

# The Cattle Range

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## Weekly Market Summary

For the week ending December 6, 2024

Compared to 2 weeks ago, fed cattle trade in the Southern Plains and Northern Plains was higher, as were feeder cattle and stocker calves. Live cattle futures were mixed while feeder cattle futures closed higher. The choice dressed beef cutouts and corn were also higher.

### Cattle/Beef Market-Strength Indexes

#### 10 Day Index Trendline



Change from Previous Day: **+1.26%**  
Change from 10 Days Ago: **+5.20%**

#### 60 Day Index Trendline



Change from 60 Days Ago: **+13.61%**  
Change from 60 Day High: **-0.84%**

*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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**Fed Cattle:** Trade in the Southern Plains and Northern Plains were 4.00 higher at 191.00. In the 3 front months, Live Cattle futures closed the week from 0.60 higher to 2.03 lower. USDA's steer carcass weight data showed weights averaged 952 lbs. this week, compared to 956 lbs. last week and 940 lbs. last year.

S: This Week: 191.00 / Month Ago: 187.00 / Year Ago: 171.00 / 5 Year Avg: 144.85

N: This Week: 191.00 / Month Ago: 187.00 / Year Ago: 171.00 / 5 Year Avg: 146.30

**Feeder Steers:** The national average price for feeder steers was 258.84, 8.34 higher with trade mostly 2.00 to 12.00 higher. In the 3 front months, Feeder Cattle futures closed the week from 1.22 to 1.55 higher. This Week: 258.84 / Month Ago: 248.70 / Year Ago: 224.68 / 5 Year Avg: 182.55

**Stocker Steers:** The national average price for stocker steers was 319.17, 18.87 higher with trade mostly 5.00 to 25.00 higher.

This Week: 319.17 / Month Ago: 293.09 / Year Ago: 269.12 / 5 Year Avg: 213.91

**CME Feeder Cattle Index:** 261.83, 7.29 higher than 2 weeks ago and just a nickel below the all-time high of 261.88.

This Week: 261.83 / Month Ago: 249.86 / Year Ago: 220.04 / 5 Year Avg: 180.69

**Boxed Beef Cutout:** The Choice cutout was 4.63 higher at 312.04 and the Select cutout 4.66 higher at 276.73. The Choice/Select spread is at 35.31, 0.03 narrower.

This Week: 312.04 / Month Ago: 307.93 / Year Ago: 288.01 / 5 Year Avg: 275.93

**Cutter Cow Cutout:** 2.85 lower at 255.93.

**Slaughter Cows:** Trade mostly 2.00 lower to 4.00 higher.

**Total red meat production** under Federal inspection for the week ending Saturday, December 7th was estimated at 1094.8 million lbs. according to the USDA Marketing Service. This was 14.4 percent higher than a week ago and 2.1 percent lower than a year ago. Cumulative meat production for the year to date was 0.4 percent higher compared to the previous year.

**Corn:** Omaha Corn was 0.07 higher at 4.27 with March futures at 4.4000, 0.0475 higher.

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**Market Overview:**

<a href="http://www.cattlerange.com">www.cattlerange.com</a>	12/06/24	11/22/24	1 Month Ago	1 Year Ago	5 Yr. Avg.
<b>CME Feeder Index</b>	261.83	254.54	249.86	220.04	180.69
<b>Live Cattle Futures</b>	12/06/24	11/22/24	1 Month Ago	1 Year Ago	5 Yr. Avg.
December	187.37	186.77	183.70	165.45	143.88
February	186.17	188.20	185.30	165.72	144.78
April	188.30	189.95	186.52	169.30	146.48
<b>Feeder Futures</b>	12/06/24	11/22/24	1 Month Ago	1 Year Ago	5 Yr. Avg.
January	255.82	254.30	245.42	215.30	182.96
March	254.67	253.12	241.42	216.07	185.77
April	255.57	254.35	239.37	219.20	188.39
<b>Fed Cattle</b>	12/06/24	11/22/24	1 Month Ago	1 Year Ago	5 Yr. Avg.
S. Central	191.00	187.00	187.00	171.00	144.85
N. Central	191.00	187.00	187.00	171.00	146.30
<b>Feedyard Closeouts</b>	12/06/24	11/22/24	1 Month Ago	1 Year Ago	5 Yr. Avg.
Current	31.69	(14.81)	(20.68)	(189.10)	(41.85)
Future (Projected)	(118.83)	(31.48)	(157.57)	(180.28)	(91.45)
<b>Avg. National Prices</b>	12/06/24	11/22/24	1 Month Ago	1 Year Ago	5 Yr. Avg.
Feeder Steers	258.84	250.50	248.70	224.68	182.55
Stocker Steers	319.17	300.30	293.09	269.12	213.91
<b>Boxed Beef Cutout</b>	12/06/24	11/22/24	1 Month Ago	1 Year Ago	5 Yr. Avg.
Choice	312.04	307.41	307.93	288.01	275.93
Select	276.73	272.07	279.19	257.90	258.46
Spread	35.31	35.34	28.74	30.11	17.47
<b>Cutter Cow Cut-Out</b>	255.93	258.78	262.67	216.02	219.45
<b>Crude Oil Futures</b>	67.18	71.15	70.44	71.23	87.52
<b>Grain Prices</b>	12/06/24	11/22/24	1 Month Ago	1 Year Ago	5 Yr. Avg.
Omaha Corn	4.27	4.20	4.11	4.75	5.39
Kansas City Wheat	4.79	4.91	5.04	6.15	6.69
March Corn Futures	4.4000	4.3525	4.3100	4.8550	5.2192
March Wheat Futures	5.5725	5.6475	5.7250	6.3175	6.7545

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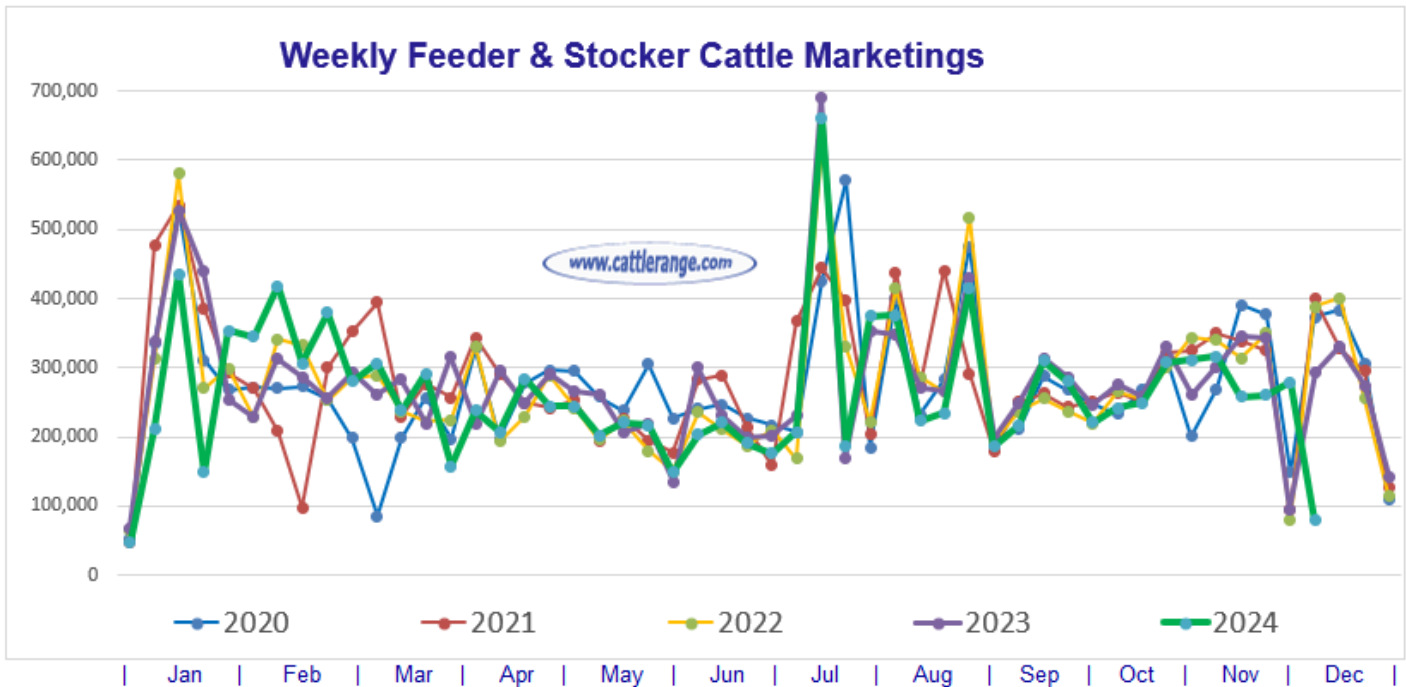


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**National Feeder & Stoker Cattle Sale Receipts:**

Data released by USDA on Monday, 12/2/24 for week ending Saturday, 12/1/24

Week Ending:	11/30/24	Prior Week	1 Year Ago	2 Years Ago	3 Years Ago	3 Yr. Avg.
Auctions	<b>63,200</b>	230,100	224,500	305,900	311,800	280,733
Direct Sales	<b>14,500</b>	29,400	32,600	30,600	20,200	27,800
Video/Internet	<b>1,200</b>	19,300	19,300	51,300	67,000	45,867
<a href="http://www.cattlerange.com">www.cattlerange.com</a>						
<b>Total</b>	<b>78,900</b>	<b>278,800</b>	<b>276,400</b>	<b>387,800</b>	<b>399,000</b>	<b>354,400</b>
<b>This Week +/-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-71.7%</b>	<b>-71.5%</b>	<b>-79.7%</b>	<b>-80.2%</b>	<b>-77.7%</b>



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**CME Feeder Cattle Index 12/5/24: 1 Year Change: +16.77% -- 52 Week Range: 215.33 to 261.99**



**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:**



<b>700 lb. - 800 lb. Steers</b>	<b>12/06/24</b>	<b>11/22/24</b>	<b>1 Month Ago</b>	<b>1 Year Ago</b>	<b>5 Yr. Avg.</b>
Dakotas <small>www.cattlerange.com</small>	283.82	273.19	268.27	242.39	196.16
Iowa	277.91	264.08	260.10	229.07	190.61
Missouri	271.87	264.42	259.24	230.74	187.55
Montana	267.92	255.61	255.61	237.57	189.58
Nebraska	283.33	270.10	264.85	243.28	197.95
Wyoming	270.41	255.24	257.80	239.78	191.30
<b>North Central Avg.</b>	<b>275.88</b>	<b>263.77</b>	<b>260.98</b>	<b>237.14</b>	<b>192.19</b>
Arkansas	259.84	242.95	240.96	215.20	177.96
Colorado	263.86	251.87	247.92	230.55	187.42
Kansas	271.63	264.38	259.40	230.71	187.53
New Mexico	246.76	242.85	242.75	227.88	181.04
Oklahoma	269.36	257.41	256.55	228.54	186.01
Texas	253.98	248.74	250.91	228.44	182.44
<b>South Central Avg.</b>	<b>260.91</b>	<b>251.37</b>	<b>249.75</b>	<b>226.89</b>	<b>183.73</b>
Alabama	248.37	241.43	236.48	210.60	171.79
Florida	239.45	232.48	229.53	204.14	166.58
Georgia	247.48	239.55	236.22	208.57	171.27
Kentucky	252.67	242.87	243.12	209.48	176.96
Louisiana	248.37	239.84	236.85	207.58	171.65
Mississippi	248.82	239.48	236.90	208.17	172.03
Tennessee	252.47	242.55	243.24	207.81	175.74
Virginia	250.70	241.85	241.43	206.75	175.46
<b>Southeast Avg.</b>	<b>248.54</b>	<b>240.01</b>	<b>237.97</b>	<b>207.89</b>	<b>172.69</b>
Arizona	243.54	239.10	238.60	223.14	177.68
California	247.72	245.73	245.73	226.41	182.37
Idaho	252.38	249.38	248.88	228.26	183.03
Nevada	251.95	248.46	246.97	227.42	181.52
Oregon	251.40	248.41	247.82	227.48	182.43
Utah	251.56	248.08	246.39	227.07	181.28
Washington	251.80	248.87	248.31	227.74	182.74
<b>Western Avg.</b>	<b>250.05</b>	<b>246.86</b>	<b>246.10</b>	<b>226.79</b>	<b>181.58</b>
<b>Overall Average</b>	<b>258.84</b>	<b>250.50</b>	<b>248.70</b>	<b>224.68</b>	<b>182.55</b>
<b>This Week +/-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3.3%</b>	<b>4.1%</b>	<b>15.2%</b>	<b>41.8%</b>

