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Weekly Market Summary

For the week ending March 22, 2024

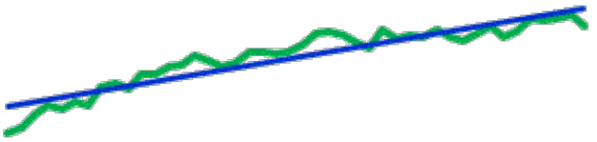
For the week, fed cattle in the Southern Plains & Northern Plains were higher, as were feeder cattle and stocker calves. Live cattle and feeder cattle futures were mostly lower. The dressed beef cutouts were lower with corn higher. After a good week, most market indicators were lower on Friday.

Cattle/Beef Market Velocity Trendlines +/-

10 Day Index Trendline

Change from Previous Day: -3.25%
Change from 10 Days Ago: +4.52%

60 Day Index Trendline



Change from 60 Days Ago: +32.38%
Change from 60 Day High: -3.25%

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: Southern Plains trade was 2.00 higher at 188.00 with Northern Plains trade 2.50 higher at 190.00. In the 3 front months, Live Cattle futures closed the week from 1.12 lower to 0.25 higher. USDA's carcass weight data showed weights averaged 922 lbs. this week, compared to 919 lbs. last week, and 903 lbs. last year.
S: This Week: 188.00 / Month Ago: 183.00 / Year Ago: 163.00 / 5 Year Avg: 134.63
N: This Week: 190.00 / Month Ago: 183.00 / Year Ago: 164.50 / 5 Year Avg: 135.98

Feeder Cattle: The national average price for feeder steers was 259.93, 3.30 higher with trade mostly steady to 5.00 higher. In the 3 front months, Feeder Cattle futures closed the week from 2.23 lower to 0.68 higher.
This Week: 259.93 / Month Ago: 249.28 / Year Ago: 191.39 / 5 Year Avg: 166.87

Stocker Calves: The national average price for stocker steers was 325.09, 3.20 higher with trade mostly steady to 6.00 higher.
This Week: 325.09 / Month Ago: 310.09 / Year Ago: 235.97 / 5 Year Avg: 193.27

CME Feeder Cattle Index: 251.38, 2.38 higher than last Friday.
This Week: 251.38 / Month Ago: 245.00 / Year Ago: 188.85 / 5 Year Avg: 165.29

Boxed Beef Cutouts: The Choice cutout was 1.18 lower at 310.72 and the Select cutout 0.93 lower at 301.47. The Choice/Select spread at 9.25, 0.25 narrower.

This Week: 310.72 / Month Ago: 300.61 / Year Ago: 279.88 / 5 Year Avg: 263.74

Cutter Cow Cutout: 1.30 higher at 257.10.

Slaughter Cows: Trade mostly 1.00 to 7.00 higher.

Total red meat production under Federal inspection for the week ending Saturday, March 23, 2024 was estimated at 1049.8 million lbs. according to the USDA Marketing Service. This was 1.3 percent higher than a week ago and 0.4 percent lower than a year ago. Cumulative meat production for the year to date was 1.7 percent lower compared to the previous year.

Corn: Omaha Corn was 0.10 higher at 4.53 with May futures at 4.3925, 0.0250 higher.

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www.cattlerange.com	This Week	Last Week	1 Month Ago	1 Year Ago	5 Yr. Avg.
CME Feeder Index	251.38	249.00	245.00	188.85	165.29

Live Cattle Futures	This Week	Last Week	1 Month Ago	1 Year Ago	5 Yr. Avg.
April	187.50	187.25	185.60	163.00	133.83
June	182.90	183.60	187.90	156.60	134.88
August	181.50	182.62	183.87	156.42	136.78

Feeder Futures	This Week	Last Week	1 Month Ago	1 Year Ago	5 Yr. Avg.
March	249.95	249.27	254.57	189.65	167.71
April	251.50	252.12	259.67	194.80	170.63
May	253.77	256.00	262.07	197.55	173.30

Fed Cattle	This Week	Last Week	1 Month Ago	1 Year Ago	5 Yr. Avg.
S. Central	188.00	186.00	183.00	163.00	134.63
N. Central	190.00	187.50	183.00	164.50	135.98

Feedyard Closeouts	This Week	Last Week	1 Month Ago	1 Year Ago	5 Yr. Avg.
Current	(176.27)	(195.85)	(235.39)	28.10	(49.09)
Future (Projected)	(211.66)	(170.63)	(129.98)	(156.89)	(72.89)

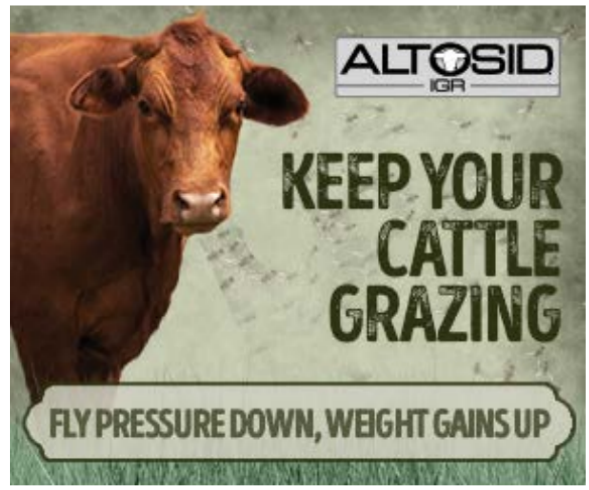
Avg. National Prices	This Week	Last Week	1 Month Ago	1 Year Ago	5 Yr. Avg.
Feeder Steers	259.93	256.63	249.28	191.39	166.87
Stocker Steers	325.09	321.89	310.09	235.97	193.27

Boxed Beef Cutout	This Week	Last Week	1 Month Ago	1 Year Ago	5 Yr. Avg.
Choice	310.72	311.90	300.61	279.88	263.74
Select	301.47	302.40	286.31	268.75	245.76
Spread	9.25	9.50	14.30	11.13	17.98

Cutter Cow Cut-Out	257.10	255.80	242.02	215.50	204.68

Crude Oil Futures	80.63	81.04	76.49	69.26	84.72

Grain Prices	This Week	Last Week	1 Month Ago	1 Year Ago	5 Yr. Avg.
Omaha Corn	4.53	4.43	4.12	6.72	5.34
Kansas City Wheat	5.35	5.10	5.03	7.94	6.60
May Corn Futures	4.3925	4.3675	3.9975	6.4300	5.1658
May Wheat Futures	5.5475	5.2850	5.7350	6.8850	6.6164



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National Feeder & Stocker Cattle Sale Receipts:

Data released by USDA on Monday, 3/18/24 for week ending Saturday, 3/16/24

Week Ending:	3/16/24	Prior Week	1 Year Ago	2 Years Ago	3 Years Ago	3 Yr. Avg.
Auctions	**200,600**	213,400	194,400	186,300	164,400	181,700
Direct Sales	**33,700**	35,200	45,700	44,900	61,600	50,733
Video/Internet	**3,300**	57,600	44,100	5,100	3,700	17,633
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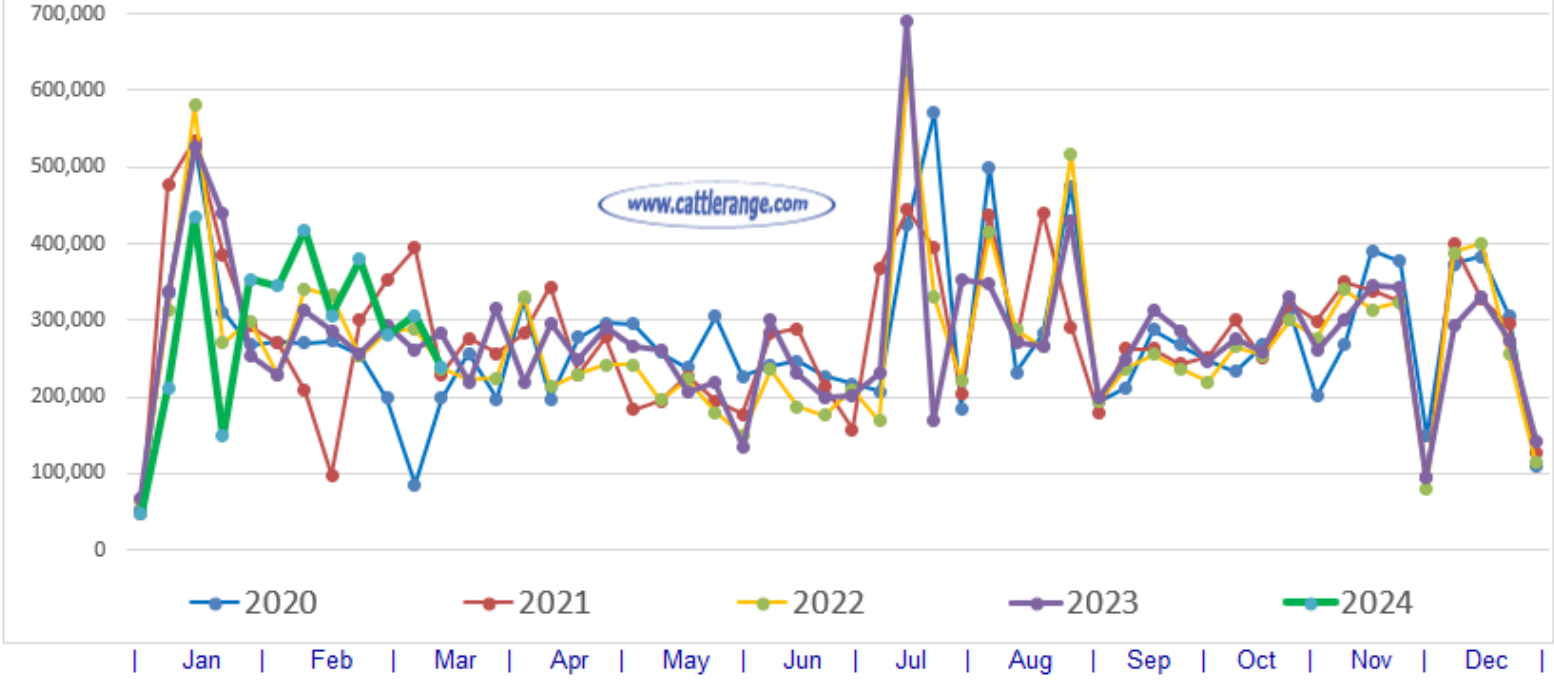
Total	**237,600**	**306,200**	**284,200**	**236,300**	**229,700**	**250,067**
This Week +/-	**-**	**-22.4%**	**-16.4%**	**0.6%**	**3.4%**	**-5.0%**

Weekly Feeder & Stocker Cattle Marketings



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CME Feeder Cattle Index: 1 Year Change: +33.93% -- 52 Week Range: 187.69 to 254.09

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:

700 lb. - 800 lb. Steers	This Week	Last Week	1 Month Ago	1 Year Ago	5 Yr. Avg.
Dakotas www.cattlerange.com	283.50	277.44	264.61	204.01	178.58
Iowa	273.10	272.89	260.44	199.19	174.01
Missouri	268.78	264.28	255.27	196.71	170.79
Montana	273.83	269.32	257.98	196.90	174.08
Nebraska	278.32	272.32	266.15	203.24	180.72
Wyoming	276.32	271.80	260.25	199.73	176.25
North Central Avg.	**275.64**	**271.34**	**260.78**	**199.96**	**175.74**
Arkansas	252.35	252.17	249.16	191.13	164.39
Colorado	257.73	254.59	248.70	188.80	172.54
Kansas	268.74	264.24	255.23	196.68	170.73
New Mexico	255.21	254.33	245.96	186.99	165.33
Oklahoma	266.74	262.73	252.71	194.54	169.39
Texas	256.33	256.18	248.17	193.25	166.38
South Central Avg.	**259.52**	**257.37**	**249.99**	**191.90**	**168.13**
Alabama	248.63	246.65	243.63	185.87	156.34
Florida	241.55	239.64	232.65	182.65	153.39
Georgia	247.72	247.88	241.70	186.54	156.89
Kentucky	252.75	250.42	245.07	189.13	160.96
Louisiana	248.49	247.63	241.69	185.72	158.30
Mississippi	249.07	248.14	242.07	186.76	156.34
Tennessee	251.65	248.03	243.26	187.96	159.99
Virginia	248.63	242.79	242.17	186.77	160.24
Southeast Avg.	**248.56**	**246.40**	**241.53**	**186.43**	**157.81**
Arizona	246.01	244.56	240.54	183.45	162.57
California	248.71	246.75	243.21	187.16	166.70
Idaho	261.45	255.23	247.37	189.05	166.86
Nevada	257.14	252.07	244.94	187.35	165.47
Oregon	260.43	254.40	246.41	188.31	166.37
Utah	257.48	252.08	244.58	187.06	165.83
Washington	260.85	254.83	246.80	188.61	166.86
Western Avg.	**256.01**	**251.42**	**244.84**	**187.28**	**165.81**
Overall Average	**259.93**	**256.63**	**249.28**	**191.39**	**166.87**
This Week +/-	**-**	**1.3%**	**4.3%**	**35.8%**	**55.8%**

Stocker Steers:

500 lb. - 600 lb. Steers	This Week	Last Week	1 Month Ago	1 Year Ago	5 Yr. Avg.
Dakotas www.cattlerange.com	341.41	338.35	328.25	237.35	206.51
Iowa	339.64	332.66	312.74	236.05	201.72
Missouri	329.36	327.95	319.35	239.76	197.71
Montana	340.26	335.50	322.90	247.01	202.88
Nebraska	348.42	342.41	329.39	245.31	210.30
Wyoming	343.11	335.41	325.92	248.55	204.84
North Central Avg.	**340.37**	**335.38**	**323.09**	**242.34**	**203.99**
Arkansas	325.14	320.23	313.22	236.17	188.10
Colorado	331.67	331.84	320.15	234.77	202.73
Kansas	328.51	327.42	318.52	239.14	197.25
New Mexico	325.23	322.48	314.88	227.02	192.15
Oklahoma	337.22	331.13	321.31	242.10	196.28
Texas	327.18	326.06	315.46	240.05	192.91

