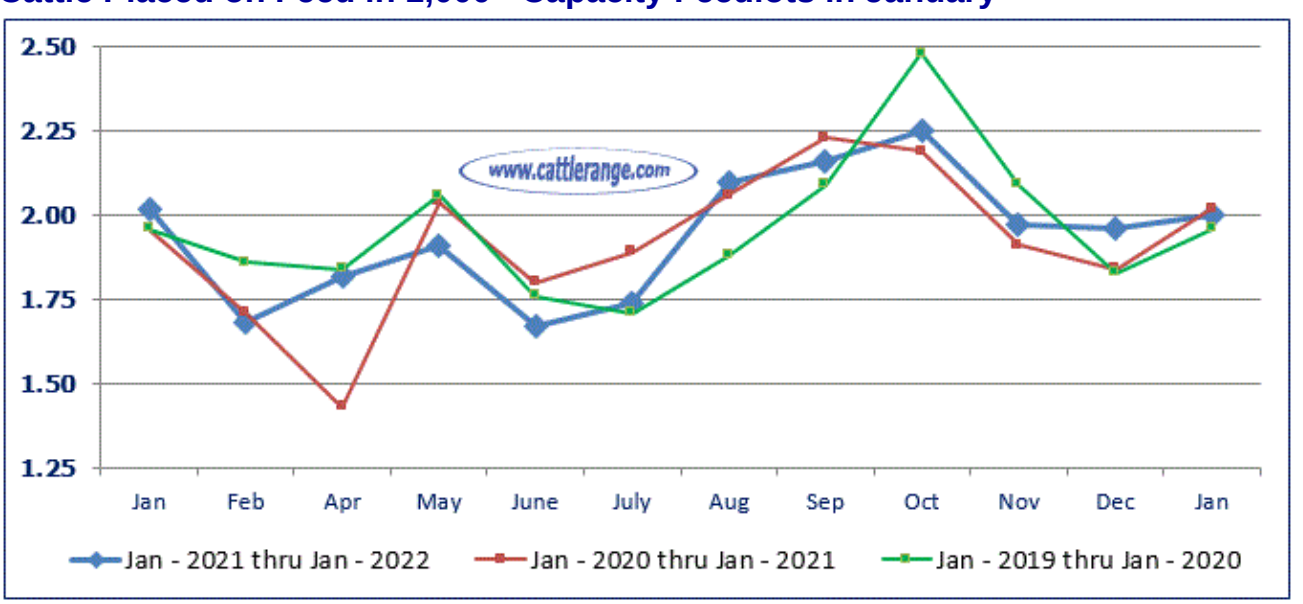
## Cattle Placed on Feed in 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots in January

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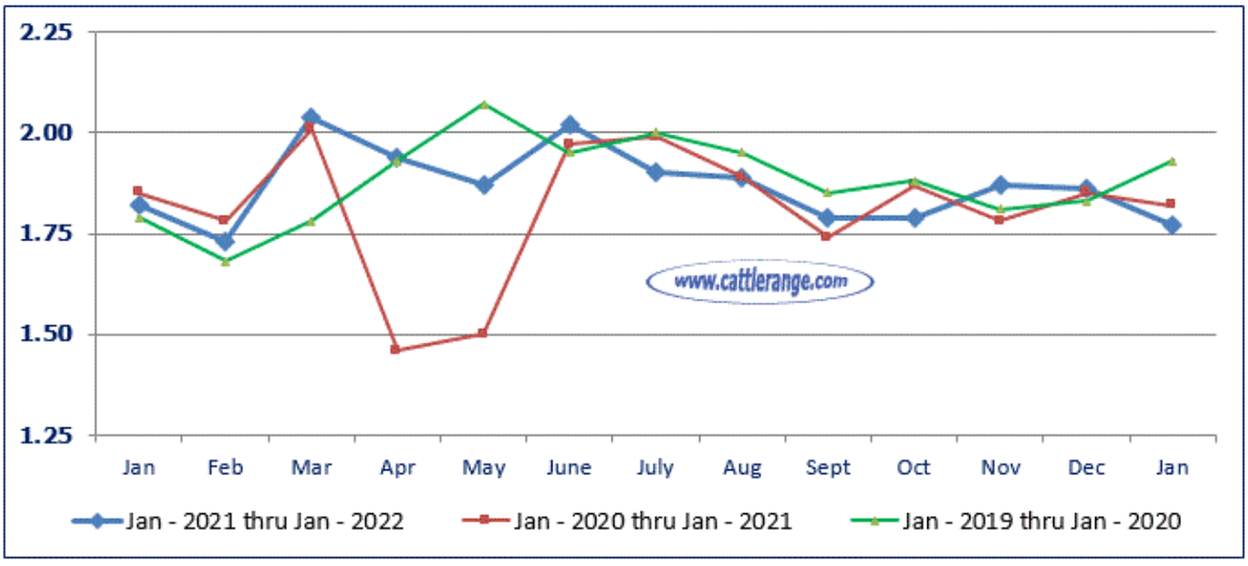
## Cattle Marketed from 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots in January

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**Cattle on Feed Inventory on 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots by Month – States and United States: 2021 and 2022**

| State | February 1, 2021 | January 1, 2022 | February 1, 2022 | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Inventory | Percent of previous year | Percent of previous month |
| | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Arizona | 266 | 272 | 279 | 105 | 103 |
| California | 560 | 555 | 560 | 100 | 101 |
| Colorado | 1,120 | 1,130 | 1,140 | 102 | 101 |
| Idaho | 290 | 310 | 305 | 105 | 98 |
| Iowa | 620 | 600 | 610 | 98 | 102 |
| Kansas | 2,520 | 2,490 | 2,540 | 101 | 102 |
| Minnesota | 115 | 100 | 100 | 87 | 100 |
| Nebraska | 2,610 | 2,600 | 2,660 | 102 | 102 |
| Oklahoma | 320 | 310 | 310 | 97 | 100 |
| South Dakota | 245 | 230 | 235 | 96 | 102 |
| Texas | 2,910 | 2,920 | 2,940 | 101 | 101 |
| Washington | 230 | 210 | 210 | 91 | 100 |
| Other States | 300 | 310 | 310 | 103 | 100 |
| United States | 12,106 | 12,037 | 12,199 | 101 | 101 |

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## Slaughter Cattle:

**Slaughter Cattle**: As of 3:00 PM Friday, negotiated cash trading has been limited with light demand in the Southern Plains. A few live purchases traded at 142.00, however, not enough for a full market trend. Thursday was the last reported market in the Southern Plains with the Texas Panhandle live purchases at 142.00 and in Kansas live purchases ranged from 141.00-142.00. Thus far for Friday in Nebraska and Western Cornbelt negotiated cash trading has been mostly inactive on light demand. Not enough purchases in either region for a market trend. In Nebraska on Wednesday saw with live and dressed purchases at 144.00 and 227.00, respectively. In the Western Cornbelt on Thursday live purchases ranged from 144.00-145.00 and on Wednesday dressed purchases traded from 226.00-227.00.

### 5 Area Week Slaughter Cattle Weighted Averages

Texas/Oklahoma/New Mexico; Kansas; Nebraska; Colorado; Iowa/Minnesota feedlots
(Includes all transactions regardless of delivery day)
For: Week Ending Sunday, 2/20/2022

Confirmed: 80,741 Week Ago: 84,428 Year ago: 60,554

| Negotiated Cash Sales | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Head Count | Weight Range | Price Range | Avg Weight | Wtd Avg Price |

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **STEERS: LIVE FOB** | | | | | |
| Over 80% Choice | 25,568 | 1,250 - 1,650 | 140.00 - 144.00 | 1,516 | 142.49 |
| 65 - 80% Choice | 7,941 | 1,250 - 1,580 | 141.00 - 142.00 | 1,438 | 141.98 |
| 35 - 65% Choice | 1,462 | 1,225 - 1,435 | 142.00 - 142.50 | 1,348 | 142.07 |
| 0 - 35% Choice | | - | - | | |
| Total all grades | 34,971 | 1,225 - 1,650 | 140.00 - 144.00 | 1,491 | 142.36 |
| **STEERS: LIVE DELIVERED** | | | | | |
| Over 80% Choice | 139 | 1,375 - 1,500 | 143.00 - 145.00 | 1,460 | 144.80 |
| 65 - 80% Choice | | - | - | | |
| 35 - 65% Choice | | - | - | | |
| 0 - 35% Choice | | - | - | | |
| Total all grades | 139 | 1,375 - 1,500 | 143.00 - 145.00 | 1,460 | 144.80 |
| **STEERS: DRESSED DELIVERED** | | | | | |
| Over 80% Choice | 9,308 | 822 - 1,045 | 224.00 - 229.00 | 981 | 226.04 |
| 65 - 80% Choice | 995 | 894 - 964 | 226.00 - 226.00 | 934 | 226.00 |
| 35 - 65% Choice | | - | - | | |
| 0 - 35% Choice | | - | - | | |
| Total all grades | 10,303 | 822 - 1,045 | 224.00 - 229.00 | 977 | 226.04 |
| **STEERS: DRESSED FOB** | | | | | |
| Over 80% Choice | 1,029 | 882 - 1,008 | 225.00 - 227.00 | 986 | 226.18 |
| 65 - 80% Choice | | - | - | | |
| 35 - 65% Choice | | - | - | | |
| 0 - 35% Choice | | - | - | | |
| Total all grades | 1,029 | 882 - 1,008 | 225.00 - 227.00 | 986 | 226.18 |
| **HEIFERS: LIVE FOB** | | | | | |
| Over 80% Choice | 17,096 | 1,100 - 1,550 | 140.00 - 144.00 | 1,348 | 142.22 |
| 65 - 80% Choice | 3,119 | 1,175 - 1,500 | 140.00 - 142.25 | 1,308 | 141.98 |
| 35 - 65% Choice | 443 | 1,200 - 1,305 | 142.00 - 142.00 | 1,224 | 142.00 |