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**Stocker Steers:**

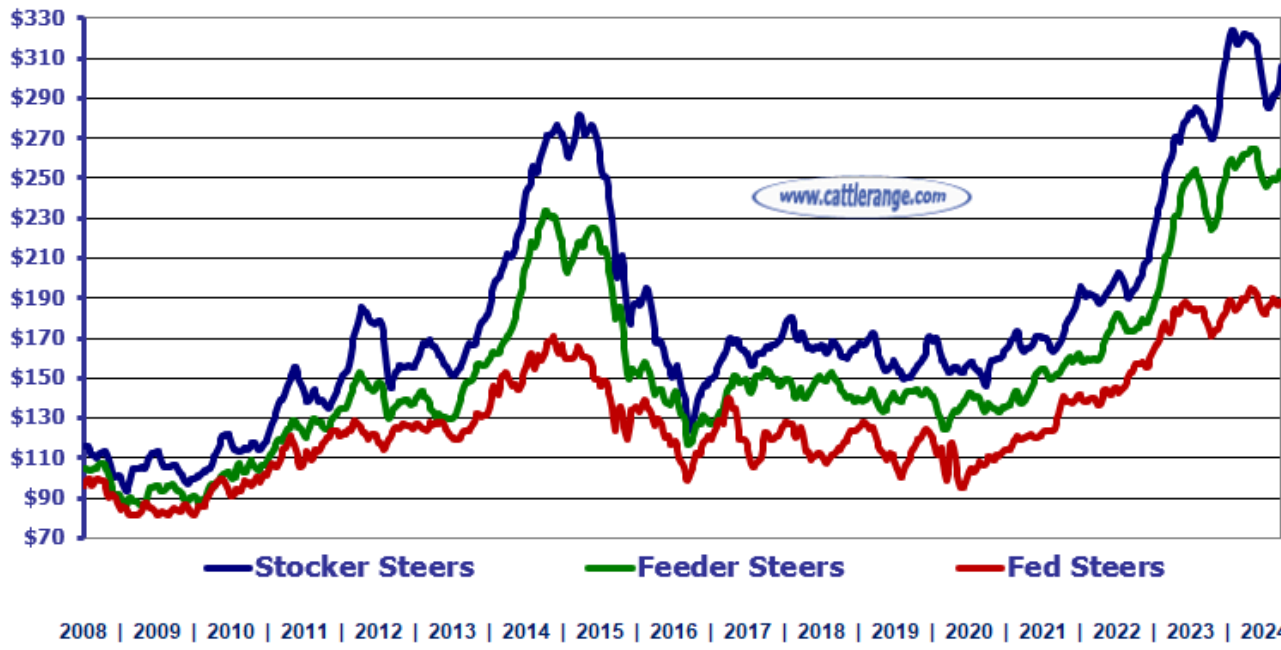
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500 lb. - 600 lb. Steers	12/06/24	11/22/24	1 Month Ago	1 Year Ago	5 Yr. Avg.
Dakotas <small>www.cattlerange.com</small>	348.02	328.95	322.77	297.05	228.64
Iowa	326.38	308.58	299.87	281.65	223.15
Missouri	335.01	305.19	301.71	280.12	218.96
Montana	339.04	315.71	305.37	278.26	223.33
Nebraska	354.93	323.11	320.11	297.63	232.69
Wyoming	343.05	318.64	308.20	280.55	225.33
<b>North Central Avg.</b>	<b>341.07</b>	<b>316.70</b>	<b>309.67</b>	<b>285.88</b>	<b>225.35</b>
Arkansas	313.51	293.63	280.81	258.18	208.65
Colorado	323.29	308.51	302.56	280.25	222.95
Kansas	334.14	304.39	300.22	279.26	218.20
New Mexico	323.19	299.91	294.94	266.52	213.57
Oklahoma	338.22	304.42	295.48	292.55	217.76
Texas	320.30	295.55	286.53	273.05	213.50
<b>South Central Avg.</b>	<b>325.44</b>	<b>301.07</b>	<b>293.42</b>	<b>274.97</b>	<b>215.77</b>
Alabama	304.26	284.40	272.41	245.93	201.13
Florida	296.32	282.42	272.05	246.57	195.72
Georgia	306.95	284.85	270.05	244.19	199.73
Kentucky	307.27	283.44	275.25	239.58	201.98
Louisiana	305.26	281.43	271.50	242.90	199.38
Mississippi	306.72	282.87	272.90	244.93	200.23
Tennessee	307.03	283.41	275.44	238.95	200.78
Virginia	304.87	281.20	274.04	237.18	200.57
<b>Southeast Avg.</b>	<b>304.84</b>	<b>283.00</b>	<b>272.96</b>	<b>242.53</b>	<b>199.94</b>
Arizona	308.27	298.39	292.15	263.95	211.12
California	310.39	310.40	300.85	272.24	215.86
Idaho	303.87	299.37	296.37	276.54	216.12
Nevada	304.24	299.26	297.33	274.02	214.33
Oregon	302.69	298.01	295.23	275.47	215.07
Utah	304.77	298.80	296.61	273.54	213.96
Washington	303.13	298.69	295.70	275.91	215.49
<b>Western Avg.</b>	<b>305.34</b>	<b>300.42</b>	<b>296.32</b>	<b>273.10</b>	<b>214.56</b>
<b>Overall Average</b>	<b>319.17</b>	<b>300.30</b>	<b>293.09</b>	<b>269.12</b>	<b>213.91</b>
<b>This Week +/-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6.3%</b>	<b>8.9%</b>	<b>18.6%</b>	<b>49.2%</b>

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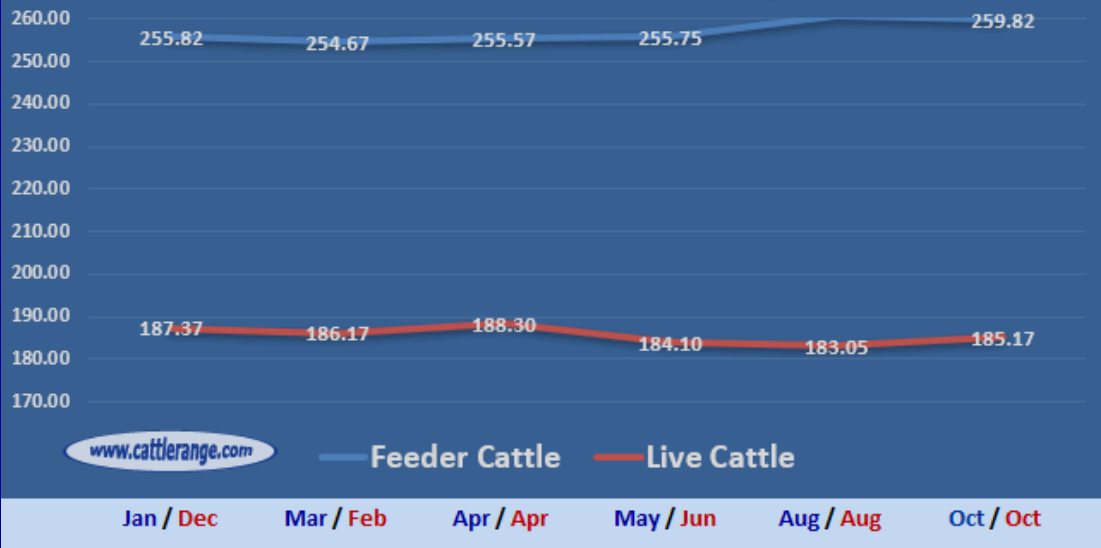
### Stocker, Feeder & Fed Steers Moving Averages June 1, 2008 thru December 6, 2024



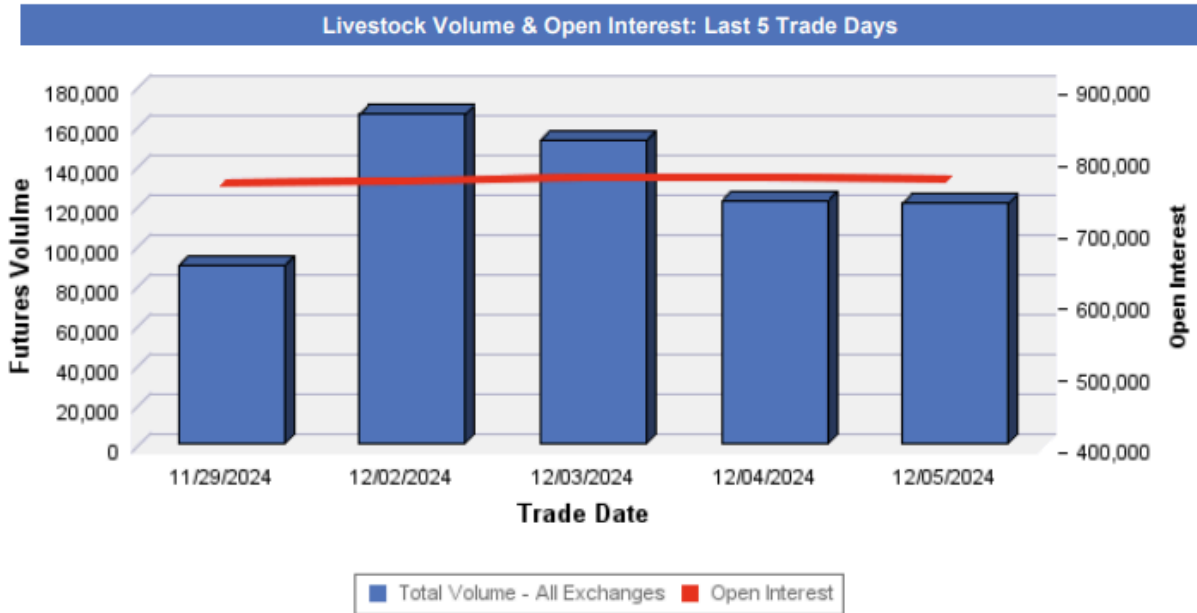
—Stocker Steers —Feeder Steers —Fed Steers

2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024

### Cattle Futures - December 6, 2024



Jan / Dec Mar / Feb Apr / Apr May / Jun Aug / Aug Oct / Oct



Trade Date	Futures Volume
11/29/2024	88,921
12/02/2024	164,839
12/03/2024	151,907
12/04/2024	121,508
12/05/2024	120,117

Trade Date	Futures Open Interest
11/29/2024	773,933
12/02/2024	776,097
12/03/2024	782,240
12/04/2024	781,564
12/05/2024	778,473

Top Expirations Traded On: 12/05/2024			
Product Description	Month	Volume	OI
FDR CATTLE FUT	JAN25	7,693	26,064
FDR CATTLE FUT	MAR25	3,404	13,830
FDR CATTLE FUT	MAY25	952	6,827
FDR CATTLE FUT	AUG25	642	6,484
FDR CATTLE FUT	APR25	1,484	7,083
Total Feeder Cattle Futures		14,581	61,501
Product Description	Month	Volume	OI
LV CATTLE FUT	DEC24	12,182	25,992
LV CATTLE FUT	AUG25	3,703	24,404
LV CATTLE FUT	FEB25	28,151	149,260
LV CATTLE FUT	APR25	11,528	82,082
LV CATTLE FUT	JUN25	7,106	48,661
Total Live Cattle Futures		65,574	349,474
Product Description	Month	Volume	OI
LEAN HOGS FUT	DEC24	6,804	38,505
LEAN HOGS FUT	JUL25	1,680	25,651
LEAN HOGS FUT	FEB25	18,629	142,104
LEAN HOGS FUT	APR25	6,698	82,499
LEAN HOGS FUT	JUN25	3,909	38,502
Total Lean Hog Futures		39,962	367,357
Product Description	Month	Volume	OI
PORK CUTOFF FUT	DEC24	0	130
PORK CUTOFF FUT	FEB25	0	4
PORK CUTOFF FUT	APR25	0	7
Total Pork Cutout Futures		0	141

**Cattle Futures: [Charts of Commitment of Traders](#)**

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**Mexican Feeder Cattle Weekly Import Summary**

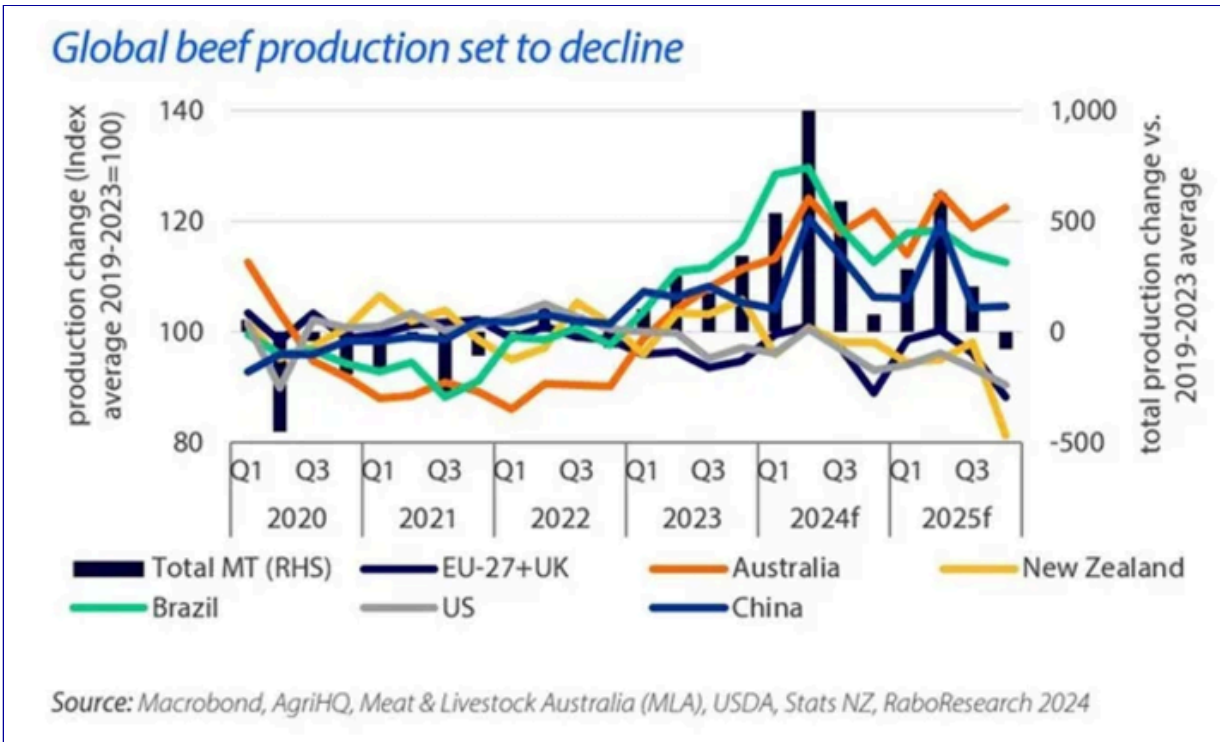
**Imports of Mexican cattle temporarily paused by USDA** due to New World screwworms (NWS) found in Southern Mexico.

**Alberta Beef Producers... Calgary AB:**

Alberta direct cattle sales this week have seen light trade develop with dressed sales reported at 415.00 delivered, 4.00-7.00 higher than the previous week. Cattle that traded this week were being scheduled for the second half of December delivery. Seasonally fed calf volumes are declining while yearling volumes have been slow to increase. Larger slaughter rates in Western Canada over the past couple of weeks and strong Canadian fed cattle shipments to the US has been supportive.