South Central Avg.	**329.16**	**326.53**	**317.26**	**236.54**	**194.90**
Alabama	317.84	316.90	302.19	234.93	180.23
Florida	310.91	307.84	295.18	221.90	177.78
Georgia	316.63	315.22	300.55	232.46	178.93
Kentucky	305.87	302.85	293.74	228.39	181.74
Louisiana	318.55	314.41	301.21	235.55	181.99
Mississippi	321.44	316.42	303.25	237.45	179.89
Tennessee	305.74	302.93	288.45	227.95	180.55
Virginia	304.47	301.49	287.58	226.86	181.23
Southeast Avg.	**312.68**	**309.76**	**296.52**	**230.69**	**180.29**
Arizona	316.10	315.25	299.19	224.64	190.62
California	318.29	319.47	303.27	234.21	194.50
Idaho	320.28	316.56	305.70	237.82	195.39
Nevada	317.10	314.62	303.58	233.34	193.47
Oregon	319.05	315.02	304.52	239.88	194.37
Utah	316.64	314.56	303.07	233.08	193.70
Washington	319.55	315.76	305.11	237.35	195.13
Western Avg.	**318.14**	**315.89**	**303.49**	**234.33**	**193.88**
Overall Average	**325.09**	**321.89**	**310.09**	**235.97**	**193.27**
This Week +/-	**-**	**1.0%**	**4.8%**	**37.8%**	**68.2%**

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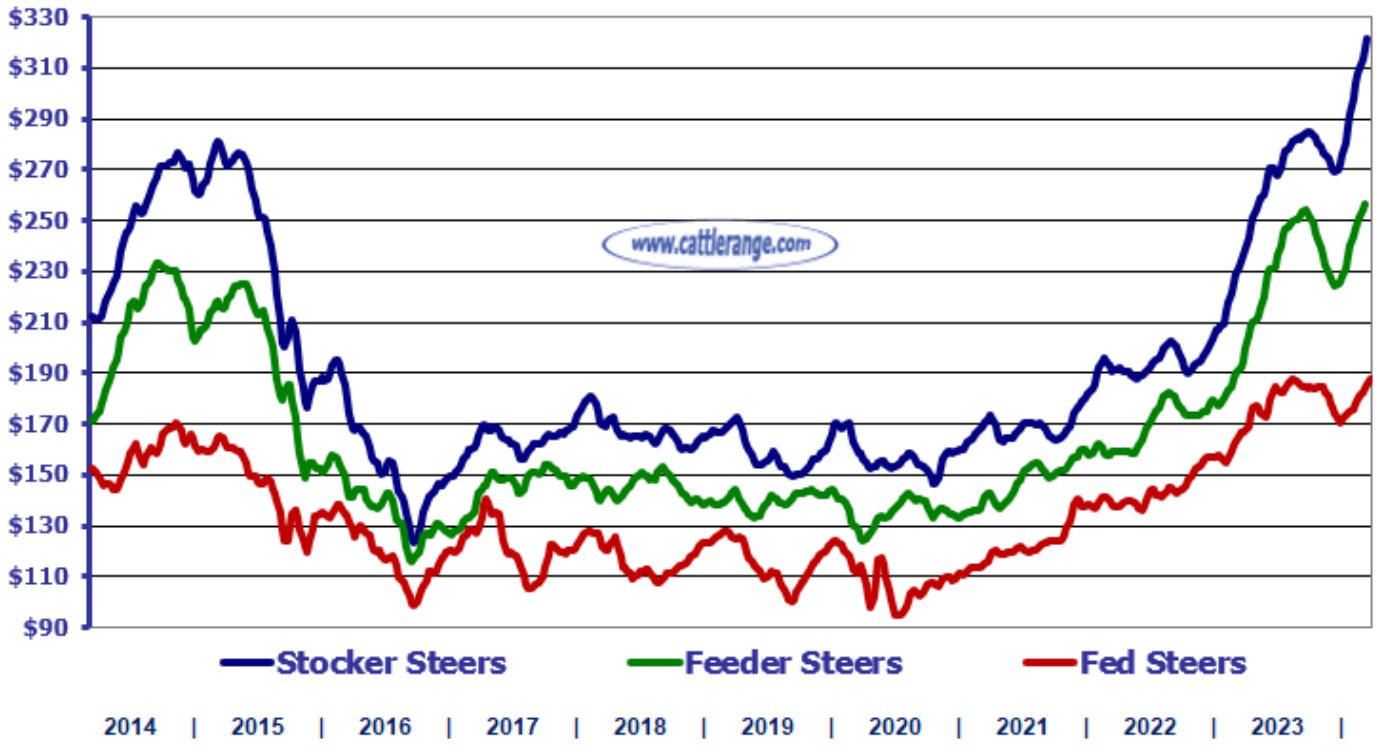
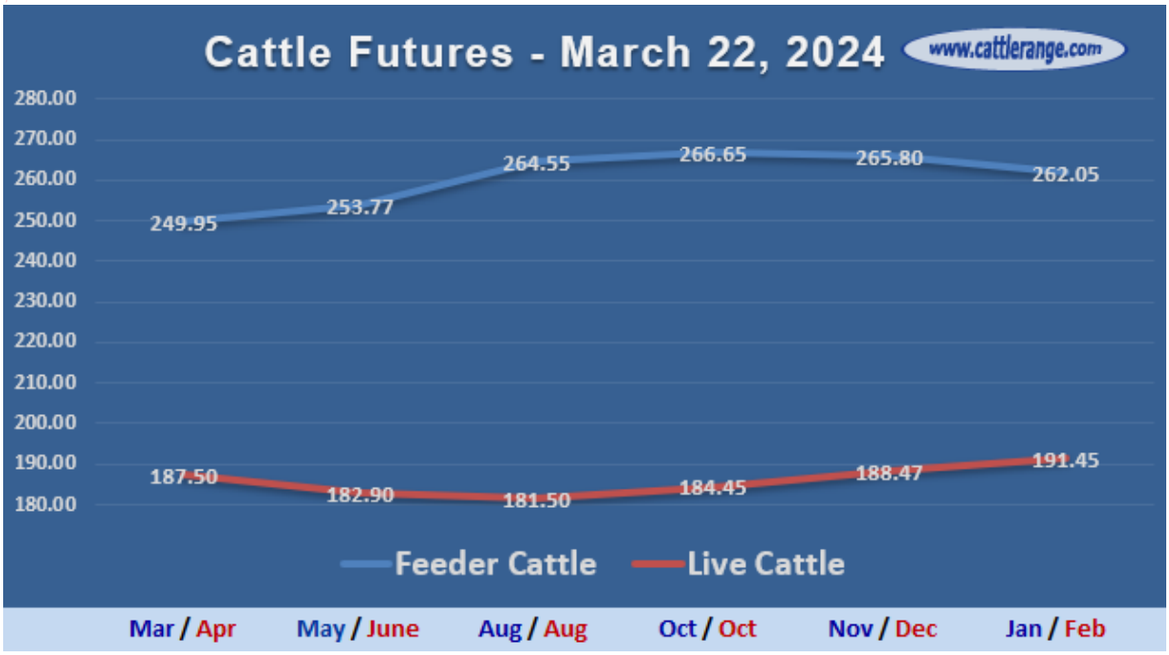
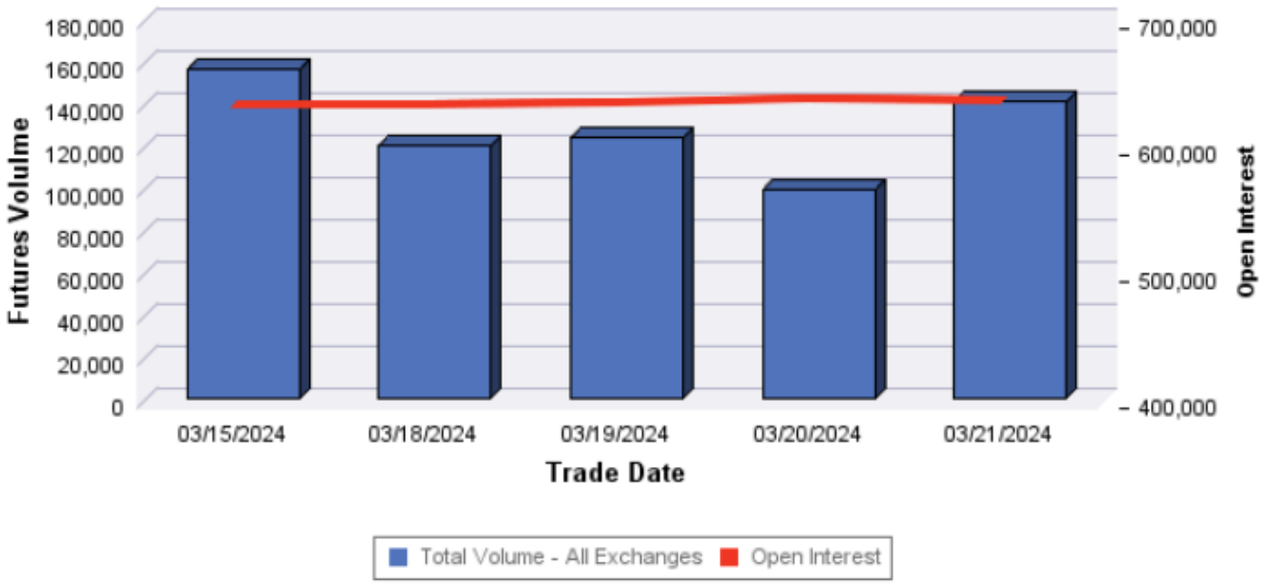
10 Year Moving Average... Stocker, Feeder & Fed Steers





Livestock Volume & Open Interest: Last 5 Trade Days



Trade Date	Futures Volume
03/15/2024	155,614
03/18/2024	119,579
03/19/2024	123,136
03/20/2024	98,632
03/21/2024	140,432

Trade Date	Futures Open Interest
03/15/2024	637,875
03/18/2024	637,567
03/19/2024	639,579
03/20/2024	643,580
03/21/2024	640,973

Top Expirations Traded On: 03/21/2024

Product Description	Month	Volume	OI
FDR CATTLE FUT	MAR24	1,172	3,590
FDR CATTLE FUT	APR24	4,956	8,287
FDR CATTLE FUT	MAY24	6,744	20,896
FDR CATTLE FUT	AUG24	2,632	12,018
FDR CATTLE FUT	SEP24	831	3,874
Total Feeder Cattle Futures		17,001	56,343
Product Description	**Month**	**Volume**	**OI**
LV CATTLE FUT	APR24	19,165	57,943
LV CATTLE FUT	JUN24	26,520	123,796
LV CATTLE FUT	AUG24	13,056	59,826
LV CATTLE FUT	OCT24	7,304	37,156

LV CATTLE FUT	DEC24	4,902	23,058
Total Live Cattle Futures		72,988	320,078
Product Description	**Month**	**Volume**	**OI**
LEAN HOGS FUT	APR24	9,918	29,885
LEAN HOGS FUT	JUN24	22,049	88,809
LEAN HOGS FUT	JUL24	6,935	35,185
LEAN HOGS FUT	AUG24	5,942	34,842
LEAN HOGS FUT	OCT24	3,026	39,112
Total Lean Hog Futures		50,442	264,482
Product Description	**Month**	**Volume**	**OI**
PORK CUTOUT FUT	APR24	0	31
PORK CUTOUT FUT	MAY24	0	21
PORK CUTOUT FUT	JUN24	1	10
PORK CUTOUT FUT	AUG24	0	6
PORK CUTOUT FUT	DEC24	0	2
Total Pork Cutout Futures		1	70

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

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Mexican Feeder Cattle Weekly Import Summary

Total Crossings					
IMPORTS					
		Current Week (3/11/2024)	Previous Week (3/4/2024)	Current YTD 2024	Previous YTD 2023
Mexico to U.S.		**32,535**	**31,842**	**280,453**	**263,353**
	Feeder Cattle	32,327	31,644	277,749	261,109
	Cattle Other	76	129	1,800	1,574
	Horses	132	69	904	670
Total		**32,535**	**31,842**	**280,453**	**263,353**

Mexico to US Import Report for 3/20/2024 (Final)

Douglas, AZ - Compared to Tuesday, steer calves and yearlings sold steady. Heifers steady. Trade active, demand good. Supply consisted of steers and spayed heifers weighing 300-600 lbs.

Nogales, AZ - Compared to Tuesday, steer calves and yearlings sold steady. Heifers not tested. Trade active, demand good. Supply consisted of steers weighing 300-600 lbs.

Columbus, NM - Compared to week, steer calves and yearlings sold steady. Heifers steady. Trade active, demand good. Supply consisted of steers and spayed heifers weighing 300-600 lbs.

St Teresa, NM - Compared to week, steer calves and yearlings sold steady. Heifers steady. Trade active, demand good. Supply consisted of steers and spayed heifers weighing 300-600 lbs.

Presidio, TX - Compared to week, steer calves and yearlings sold 5.00 higher. Heifers not tested. Trade active, demand good. Supply consisted of steers weighing 300-600 lbs.