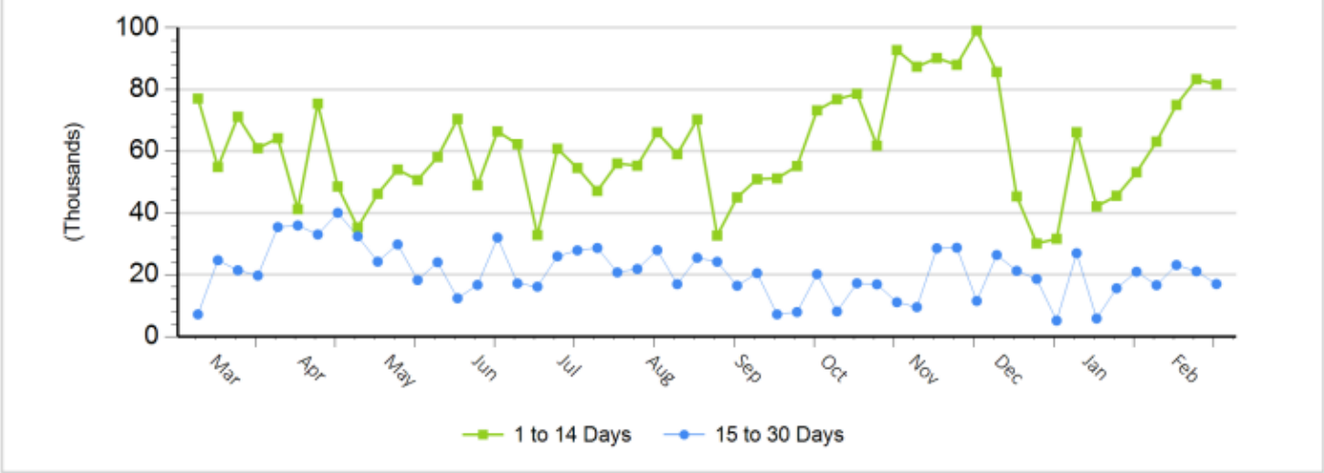
| | Head Count | Avg Weight | Avg Price |
|---|---|---|---|
| **WEEKLY WEIGHTED AVERAGES** | | | |
| Live FOB Steer | 34,971 | 1,491 | 142.36 |
| Live FOB Heifer | 20,658 | 1,339 | 142.18 |
| Dressed Del Steer | 10,303 | 977 | 226.04 |
| Dressed Del Heifer | 4,908 | 861 | 226.36 |
| **SAME PERIOD LAST WEEK** | | | |
| Live FOB Steer | 33,870 | 1,501 | 140.48 |
| Live FOB Heifer | 19,641 | 1,351 | 140.40 |
| Dressed Del Steer | 11,793 | 972 | 224.04 |
| Dressed Del Heifer | 6,641 | 870 | 224.08 |
| **SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR** | | | |
| Live FOB Steer | 28,590 | 1,472 | 114.07 |
| Live FOB Heifer | 10,437 | 1,334 | 113.99 |
| Dressed Del Steer | 10,553 | 971 | 180.57 |
| Dressed Del Heifer | 1,584 | 859 | 180.55 |

## Weekly Negotiated Avg. Price by Delivery Period

(Beef Type Cattle: All live transactions converted to dressed price)

| Avg Price (1 to 14 Days) | Avg Price (15 to 30 Days) |
|---|---|
| N/A | N/A |

### Weekly Negotiated Head Count by Delivery Period




**Livestock Slaughter under Federal Inspection:**

| | CATTLE | CALVES | HOGS | SHEEP |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Friday 02/25/2022 | 119,000 | 1,000 | 477,000 | 2,000 |
| Week ago | 121,000 | 1,000 | 465,000 | 2,000 |
| Year ago (act) | 119,000 | 2,000 | 493,000 | 6,000 |
| Week to date | 597,000 | 7,000 | 2,376,000 | 28,000 |
| Same Period Last Week | 609,000 | 7,000 | 2,336,000 | 28,000 |
| Same Period Last Year (act) | 603,000 | 8,000 | 2,471,000 | 36,000 |
| | | | | |
| Saturday 02/26/2022 | 50,000 | 0 | 131,000 | 0 |
| Week ago | 51,000 | 0 | 162,000 | 0 |
| Year ago (act) | 62,000 | 0 | 176,000 | 1,000 |
| Week to date | 647,000 | 7,000 | 2,507,000 | 28,000 |
| Same Period Last Week | 660,000 | 7,000 | 2,498,000 | 28,000 |
| Same Period Last Year* (act) | 665,000 | 8,000 | 2,649,000 | 37,000 |
| 2022 Year to Date | 5,143,000 | 60,000 | 19,838,000 | 240,000 |
| 2021 *Year to Date | 5,162,000 | 64,000 | 21,556,000 | 283,000 |
| Percent change | -0.4% | -6.2% | -8.0% | -15.1% |

2022 *Totals subject to revision
2021 *Totals adjusted to reflect NASS revisions
Yearly totals may not add due to rounding

| Previous day | Steer and Heifer | Cow and Bull |
|---|---|---|
| Thursday | 98,000 | 26,000 |

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## This week's Feedyard Closeouts...

**Closeout projections** are for cattle placed on feed by a cattle owner at a commercial feedyard and not for cattle owned by a vertically integrated company, e.g., a beef processing company or a feedyard feeding cattle at cost. Cattle cost, cost of gain, and selling price will vary on a regional basis. Cost includes $10 per head for freight to feedyard.

**Typical closeout for un-hedged steers sold this week:**

- Placed On Feed 150 days ago = September 28, 2021
- Projected P/(L) based on the futures when placed on feed: **$19.17**

| | |
|---|---|
| ***Cost** of 750 lb. steer delivered @ $153.72 per cwt: | $1,162.90 |
| Feed Cost for 600 lbs. @ $1.22 per lb. | $732.00 |
| Interest on cattle cost for 165 days: | $20.31 |
| Interest on feed cost: | $6.39 |
| **Total Cost & Expense:** | **$1,921.60** |
| ****Sale proceeds:** 1,350 lb. steer @ **$143.03** per cwt: | **$1,930.91** |

| | |
|---|---|
| **This week's Profit/(Loss) per head:** | **$9.30** |
| Profit/(Loss) per head for previous week: | $29.97 |
| Change from previous week: | -$20.67 |
| **Sale price necessary to breakeven:** | **$142.34** |

**CME Feeder Cattle Index* ***5 Area Daily Weighted Average*

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**Projected closeout for steers placed on feed this week:**

- Projected Sale Date @ 150 days on feed = July 25, 2022

| | |
|---|---|
| ***Cost** of 750 lb. steer delivered @ $161.82 per cwt: | $1,223.65 |
| Feed Cost for 600 lbs. @ $1.27 per lb. | $762.00 |
| Interest on cattle cost for 165 days: | $21.37 |
| Interest on feed cost: | $6.65 |
| **Total Cost & Expense:** | **$2,013.68** |
| ****Sale proceeds:** 1,350 lb. steer @ **$137.42** per cwt: | **$1,855.17** |
| **This week's Profit/(Loss) per head:** | **($158.51)** |
| Profit/(Loss) per head for previous week: | ($70.95) |
| Change from previous week: | -$87.56 |
| **Sale price necessary to breakeven:** | **$149.16** |