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**Chart of the Week: [Total Production Change compared to the 2019-2023 average](#)**



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**Photo of the Week:**



- [110 Salers Bred Heifers... S. Central OR](#)

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

**In my opinion**, I think the situation is as simple as there are too many cattle producers for the number of cattle available. Similar to musical chairs, there are only so many chairs and a lot of people that want to sit in them. Cheap and available feed, along with filling wheat pastures, has created a flurry of buying that has yet to subside. This week will see new historical highs for just about every weight category, but fats. Margin squeeze is taking place at every turn with seemingly a business plan of continuing to buy until there are no cattle left, or no one to bid against. This, in my opinion will help to further vertical integration for which some of today's issues are believed due to a percent of inventory off the open market. The squeeze to the packer will be interesting as it will be expected they do something to shake up the margins. There really isn't much squeeze in the fat market with 12 million head on feed and elevated weights, yet that is where the most interest is for commodity traders long the live cattle futures. Commodity funds and speculators have piled into long positions for which as best I can tell, they have been as much as a \$3.00 winner and \$3.00 loser, depending on what day you look at prices from the October 21 close. None of this has seemingly been of benefit to the fat cattle market, other than providing cattle feeders an opportunity to use futures at not a terrible positive basis. The squeeze is real for cattle feeders when it comes to bidding for incoming feeder cattle inventory. With feeders starting at \$72.00 plus over fats, and there no margins at all, risks assumed are believed 100% to the new owner. Not much



different for backgrounders as some of the light weights are selling for the same dollars as their heavier counterparts. Hence, growing them has to be nearly for free. All of these factors are culminating at historical highs for just about every weight category.

This week, traders battled the screw worm and towards the end of the week, further outbreaks of bird flu. USDA will begin testing all milk in multiple states with seemingly California leading the way in outbreaks. Due to the beef/dairy cross, and known to have been found in beef of a dairy cow in May of '24, it is possible the testing moves to beef as well. The screw worm is an issue, but seemingly not a very big concern due to ability to treat animals before they cross the border. Hence the quarantine time limit may not be for much longer. With seemingly no profit margin currently available, the commodity funds believed to be holding an exceptionally large long position, and prices at historical highs, one is recommended to expect volatile, if not violent trading the next two weeks before the abbreviations of the holiday's reduce volume of trading.

With a belief that current highs, even if a little higher, are going to be the highs for fall 2025 contract months, cow/calf producers are in a position to lock in next year's calf crop at currently the highest price ever. Decisions on whether to forego the proceeds from heifer sales, to hold them back to produce more supply, for which tends to drive prices down, is not going to be easy. I continue to believe that it will be difficult to see the cow herd expand anytime soon, with great expectations of holding it steady through 2025. Few, any longer, take into consideration the consumer, simply due to their resilience to the higher prices of beef has yet to curtail demand. I not only listen carefully to what the incoming administration is going to do, but believe they will attempt to do as much to bring down inflation as possible. How cattle/beef will perform in that environment is yet to be seen. At present, we can't get the outgoing administration out fast enough to stop giving money away! Energy ended the week lower. I continue to expect energy to trade higher. Bonds were higher on the week, lowering rates slightly. The US dollar is believed in a correction of the stout up move in October and November. I expect the dollar to continue to trade higher as it tends to be a signal others want to conduct business in the US again.

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### **Fed Cattle:**

**USDA reported at 3:00 PM** on Friday that in the Texas Panhandle, negotiated cash trading and demand has been light. Compared to last week, live FOB purchases traded 1.00-3.00 higher at 191.00, on a light test. In Kansas, Nebraska and Western Cornbelt negotiated cash trading has been slow on light demand. In Kansas, compared to last week, live FOB purchases traded 1.00 higher at 191.00. In Nebraska, compared to the prior week, live FOB purchases trade steady to 1.00 higher from 191.00-192.00. Not enough dressed delivered purchases for a market trend. Last week dressed delivered traded at 295.00. In the Western Cornbelt not enough purchases for a market trend. The last reported market was on Thursday, with live FOB mostly at 190.00 and dressed delivered purchases traded at 297.00.

### **5 Area Weekly Fed Cattle Weighted Averages:**

Texas/Oklahoma/New Mexico; Kansas; Nebraska; Colorado; Iowa/Minnesota feedlots  
 (Includes all transactions regardless of delivery day)  
 For: Week Ending Sunday, 12/1/2024

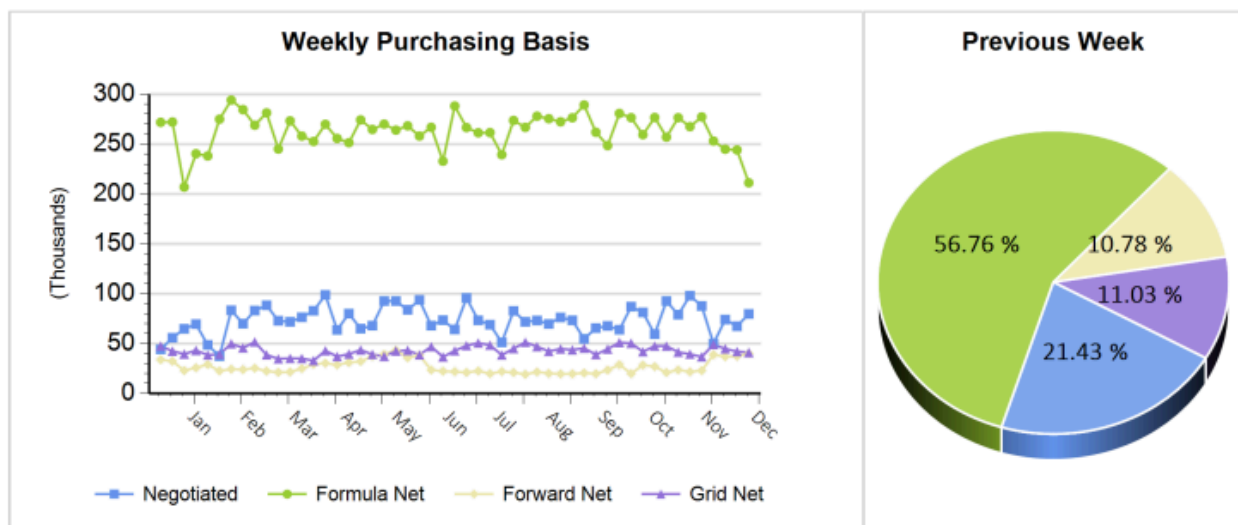
Confirmed: 65,516                      Week Ago: 50,801                      Year ago: 57,879

**Negotiated Cash Sales**

	Head Count	Weight Range	Price Range	Avg Weight	Wtd Avg Price
<b>STEERS: LIVE FOB</b>					
Over 80% Choice	27,050	1,275 -1,675	186.00 - 192.00	1,549	190.03
65 - 80% Choice	4,415	1,265 -1,550	188.00 - 191.00	1,426	189.85
35 - 65% Choice	1,053	1,250 -1,400	188.00 - 190.00	1,386	189.03
0 - 35% Choice		-	-		
Total all grades	32,518	1,250 -1,675	186.00 - 192.00	1,527	189.97
<b>STEERS: LIVE DELIVERED</b>					
Over 80% Choice	794	1,400 -1,550	190.00 - 193.00	1,521	191.98
65 - 80% Choice		-	-		
35 - 65% Choice		-	-		
0 - 35% Choice		-	-		
Total all grades	794	1,400 -1,550	190.00 - 193.00	1,521	191.98
<b>STEERS: DRESSED DELIVERED</b>					
Over 80% Choice	3,209	837 -1,086	294.00 - 306.00	990	296.91
65 - 80% Choice	541	914 -995	295.00 - 295.00	935	295.00
35 - 65% Choice		-	-		
0 - 35% Choice		-	-		
Total all grades	3,750	837 -1,086	294.00 - 306.00	982	296.64
<b>STEERS: DRESSED FOB</b>					
Over 80% Choice	920	937 -1,080	291.00 - 300.00	996	297.83
65 - 80% Choice		-	-		
35 - 65% Choice		-	-		
0 - 35% Choice		-	-		
Total all grades	920	937 -1,080	291.00 - 300.00	996	297.83
<b>HEIFERS: LIVE FOB</b>					
Over 80% Choice	12,155	1,250 -1,600	188.00 - 192.00	1,386	190.30
65 - 80% Choice	2,234	1,150 -1,575	188.00 - 192.00	1,305	190.13
35 - 65% Choice	663	1,150 -1,350	188.00 - 190.00	1,210	189.20

Daily Formula Base Volume				
Tue Nov 26	Wed Nov 27	Thu Nov 28	Fri Nov 29	Mon Dec 02
40,418	32,643		39,560	129,756

Purchasing Basis Volume



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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 such as 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 \$15 per head for freight to feedyard.

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

- Placed On Feed 200 days ago = May 20, 2024
- Projected P/(L) based on the futures when placed on feed: **(\$169.17)**

* <b>Cost</b> of 800 lb. steer delivered @ \$246.87 per cwt. + \$15 freight:	\$1,989.96
Feed Cost for 700 lbs. @ \$1.03 per lb.	\$721.00
Interest on cattle cost for 200 days:	\$103.59
Interest on feed cost:	\$18.77
<b>Total Cost &amp; Expense:</b>	<b>\$2,833.31</b>
<b>** Sale proceeds:</b> 1,500 lb. steer @ <b>\$191.00</b> per cwt:	<b>\$2,850.00</b>
<b>This week's Profit/(Loss) per head:</b>	<b>\$31.69</b>
Profit/(Loss) per head for previous week:	(\$14.81)
Change from previous week:	+\$46.50
<b>Sale price necessary to breakeven:</b>	<b>\$188.89</b>

\* CME Feeder Cattle Index    \*\* USDA Market News

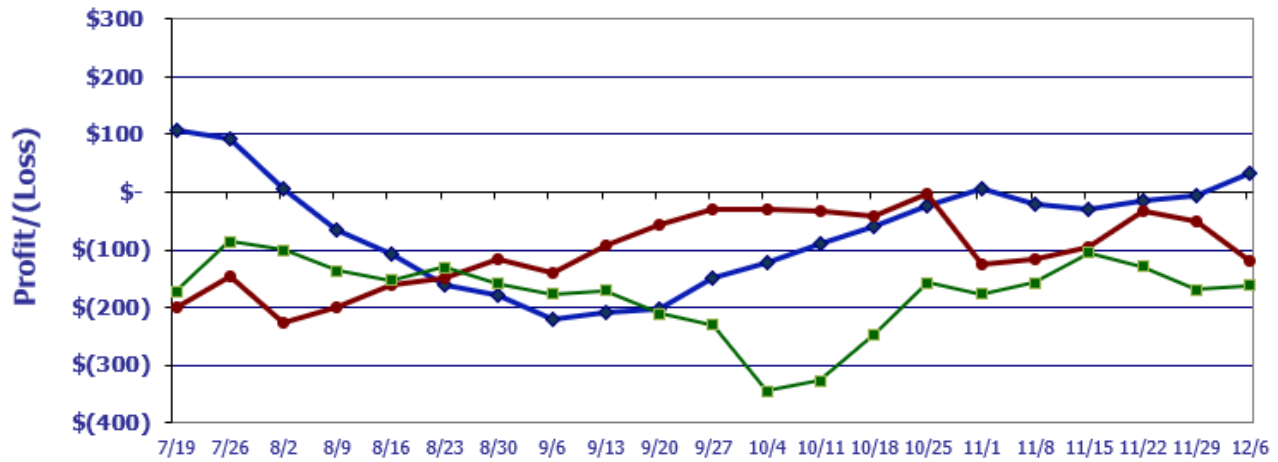
#### Projected closeout for steers placed on feed this week:

- Projected Sale Date @ 200 days on feed = June 24, 2025

* <b>Cost</b> of 800 lb. steer delivered @ \$260.47 per cwt. + \$15 freight:	\$2,098.76
Feed Cost for 700 lbs. @ \$0.95 per lb.	\$665.00
Interest on cattle cost for 200 days:	\$100.63
Interest on feed cost:	\$15.94
<b>Total Cost &amp; Expense:</b>	<b>\$2,880.33</b>
** <b>Sale proceeds:</b> 1,500 lb. steer @ <b>\$184.10</b> per cwt:	<b>\$2,761.50</b>
<b>This week's Profit/(Loss) per head:</b>	<b>(\$118.83)</b>
Profit/(Loss) per head for previous week:	(\$31.48)
Change from previous week:	-\$87.35
<b>Sale price necessary to breakeven:</b>	<b>\$192.02</b>

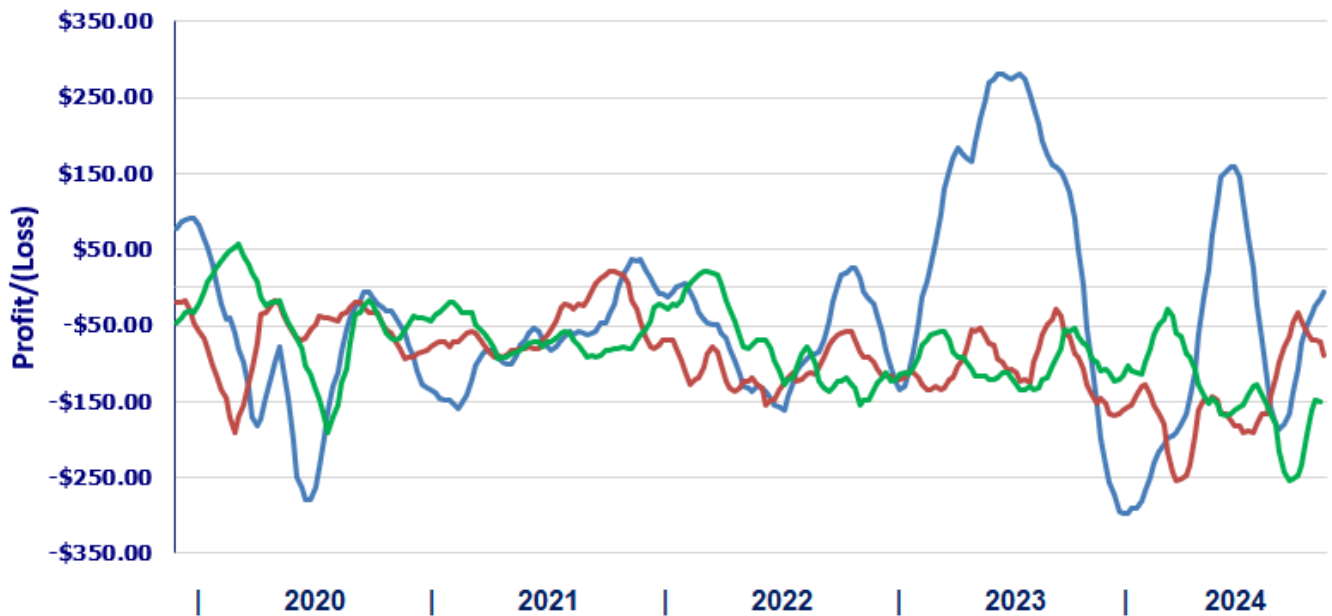
\* CME Feeder Cattle Index    \*\* June Live Cattle Futures Contract