Import Crossings		
	Current (est) 3/20/2024	Current WTD (est) 3/20/2024
Feeder Cattle		
Mexico to Arizona	**2,900**	**5,800**

	Douglas	1,400	2,900
	Nogales	1,500	2,900
Mexico to New Mexico		**4,500**	**5,900**
	Columbus	1,700	3,100
	Santa Teresa	2,800	2,800
Mexico to Texas		**2,350**	**3,750**
	Colombia Bridge		0
	Del Rio	100	100
	Eagle Pass		0
	Laredo	350	450
	Pharr / Hidalgo	300	500
	Presidio	1,600	2,700
Total:		**9,750**	**15,450**

Canadian Cattle Prices:

Data published by USDA on 3/22/24 for week ending 3/15/24
Prices have been converted to U.S. $/CWT. Grades changed to approximate U.S. equivalents.
Exchange Rate: Canadian dollars equivalent to $0.7409 U.S. dollars

Average Feeder Cattle Prices in U.S. Dollars: www.cattlerange.com						
	Alberta		**Saskatchewan**		**Ontario**	
Steers:	**3/15**	**3/8**	**3/15**	**3/8**	**3/15**	**3/8**
501-600 lbs.	$317.68	$326.26	$318.42	No Quote	$311.08	$265.85
601-700 lbs.	$291.92	$313.56	$298.23	No Quote	$269.29	$254.80
701-800 lbs.	$272.67	$289.33	$268.92	No Quote	$259.15	$243.72
801-900 lbs.	$241.91	$270.75	$244.22	No Quote	$242.62	$233.72
Heifers	**3/15**	**3/8**	**3/15**	**3/8**	**3/15**	**3/8**
401-500 lbs.	$306.85	$326.26	$302.80	No Quote	$258.32	$218.69
501-600 lbs.	$282.33	$313.56	$289.52	No Quote	$250.76	$230.89
601-700 lbs.	$263.46	$289.33	$259.40	No Quote	$243.24	$218.50
701-800 lbs.	$238.34	$270.75	$232.53	No Quote	$232.38	$211.35

Average Feeder Cattle Prices in Canadian Dollars:						
	Alberta		**Saskatchewan**		**Ontario**	
Steers:	**3/15**	**3/8**	**3/15**	**3/8**	**3/15**	**3/8**
501-600 lbs.	$399.99	$410.79	$400.92	No Quote	$391.68	$334.73
601-700 lbs.	$367.56	$394.80	$375.50	No Quote	$339.06	$320.82
701-800 lbs.	$343.32	$364.30	$338.60	No Quote	$326.30	$306.87
801-900 lbs.	$304.59	$340.90	$307.50	No Quote	$305.48	$294.28
Heifers	**3/15**	**3/8**	**3/15**	**3/8**	**3/15**	**3/8**
401-500 lbs.	$386.35	$410.79	$381.26	No Quote	$325.25	$275.35
501-600 lbs.	$355.48	$394.80	$364.53	No Quote	$315.73	$290.71
601-700 lbs.	$331.72	$364.30	$326.61	No Quote	$306.26	$275.11
701-800 lbs.	$300.09	$340.90	$292.78	No Quote	$292.59	$266.11

Slaughter Cattle Prices for Week of 8/15/24:	US $'s	CA $'s
Area: Alberta Direct Sales, 4% Shrink		
Slaughter Steers, mostly Select 1-3, 1300-1500 lbs	$173.57	$218.54
Slaughter Heifers, mostly Select 1-3, 1100-1400 lbs	$169.59	$213.53
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Area: Alberta Auctions		
Slaughter Cows, Cutter and Utility 1-3, 1100-1400 lbs	$120.77	$152.06

Area: Ontario Auctions		
Slaughter Steers, mostly Choice and Select 1-3, 1300-1500 lbs	$177.16	$223.06
Slaughter Heifers, mostly Choice and Select 1-3, 1200-1400 lbs	No Quote	No Quote
Slaughter Cows, Cutter and Utility 1-3, 1100-1400 lbs	$106.83	$134.51

Alberta Beef Producers:

Alberta direct cattle sales this week have seen light trade develop with dressed sales reported at $390.00 delivered, steady to $10.00 higher than the previous week. Cattle that traded this week were being scheduled for the first half of April delivery. US packer interest was noted and sales to the US were in the upper $230's/cwt FOB the feedlot, steady with the previous week. Sales to the US were at a premium over local deals.

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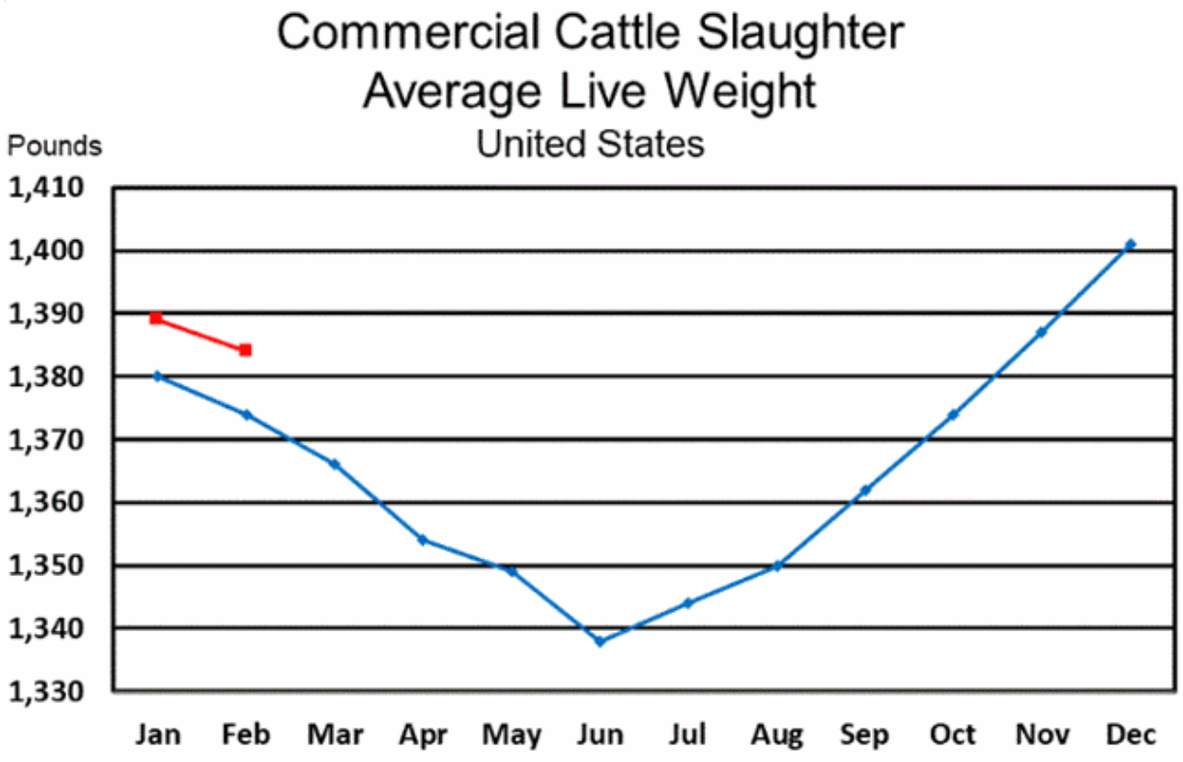

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Photo of the Week:

- **F1 Red Angus/Hereford Baldy 1st-Calf Pairs... Central OK**

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"Shootin' the Bull" Weekly Analysis:

In my opinion, it appears the cement is setting on the agenda. Recall the goal is to ration the number of cattle slaughtered to keep from pricing beef at levels that reduces consumer demand. The agenda to produce the goal continues to be multifaceted. Growing what is available bigger is most likely the fastest way to increase beef production. The high price of retail beef, slowing and shifting consumer demand, and a shift in slaughter pace is believed by design to ration cattle by allowing the time to grow them bigger. Second is the import/export markets. The exports have dried up, keeping more beef available for domestic consumption, due to the high price of. Imports have increased significantly with Australia and New Zealand leading the charge. Lastly, and the most controversial is the dairy/beef cross. While not the second coming or new found pot of gold, but an industry that can provide more females to the breeding mix without having to pull a beef heifer from the slaughter mix. Hopefully, you see where I am going with this, but if not, what I believe is that the longer the agenda remains intact, the less of a price impact on beef cattle, when or if expansion starts. Liquidation has not started and I continue to believe that at some point, beef production will equal last years. Let that sink in and know that this agenda is believed to have begun as far back as 18 months ago, just now being recognized, with further solidification of going forward. Lastly on this, in March of last year at this time, with 1% fewer cattle on feed, the price of April fats was $161.10. We are approximately 4.2% lower in total beef production from last year. Does a 4.2% decrease in beef production justify a $26.00 premium on cattle? I don't know either, but on Monday, and thereafter, traders are going to make those decisions.

A great deal of what is believed transpiring, hedging and marketing won't necessarily help. I think this time frame and the next two years to come are an enormous shift in how beef will be produced in the US, and who produces it. If you believe that fewer producers will be producing more cattle, then without a doubt, hedging and marketing will play a significant role, but again probably not your saving grace. Labor, land, and environmental restrictions will be much more of an issue than price. However, price can't be ignored in the near term as to accomplish the goal. That is because some of the larger participants are also searching for more market share. In doing so, it is believed there are two possible ways to achieve such. One, raise the price of cattle so high, only a few can afford to buy them, or can withstand a loss for longer than their competitor. The second way may be a little nicer, but would most likely involve massive volatility in price. Similar to what has taken place over the past 12 months. That being, massive price fluctuation on very small changes of supply. From 1/23 to 9/23, feeders advanced $76.58. In just 3 months to 12/23 they declined $48.20. From that low, they have advanced again $45.75. Next most probable move? A decline of approximately $35.00. This would continue with the anticipation of a triangular formation to develop. As well, it will continually pressure those producers who bought the top, and benefit those who sold at the top. Over the next 12 months, as cow/calf operations make their long-term decisions on expansion, the volatility would be expected to narrow the playing field greatly. As so many expectations are based upon a higher price to achieve a profit, it stands to reason that if those new highs are not made, profits will not be achieved. Lastly, some of the expectations are hinged on cost of gain. With corn not having breeched $4.00 but for a short period of time, and now trading $.30 off contract lows, the cost of gain is not declining or is causing alternative feeds to be sourced to lower cost of gain.

While I am not expecting a bull market in corn or beans, I am not expecting a bear market either. The marketing done the first week of March appears to have satisfied a great deal of needs. Farmers needed to sell and when it was found that some did, it relieved some of the desire to be short by the funds. I expect through this current bout of inflation for grains to, at bare minimum, stabilize with potential to gravitate higher for a risk premium on the crop as it gets started. This week, I recommended to be long the July Chicago wheat, March '25 soybean oil, and own the spread of long December Chicago wheat and short December corn. These were sales solicitations. I am not bullish wheat, but a dollar rally would not surprise me going into April. Producers dodged a rather large bullet this week with energy prices having soared, but diesel fuel the lagger of the group. I remain friendly towards the energy markets after having been beat to death while traders made up their minds. This week's breakout is believed the decision made to move higher. Until it changes again, I will stick to energy higher. Bonds were lower this week until Friday. The Fed's dovish stance this week was taken in stride with new highs in equities and gold. I have a feeling that the Fed may use this current bout of inflation to help them curb it. The rate hikes only do so much and they take time to work through the system. Higher food and energy prices are a direct impact on discretionary funds and spending. Therefore, robbing the consumer of the dollars needed to buy those pesky necessities like food and gasoline. However, if you were fearful the illegal immigrants may go without, rest assured they won't. Our current administration is probably the most efficient, so far, in handing out money of any previous administration in a very long time.

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March USDA Cattle on Feed Report: Released by USDA on 3/22/24

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 11.8 million head on March 1, 2024. The inventory was **1 percent above** March 1, 2023.

- **Placements in feedlots** during February totaled 1.89 million head, **10 percent above 2023 and the highest for February since the series began in 1996.** Net placements were 1.83 million head. During February, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 360,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 330,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 515,000 head, 800-899 pounds were 485,000 head, 900-999 pounds were 150,000 head, and 1,000 pounds and greater were 50,000 head.
- **Marketings of fed cattle** during February totaled 1.79 million head, **3 percent above** 2023.
- **Other disappearance** totaled 56,000 head during February, **3 percent below** 2023.

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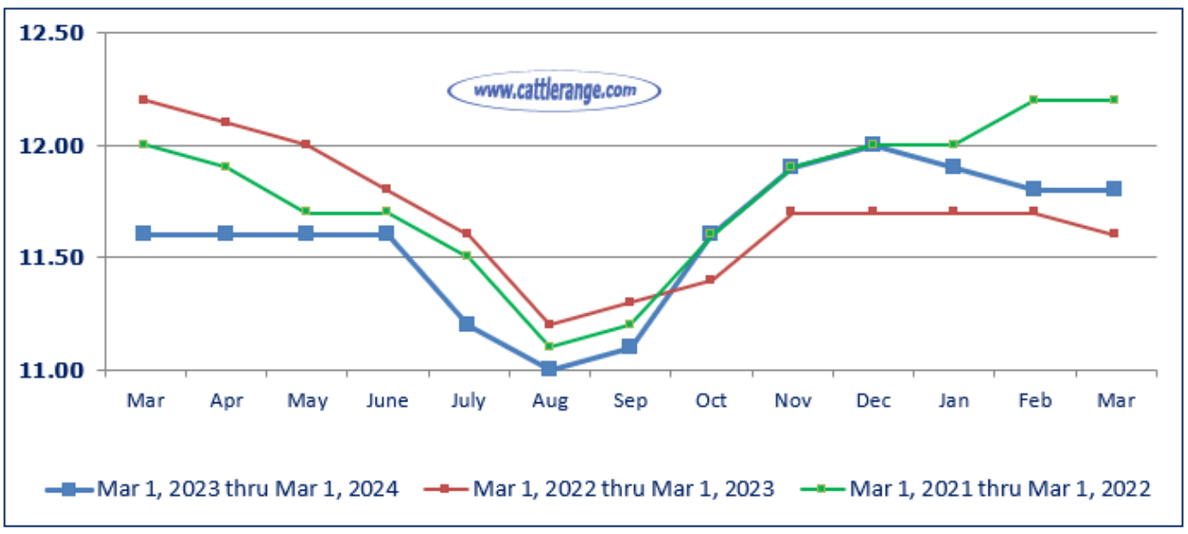
Cattle on Feed in 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots as of March 1st