**CME Feeder Cattle Index* ** *August Live Cattle Futures Contract*

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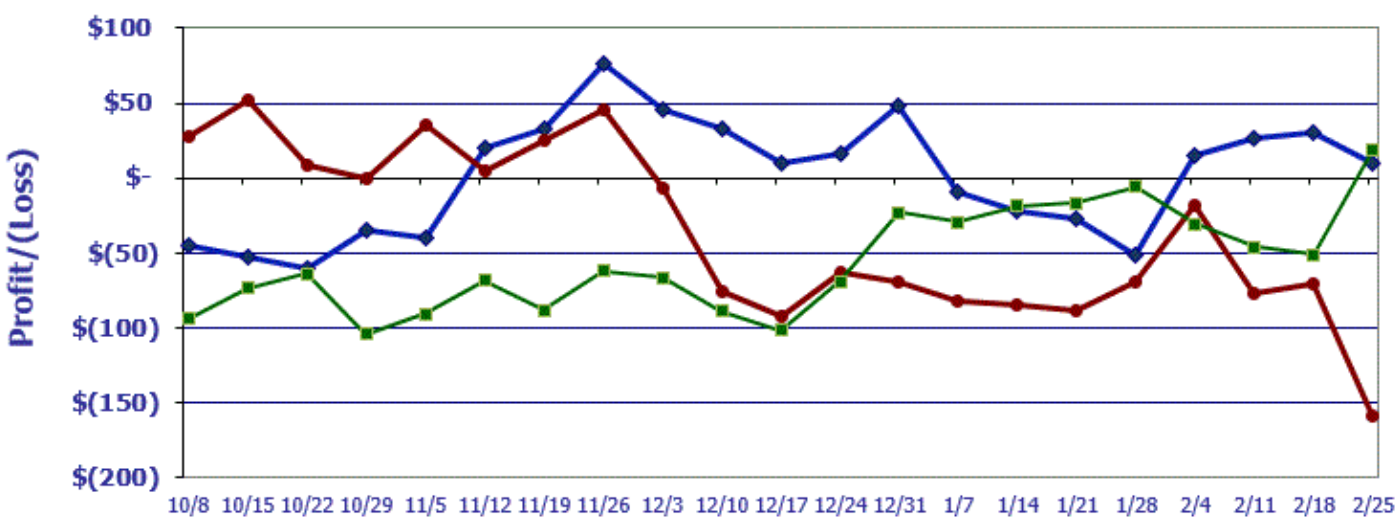
**Feedyard Close-Outs for the weeks ending...** www.cattlerange.com

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| | |
|---|---|
| **Typical closeout for hedged steers sold this week:** | **$19.17** |
| **Typical closeout for un-hedged steers sold this week:** | **$9.30** |
| **Projected closeout for steers placed on feed this week:** | **($158.51)** |

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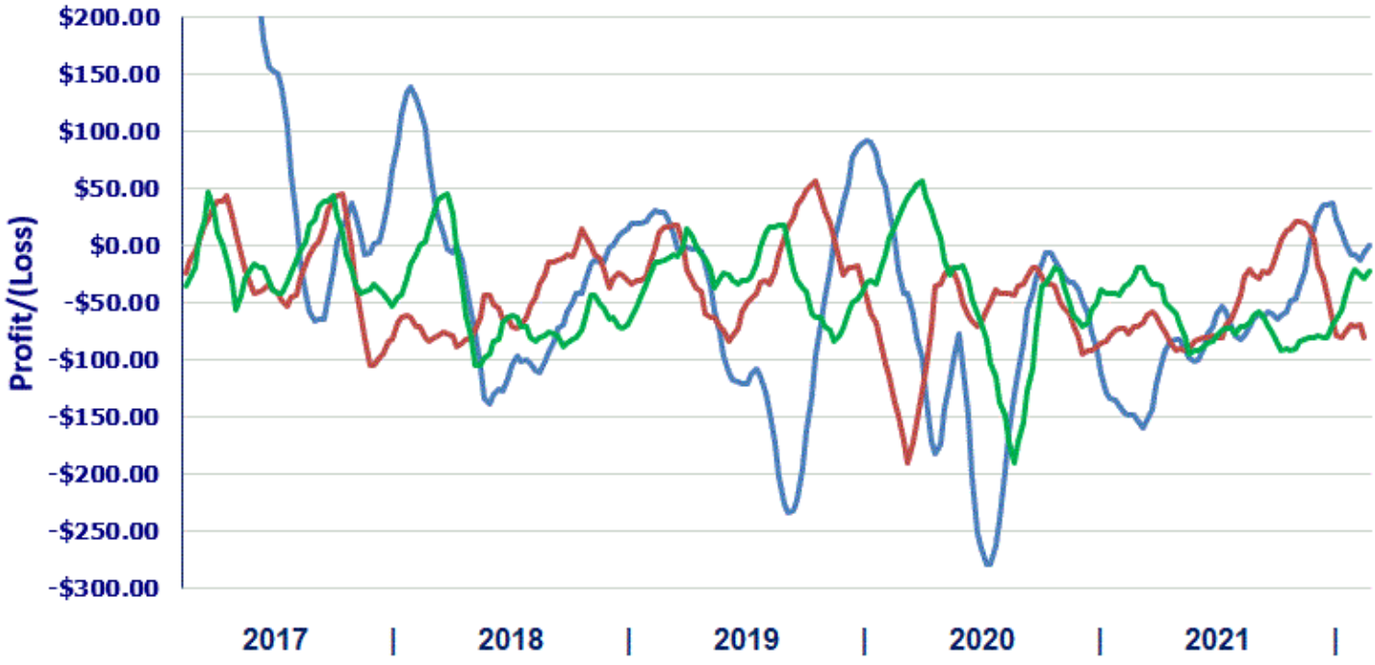
**Feedyard Close-Outs - 5 Year Moving Averages** www.cattlerange.com

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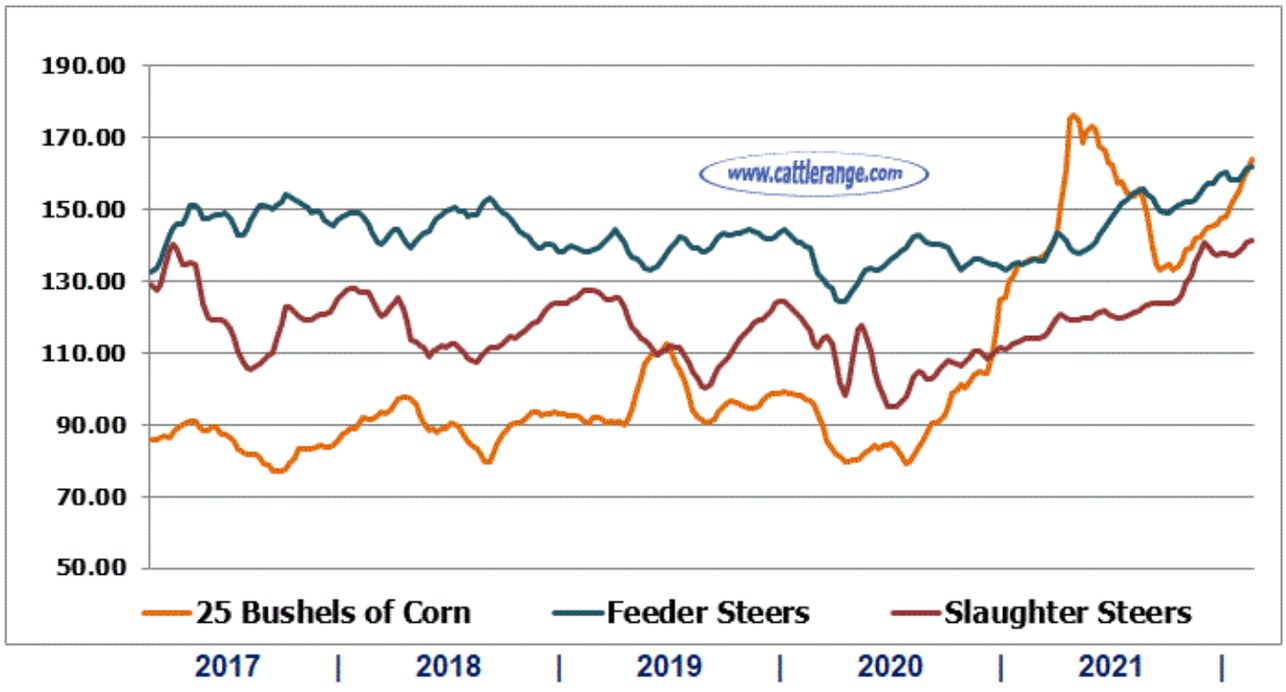
## Feeder Steers/Corn Correlation: 5 Year Moving Average

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## Federally Inspected Slaughter Cattle by Class:

USDA Market News Service - Thu 2/24/2022

Week Ending Saturday, February 12, 2022

| Day of week | Number of head slaughtered: Steers | Heifers | Steers & heifers as % of cattle | Dairy cows | Other cows | Dairy & other as % of cattle |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Monday | 59,139 | 36,605 | 78.1 | 10,511 | 14,732 | 20.6 |
| Tuesday | 59,286 | 37,765 | 77.3 | 13,260 | 13,684 | 21.5 |
| Wednesday | 56,509 | 37,504 | 75.7 | 14,417 | 14,314 | 23.1 |
| Thursday | 56,369 | 39,547 | 76.7 | 13,643 | 13,893 | 22.0 |
| Friday | 53,091 | 39,715 | 76.9 | 13,415 | 13,056 | 21.9 |

| | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Saturday | 23,874 | 16,836 | 77.3 | 4,760 | 6,268 | 20.9 |
| Total | 308,268 | 207,972 | 77.0 | 70,006 | 75,947 | 21.8 |

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## Boxed Beef Cutouts:

Choice cutout 7.58 lower at 258.27 and the Select cutout 7.22 lower at 255.41. The Choice/Select spread was 2.86, 0.36 lower.