**Feedyard Close-Outs for the weeks ending...**



<b>Closeout for un-hedged steers placed on feed 180 days ago &amp; sold this week:</b>	<b>\$31.69</b>
<b>Projection based on the futures when placed on feed 180 days ago:</b>	<b>(\$169.17)</b>
<b>Projection based on the futures for steers placed on-feed this week:</b>	<b>(\$118.83)</b>

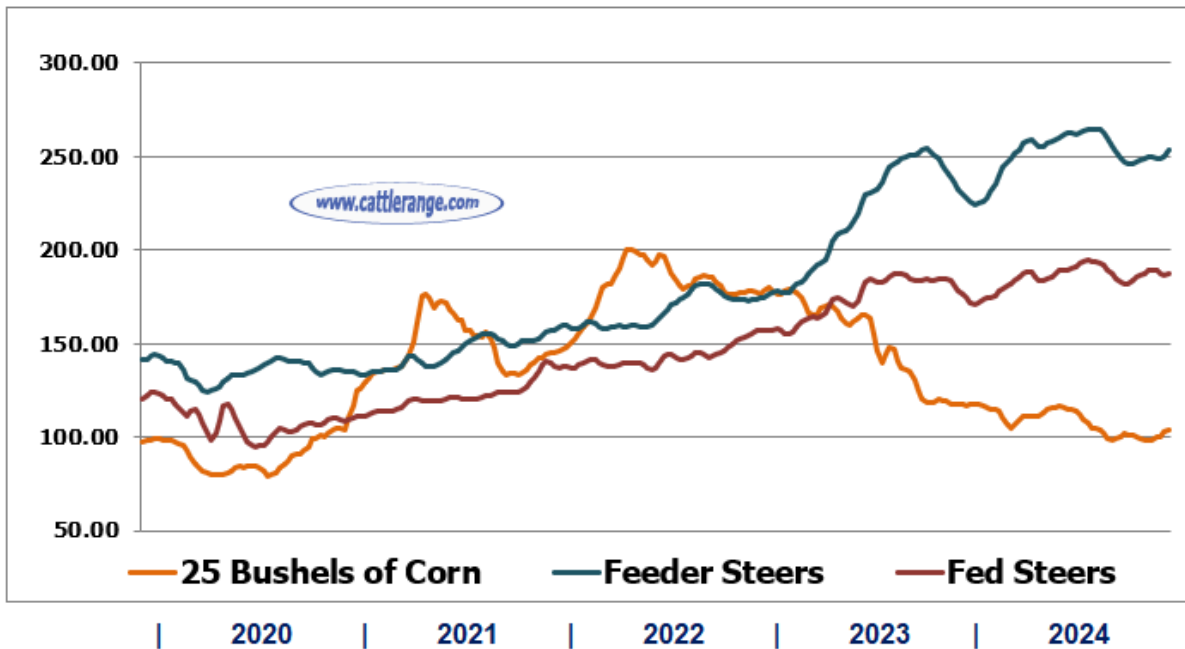
### Feedyard Close-Outs - 5 Year Moving Averages...



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

Per cwt. price for feeder & slaughter steers compared to the cost of 25 bushels of corn.



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### Federally Inspected Slaughter Cattle by Class:

Released by USDA Market News Service on 12/5/24 for week ending 11/23/24



### Federally Inspected Slaughter Head & Percentage by Class - U.S.

#### Cattle

	<u>Head</u>	<u>% of Total</u>
Steers	310,890	48.9%
Heifers	204,749	32.2%
Dairy Cows	51,169	8.1%
Other Cows	58,100	9.1%
Bulls	10,400	1.6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>635,308</b>	

#### Livestock Slaughter under Federal Inspection:

#### Daily Slaughter

	<u>Fri Dec 6, 2024</u>	<u>Week Ago</u>	<u>Year Ago</u>	<u>WTD</u>	<u>Prev Week</u> <u>WTD</u>	<u>Last Year</u> <u>WTD</u>	<u>2024</u> <u>YTD</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>YTD</u>	<u>YTD</u> <u>% Change</u>
Calves	1,000	1,000	1,107	5,000	4,000	5,481	194,048	270,696	-28.3%
Cattle	117,000	117,000	121,821	602,000	489,000	625,781	29,358,713	30,454,878	-3.6%
Hogs	480,000	433,000	476,888	2,417,000	1,900,000	2,419,210	120,768,747	119,744,603	0.9%
Sheep	4,000	4,000	5,056	39,000	31,000	39,052	1,773,991	1,721,356	3.1%

	<u>Sat Dec 7, 2024</u>	<u>Week Ago</u>	<u>Year Ago</u>	<u>WTD</u>	<u>Prev Week</u> <u>WTD</u>	<u>Last Year</u> <u>WTD</u>	<u>2024</u> <u>YTD</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>YTD</u>	<u>YTD</u> <u>% Change</u>
Calves	0	0	2	5,000	4,000	5,483	194,048	270,698	-28.3%
Cattle	12,000	47,000	12,419	614,000	536,000	638,200	29,370,713	30,467,297	-3.6%
Hogs	185,000	383,000	248,542	2,602,000	2,283,000	2,667,752	120,953,747	119,993,145	0.8%
Sheep	0	0	9	39,000	31,000	39,061	1,773,991	1,721,365	3.1%

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#### Boxed Beef Cutouts:

#### USDA Estimated Boxed Beef Cut-out Values as of 2:30 PM on 12/6/24

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.

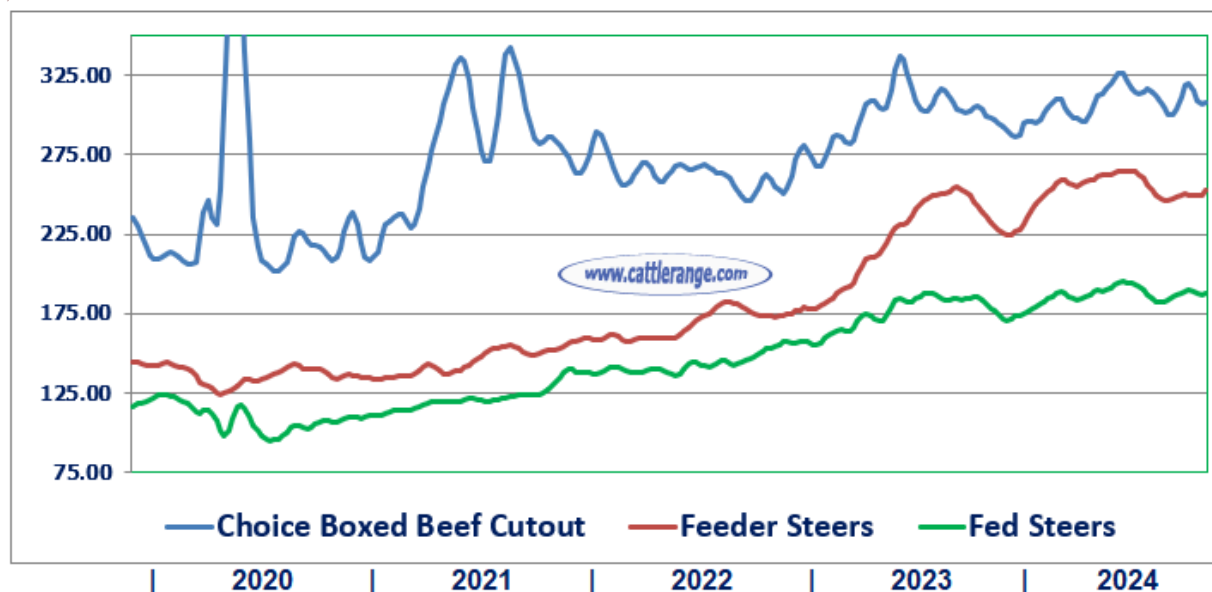
	<b>Choice 600-900</b>	<b>Select 600-900</b>
Current Cutout Values:	312.04	276.73
Change from prior day:	4.20	(0.37)
Choice/Select spread:	35.31	
Total Load Count (Cuts, Trimmings, Grinds):	125	

**Composite Primal Values**

Primal Rib	631.28	482.52
Primal Chuck	248.94	241.62
Primal Round	240.01	237.37
Primal Loin	386.80	314.17
Primal Brisket	252.42	250.40
Primal Short Plate	185.08	185.08
Primal Flank	146.07	144.53

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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Choice</b>	<b>Select</b>	<b>Trim</b>	<b>Grinds</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Choice 600-900</b>	<b>Select 600-900</b>
12/05	69	18	8	17	112	307.84	277.10
12/04	110	25	8	11	155	308.33	277.70
12/03	80	29	16	29	154	310.83	275.33
12/02	56	17	0	7	80	313.01	277.00
11/29	33	11	6	8	57	310.52	274.30
Current 5 Day Simple Average:						310.11	276.29



**USDA National Steer & Heifer Estimated Grading Percent Report:**  
 Released by USDA Market News Service on 12/5/24 for week ending 11/23/24

National, Regional, and State Breakdown of Official USDA Quality Grades. Percentages derived from each category numerical total, divided by the total number offered for USDA quality grading in each corresponding area.

	National	Region 1-5	Region 6	Region 7-8	Region 9-10
Prime	10.63%	17.26%	5.36%	10.81%	11.86%
Choice	72.07%	69.51%	65.47%	73.60%	75.86%
Select	14.22%	9.66%	26.97%	12.48%	8.23%
Other	3.08%	3.56%	2.19%	3.10%	4.05%

	Nebraska	Kansas	Texas
Prime	12.46%	8.19%	5.36%
Choice	72.98%	74.09%	65.47%
Select	10.46%	15.03%	26.97%
Other	4.11%	2.69%	2.20%

States included in regions are as follows:

1) CT, ME, NH, VT, MA, & RI (2) NY & NJ - (3) DE, MD, PA, WV, & VA (4) AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, & TN (5) IL, IN, MI, MN, OH, & WI (6) AR, LA, NM, OK, & TX (7) IA, KS, MO, & NE (8) CO, MT, ND, SD, UT, & WY (9) AZ, CA, HI & NV (10) AK, ID, OR, & WA.

## Last Week's Trade Data:

### Beef:

**Net sales** of 100 MT for 2024--a marketing-year low--were down 97 percent from the previous week and 99 percent from the prior 4-week average. Increases primarily for Japan (1,700 MT, including decreases of 1,000 MT), Canada (700 MT, including decreases of 100 MT), China (600 MT, including decreases of 1,700 MT), Mexico (400 MT, including decreases of 100 MT), and Taiwan (200 MT, including decreases of 300 MT), were offset by reductions for South Korea (3,300 MT), Hong Kong (500 MT), and Saudi Arabia (100 MT). Net sales of 13,700 MT for 2025 were primarily for South Korea (7,000 MT), China (3,000 MT), Japan (1,700 MT), Hong Kong (1,200 MT), and Mexico (300 MT).

**Exports** of 14,400 MT were down 1 percent from the previous week and 6 percent from the prior 4-week average. The destinations were primarily to South Korea (3,900 MT), Japan (3,400 MT), China (2,100 MT), Mexico (1,500 MT), and Taiwan (1,100 MT).

### Pork:

**Net sales** of 35,200 MT for 2024 were up noticeably from the previous week and from the prior 4-week average. Increases primarily for Mexico (15,400 MT, including decreases of 200 MT), South Korea (9,100 MT, including decreases of 1,300 MT), China (3,400 MT), Australia (2,300 MT), and Japan (2,200 MT, including decreases of 600 MT), were offset by reductions for Malaysia (400 MT) and Hong Kong (400 MT). Net sales of 26,600 MT for 2025 were primarily for China (10,300 MT), Mexico (8,700 MT), South Korea (5,300 MT), Colombia (1,000 MT), and Japan (500 MT).

**Exports** of 32,200 MT were up 14 percent from the previous week and 2 percent from the prior 4-week average. The destinations were primarily to Mexico (12,700 MT), Japan (3,700 MT), South Korea (3,600 MT), China (3,500 MT), and Canada (2,100 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 decreased by 8.3 percent, and the Activity Index decreased by 3.5 percent. Compared to last week items from the brisket, round, and deli sections showed less ad space while items from the loin, sirloin, other/ misc., ground, and variety meat sections showed more ad space. Items from the chuck showed a sharp increase this week with chuck roasts and steaks being the largest contributor to the increase. Items from the rib section showed a sharp decrease as the holiday sales wind down. Carcass section items remained steady.

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Metric	Current Week (CW)	Previous Week (PW)	Previous Year (PY)
Total Outlets	24,443	24,443	
Activity Index	69,893	72,594	
Feature Rate (%)	74.1%	82.4%	

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

**Total red meat production** under Federal inspection for the week ending Saturday, December 7th was estimated at 1094.8 million lbs. according to the USDA Marketing Service. This was 14.4 percent higher than a week ago and 2.1 percent lower than a year ago. Cumulative meat production for the year to date was 0.4 percent higher compared to the previous year.

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### 3 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.