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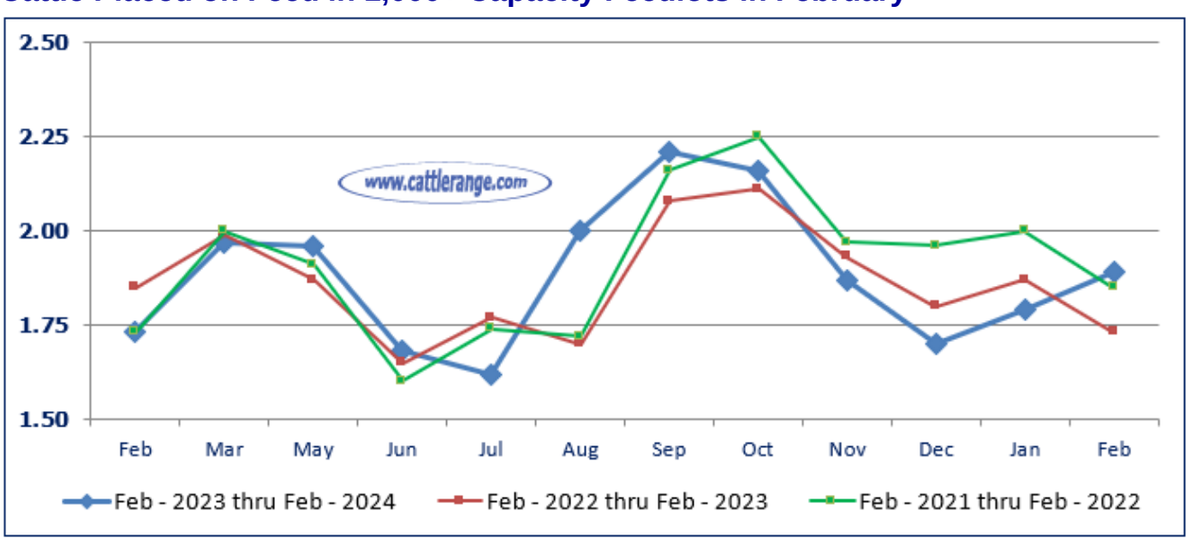

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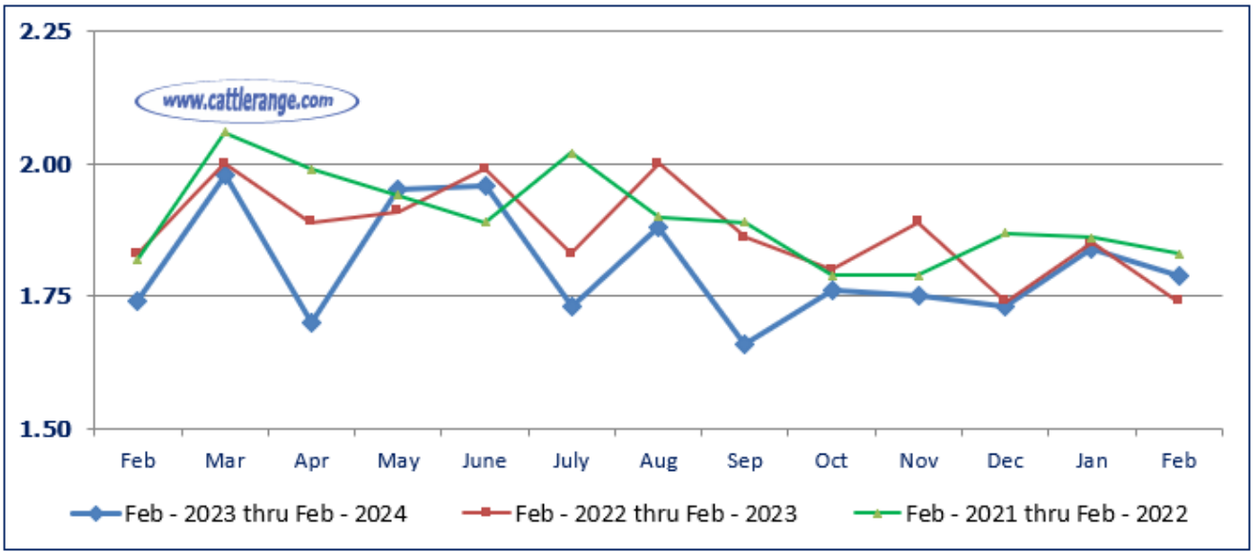

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Cattle on Feed Inventory on 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots by Month – States and United States: 2023 and 2024

State	March 1, 2023	February 1, 2024	March 1, 2024		
			Inventory	Percent of previous year	Percent of previous month
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(percent)
Arizona	260	262	258	99	98
California	520	520	520	100	100
Colorado	1,010	1,010	1,020	101	101
Idaho	325	345	345	106	100
Iowa	640	640	650	102	102
Kansas	2,460	2,390	2,400	98	100
Minnesota	95	105	105	111	100
Nebraska	2,530	2,550	2,560	101	100
Oklahoma	270	330	330	122	100
South Dakota	215	240	245	114	102
Texas	2,780	2,820	2,820	101	100
Washington	255	260	255	100	98
Other States	325	325	330	102	102
United States	11,685	11,797	11,838	101	100

Thousands of Head

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Fed Cattle:

As of 3:00 PM Friday in the Southern Plains, negotiated cash has been at a standstll. The most recent market in the Southern Plains was Thursday with live FOB purchase at 188.00. In Nebraska and the Western Cornbelt negotiated cash has been slow on light demand. The most recent market in Nebraska was Thursday with live FOB purchases at 190.00, with a few purchases up to 191.00, and delivered purchases at 302.00. The most recent market in the Western Cornbelt was Thursday with live FOB purchases from 190.00-191.00, with a few purchases up to 191.50, and dressed delivered purchases at 302.00.

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5 Area Daily Weighted Average Direct Slaughter Cattle - Negotiated

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March 22, 2024
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Texas/Oklahoma/New Mexico; Kansas; Nebraska; Colorado; Iowa/Minnesota feedlots
(Includes all transactions regardless of delivery day)
Recap for: Thursday, 3/21/2024

Head Count:	71,732	Week Ago:	27,799	Last Year:	6,246
Week to Date:	75,902	Week Ago:	29,581	Last Year:	65,143

Negotiated Cash Sales

	Head Count	Weight Range	Price Range	Avg. Weight	Avg. Price
STEERS: LIVE FOB					
Over 80% Choice	20,059	1,375 - 1,700	187.00 - 193.00	1,526	190.26
65 - 80% Choice	6,356	1,230 - 1,600	187.00 - 190.00	1,377	188.17
35 - 65% Choice	3,209	1,105 - 1,500	187.00 - 190.00	1,306	188.03
0 - 35% Choice		-	-		
Total all grades	29,624	1,105 - 1,700	187.00 - 193.00	1,470	189.57

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, 3/17/2024

Confirmed:	69,666	Week Ago:	61,012	Year ago:	59,591

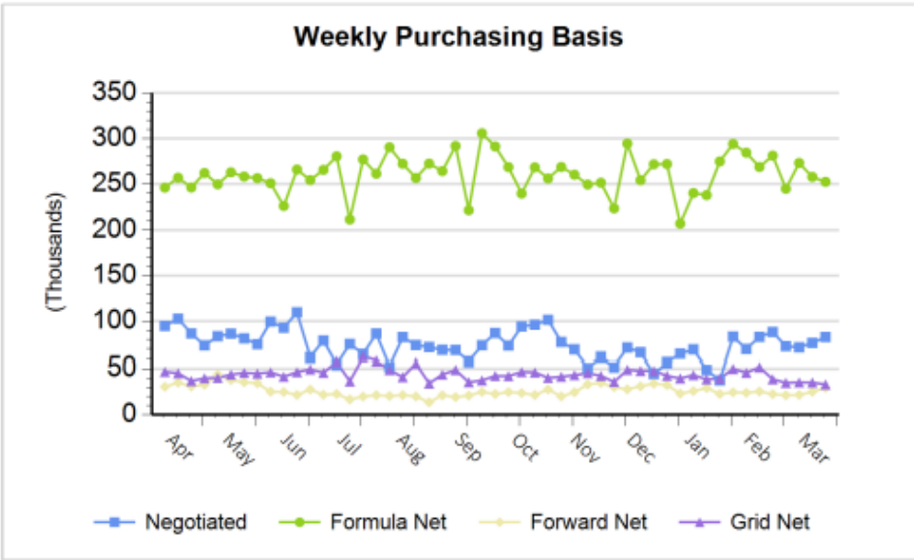
Negotiated Cash Sales

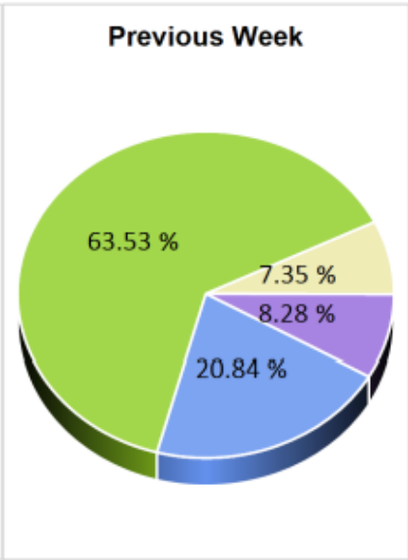
	Head Count	Weight Range	Price Range	Avg Weight	Wtd Avg Price
STEERS: LIVE FOB					
Over 80% Choice	21,215	1,350 - 1,650	185.00 - 190.00	1,533	187.82
65 - 80% Choice	4,022	1,280 - 1,525	181.00 - 186.00	1,397	185.85
35 - 65% Choice	470	1,310 - 1,500	183.00 - 186.00	1,369	185.64
0 - 35% Choice		-	-		
Total all grades	25,707	1,280 - 1,650	181.00 - 190.00	1,509	187.47
STEERS: LIVE DELIVERED					
Over 80% Choice	733	1,400 - 1,550	187.00 - 190.00	1,512	189.54
65 - 80% Choice		-	-		
35 - 65% Choice		-	-		
0 - 35% Choice		-	-		
Total all grades	733	1,400 - 1,550	187.00 - 190.00	1,512	189.54
STEERS: DRESSED DELIVERED					
Over 80% Choice	8,941	828 - 1,047	294.00 - 301.00	962	298.15
65 - 80% Choice	1,468	882 - 994	295.00 - 298.00	944	297.60
35 - 65% Choice	174	837 - 882	295.00 - 298.00	868	297.03
0 - 35% Choice		-	-		
Total all grades	10,583	828 - 1,047	294.00 - 301.00	958	298.06
STEERS: DRESSED FOB					
Over 80% Choice	1,278	945 - 1,024	298.00 - 298.00	983	298.00
65 - 80% Choice		-	-		
35 - 65% Choice		-	-		
0 - 35% Choice		-	-		
Total all grades	1,278	945 - 1,024	298.00 - 298.00	983	298.00
HEIFERS: LIVE FOB					
Over 80% Choice	12,573	1,100 - 1,550	184.00 - 189.00	1,377	187.64
65 - 80% Choice	4,634	1,100 - 1,500	185.00 - 189.00	1,284	185.93
35 - 65% Choice	239	1,090 - 1,320	185.00 - 186.00	1,203	185.23

Daily Formula Base Volume

Tue Mar 12	Wed Mar 13	Thu Mar 14	Fri Mar 15	Mon Mar 18
29,947	32,093	40,915	39,032	134,010

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 180 days ago = September 24, 2023
- Projected P/(L) based on the futures when placed on feed: **($4.15)**

***Cost** of 800 lb. steer delivered @ $253.22 per cwt. + $15 freight:	$2,040.76
Feed Cost for 600 lbs. @ $1.13 per lb.	$678.00
Interest on cattle cost for 180 days:	$95.61
Interest on feed cost:	$15.88
Total Cost & Expense:	**$2,830.25**
****Sale proceeds:** 1,400 lb. steer @ **$189.57** per cwt:	**$2,653.98**
This week's Profit/(Loss) per head:	**($176.27)**
Profit/(Loss) per head for previous week:	($195.85)
Change from previous week:	+$19.58
Sale price necessary to breakeven:	**$202.16**

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

Projected closeout for steers placed on feed this week:

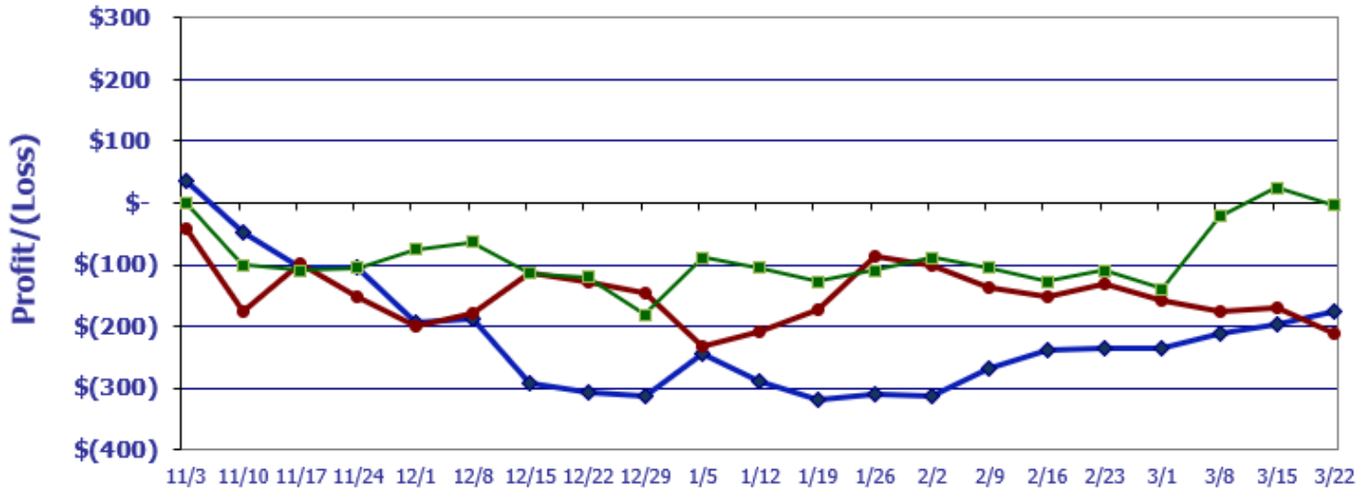
- Projected Sale Date @ 180 days on feed = September 18, 2024

***Cost** of 800 lb. steer delivered @ $251.82 per cwt. + $15 freight:	$2,029.56
Feed Cost for 600 lbs. @ $1.09 per lb.	$654.00
Interest on cattle cost for 180 days:	$95.08
Interest on feed cost:	$15.32

Total Cost & Expense:	**$2,793.96**
****Sale proceeds:** 1,400 lb. steer @ **$184.45** per cwt:	**$2,582.30**
This week's Profit/(Loss) per head:	**($211.66)**
Profit/(Loss) per head for previous week:	($170.63)
Change from previous week:	($41.03)
Sale price necessary to breakeven:	**$199.57**

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

Feedyard Close-Outs for the weeks ending...