The average value of hide and offal for the five days ending Fri, Feb 25, 2022 was estimated at 14.04 per cwt., up 0.03 from last week and up 4.29 from last year.

USDA Estimated Boxed Beef Cut-out Values - as of 1:30pm

Based on negotiated prices and volume of boxed beef cuts delivered within 0-21 days and on average industry cutting yields. Values reflect U.S. dollars per 100 pounds.

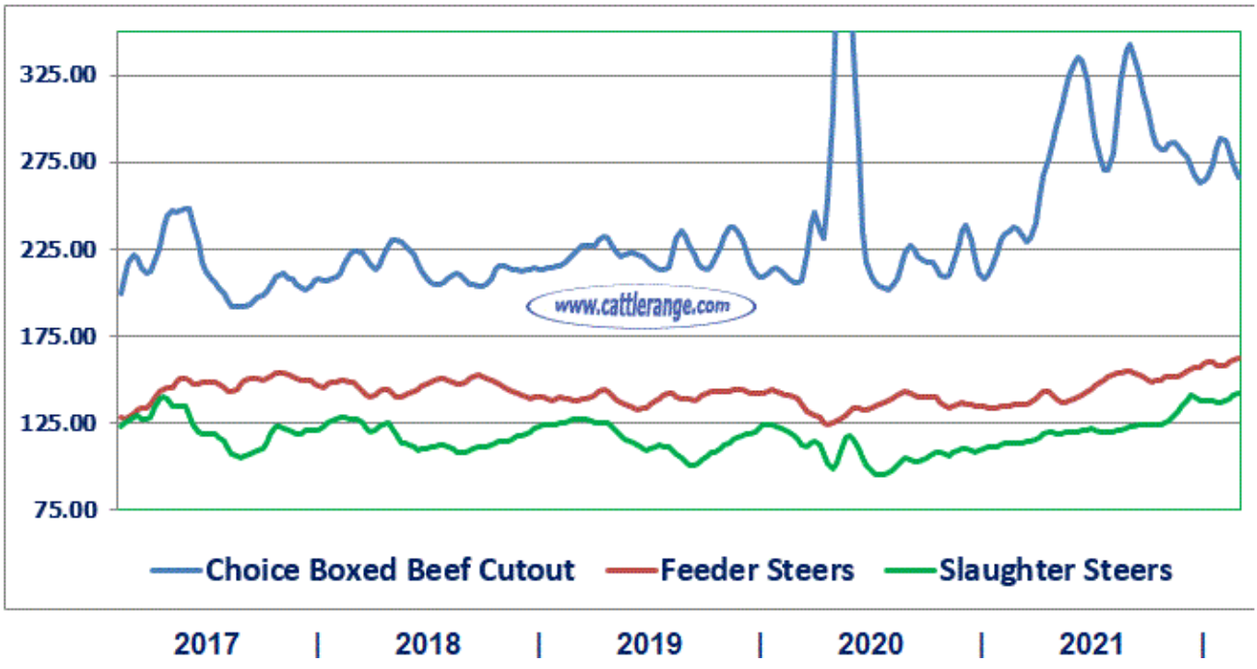
| | Choice 600-900 | Select 600-900 |
|---|---|---|
| Current Cutout Values: | 258.27 | 255.41 |
| Change from prior day: | (0.97) | 0.86 |
| Choice/Select spread: | 2.86 | |
| Total Load Count (Cuts, Trimmings, Grinds): | 104 | |

### Composite Primal Values

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Primal Rib | 374.43 | 371.72 |
| Primal Chuck | 223.94 | 219.05 |
| Primal Round | 219.18 | 221.73 |
| Primal Loin | 337.95 | 330.95 |
| Primal Brisket | 218.71 | 215.95 |
| Primal Short Plate | 181.26 | 181.26 |
| Primal Flank | 142.95 | 141.43 |

### Load Count And Cutout Value Summary For Prior 5 Days

| Date | Choice | Select | Trim | Grinds | Total | Choice 600-900 | Select 600-900 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 02/24 | 107 | 21 | 10 | 32 | 170 | 259.24 | 254.55 |
| 02/23 | 138 | 23 | 13 | 23 | 196 | 260.88 | 258.96 |
| 02/22 | 82 | 12 | 5 | 18 | 117 | 261.64 | 263.64 |
| 02/21 | 68 | 17 | 7 | 6 | 98 | 264.09 | 261.84 |
| 02/18 | 87 | 14 | 13 | 6 | 121 | 265.85 | 262.63 |
| Current 5 Day Simple Average: | | | | | | 262.34 | 260.32 |




**National Comprehensive Boxed Beef Cutout** - All Fed Steer/Heifer Sales

| | Compre-hensive | Prime | *Branded | Choice | Select | Ungraded |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Weekly Cutout Value | 276.13 | 313.87 | 276.59 | 270.90 | 266.65 | 253.36 |
| Primal Rib | 414.17 | 584.97 | 403.82 | 394.17 | 376.29 | 335.82 |
| Primal Chuck | 236.14 | 235.72 | 237.21 | 235.13 | 237.86 | 230.26 |
| Primal Round | 229.50 | 228.48 | 230.85 | 228.26 | 229.51 | 234.03 |
| Primal Loin | 359.75 | 447.89 | 363.65 | 350.06 | 333.52 | 299.04 |
| Primal Brisket | 249.31 | 246.07 | 252.58 | 242.09 | 249.92 | 247.90 |
| Primal Short Plate | 193.99 | 193.99 | 193.99 | 193.99 | 193.99 | 193.99 |
| Primal Flank | 153.81 | 154.92 | 154.66 | 154.97 | 149.84 | 149.68 |

TOTAL LOADS OF PRODUCT REPORTED 7,457

Quality breakdown:

| | |
|---|---|
| Prime | 264 |
| Branded* | 1,188 |
| Choice | 2,044 |
| Select | 624 |
| Ungraded** | 3,338 |
| TOTAL | 7,457 |

Sales type breakdown:

| | |
|---|---|
| Negotiated 0-21 | 1,932 |
| Negotiated 22/up | 910 |
| Formula | 3,508 |
| Forward Contract | 1,107 |
| TOTAL | 7,457 |

Destination breakdown:

| | |
|---|---|
| Domestic | 6,668 |
| NAFTA Exports | 81 |
| Overseas Exports | 708 |
| TOTAL | 7,457 |

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Delivery period breakdown:
0-21 Days                 5,462
22-60 Days                  762
61-90 Days                  188
91 Days and Up            1,045
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TOTAL                     7,457
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**Last Week's Trade Data:**

**Beef**:

**Net sales of 14,500 MT** for 2022 were down 37 percent from the previous week and 25 percent from the prior 4-week average. Increases were primarily for Japan (4,900 MT, includes decreases of 400 MT), South Korea (2,300 MT, including decreases of 600 MT), China (1,900 MT, including decreases of 100 MT), Taiwan (1,500 MT, including decreases of 100 MT), and Indonesia (1,000 MT).

**Exports of 15,300 MT** were down 7 percent from the previous week and 2 percent from the prior 4-week average. The destinations were primarily to Japan (4,400 MT), South Korea (4,200 MT), China (2,200 MT), Taiwan (1,100 MT), and Mexico (1,000 MT).

**Pork**:

**Net sales of 26,600 MT** for 2022 were up 45 percent from the previous week, but down 8 percent from the prior 4-week average. Increases primarily for Mexico (12,800 MT, including decreases of 500 MT), Canada (6,700 MT, including decreases of 400 MT), Japan (3,100 MT, including decreases of 100 MT), the Dominican Republic (1,100 MT, including decreases of 100 MT), and Honduras (900 MT), were offset by reductions for Nicaragua (100 MT).

**Exports of 30,200 MT** were down 3 percent from the previous week and from the prior 4-week average. The destinations were primarily to Mexico (14,000 MT), Japan (4,200 MT), China (3,700 MT), South Korea (2,700 MT), and Canada (1,400 MT).