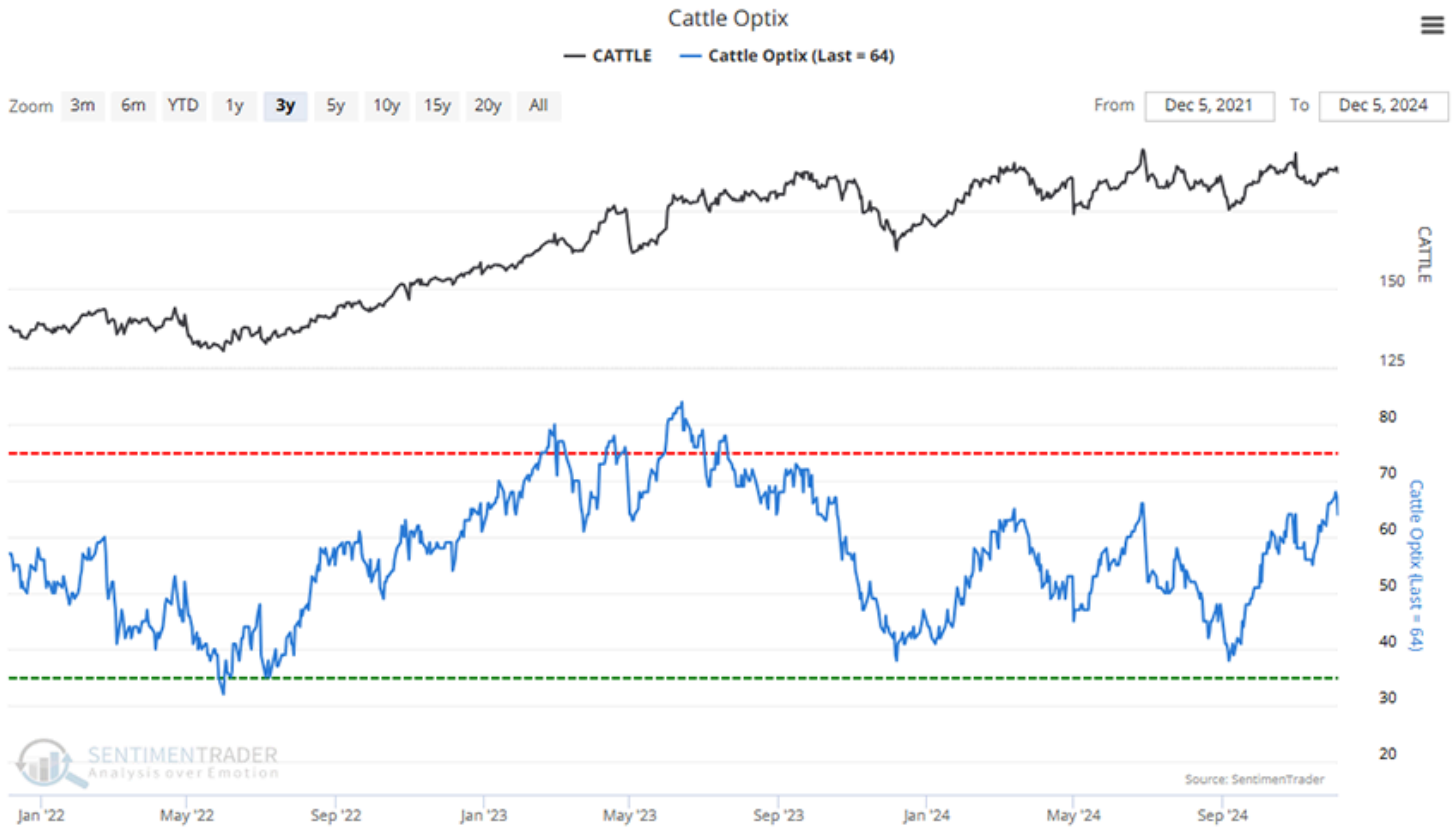
Because of this tendency, there are often extremes in opinion right before major changes in trend:

- 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.

### Cattle Bullish/Bearish Consensus: 3 Year Chart



### Corn Bullish/Bearish Consensus: 3 Year Chart





## 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](#)

### Major indexes diverge amid rally in growth stocks

Major stock indexes ended mixed in a week that saw the S&P 500 Index, Dow Jones Industrial Average, and Nasdaq Composite all continue to hit record highs, while the Russell 2000 Index declined after back-to-back weeks of outperformance versus its larger-cap peers. As measured by Russell 1000 indexes, growth shares outperformed value stocks by 553 basis points (5.53 percentage points), the largest margin since the week ended March 17, 2023.

Sector performance was also widely dispersed as consumer discretionary, communication services, and information technology shares all gained over 3% for the week, while energy, utilities, and materials stocks—typically more value-oriented segments of the market—all fell over 3%. Geopolitical headlines through the first half of the week were largely dominated by French and South Korean politics (see below), though these seemed to have limited impact on U.S. markets.

### December Fed meeting remains in focus

Other headlines during the week centered around comments from Federal Reserve officials as investors continued to look for clues regarding the pace of interest rate cuts. Speaking Monday, Federal Reserve Governor Christopher Waller noted that despite some recent data indicating that progress on inflation may be stalling, he is leaning toward supporting a cut to the policy rate at the Fed's December meeting, absent any surprising incoming economic data.

Meanwhile, on Wednesday, Fed Chair Jerome Powell took a more neutral tone, stating, "The U.S. economy is in very good shape, and there's no reason for that not to continue.... So the good news is that we can afford to be a little more cautious as we try to find neutral." The week's economic data releases, along with Governor Waller's comments, helped boost expectations priced into futures markets for a 25-basis-point (0.25 percentage point) rate cut in December.

## U.S. Stocks:

Index	Friday's Close	Week's Change	% Change YTD
DJIA	44,642.52	-268.13	18.45%
S&P 500	6,090.27	57.89	27.68%
Nasdaq Composite	19,859.77	641.61	32.30%
S&P MidCap 400	3,331.37	-34.81	19.77%
Russell 2000	2,408.99	-25.73	18.84%

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**"[Click Here](#)" to view a Slide Show of Drought Monitor maps for the last 12 weeks**

**The eastern U.S.** generally saw conditions worsen this past week. Virginia and North Carolina are now almost entirely in drought, as is the Northeast, except interior New York State.

**36.49%**  
of the U.S. and 43.64% of the lower 48 states are in drought this week.

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↑ 5.3% since last week  
↓ 15.9% since last month

**229.4 Million**  
acres of major crops in U.S. are experiencing drought conditions this week.

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— 0.0% since last week  
↓ 17.4% since last month

**138.8 Million**  
people in the U.S. and 138.4 Million in the lower 48 states are affected by drought this week.

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↑ 8.6% since last week  
↓ 9.4% since last month

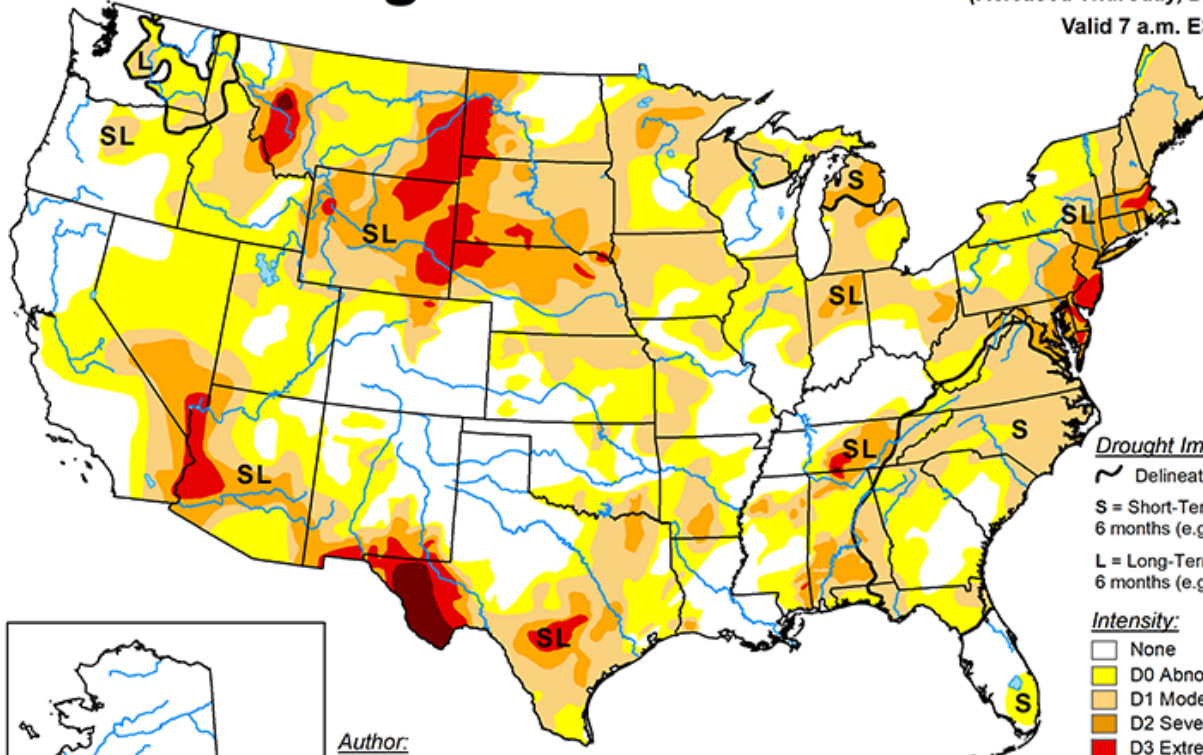
**49**  
U.S. states are experiencing Moderate Drought (D1) or worse this week.

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— No change since last week  
— No change since last month

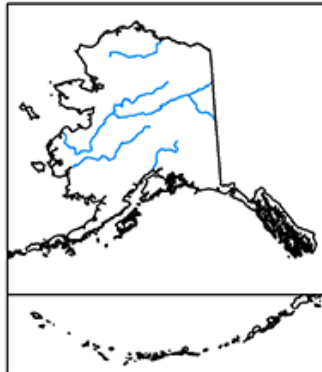
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December 3, 2024  
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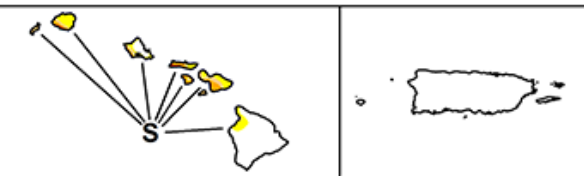


**Drought Impact Types:**  
 ~ Delineates dominant impacts  
 S = Short-Term, typically less than 6 months (e.g. agriculture, grasslands)  
 L = Long-Term, typically greater than 6 months (e.g. hydrology, ecology)

**Intensity:**  
 None  
 D0 Abnormally Dry  
 D1 Moderate Drought  
 D2 Severe Drought  
 D3 Extreme Drought  
 D4 Exceptional Drought



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The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>



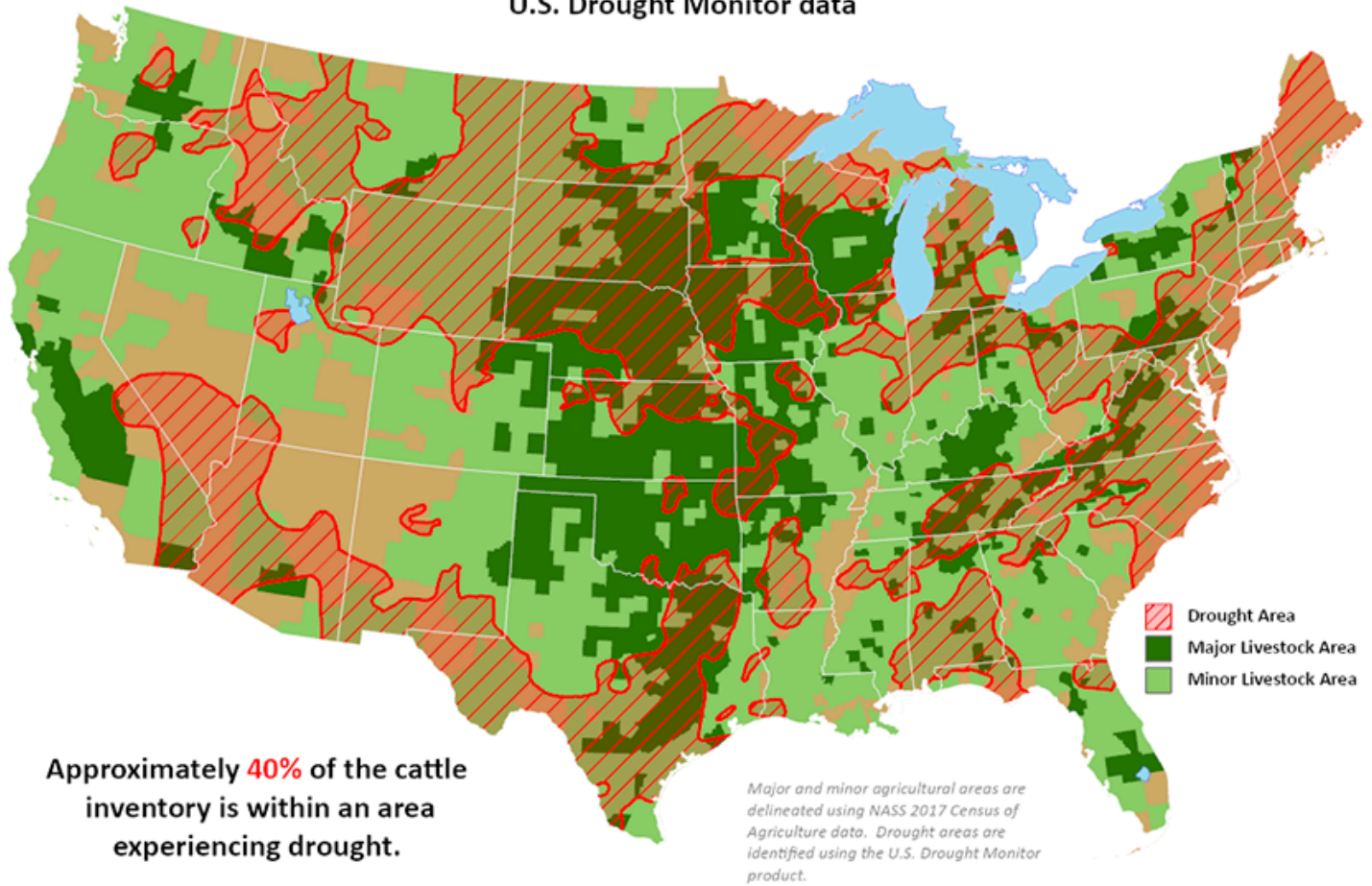
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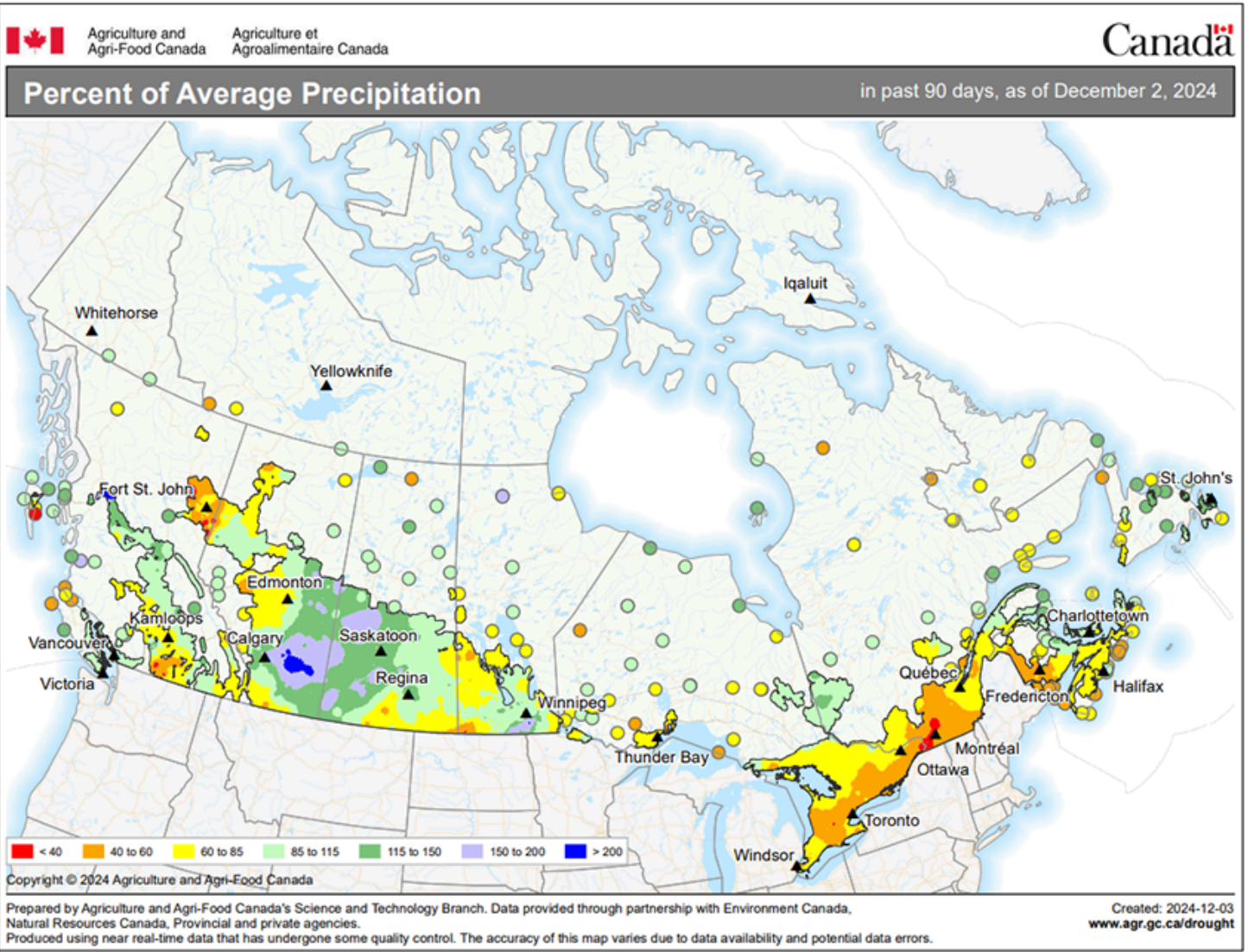
# Cattle Areas in Drought