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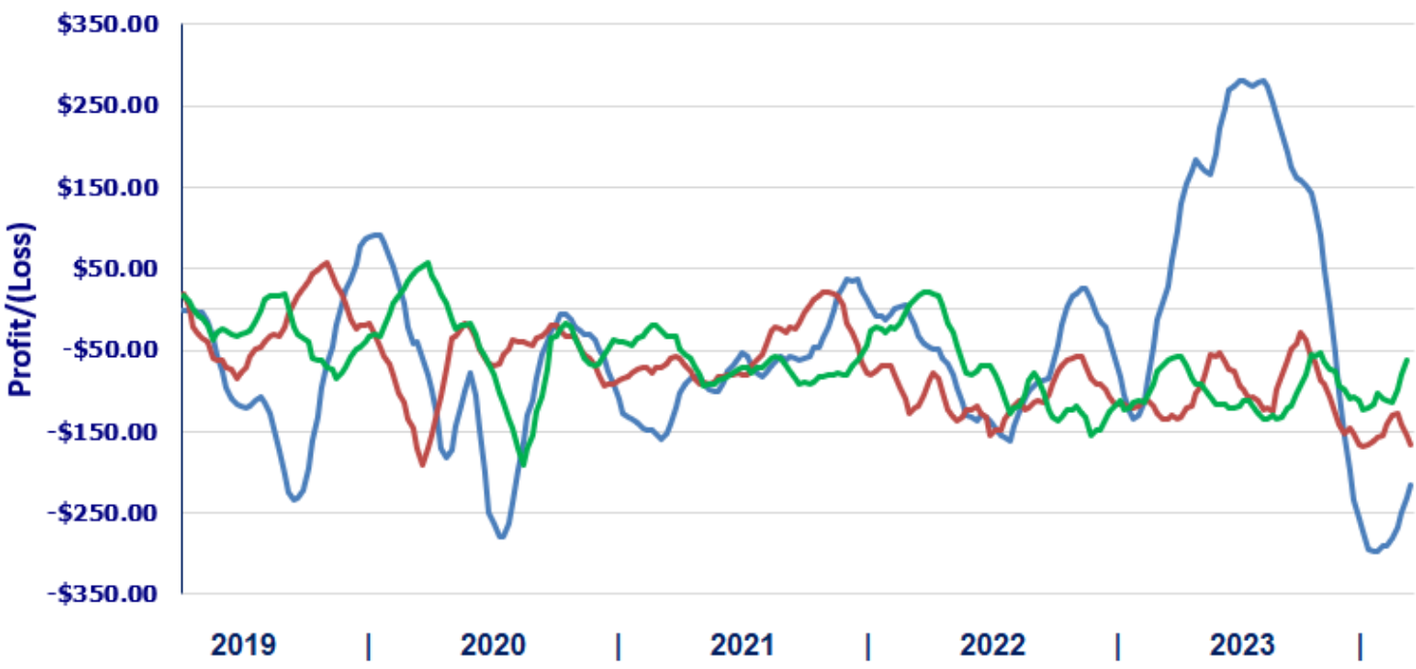
Typical closeout for un-hedged steers sold this week:	**($176.27)**
Projected closeout for steers placed on feed this week:	**($211.66)**

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



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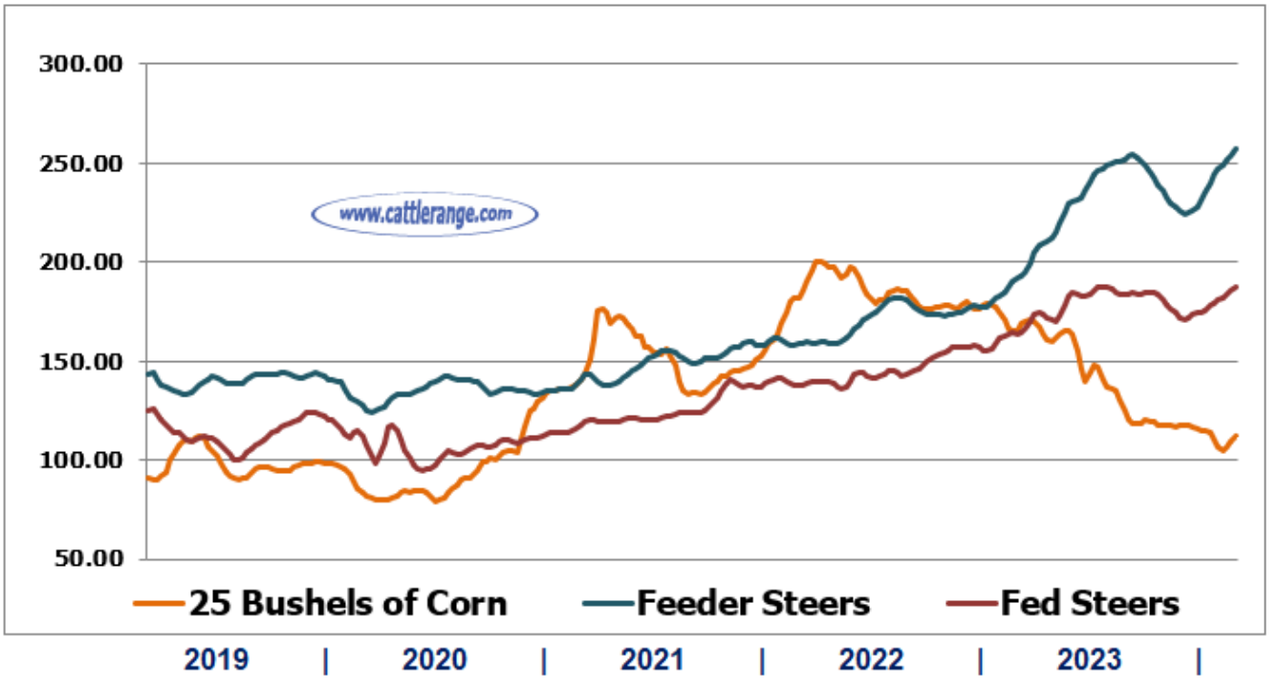
Feeder Steers/Corn Correlation: 5 Year Moving Average

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 3/21/24 for week ending 3/9/24

Federally Inspected Slaughter Head & Percentage by Class - U.S.		
Cattle		
	Head	% of Total
Steers	264,421	45.3%
Heifers	197,212	33.8%
Dairy Cows	59,376	10.2%
Other Cows	54,110	9.3%
Bulls	8,876	1.5%
Total	**583,995**	

Livestock Slaughter under Federal Inspection:

Daily Slaughter									
					Prev Week	Last Year	2024	2023	YTD
Fri Mar 22, 2024		Week Ago	Year Ago	WTD	WTD	WTD	YTD	YTD	% Change
Calves	1,000	1,000	1,232	5,000	5,000	5,382	56,383	75,001	-24.8%
Cattle	109,000	113,000	108,798	584,000	586,000	613,072	7,118,931	7,528,161	-5.4%
Hogs	485,000	444,000	483,312	2,437,000	2,342,000	2,406,102	30,191,893	29,967,029	0.8%
Sheep	6,000	6,000	5,050	40,000	40,000	43,779	434,008	420,043	3.3%
					Prev Week	Last Year	2024	2023	YTD
Sat Mar 23, 2024		Week Ago	Year Ago	WTD	WTD	WTD	YTD	YTD	% Change
Calves	0	0	7	5,000	5,000	5,389	56,383	75,008	-24.8%
Cattle	14,000	15,000	14,772	598,000	601,000	627,844	7,132,931	7,542,933	-5.4%
Hogs	95,000	124,000	66,719	2,532,000	2,466,000	2,472,821	30,286,893	30,033,748	0.8%
Sheep	0	0	162	40,000	40,000	43,941	434,008	420,205	3.3%

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Boxed Beef Cutouts:

Compared to last week, the Choice cutout was 1.18 lower at 310.72 and the Select cutout 0.93 lower at

301.47. The Choice/Select spread at 9.25, 0.25 narrower.

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.

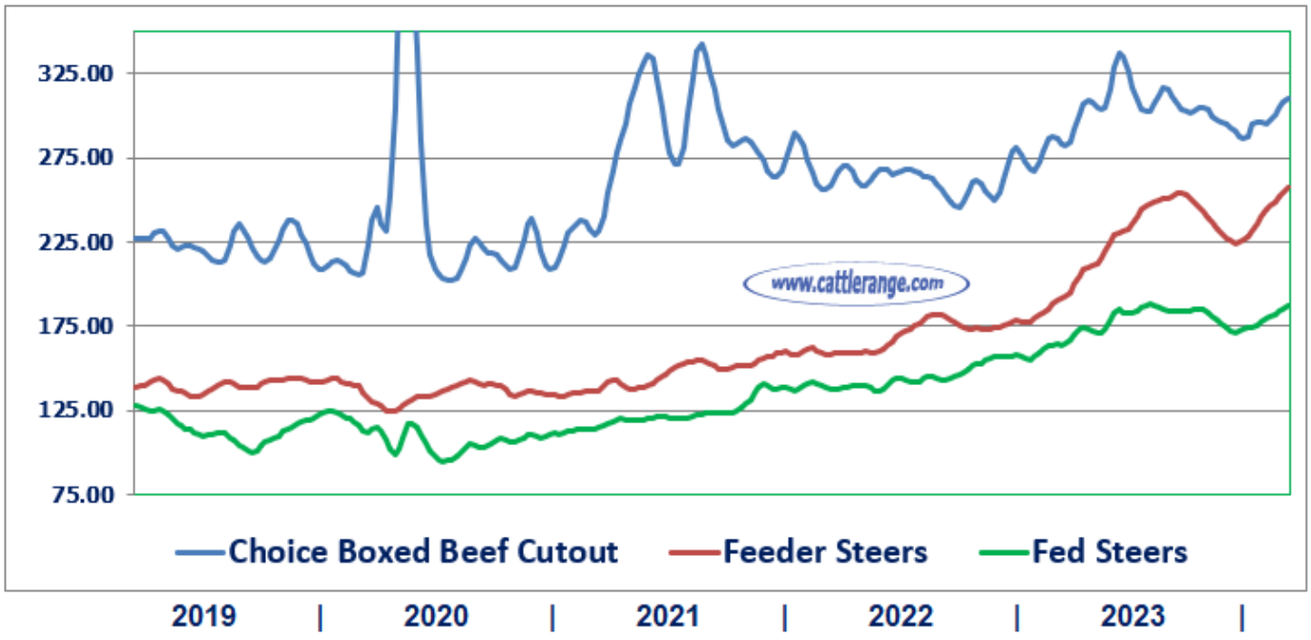
	Choice 600-900	Select 600-900
Current Cutout Values:	310.72	301.47
Change from prior day:	(3.01)	(2.26)
Choice/Select spread:	9.25	
Total Load Count (Cuts, Trimmings, Grinds):	85	

Composite Primal Values

Primal Rib	472.94	456.46
Primal Chuck	255.17	253.37
Primal Round	261.98	261.46
Primal Loin	420.28	390.02
Primal Brisket	243.45	238.58
Primal Short Plate	229.79	229.79
Primal Flank	150.31	148.82

Load Count And Cutout Value Summary For Prior 5 Days

Date	Choice	Select	Trim	Grinds	Total	Choice 600-900	Select 600-900
03/21	72	17	12	16	118	313.73	303.73
03/20	88	26	10	12	136	313.44	302.71
03/19	101	14	8	15	138	313.22	303.18
03/18	50	19	9	36	114	313.33	303.05
03/15	70	11	0	8	88	311.90	302.40
Current 5 Day Simple Average:						313.13	303.01



USDA National Steer & Heifer Estimated Grading Percent Report:

Released by USDA Market News Service on 3/21/24 for week ending 3/9/24

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	10.23%	19.42%	4.81%	10.01%	12.15%
Choice	74.54%	68.81%	66.51%	76.96%	77.40%
Select	12.20%	8.30%	26.69%	9.94%	6.42%
Other	3.02%	3.47%	1.98%	3.08%	4.02%

	Nebraska	Kansas	Texas
Prime	12.23%	7.14%	4.81%
Choice	75.71%	78.07%	66.56%
Select	7.69%	11.95%	26.69%
Other	4.37%	2.84%	1.94%

Last Week's Trade Data:

Beef:

Net sales of 11,000 MT for 2024--a marketing-year low--were down 2 percent from the previous week and 12 percent from the prior 4-week average. Increases were primarily for South Korea (4,300 MT, including decreases of 400 MT), China (2,100 MT, including decreases of 200 MT), Japan (2,000 MT, including decreases of 200 MT), Taiwan (700 MT, including decreases of 100 MT), and Mexico (400 MT, including decreases of 100 MT).

Exports of 14,400 MT were down 10 percent from the previous week and 9 percent from the prior 4-week average. The destinations were primarily to South Korea (3,900 MT), Japan (3,700 MT), China (2,700 MT), Mexico (1,500 MT), and Taiwan (900 MT).

Pork:

Net sales of 33,800 MT for 2024 were up 36 percent from the previous week and 10 percent from the prior 4-week average. Increases were primarily for Mexico (9,200 MT, including decreases of 500 MT), Canada (8,900 MT, including decreases of 600 MT), Japan (5,500 MT, including decreases of 400 MT), South Korea (1,900 MT, including decreases of 700 MT), and Vietnam (1,600 MT).