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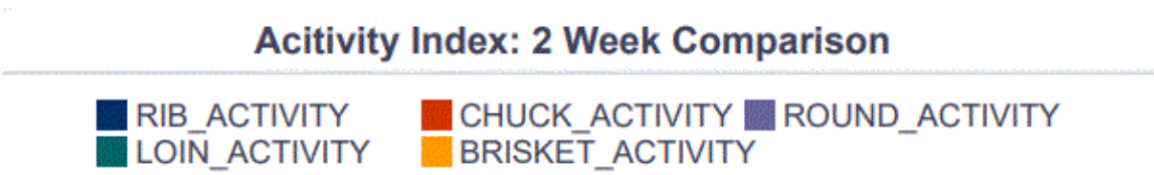
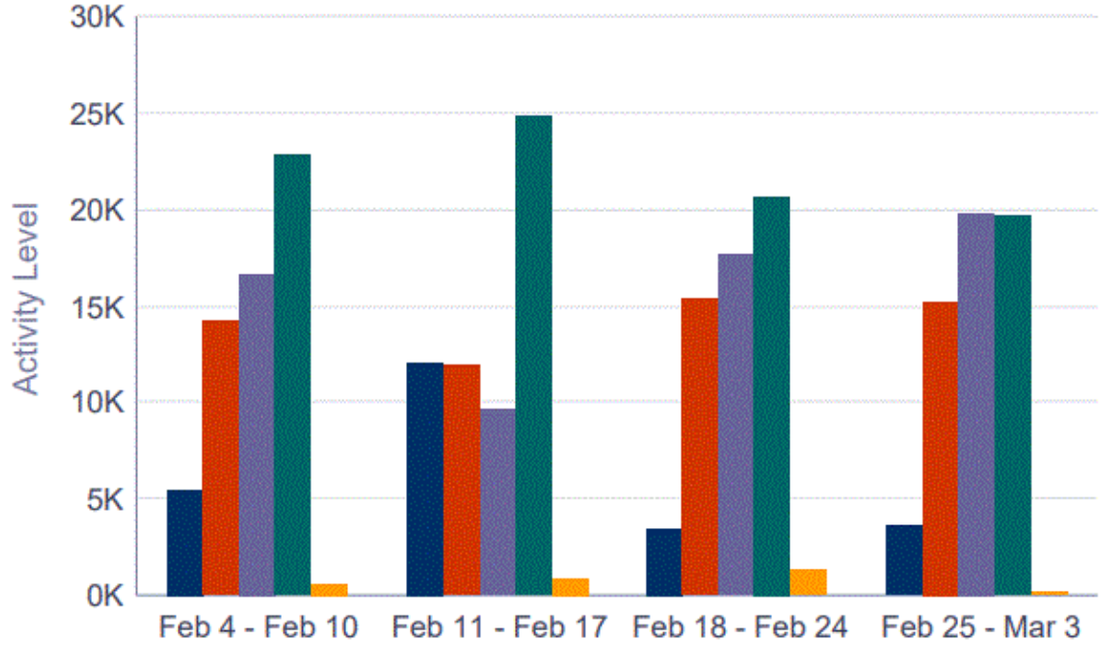
**USDA National Retail Beef Report:**

National Summary of Advertised Prices for Beef at Major Retail Supermarket Outlets

This week in beef retail the Feature Rate rose by 8.7 percent, the Special Rate posted a 4.4 percent decrease, and the Activity Index showed a 0.8 percent loss. Although February is nearly over, winter continues to keep grills inside, while consumers wait for spring. Cuts from the Rib, and Round saw more ad space, while cuts from the Chuck, Loin, Brisket, and Ground Beef items saw less. Cattle slaughter under federal inspection was 2 percent lower when compared to last week.



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**Est. Weekly Meat Production Under Federal Inspection:**

**Total red meat production** under Federal inspection for the week ending Saturday, February 26, 2022 was estimated at 1095.6 million lbs. according to the USDA's Marketing Service. This was 1.0 percent lower than a week ago and 3.0 percent lower than a year ago. Cumulative meat production for the year to date was 4.4 percent lower compared to the previous year.

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**5 Year Bullish/Bearish Consensus Charts from SentimenTrader:**

**The theory behind the "Bullish/Bearish Consensus"** indicator is when the public reaches a consensus, **they are usually wrong:**

- They get too bullish after prices have risen and too bearish after they have already fallen.

Because of this tendency, there are often extremes in opinion right before major changes in trend:

- When the public reaches a bullish extreme, i.e., a great majority thinks prices will keep rising, then prices often decline instead.
- And when they become too bearish, then prices tend to rise.

So when Public Opinion moves above the **red dotted line** in the chart, it means that compared to other readings over the past year, you're seeing **excessive optimism**. You also want to look at the absolute level of Opinion, too - if it's at 90%, then there's no question we're seeing an historic level of bullish opinion. Watch for readings above 80% (or especially 90%) to spot those dangerous times when the public is overly enthusiastic about a commodity.

Conversely, when Public Opinion moves below the **green dotted line**, then the public is **excessively pessimistic** about the commodity's prospects for further gains compared to their opinion over the past year. Looking for absolute readings under 20% (or especially 10%) often indicates an upturn in the market.

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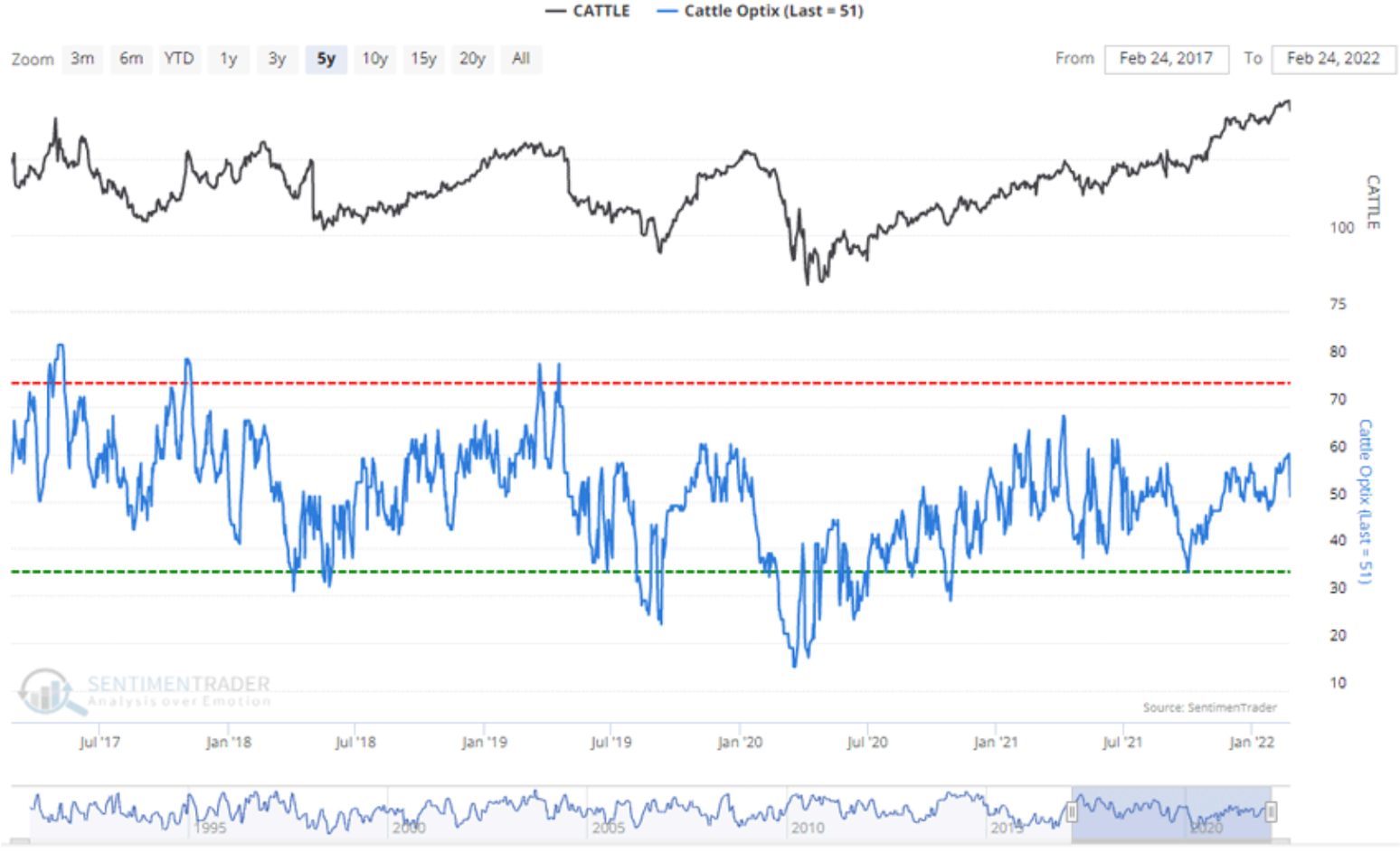
**Cattle Bullish/Bearish Consensus:**




## Corn Bullish/Bearish Consensus:

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## U.S. Dollar - 6 Month Chart:

Over the past 5 years, an average of around 12% of U.S. beef production has been exported, making exports an extremely important factor affecting beef and cattle prices. A strong dollar depresses export demand.

- U.S. Dollar Index

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**Stock Markets & Economic News:**
*T. Rowe Price*

### Volatility reaches two-year highs following Ukraine invasion

The major indexes closed mostly higher after a holiday-shortened week of historic volatility sparked by Russia's invasion of Ukraine. (Markets were closed Monday in observation of Presidents Day.) On Thursday, the Nasdaq Composite Index swung by 6.8%, the largest intraday range since the World Health Organization declared the start of the coronavirus pandemic in March 2020, according to T. Rowe Price traders. As one example of the volatility, Tesla added USD 100 billion to its market capitalization over the course of the day on Thursday but declined roughly 5.5% over the week as a whole.