Reflects **December 3, 2024**  
U.S. Drought Monitor data



Canadian 90-Day Percent of Average Precipitation:





### Looking ahead...

**The 7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast** calls for moderate-to-heavy precipitation accumulations ranging from 2 to 4 inches (liquid) across areas of the Pacific Northwest, including the Olympic Mountains and Cascades of Washington. In the South, areas of eastern Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, western Georgia, and southern Tennessee are forecasted to receive accumulations ranging from 2 to 6+ inches. Elsewhere, light accumulations (<1 inch) are expected in areas of the Northern Rockies in the Panhandle of Idaho, northwestern Montana, and locations across the Upper Midwest and Northeast.

**The 6-10-day Outlook** calls for a moderate-to-high probability of above-normal temperatures across much of the West, the Central and Northern Plains states, and the eastern third of the contiguous U.S. Meanwhile, near-normal temperatures are expected across much of the South and in the Four Corner states. In terms of precipitation, there is a low-to-moderate probability of above-normal precipitation across the eastern third of the contiguous U.S., eastern Texas, eastern portions of the Midwest, and areas along the entire greater U.S.-Canada border. Elsewhere, below-normal precipitation is expected across portions of the West including California, Nevada, Utah, Arizona, and New Mexico.

### Precipitation & Temperature Outlooks:

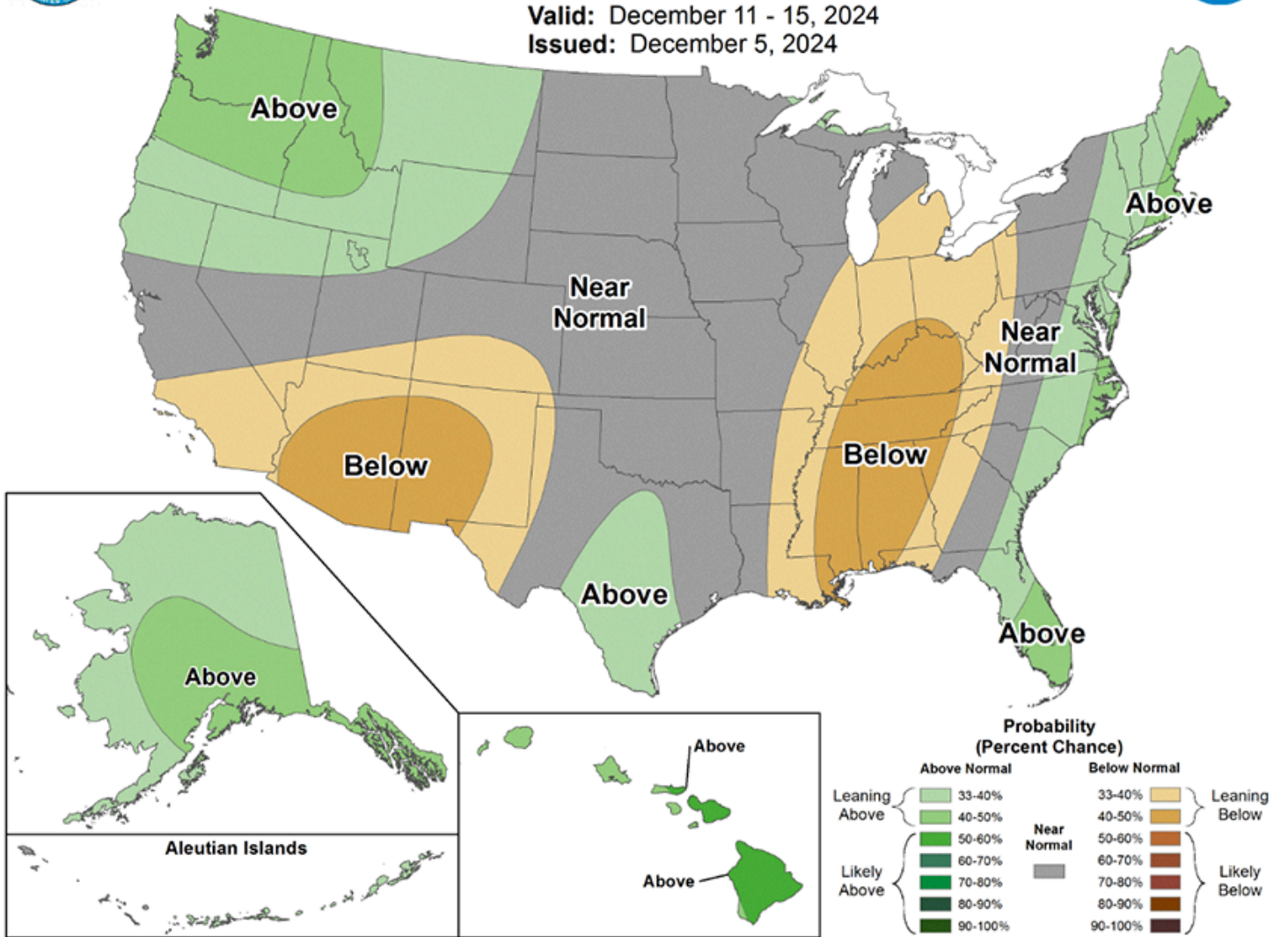




# 6-10 Day Precipitation Outlook

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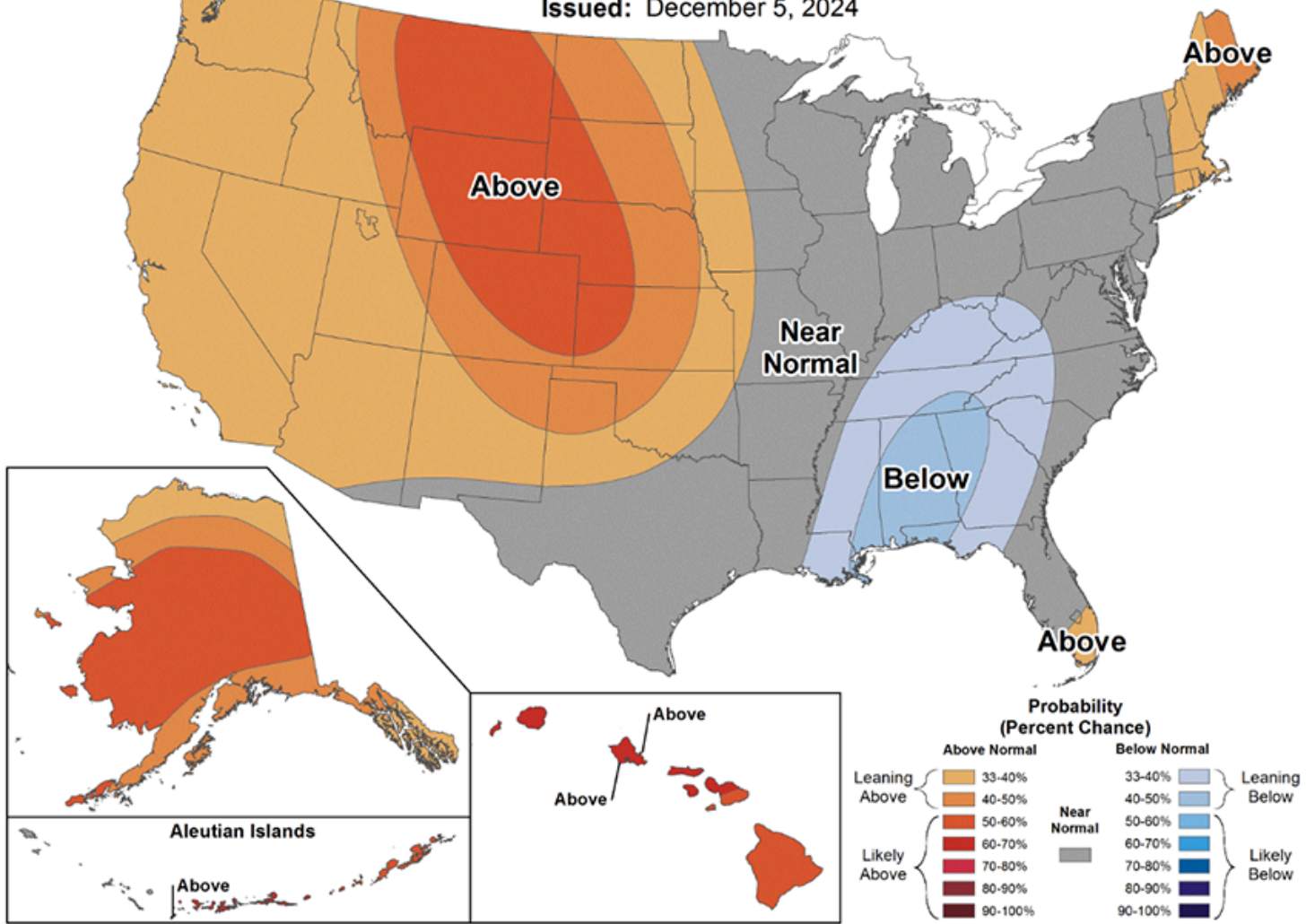
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# 6-10 Day Temperature Outlook

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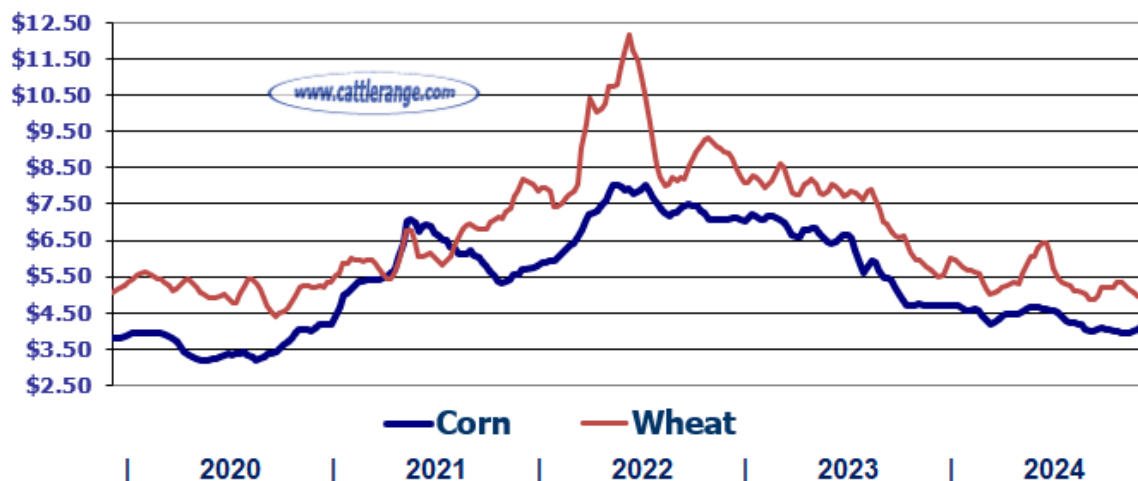
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## Weekly Grain Market Review:

Grain Prices	12/06/24	11/22/24	1 Month Ago	1 Year Ago	5 Yr. Avg.
Omaha Corn	4.27	4.20	4.11	4.75	5.39
Kansas City Wheat	4.79	4.91	5.04	6.15	6.69
March Corn Futures	4.4000	4.3525	4.3100	4.8550	5.2192
March Wheat Futures	5.5725	5.6475	5.7250	6.3175	6.7545

**5 Year Moving Average - Corn & Wheat - 12/6/24****Last Week's Corn Trade Data:**

**Net sales** of 1,732,400 MT for 2024/2025 were up 63 percent from the previous week and 4 percent from the prior 4-week average. Increases primarily for Mexico (392,400 MT, including decreases of 9,100 MT), Japan (357,700 MT, including 65,000 MT switched from unknown destinations and decreases of 3,300 MT), unknown destinations (283,600 MT), South Korea (212,700 MT, including 66,000 MT switched from unknown destinations and decreases of 1,700 MT), and Costa Rica (84,200 MT, including decreases of 1,500 MT), were offset by reductions for Guatemala (27,700 MT). Total net sales of 22,100 MT for 2025/2026 were for Mexico.