Exports of 32,100 MT were down 7 percent from the previous week and 6 percent from the prior 4-week average. The destinations were primarily to Mexico (11,200 MT), South Korea (5,000 MT), Japan (4,700 MT), China (3,000 MT), and Canada (1,900 MT).

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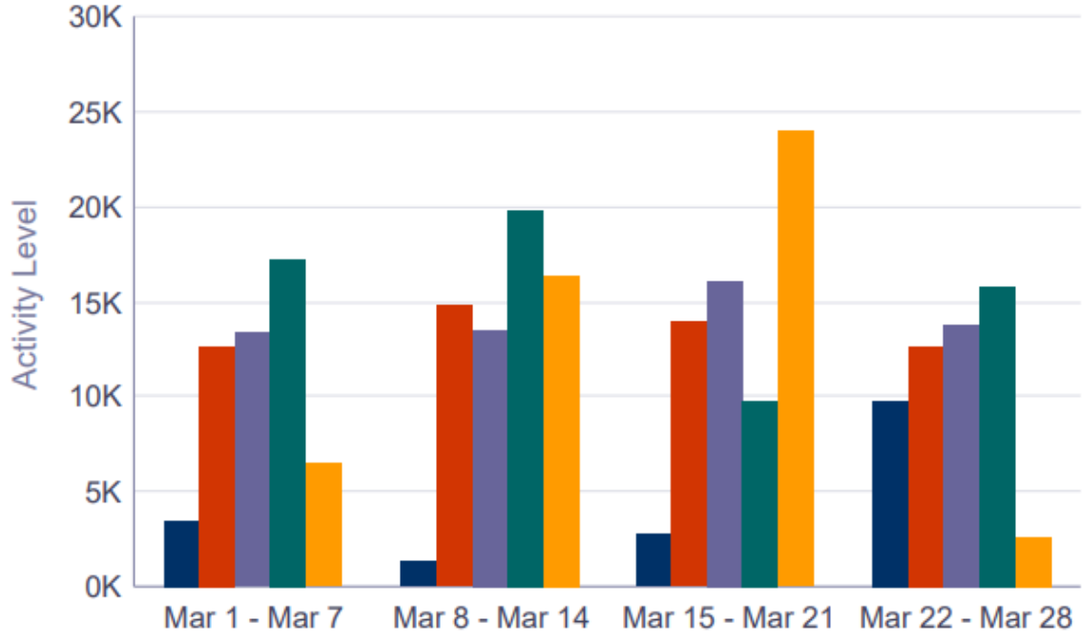
USDA National Retail Beef Report:

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

This week in beef retail the Feature Rate increased by 0.4 percent while the Special Rate decreased by 1.4 percent. The Activity Index decreased by 12.3 percent. Cuts from the brisket showed the most change this week as brisket ad space sharply decreased after the St. Patrick's Day holiday. Cuts from the rib, loin, and ground beef showed increases in ad space while cuts from the chuck and round showed less.

Activity Index: 2 Week Comparison



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Est. Weekly Meat Production Under Federal Inspection:

Total red meat production under Federal inspection for the week ending Saturday, March 23, 2024 was estimated at 1049.8 million lbs. according to the USDA Marketing Service. This was 1.3 percent higher than a week ago and 0.4 percent lower than a year ago. Cumulative meat production for the year to date was 1.7 percent lower compared to the previous year.

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1 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:

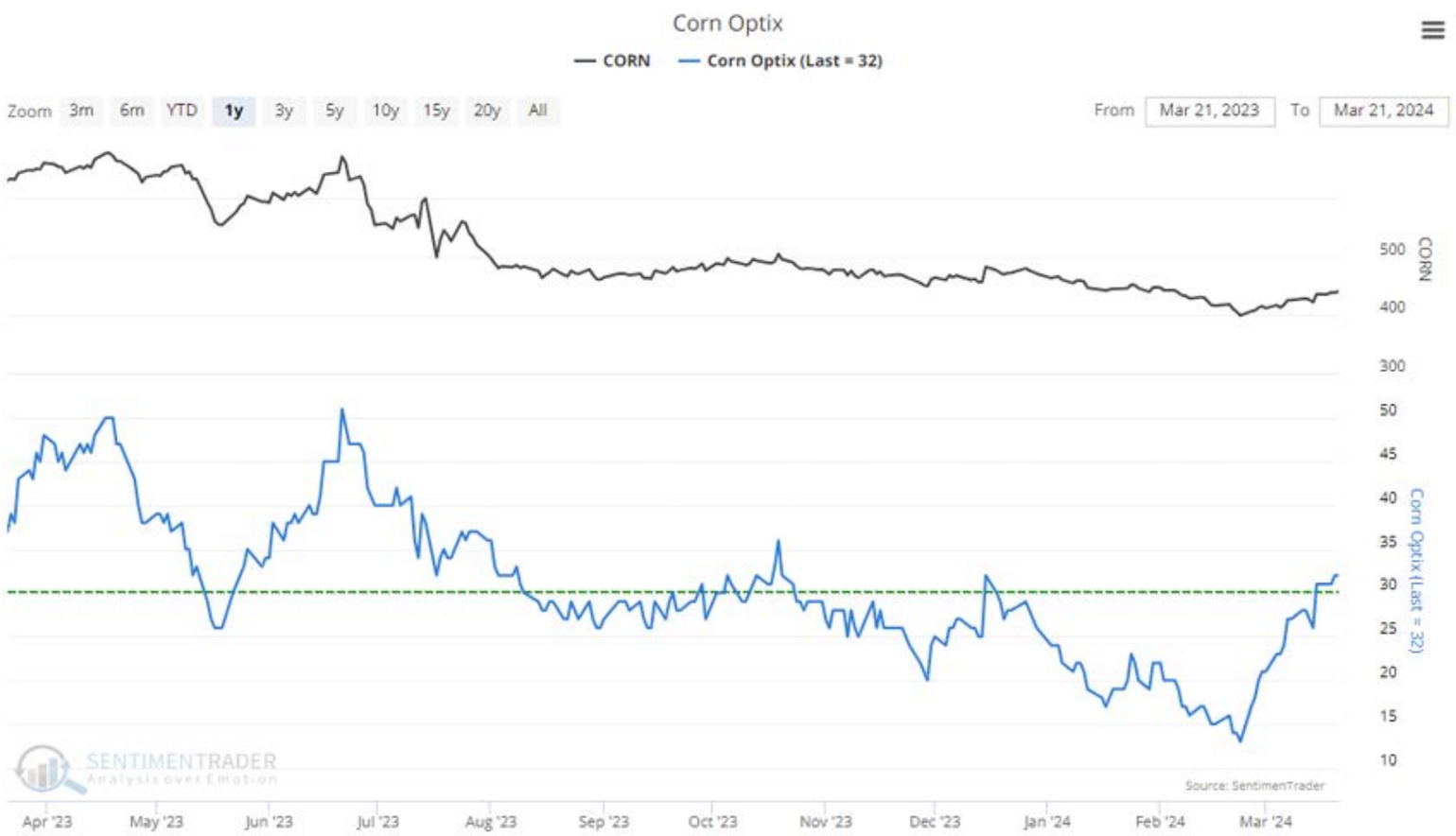
- When the public reaches a bullish extreme, i.e., a great majority thinks prices will keep rising, then prices often decline instead.
- And when they become too bearish, then prices tend to rise.

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: 1 Year Chart

Corn Bullish/Bearish Consensus: 1 Year Chart



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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

Stocks rise on dovish signals from Federal Reserve

Stocks moved higher for the week, pushing the S&P 500 Index and the Nasdaq Composite to new records, as investors welcomed news that Federal Reserve policymakers were still anticipating three interest rate cuts later in the year. Communication services led the gains along with technology shares. A late rise helped artificial intelligence chipmaker NVIDIA reach a record high on Friday and lift the company's market capitalization near USD 2.4 trillion. Reports that Apple might partner with Google parent Alphabet in offering generative artificial intelligence tools also boosted sentiment. Health care and real estate shares lagged. Trading the following week was scheduled to end on Thursday in observance of the Good Friday holiday.

The week's main driver of sentiment appeared to be the Fed's policy meeting concluding on Wednesday. As was widely anticipated, policymakers left the federal funds rate unchanged, but our traders noted that investors seemed to take heart from the quarterly release of the Fed's Summary of Economic Projections, which summarizes the outlook of individual committee members. The so-called dot plot showed that the median expectation for three rate cuts in 2024 remain unchanged, while the median expectations for interest rates in 2025 and 2026 went up by less than 25 basis points (0.25 percentage points), or by less than one cut.

Investors also appeared encouraged by Fed Chair Jerome Powell's post-meeting press conference, where he indicated that he was not overly concerned about the uptick in inflation data in January and February, chalking it up to seasonal noise. Powell also pushed back against worries over potential signs of cracks in the labor market, such as the unexpected increase in the unemployment rate in February.

U.S. Stocks:

Index	Friday's Close	Week's Change	% Change YTD
DJIA	39,475.90	761.13	4.74%

S&P 500	5,234.18	117.09	9.74%
Nasdaq Composite	16,428.82	455.64	9.44%
S&P MidCap 400	2,991.26	67.50	7.54%
Russell 2000	2,072.00	32.69	2.22%

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

17.78%
of the U.S. and 21.21% of the lower 48 states are in drought this week.
↓ 4.7% since last week
↑ 7.0% since last month

153.5 Million
acres of major crops in U.S. are experiencing drought conditions this week.
— 0.0% since last week
↑ 5.9% since last month

28.4 Million
people in the U.S. and 27.9 Million in the lower 48 states are affected by drought this week.
↓ 7.8% since last week
↑ 16.2% since last month