The consumer discretionary sector generally underperformed within the S&P 500 Index as the turmoil in Europe weighed on travel-related shares. Conversely, resilience in Internet giants Alphabet (the parent company of Google) and Meta Platforms (the parent company of Facebook) supported communication services stocks. Health care shares were also strong.

Although a Russian incursion into Ukraine had been widely anticipated, investors appeared surprised by Russian President Vladimir Putin's decision to launch a broad-scale invasion beyond the breakaway Donbass region. Over the previous weekend, Putin recognized the independence of the so-called Luhansk and Donetsk People's Republics in eastern Ukraine and announced their occupation by Russian "peacekeeping" troops.

### Investors seek safe havens

News of attacks on the capital, Kyiv, and other major cities on Wednesday evening and Thursday morning sent stocks sharply lower—at its low at the start of trading Thursday, the S&P 500 Index hit 4,115, nearly 15% below its peak at the start of the year, putting it firmly in correction territory. The conflict also sent shock waves through fixed income markets. For much of the week, investors rushed into perceived safe havens, driving longer-term U.S. Treasury yields lower and the U.S. dollar higher, particularly against the Russian ruble and other emerging markets currencies.

Bond yields then increased and stocks rallied sharply at the end of the week after Russian government spokespersons stated that Russia was ready for negotiations with Ukraine and that it was prepared to send a delegation to Minsk—the capital of Belarus—for talks. Investors may have also been reassured that Western sanctions against Russia were not as severe as some feared, particularly regarding its energy sector. Several favorable corporate earnings reports and upside surprises in data related to

January durable goods orders and personal spending may have also fostered the rebound.

### Growth picking up after omicron lull

The week's earnings reports and economic data generally seemed to take a back seat to the geopolitical tensions, however. The Federal Reserve's preferred inflation gauge, the core personal consumption expenditures price index, rose 5.2% over the year ended in January, up from the prior month's pace and in line with estimates. Pending home sales tumbled to a nine-month low in January amid historically low inventory and eroding affordability in the housing market as mortgage rates rise. IHS Markit's flash purchasing managers' indices (PMIs) for February revealed that the U.S. manufacturing and service sectors were growing at a faster pace following an omicron-related lull in January.

Friday's rally pushed the yield on the benchmark 10-year U.S. Treasury note slightly higher for the week. (Bond prices and yields move in opposite directions.) Our traders noted that investment-grade corporate bonds traded lower for much of the week alongside headlines regarding the Russia-Ukraine conflict. Relatively light overnight activity from Asia, coupled with active primary issuance in the face of the weakened macroeconomic tone, contributed to the weakness. Despite elevated new issue premiums being offered by the issuers, demand for the new deals was relatively subdued.

The high yield bond market also struggled under the risk-off sentiment, but our traders noted that buyers looking to source high-quality BB-rated paper sought to take advantage of the weakness. Elevated cash balances due to the recent modest new issuance also contributed to the strong demand for higher-quality bonds. Similarly, the bank loan market traded lower amid the uncertainty surrounding the Russia-Ukraine conflict, but some opportunistic buyers stepped in at lower levels. Primary market activity continued to be light with only a few new deals announced.

**U.S. Stocks:**

| Index | Friday's Close | Week's Change | % Change YTD |
|---|---|---|---|
| DJIA | 34,058.75 | -20.43 | -6.27% |
| S&P 500 | 4,384.65 | 35.78 | -8.00% |
| Nasdaq Composite | 13,694.62 | 146.55 | -12.47% |
| S&P MidCap 400 | 2,661.59 | 29.09 | -6.35% |
| Russell 2000 | 2,040.93 | -20.82 | -9.10% |

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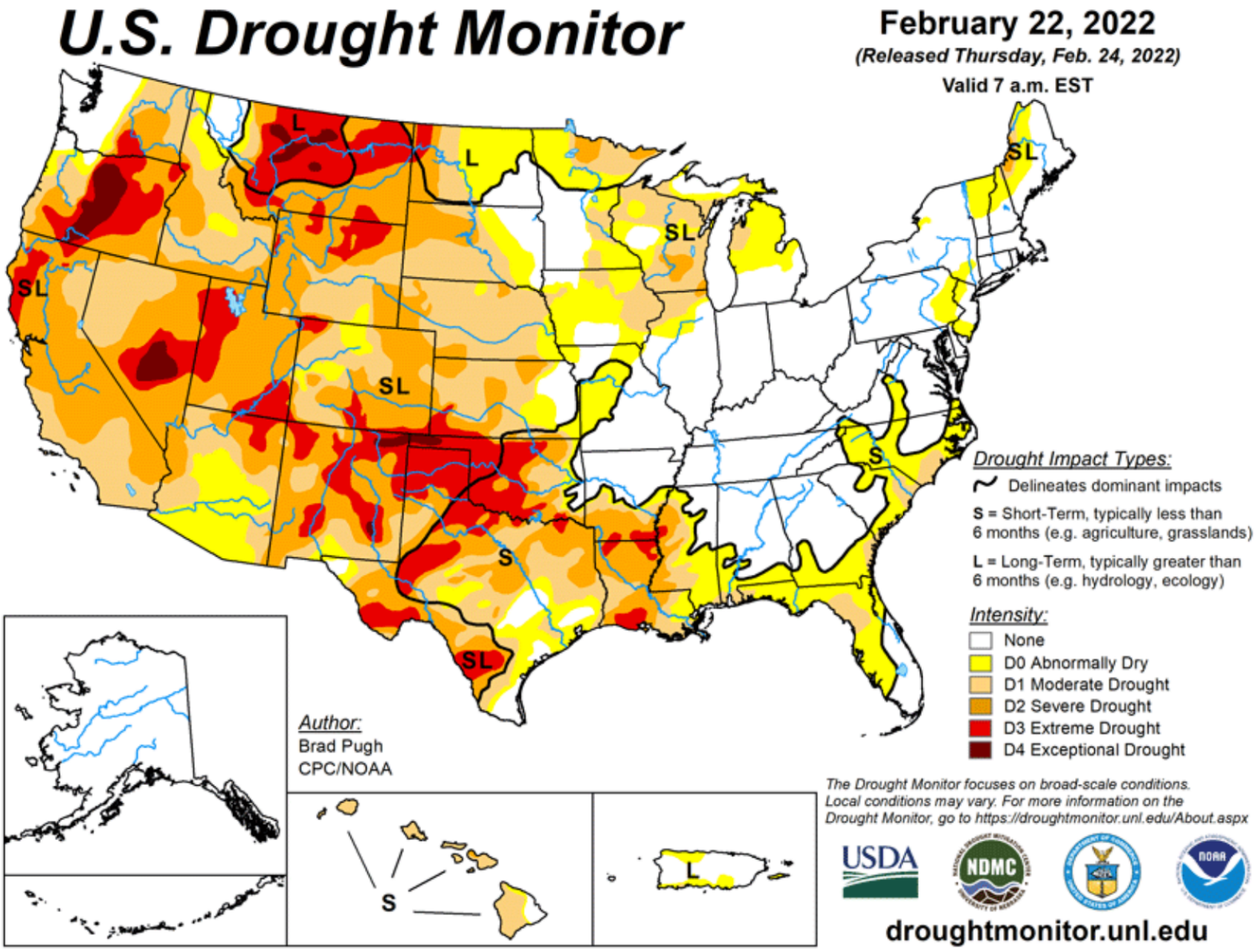
**"Click Here" to view a Slide Show of Drought Monitor maps for the last 12 weeks**

**48.19%**
of the U.S. and 57.52% of the lower 48 states are in drought this week.
↑ 0.8% since last week
↑ 4.6% since last month

**209.0 Million**
acres of crops in U.S. are experiencing drought conditions this week.
— 0.0% since last week
↑ 6.1% since last month

**95.8 Million**
people in the U.S. and 94.5 Million in the lower 48 states are affected by drought this week.
↑ 2.9% since last week
↑ 1.8% since last month

**32**
U.S. states are experiencing Moderate Drought (D1) or worse this week.
— No change since last week
↓ 1 state since last month