**Exports** of 1,045,400 MT were up 3 percent from the previous week and 17 percent from the prior 4-week average. The destinations were primarily to Mexico (319,000 MT), Colombia (240,500 MT), South Korea (135,900 MT), Japan (122,700 MT), and Honduras (90,900 MT).

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**Regional Auction Reports...** [Click Link to view entire report](#)

**Last Friday & Saturday Auctions:****Burwell Livestock Auction Market - Burwell NE**

This Week: 1,790

Last Reported: 370

Last Year: 6,740

NNo recent test of market for an accurate comparison a trend will not be given for steers or heifers.

Demand was good for the SPECIAL CALF & FEEDER AUCTION-INCLUDING HEREFORD INFLUENCE.

Several buyers today and active internet bidding

**Ft. Pierre Livestock Auction - Ft. Pierre SD**

This Week: 5,907

Last Reported: 9,179

Last Year: 8,945

Compared to last week: Steers from 400 lbs to 649 lbs were 8.00 to 10.00 higher instances 12.00 higher; heifers from 450 lbs to 499 lbs were 8.00 to 10.00 lower, heifers from 500 lbs to 599 lbs were steady to 2.00 lower. Big crowd of order buyers, farmer feeders and internet buyers in attendance for today's sale.

**Lexington Livestock Market - Lexington, NE**

This Week: 1,075

Last Reported: 3,445

Last Year: 3,333

Compared to last week steer and heifers calves sold steady to 15.00 higher on a thin test. Demand was very good from the buyers participating in the active market.

### **Torrington Livestock Commission - Torrington WY**

This Week: 2,110

Last Reported: 4,275

Last Year: 2,840

Compared to last week; slaughter and feeder cows traded unevenly steady throughout the day with the exception of fat cows selling 8.00 to 10.00 lower. Slaughter bulls traded mostly steady. A lighter run this week but still a very active market for all classes of cows. No sale next Friday.

### **Cattleman's Livestock Auction - Belen NM**

This Week: 1,374

Last Reported: 1,317

Last Year: 1,502

Special note no sale November 29 due to Thanksgiving. Compared to last week: Steer and heifer calves sold 15.00-20.00 higher. Feeder steers and heifers sold 22.00-25.00 higher. Slaughter cows and bulls sold steady to 2.00 lower. Trade and demand good.

### **Santa Teresa Livestock Auction (Imported Mexican Cattle) - Santa Teresa NM**

This Week: 1,617

Last Reported: 1,827

Last Year: 637

Compared with last weeks sale, steer calves weighing under 600 lbs sold 3.00-5.00 higher, steer calves and yearlings weighing over 600 lbs traded sharply higher. Spayed heifers sold mixed, with 300-400 lbs steady to 5.00 higher, 400-500 lb heifers 3.00-5.00 lower and heifers weighing over 600 lbs 2.00-5.00 higher. Trade active, demand good.

### **Eastern MO Commission Company - Bowling Green, MO**

This Week: 1,215

Last Reported: 829

Last Year: 766

Compared to the last special two week's ago, steer calves weighing under 550 lbs and 400-500 lb heifers sold with a sharply higher undertone on limited comparisons from two weeks ago, 550-700 lb steers sold 5.00-12.00 higher and 500-600 lb heifers sold 5.00-10.00 higher with the most advance on the 500-550 lb heifers, heifers over 600 lbs were not well tested with last special. Demand was good on a good quality offering of weaned steers weighing 400-650 lbs and heifers weighing 400-600 lbs.

### **Smith County Commission - Carthage TN**

This Week: 818

Last Reported: 1,041

Last Year: 271

Compared to last week Feeder Steers/Bulls 7.00 to 9.00 higher; Feeder Heifers 7.00 to 12.00 higher; Slaughter Cows 2.00 to 4.00 higher; Slaughter Bulls 4.00 higher. Quality good. Demand good.

### **Carolina Stockyards – Livestock Auction – Siler City, NC**

This Week: 1,202

Last Reported: 580

Last Year: 1,141

Slaughter cattle were steady this week compared to last week . Feeder cattle were steady this week compared to last week . Demand was moderate ; market activity and buyer interest were moderate . Offerings were moderate with quality average

### **Monday Auctions:**



**Sioux Falls Regional Livestock Report - Worthing SD**

This Week: 2,981

Last Reported: 1,788

Last Year: 4,422

Compared to last week: Steer calves 7.00 to 10.00 higher, heifer calves fully 10.00 fully. Yearling steers and heifers were of different weights from last week, no comparison. Very good demand for this nice offering of spring born steer and heifer calves, many were weaned and the quality was attractive. The market was incredibly active on the calves as there were ample buyers on the seats actively bidding, the bidding was fast paced as many times bids were taken 2.50 to 5.00 at a time.

**Tri-State Livestock Auction Market - McCook NE**

This Week: 1,680

Last Reported: 1,631

Last Year: 1,865

Compared to last week, steers were 2.00 - 7.00 higher and heifers not enough to compare. Demand was good to moderate on all offerings.

**Oklahoma National Stockyards Feeder Cattle - Oklahoma City OK**

This Week: 10,000

Last Reported: 6,345

Last Year: 12,330

Compared to last week: Feeder steers and heifers 2.00-3.00 higher except 700-800lbs 5.00-10.00 higher on improved quality from last week. Steer and heifer calves 5.00-10.00 higher with instances of up to 15.00 higher. Demand good. Supply included mostly weaned calves.

**Tulsa Livestock Auction - Tulsa, OK**

This Week: 3,068

Last Reported: 2,836

Last Year: 4,524

Compared to last week: Feeder steers steady to 3.00 higher, feeder heifers 9.00-20.00 higher. Average quality with several attractive drafts from one ranch. Slaughter cows steady to 1.00 higher, slaughter bulls steady. Demand very good with market rising.

**Roswell Livestock Auction - Roswell NM**

This Week: 2,368

Last Reported: 2,487

Last Year: 1,963

Compared to last weeks sale; Steer calves sold 10.00-15.00 higher with the exception of 500-550 lbs being 4.00 higher. Feeder steer yearlings were steady to 8.00 higher with 700-750 lbs being 2.00 lower. Heifer calves sold 5.00-10.00 higher with instances of 15.00 higher. No comparable sales to report on feeder heifers. Trade and demand were very good on bigger bunches of calves with weaning dates and vaccination reports. Slaughter cows sold steady to 5.00 higher and slaughter bulls were 1.00-2.00 higher.

**Joplin Reg. Stockyards Feeder Cattle - Carthage MO**

This Week: 9,615

Last Reported: 12,019

Last Year: 8,473

Compared to last week feeder steers under 650 lbs. sold 8.00-25.00 higher. Weights over 650 lbs. sold from 4.00 higher to 8.00 lower. Feeder heifers under 550 lbs. sold 3.00-20.00 higher. Heavier weights sold steady to 8.00 lower. Supply was heavy with very good demand. Yearling cattle were down compared to last week's yearling special with many buyers present last week for these cattle.

**Callaway Livestock Center - Kingdom City MO**

This Week: 1,882

Last Reported: 2,561



Last Year: 2,644

Compared to last week, light weight steer calves under 450 lbs traded with a sharply higher undertone on a light test, with 450-550 lbs steers and 400-600 lb heifers trading 10.00-20.00 higher, with 550-600 lb steers trading steady, 600-650 lb steers sold 10.00-15.00 higher and several part loads of 700-770 lb steers selling 3.00-10.00 higher. Feeder heifers weighing 600-660 lbs sold mostly 5.00-10.00 higher with a part load weighing 726 lbs trading steady. Demand was very good on the steer and heifer calves weighing 400-650 lbs with a moderate supply

### **Mid-South Livestock - Unionville TN**

This Week: 707

Last Reported: 715

Last Year: 895

Compared to last week, Feeder Steers/Bulls 8.00-15.00 higher with instances of 20.00 higher; Feeder Heifers 7.00-15.00 higher with instances of 20.00 higher; Slaughter Cows steady to 3.00 higher; Slaughter Bulls mostly steady.

### **Saluda Livestock Exchange - Saluda, SC**

This Week: 780

Last Reported: 674

Last Year: 0

No comparisons made this week due to sale being closed last week for the Thanksgiving holiday. Moderate offerings of plain to average quality cattle with very active buyer participation.

### **United Producers Inc. - Harned KY**

This Week: 621

Last Reported: 583

Last Year: 1,083

Compared to last week: Feeder steers sold mostly steady. Feeder heifers under 450 lbs sold steady to 2.00 lower. Feeder heifers over 450 lbs sold steady. Slaughter cows sold steady. Slaughter bulls sold 5.00 to 6.00 lower.

### **Tuesday Auctions:**

#### **Miles City Livestock Commission Auction - Miles City, MT**

This Week: 2,869

Last Reported: 2,729

Last Year: 2,632

Compared to last week: Steer calves under 500 lbs sold mostly 5.00-8.00 higher in a narrow comparison; steers over 500 lbs steers sold steady to 5.00 higher. Heifers under 450 lbs sold mostly 10.00 higher; heifers over 450 lbs sold mostly steady to 10.00 higher. Yearling steers and heifers were too lightly tested to develop any market trend. Calf quality was mostly average to attractive on all offerings. Heifer quality this week was much more attractive compared to last weeks sale.

#### **Winter Livestock Auction - Riverton, WY**

This Week: 1,054

Last Reported: 352

Last Year: 668

Compared to two weeks ago feeder steers mostly steady with instances 4.00-9.00 higher, best advancements on 500 and 600 lb steers with instances 15.00-22.00 higher. Heifer calves steady to 2.00 higher instances 9.00. Good demand with good buyer participation with preconditioned and weaned calves bringing higher prices.

#### **Winter Livestock - La Junta CO**

This Week: 4,791

Last Reported: 1,820

Last Year: 5,188

Trade activity and demand was good. Feeder steers sold 5.00 to 9.00 higher with instances of sharply higher across all weight classes. Feeder heifers sold mostly sharply higher across all weight classes. Breaker slaughter cows of average dressing sold 6.00 higher. Boner cows of average dressing sold 3.00 higher and lean cows sold 1.00 higher. Slaughter bulls of average dressing sold 2.00 lower.

### **OKC West Livestock Auction - El Reno, OK**

This Week: 5,000

Last Reported: 8,790

Last Year: 8,296

Compared to two weeks ago: Steer and heifers calves were mostly 10.00 to 20.00 higher, instances as much as 40.00 higher. Demand was very good and buyers very active.

### **Lonestar Stockyards - Wildorado, TX**

This Week: 1,981

Last Reported: 496

Last Year: 1,246

Compared to two weeks ago: Feeder steers and heifers traded sharply higher compared to the light test from the previous sale. Not enough comparable sales on steer and heifer calves for a market trend, but advances of 10.00 to 20.00 higher were noted on almost all classes.

### **Ozarks Regional Stockyards - West Plains MO**

This Week: 5,910

Last Reported: 1,897

Last Year: 2,310

There were no recent wean-vac specials for an adequate comparison, however compared to last week's regular sale, feeder steers and heifers sold 3.00-6.00 higher. Steer and heifer calves under 750 lbs. sold 15.00-20.00 higher with spots 30.00 higher. Demand was very good on a heavy supply.

### **Mid-State Stockyards LLP - Letohatchee, AL**

This Week: 1,948

Last Reported: 1,295

Last Year: 1,613

Compared to two weeks ago: No slaughter cows were covered. Feeder cattle sold sharply higher.

### **Calhoun Stockyard - Calhoun, GA**

This Week: 454

Last Reported: 272

Last Year: 291

No trends available due to the market being closed last week for Thanksgiving Holiday.

### **Blue Grass Stockyards - Lexington, KY**

This Week: 1,369

Last Reported: 202

Last Year: 1,430

Compared to last Tuesday feeder steers and heifers traded noticeably higher in a limited comparison to last week's lite test ahead of the Holiday. Very good demand for 600-800 lb yearling steers and heifers and weaned calf packages. Market very active on a good through attractive quality offering. Slaughter cows sold 3.00 higher in a limited comparison. Slaughter bulls steady in a lite test

### **Wednesday Auctions:**

#### **Hub City Livestock Auction - Aberdeen SD**

This Week: 3,790

Last Reported: 4,152

Last Year: 4,370

No feeder cattle last week due to Thanksgiving, compared to two weeks ago: steers 450 to 499 lbs 2.00

higher, 500 to 599 7.00 to 12.00 higher, 700 to 749 lbs and 950 to 999 lbs 3.00 to 5.00 higher. Heifers 450 to 549 lbs 20.00 higher. Good to very good demand for both yearlings and calves today. A few packages and a handful of loads of yearling cattle available.

### **Bassett Livestock Auction - Bassett NE**

This Week: 3,450

Last Reported: 3,520

Last Year: 3,105

No recent test of market for an accurate comparison a trend will not be given for steers or heifers. A very high demand for steers should be noted with several buyers at the auction, out of state buyers, and internet bidding.