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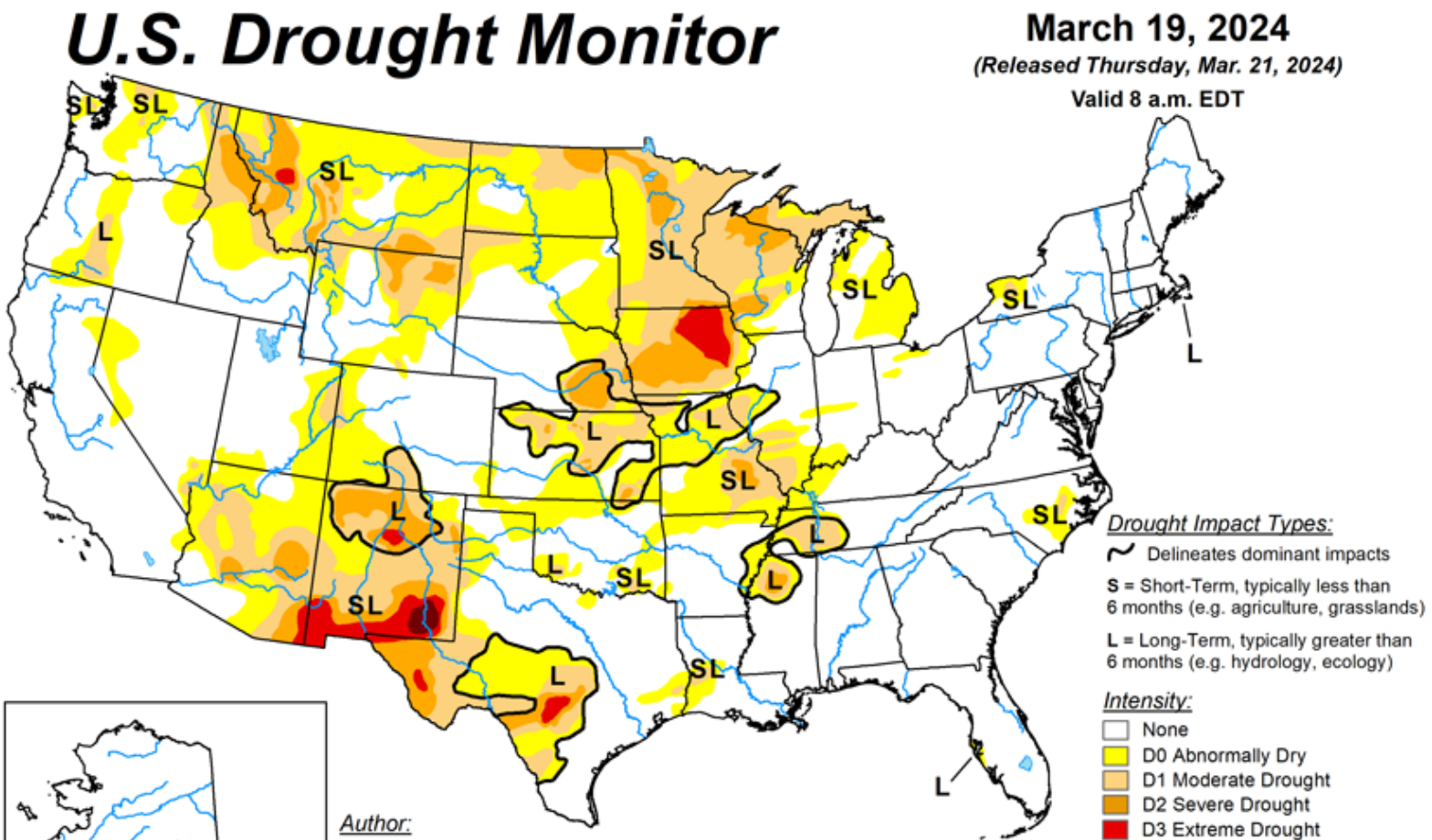
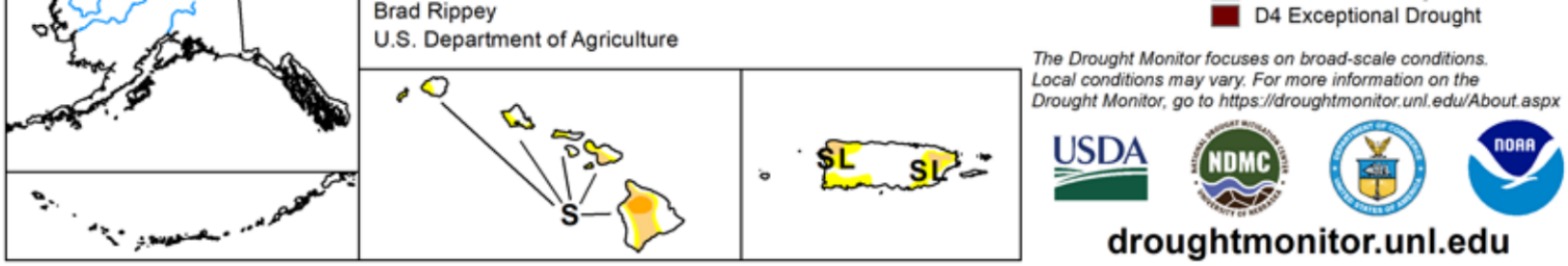
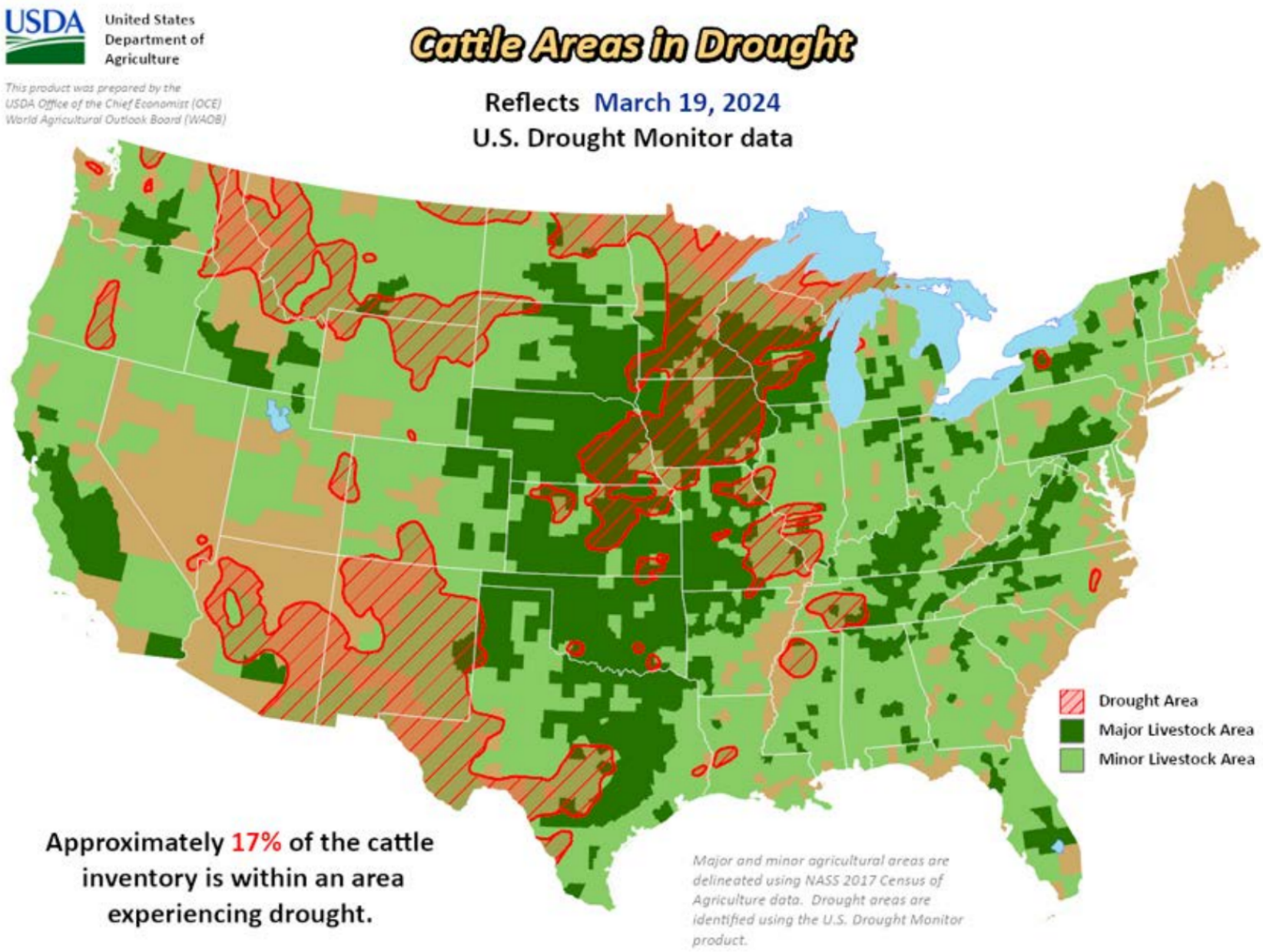
U.S. states are experiencing Moderate Drought (D1) or worse this week.
— No change since last week
— No change since last month







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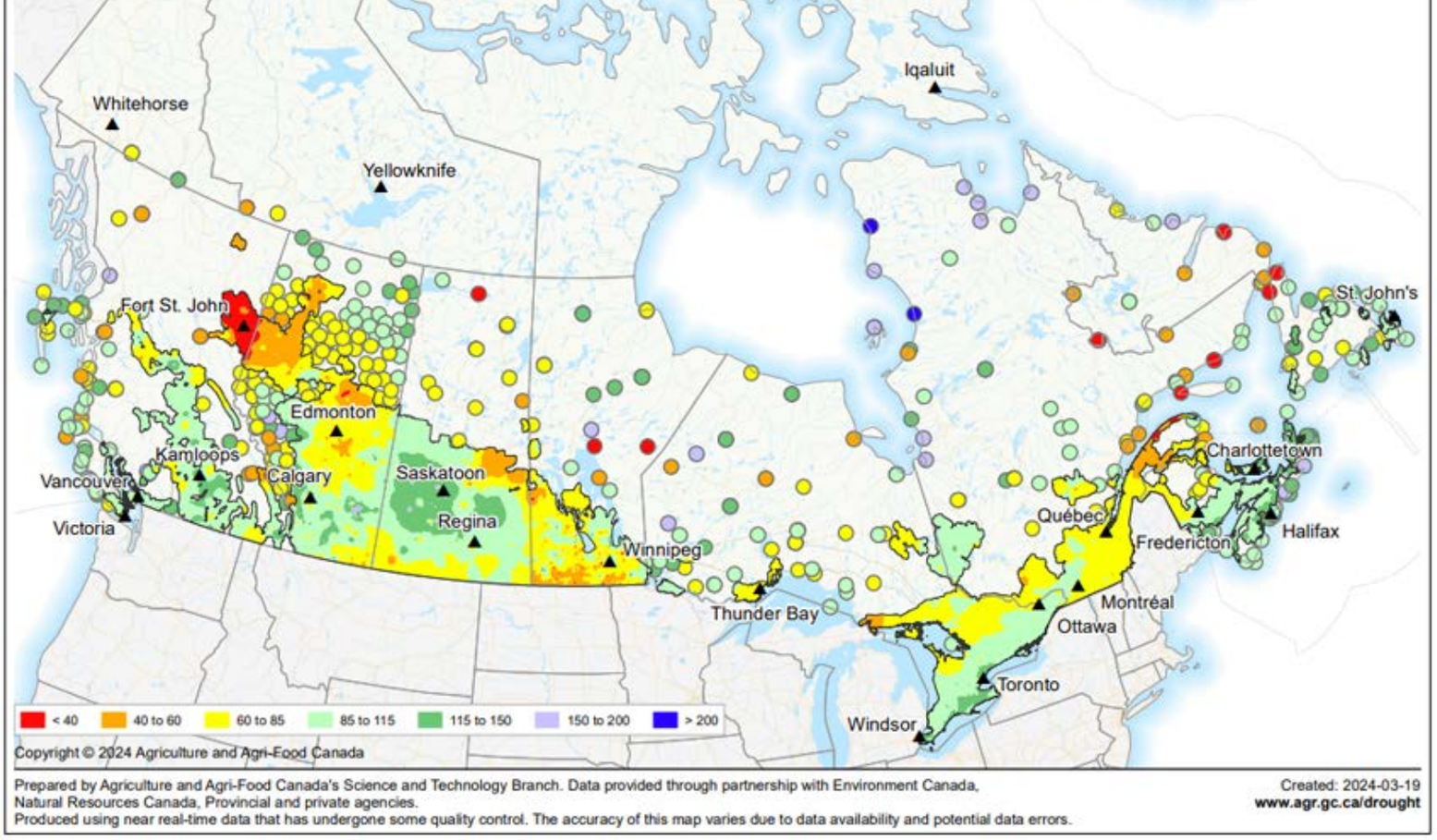
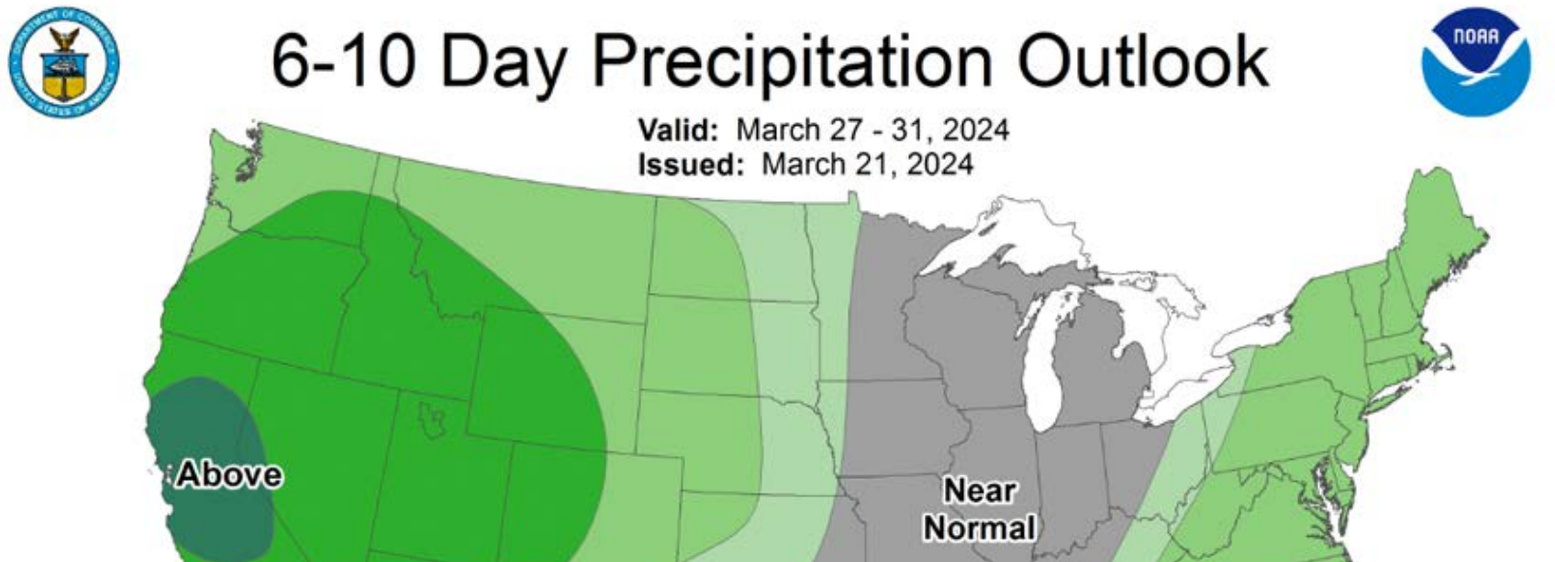


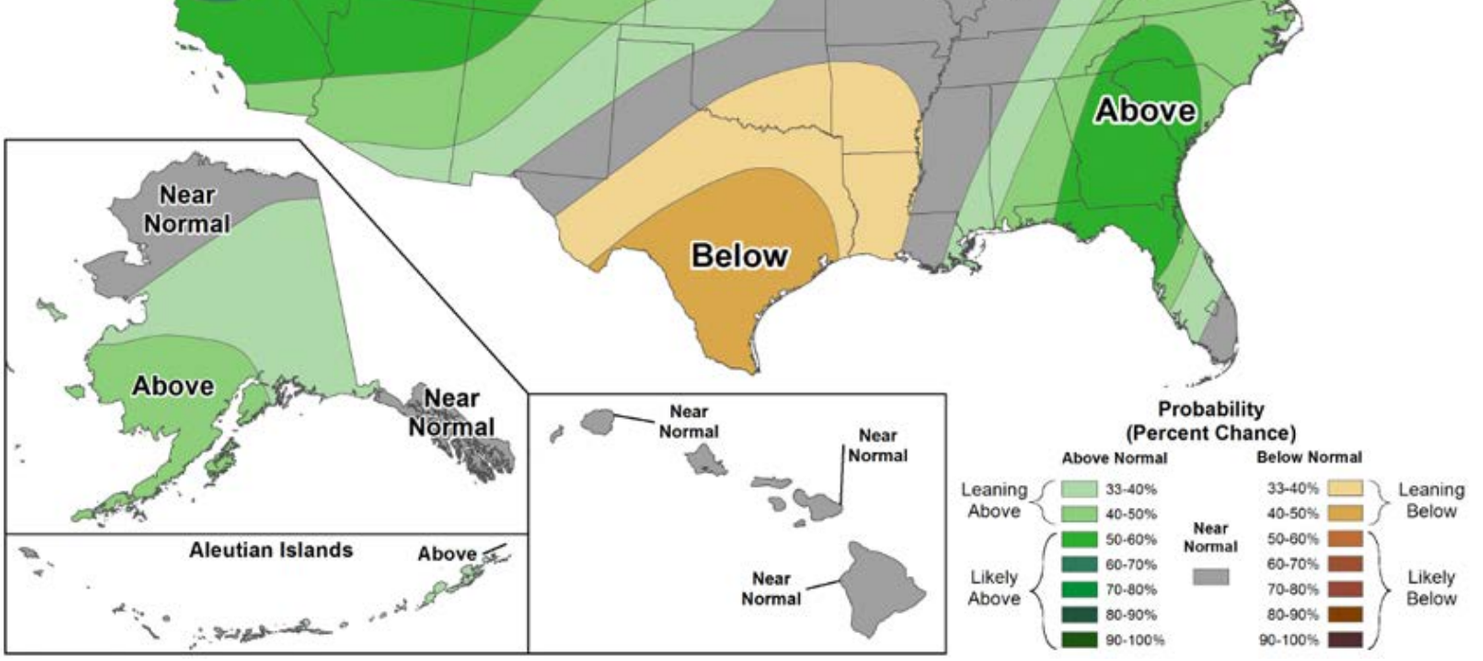
Looking ahead...