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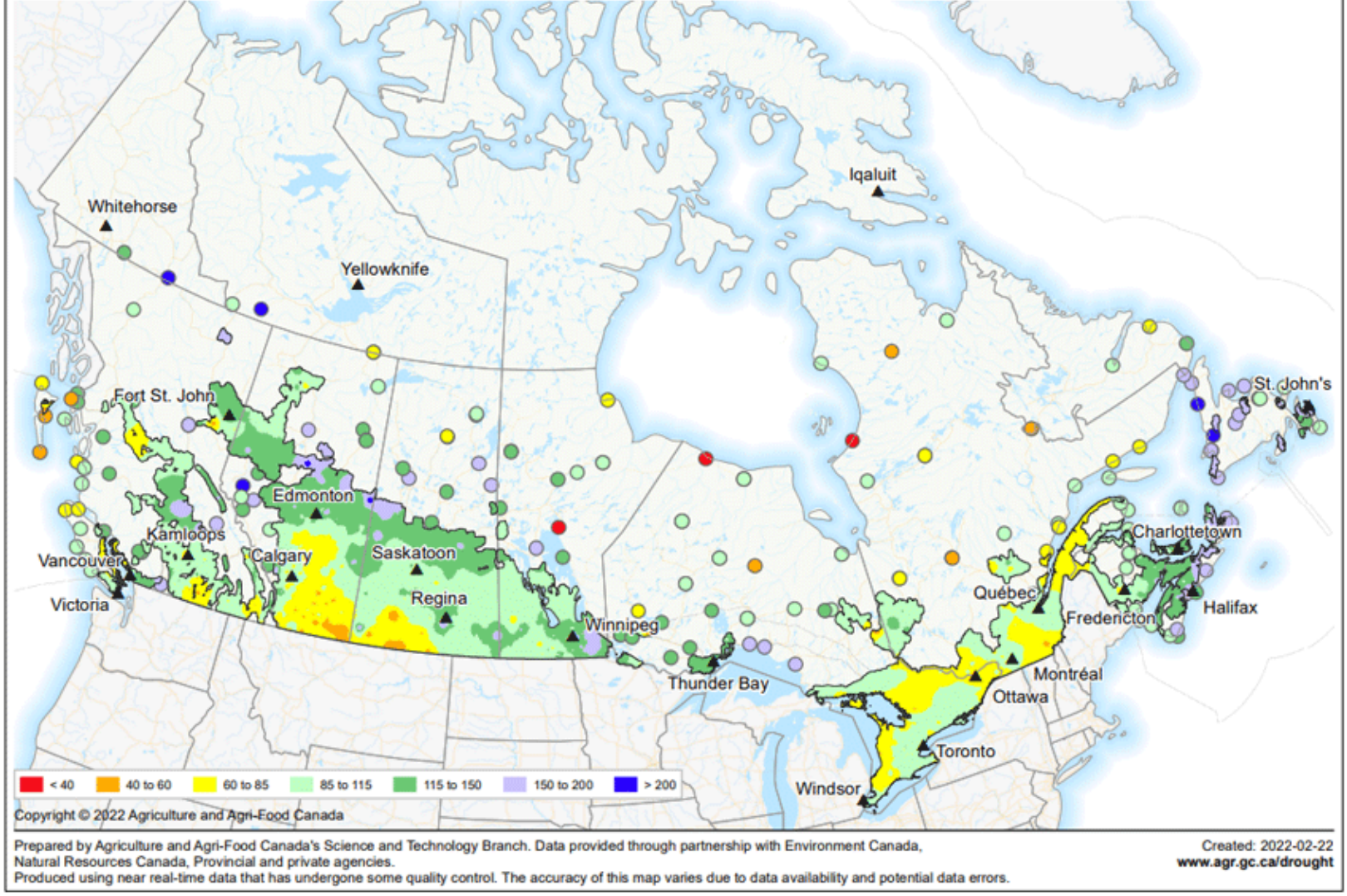


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**Looking ahead...**

**On February 24**, a major winter storm will be ongoing across the south-central U.S. with snow and freezing rain. This winter storm is forecast to shift to the Midwest and Northeast where there is the potential for more than 6 inches of snowfall. The heaviest precipitation (more than 1 inch), associated with the low pressure system, is likely to affect the increasingly wet areas of the Ohio and Tennessee Valleys. In the wake of this winter storm, bitterly cold temperatures are forecast to overspread the Great Plains and also expand east across the Corn Belt. Onshore flow is expected to bring rain and high-elevation snow to the Pacific Northwest on February 27 and 28. Little to no precipitation is forecast along the Gulf Coast, Florida, and California through the end of February.

**The Climate Prediction Center's 6-10 day outlook** (valid Mar 1-5, 2022) favors near to above normal temperatures across much of the contiguous U.S. However, it should be noted that below normal temperatures are likely to return to the northern Rockies, northern Great Plains, and upper Mississippi Valley by the second week of March. Below normal precipitation is favored for much of the Southeast, southern Great Plains, Southwest, and California, while above normal precipitation is most likely from the northern Rockies east to the northern Great Plains and upper Mississippi Valley.

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**Precipitation & Temperature Outlooks:**

6-10 Day Precipitation Outlook

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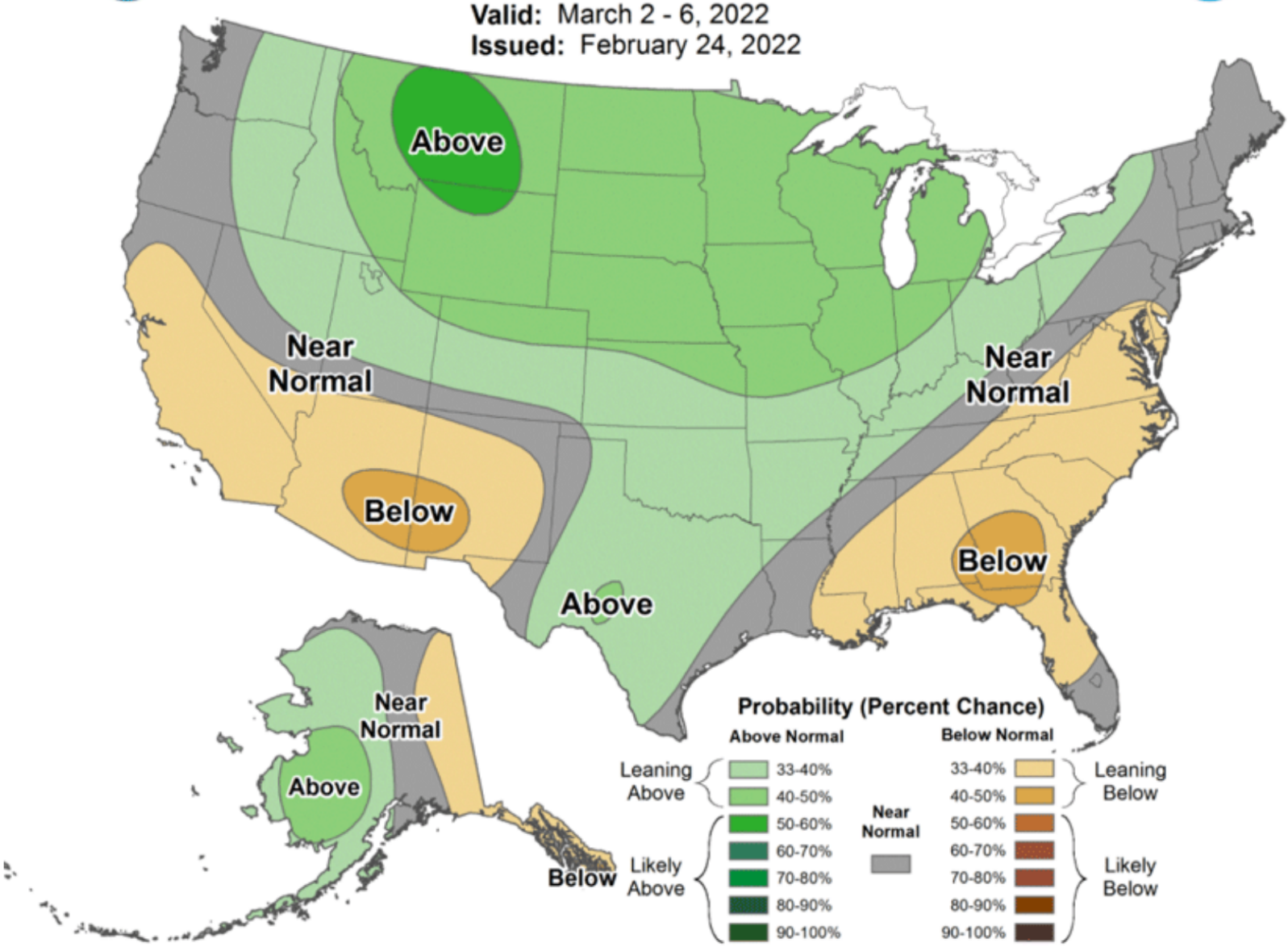