### **Huss Platte Valley Auction - Kearney NE**

This Week: 4,284

Last Reported: 3,241

Last Year: 2,076

Compared to two weeks ago, steers and heifers under 600 lbs sold sharply higher and steers over 600 lbs sold steady to 10.00 higher and heifers over 600 lbs sold steady to 4.00 higher. Demand was good to very good from the buyers in the crowd with internet activity noticed.

### **OKC West - El Reno OK**

This Week: 10,270

Last Reported: 8,790

Last Year: 8,296

Compared to two weeks ago: Feeder steers and heifers traded 4.00-8.00 higher. Demand very good. Steer and heifers calves were mostly 10.00 to 20.00 higher, instances as much as 40.00 higher. Demand was very good and buyers very active.

### **Clovis Livestock Auction - Clovis, NM**

This Week: 2,299

Last Reported: 2,996

Last Year: 3,512

Compared to last sale 2 weeks ago; Steer calves and yearlings sold 14.00-19.00 higher with the exception of 800-850 lbs being 19 .00 lower. Heifer calves sold 11.00-16.00 higher with the exception of 450-500 lbs being 5.00 lower. Heifer yearlings were 3.00-11.00 higher and 750-800 lbs selling steady. Trade and demand were very good on larger numbers with excellent buyer attendance.

### **Winter Livestock Feeder Cattle Auction - Dodge City KS**

This Week: 6,186

Last Reported: 1,704

Last Year: 3,630

Compared to two weeks ago, feeder steers over 850 lbs sold steady to 5.00 higher, under 600 lbs sold 20.00 higher. Heifers over 800 lbs sold steady to 5.00 higher. Instances of reputation calves under 600 lbs sold 40.00 to 50.00 higher. Slaughter cows sold steady to 5.00 higher. Very good demand for heavy supply.

### **Bloomfield Livestock Market - Bloomfield, IA**

This Week:

Last Reported:

Last Year:

Report unavailable.

### **Springfield Livestock Auction - Springfield MO**

This Week:

Last Reported:

Last Year:  
Report unavailable.

### **Springfield Livestock Auction - Springfield MO**

This Week: 1,182  
Last Reported: 325  
Last Year: 1,629

Compared to last week, the best test of 450lb - 700lb steers sold mostly 4.00 to 7.00 higher and heifers were 5.00 to 9.00 higher based on limited comparisons from last weeks light run. Demand was good on a moderate supply.

### **South Central Regional Stockyards - Vienna, MO**

This Week: 2,067  
Last Reported: 1,138  
Last Year: 1,792

Compared to the sale two weeks ago, feeder steers under 600 lbs 10.00-20.00 higher, over 600 lbs 3.00-6.00 higher. Feeder heifers under 650 lbs 5.00-20.00 higher, over 650 lbs steady. Slaughter cows steady. Demand good to very good. Supply heavy.

### **Roanoke Stockyard - Roanoke AL**

This Week: 1,393  
Last Reported: 1,089  
Last Year: 1,303

Compared to two weeks ago: Feeder cattle sold sharply higher. Slaughter cows sold 8.00 to 9.00 lower, slaughter bulls sold 2.00 higher. Replacement cows and pairs sold mostly steady.

### **Blue Grass Stockyards - Albany KY**

This Week: 563  
Last Reported: 0  
Last Year: 1,119

No trend due to being closed for the thanksgiving holiday last week, however feeder calves were noticeably higher. Good demand for all feeder and slaughter classes.

### **Thursday Auctions:**

#### **Billings Livestock Commission Cattle Auction - Billings, MT**

This Week: 6,457  
Last Reported: 3,228  
Last Year: 4,188

Compared to last sale(11-21-24): Feeder steer calves under 600 lbs sold mostly 10.00-20.00 higher, steer calves over 600 lbs sold 3.00 to 5.00 higher. Heifer calves under 600 lbs sold mostly 8.00-15.00 higher; heifer calves over 600 lbs sold mostly 5.00-10.00 higher. Yearling steers and heifers were too lightly tested last sale to develop an accurate market trend, however higher undertones were noticed. Demand was mostly good to very good for all calves on offer.

#### **Mitchell Livestock Auction – Mitchell SD**

This Week: 4,544  
Last Reported: 2,124  
Last Year: 4,100

Compared to two weeks ago: The undertone on all feeder steers was dollars higher. the undertone on heifers up to 850 lbs. was dollars higher, heifers 850 lbs. and up were 3.00-6.00 higher. Demand was very good, The area feeder cattle producers supplied top quality thin fleshed cattle today, bring top dollar.

#### **Valentine Livestock Auction - Valentine NE**

This Week: 2,900  
Last Reported: 2,920

Last Year: 3,590

Compared with two weeks ago steers and heifers traded sharply higher. Demand was very good for weaned and non-weaned offerings, with several buyers and active internet bidding.

### **Apache Livestock Auction - Apache, OK**

This Week: 3,826

Last Reported: 0

Last Year: 1,893

Compared to two weeks ago: Feeder steers 5.00 to 10.00 higher. Feeder heifers 3.00 to 6.00 higher. Steer calves 20.00 to 30.00 higher. Heifer calves 10.00 to 20.00 higher. Quality good to attractive with very good demand. Slaughter cows steady to 2.00 higher. Slaughter bulls 1.00 lower.

### **Woodward Wtd Avg Cattle - Woodward OK**

This Week: 1,954

Last Reported: 1,449

Last Year: 2,519

Compared to the last sale two weeks ago: Feeder steers 6.00 to 10.00 higher. Feeder heifers 4.00 to 8.00 higher. Steer calves mostly steady. Heifer calves 15.00 to 20.00 higher. Quality was average to plain with a few fancier sets of heifer calves. Demand was moderate for the feeders and active for the calves.

### **Winter Livestock Auction - Pratt KS**

This Week: 4,200

Last Reported: 1,975

Last Year: 3,531

Compared to 2 weeks ago, not enough feeder steers and heifers 700 lb to 975 lb for a market test, however a steady to higher trend was noted. Steer and heifer calves 400 lb to 700 lb sold 10.00 to 20.00 higher, however reputation and thin fleshed calves sold up to 45.00 higher. Demand was good.

### **Farmers & Ranchers Livestock - Salina KS**

This Week: 3,414

Last Reported: 2,618

Last Year: 2,369

NA nice run of cattle today, still a lot of unweaned cattle coming to town. Compared to 2 weeks ago feeder steers over 600 lbs sold mixed from 1.00 higher to 1.00 lower, with the exception of 800 to 850 lb steers selling 6.00 higher. Heifers over 750 lbs sold mixed 1.00 higher to 1.00 lower and 700 lb heifers sold 7.00 higher. The receipts were moderate to heavy with very good demand.

### **Cattleman's Livestock Auction - Dalhart TX**

This Week: 3,606

Last Reported: 0

Last Year: 0

Compared to two weeks ago: Coming out of the Thanksgiving holiday, pastures drying out from much needed rain, and a demand for wheat cattle as a result; brought positives to the market. Turn out was high in numbers and prices took a big leap on most classes. The biggest jump was in both steer and heifer calves as producers seek cattle for wheat. Feeders were less active but still trended upward. Slaughter cattle were the only down turn slipping \$6.00 on high yielding cows. Trade was active and demand was high.

### **Tulia Livestock Auction - Tulia, TX**

This Week: 1,300

Last Reported: 928

Last Year: 1,657

Compared to two weeks ago: Steer and heifer calves were 15.00 to 30.00 higher. Yearlings not well tested last week. Demand was good after sales were closed for the holiday week.



**New Cambria Livestock Market - New Cambria, MO**

This Week: 1,978

Last Reported: 1,364

Last Year: 1,525

Compared to the last reported sale three weeks ago, steers and heifers sold sharply higher, with light calves tacking on mostly 20.00 to 30.00/cwt and heavier weights 10.00 to 15.00/cwt. Slaughter cows steady to 4.00 higher. Excellent quality on offer this week including several reputation consignments with most of the unweaned cattle seeing little to no discount.

**Bluegrass Stockyards South - Stanford KY**

This Week: 1,738

Last Reported: 1,683

Last Year: 2,185

There was no sale last week due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Compared to two weeks ago, Feeder steers under 700 lbs 15.00-20.00 higher, over 700 lbs steady to 2.00 lower, Feeder and yearling heifers 10.00-15.00 higher with most increase on weaned packages and loads, Very good demand for feeder classes, Good demand for yearling classes. Slaughter cows 8.00-12.00 higher, Slaughter bulls 2.00-4.00 higher, Very good demand for slaughter classes.

**Toppenish Livestock Auction - Toppenish, WA**

This Week: 1,700

Last Reported: 1,280

Last Year: 1,000

Compared to 2 weeks ago, stocker and feeder cattle weak in a light test. CME feeder cattle posted losses of \$1.27 to \$2.10 at the close. Slaughter cows 6.00-8.00 higher, Dairy cows 1.00-2.00 lower. Slaughter bulls firm.

**Paris Stockyards - Paris KY**

This Week: 3,189

Last Reported: 1,959

Last Year: 2,830

No trends due to the market being closed last week for Thanksgiving, however the feeder market appeared sharply stronger with a good supply and strong demand. Buyers were very active today and willing to pay premiums for good quality weaned packages of calves. Slaughter cows and bulls appeared steady with a large supply and good demand.

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**Colorado Direct Cattle Report**

This Week: 945

Last Reported: 1,868

Last Year: 1,431

Compared to last week: Feeder steers and heifers to lightly tested for a trend. Demand good. Supply included: 100% Feeder Cattle (44.7% Steers, 55.3% Heifers). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 90%. Unless otherwise noted, Feeder Cattle prices FOB based on net weights after a 2-3% shrink or equivalent, with a 8-14 cent slide > 600 lbs. and 20-30 cent slide < 600 lbs. Livestock reported this week originated from CA, CO, UT.

**Eastern Cornbelt Direct Cattle Report (IL/IN/MI/MN/OH/KY)**

This Week: 70

Last Reported: 655

Last Year: 265

Compared to last week: Not enough Current FOB trades this week for a trend. 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 KY.

### **Kansas Direct Feeder Cattle Report**

This Week: 4,282

Last Reported: 2,349

Last Year: 4,680

Compared to last week: No current FOB steers reported, and not enough comparable sales on current FOB heifers for a market trend. Buyer demand was very good this week with most auctions reporting significant jumps in feeder cattle prices. Supply included: 100% Feeder Cattle (78.3% Steers, 21.7% Heifers). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 97%. Unless otherwise noted, Feeder Cattle prices FOB based on net weights after a 2-3% shrink or equivalent, with a 8-12 cent slide > 600 lbs. Livestock reported this week originated from CO, KS, MS, OK, TX.

### **Missouri Direct Cattle Report**

This Week: 210

Last Reported: 65

Last Year:

Compared to last week: Not enough comparable Current FOB trades last week for a trend. Demand good. Supply included: 100% Feeder Cattle (100% Steers). 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 MO.

### **Montana Direct Cattle Report**

This Week:

Last Reported:

Last Year:

Compared to last week: No trades this week for a trend.

### **New Mexico Direct Cattle Report**

This Week: 722

Last Reported: 366

Last Year: 372

Compared to last week: Feeder steers and heifers traded mostly steady on a light test. Buyer demand was good. Supply included: 100% Feeder Cattle (24.9% Steers, 16.9% Dairy Steers, 58.2% 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 up to a 15 cent slide > 600 lbs. and up to a 25 cent slide < 600 lbs. Livestock reported this week originated from NM.

### **Northwest Direct Cattle Report (WA/OR/ID/UT)**

This Week: 277

Last Reported: 530

Last Year: 771

Compared to last week: Feeder steers and heifers to lightly tested for a trend. Demand good. Supply included: 100% Feeder Cattle (73.3% Steers, 26.7% 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 8-14 cent slide > 600 lbs. Livestock reported this week originated from ID, WA.

### **Oklahoma Direct Cattle Report**

This Week: 1,626

Last Reported: 1,806

Last Year: 3,548

Compared to last week: Not enough Current FOB trades this week for a trend. Demand good Supply

included: 100% Feeder Cattle (41.5% Steers, 58.5% Heifers). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 83%. 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 and up to a 20 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: 552

Last Reported: 815

Last Year: 1,920

Compared to last week: Not enough comparable Current FOB steers or heifers for a market trend; however, a higher undertone was noted. Demand was light to moderate. Supply included: 100% Feeder Cattle (63.4% Steers, 36.6% 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 and up to a 20 cent slide < 600 lbs. Current delivery is 14 days from the report date. Livestock reported this week originated from AR, FL, GA, MS.

### **Southwest Direct Cattle Report (AZ/CA/NV)**

This Week: 490

Last Reported:

Last Year: 1,105

Compared to last week, feeders have no comparison due to no trades reported. Trade slow, demand light. Supply included: 100% Feeder Cattle (45.3% Steers, 54.7% Heifers). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 100%. 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: 7,408

Last Reported: 5,999

Last Year: 15,024

Compared to last week: Current FOB steers and heifers were 1.00 to 5.00 higher. Demand was moderate to good coming off the holiday week. Supply included: 100% Feeder Cattle (54.4% Steers, 1.6% Dairy Steers, 44% Heifers). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 96%. 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 and up to a 20 cent slide < 600 lbs. Current delivery is 14 days from the report date. Livestock reported this week originated from AR, FL, GA, KY, MS, NM, NV, OK, TX, UT.

### **Wyoming-Nebraska Direct Cattle Report**

This Week: 536

Last Reported:

Last Year:

No comparable sales from last week for a market comparison. Demand was good for the short list on offer. Calves suited for winter grazing situations has jumped upward by leaps and bounds this week at reporting auctions. Nebraska feedlots traded dressed sales 2.00 higher at 297.00 and live sales sold steady to weak from 190.00 to 190.50. Supply included: 62.7% Feeder Cattle (59.5% Steers, 40.5% Heifers); 37.3% Replacement Cattle (100% Bred Cows). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 100%. Unless otherwise noted, Feeder Cattle prices FOB based on net weights after a 3% shrink or equivalent, with a 10-12 cent slide > 600 lbs. Livestock reported this week originated from ID, KS, MT

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