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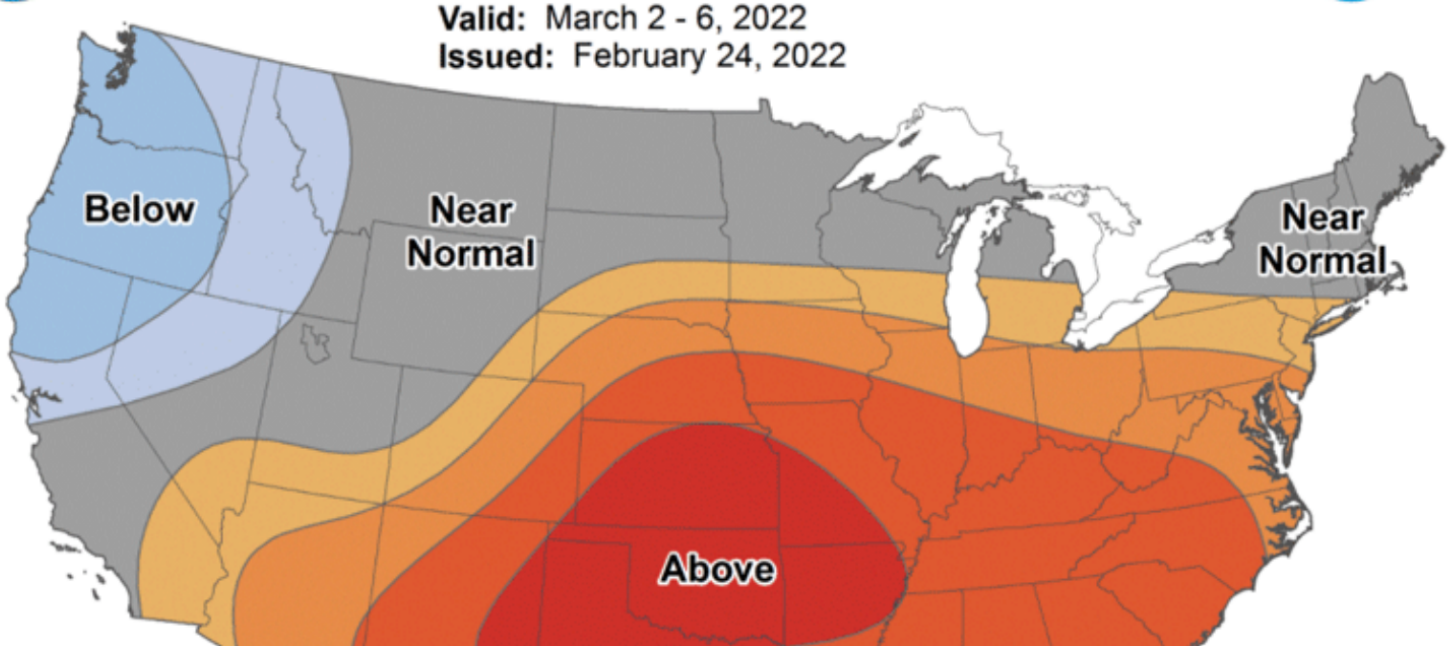

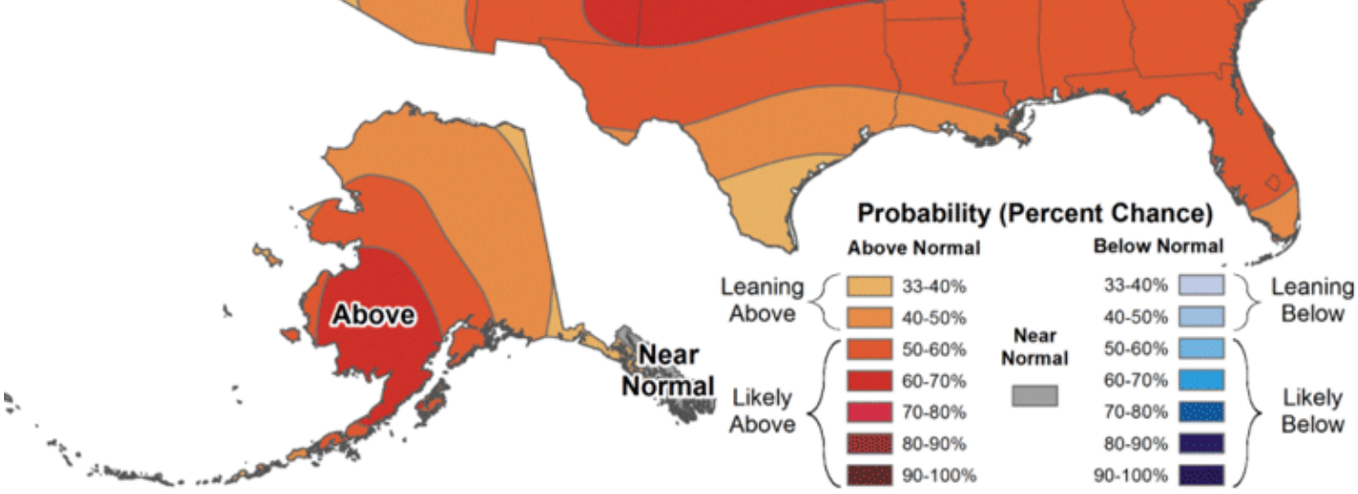


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**Weekly Grain Market Review:**

## Grain Markets:

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| Grain Prices | 02/25/22 | Last Week | 1 Month Ago | 1 Year Ago | 5 Yr. Avg. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Omaha Corn | 6.60 | 6.54 | 6.31 | 5.49 | 4.14 |
| Kansas City Wheat | 8.57 | 8.05 | 7.72 | 5.95 | 5.20 |
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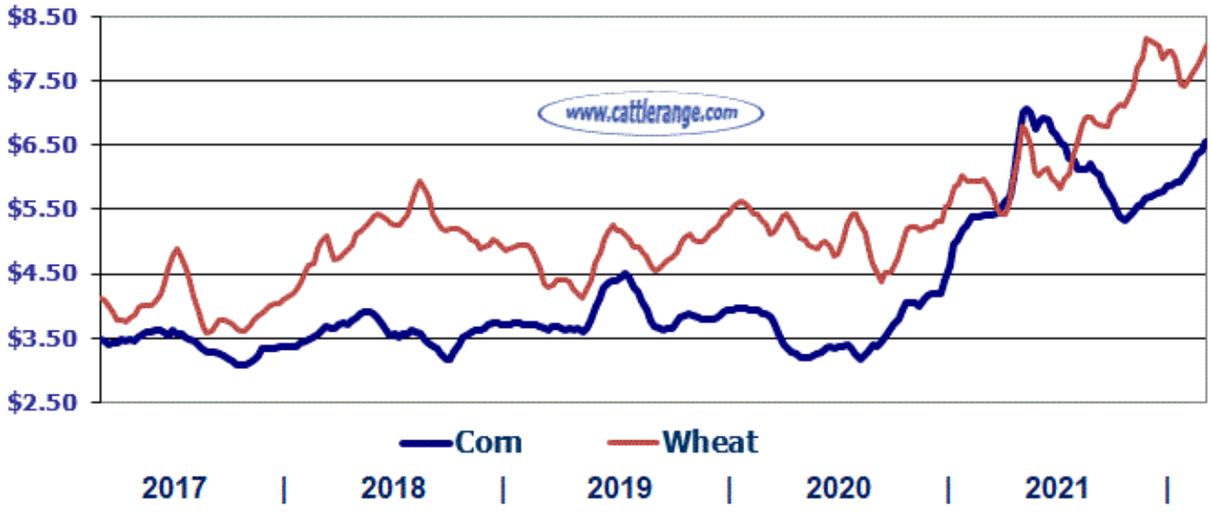
| **Grain Futures** | 02/25/22 | Last Week | 1 Month Ago | 1 Year Ago | 5 Yr. Avg. |
| March Corn | 6.5950 | 6.5425 | 6.3600 | 5.5500 | 4.1744 |
| March Wheat | 8.4300 | 7.9700 | 7.8625 | 6.5500 | 5.4493 |

**5 Year Moving Average - Corn & Wheat**




**Last Week's Trade Data:**

**Corn**:

**Net sales of 1,040,900 MT** for 2021/2022 were up 27 percent from the previous week and 4 percent from the prior 4-week average. Increases primarily for Japan (260,400 MT, including 147,900 MT switched from unknown destinations and decreases of 14,000 MT), Mexico (178,400 MT, including decreases of 42,600 MT), Colombia (127,500 MT, including decreases of 19,900 MT), Costa Rica (115,600 MT), and unknown destinations (90,600 MT), were offset by reductions for Jamaica (22,400 MT) and Guatemala (8,800 MT). Total net sales for 2022/2023 of 117,400 MT were for Japan.

**Exports of 1,886,200 MT--a marketing-year high**--were up 17 percent from the previous week and 41 percent from the prior 4-week average. The destinations were primarily to China (555,200 MT), Japan (388,100 MT), Mexico (351,700 MT), Canada (172,500 MT), and Guatemala (101,200 MT).

**Wheat**:

**Net sales of 516,900 metric tons (MT)** for 2021/2022 were up noticeably from the previous week and from the prior 4-week average. Increases primarily for Mexico (151,000 MT, including decreases of 6,500 MT), Nigeria (141,600 MT, including 30,000 MT switched from unknown destinations and decreases of 46,000 MT), South Korea (90,000 MT), Japan (87,300 MT), and El Salvador (52,300 MT, including 12,900 MT switched from unknown destinations, 1,900 MT switched from Costa Rica, and decreases of 900 MT), were offset by reductions primarily for unknown destinations (88,000 MT) and Peru (35,000 MT). Net sales of 169,200 MT for 2022/2023 were primarily for Nigeria (60,000 MT), El Salvador (47,000 MT), Mexico (43,100 MT), Honduras (7,000 MT), and Belize (5,000 MT).

**Exports of 546,600 MT** were up 33 percent from the previous week and 42 percent from the prior 4-week average. The destinations were primarily to Japan (90,600 MT), Nigeria (83,600 MT), Mexico (81,000 MT), Taiwan (56,300 MT), and South Korea (55,000 MT).

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