Back-to-back storms across the northern United States should produce significant snow from the northern Plains into the upper Great Lakes States. The second storm system, expected to reach peak intensity over the weekend or early next week, has the potential to double season-to-date snowfall totals in parts of the upper Midwest. In addition, wind-driven snow from both storms could complicate rural travel and lead to hardship for Northern cattle, especially newborns. Separately, a late-week storm will produce rain in the southern and eastern United States, with 1- to 3-inch totals possible in portions of the Gulf and Atlantic Coast States. Elsewhere, cool, unsettled weather will return across the West, especially from northern and central California and the Pacific Northwest to the northern Rockies.

The NWS 6- to 10-day outlook for March 26 – 30 calls for near- or above-normal temperatures in the East, while colder-than-normal conditions will stretch from the Pacific Coast to Mississippi Valley. Meanwhile, wetter-than-normal weather will cover the entire country, except the south-central United States, with the greatest likelihood of wet conditions focused across the West and the Southeast.

Precipitation & Temperature Outlooks:





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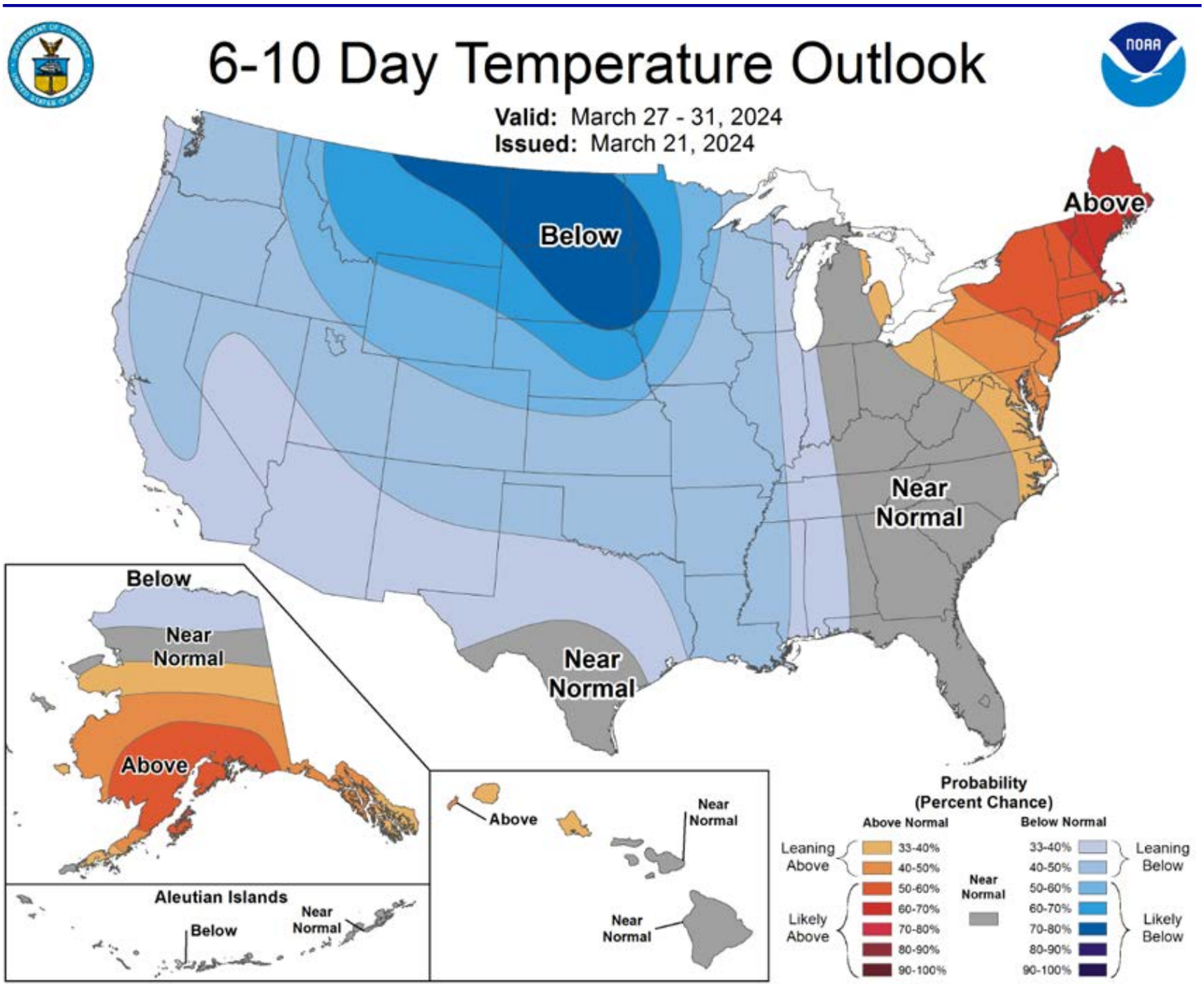

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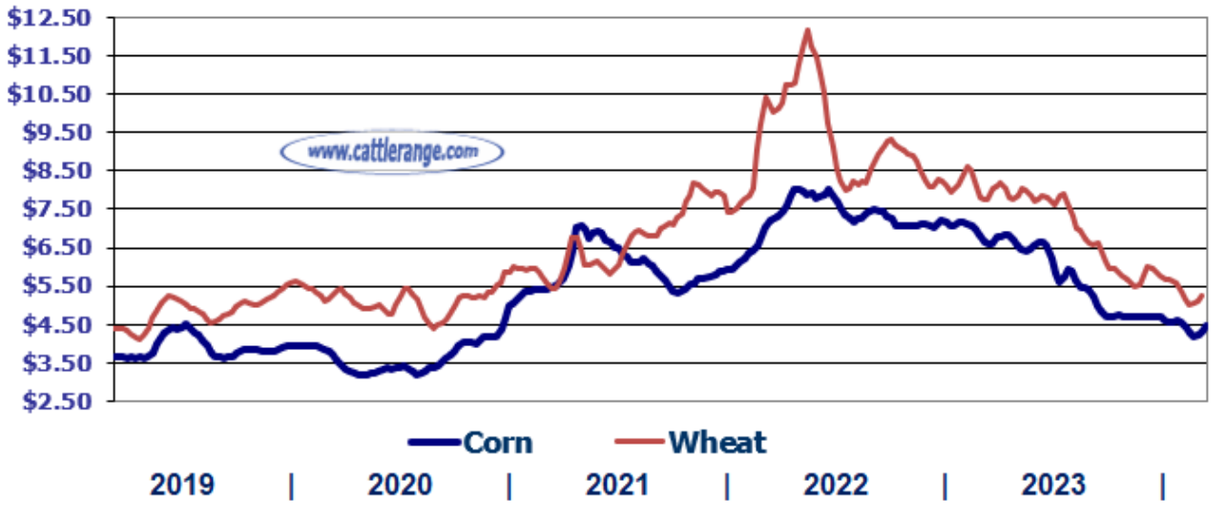
Weekly Grain Market Review:

Grain Prices	This Week	Last Week	1 Month Ago	1 Year Ago	5 Yr. Avg.
Omaha Corn	4.53	4.43	4.12	6.72	5.34
Kansas City Wheat	5.35	5.10	5.03	7.94	6.60
May Corn Futures	4.3925	4.3675	3.9975	6.4300	5.1658
May Wheat Futures	5.5475	5.2850	5.7350	6.8850	6.6164

5 Year Moving Average - Corn & Wheat



Last Week's Corn Trade Data:

Net sales of 1,185,800 MT for 2023/2024 were down 8 percent from the previous week, but up 10 percent from the prior 4-week average. Increases primarily for Japan (545,600 MT, including 179,400 MT switched from unknown destinations and decreases of 81,200 MT), Mexico (246,000 MT, including decreases of 24,800 MT and 81,200 MT - late), South Korea (133,000 MT, including 130,000 MT switched from unknown destinations and decreases of 1,700 MT), Taiwan (101,400 MT), and Colombia (88,500 MT, including 41,000 MT switched from unknown destinations and decreases of 4,500 MT), were offset by reductions for unknown destinations (132,300 MT) and Costa Rica (1,500 MT).

Exports of 1,528,500 MT--a marketing-year high--were up 21 percent from the previous week and 31 percent from the prior 4-week average. The destinations were primarily to Mexico (761,900 MT, including 81,200 MT - late), Japan (209,600 MT), Taiwan (145,300 MT), South Korea (133,900 MT), and Colombia (94,300 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:
Last Reported:
Last Year:
No sale reported.

Ft. Pierre Livestock Auction - Ft. Pierre SD
This Week: 4,448
Last Reported: 5,151
Last Year: 5,007
Compared to last week best test on steers from 550 lbs to 599 lbs were 6.00 to 8.00 higher, steers from 600 lbs to 649 lbs and from 700 lbs to 749 lbs were steady to 2.00 lower, steers from 750 lbs to 799 lbs were 2.00 to 4.00 higher, heifers from 600 lbs to 699 lbs were steady to 1.00 lower, heifers from 750 lbs to

799 lbs were 2.00 to 4.00 higher, no other comparisons available.

Lexington Livestock Market - Lexington, NE
This Week: 2,294
Last Reported: 1,613
Last Year: 1,864
Compared to last week steers over 750 lbs sold steady to 6.00 higher. Heifers under 600 lbs sold 4.00 lower and heifers over 600 lbs sold steady to 3.00 higher. Demand was good from the buyers in the crowd with internet activity noticed.

Torrington Livestock Commission - Torrington WY
This Week: 490
Last Reported: 501
Last Year: 824
Compared to last week; slaughter and feeder cows traded sharply higher on all classes. Slaughter bulls followed the same trend at sharply higher. A very active market today on all classes of slaughter and feeder cows and bulls.

Cattleman's Livestock Auction - Belen NM
This Week: 730
Last Reported: 692
Last Year: 898
Compared to last week: Steer and heifer calves sold 15.00-20.00 lower. Feeder steers sold steady while feeder heifers sold 12.00-16.00 lower. Slaughter cows sold 3.00-5.00 higher and slaughter bulls sold 8.00-10.00 higher. Trade and demand good.

Santa Teresa Livestock Auction (Imported Mexican Cattle) - Santa Teresa NM
This Week: 1,202
Last Reported: 843
Last Year: 613
Compared with last week, steer calves sold 3.00-5.00 higher with the exception of 450 lbs steer calves, they sold 5.00 lower. Spayed heifers sold 5.00-10.00 higher. Trade active, demand good. Bulk of supply consisted of steers and spayed heifers weighing 300-700 lbs. All cattle sold were of Mexican Origin.

Eastern MO Commission Company - Bowling Green, MO
This Week: 679
Last Reported: 1,960
Last Year: 923
Compared to last week, a very light run of feeders this week were not well tested selling in small packages and singles. Several small consignments of bred cows, heifers and pairs were in the offering with a couple packages of good quality bred heifers selling with good demand and several small lots and packages of pairs mostly 4-7 yrs with 150-300 lb calves selling with moderate to good demand. Slaughter steers and heifers sold steady to 1.00 higher.

Smith County Commission - Carthage TN
This Week: 939
Last Reported: 612
Last Year: 834
Compared to last week, Feeder Steers 10.00-20.00 higher; Feeder Bulls 4.00-8.00 higher; Feeder Heifers 3.00-8.00 higher; Slaughter Cows 3.00-8.00 higher; Slaughter Bulls 5.00 higher.

Carolina Stockyards – Livestock Auction – Siler City, NC
This Week: 1,486
Last Reported: 1,089
Last Year: 1,154
Slaughter cattle were 3.00 higher this week compared to last week . Feeder cattle were 3.00 to 6.00 higher this week compared to last week. Demand was good ; market activity and buyer interest active . Offerings were heavy with quality average.

Monday Auctions:

Sioux Falls Regional Livestock Report - Worthing SD
This Week: 5,116
Last Reported: 3,542
Last Year: 4,466
Compared to the sale last week: Feeder steers under 550 lbs sharply higher, over 550 lbs 5.00 to 10.00 higher, instances of 15.00 to 20.00 on 550-600 lbs and 750-800 lbs. Feeder heifers under 650 lbs 5.00 to 10.00 higher, instances to 20.00, 650-700 lbs steady to 2.00 higher, over 750 lbs 3.00 to 6.00 higher instances to 20.00 higher on 750-800 lbs.

Tri-State Livestock Auction Market - McCook NE
This Week: 1,586
Last Reported: 1,065
Last Year: 1,264
Not enough for a comparison. Demand was moderate to good.

Roswell Livestock Auction - Roswell NM
This Week: 799
Last Reported: 1,637
Last Year: 1,397
Compared to last week; Steer calves 300-350 lbs were 13.00 higher and 350-450 lbs sold 5.00 higher while 450-550 lbs were 13.00 higherand 550-600 lbs sold sharply higher. Feeder steers had insufficient numbers today to compare. Heifer calves 300-350 lbs sold 15.00 higher and 350-450 lbs were steady to 3.00 higher while 450-500 lbs sold sharply lower and 500-600 lbs were steady. Feeder heifers had insufficient numbers today to compare.

Oklahoma National Stockyards Feeder Cattle - Oklahoma City OK
This Week: 6,300
Last Reported: 6,503
Last Year: 5,671
Compared to last week: Feeder steers 2.00-6.00 higher, over 900 lbs mostly steady. Feeder heifers steady to 5.00 higher. Stocker cattle and calves 5.00-15.00 higher, those with flesh conditions suitable for grass selling 30.00 plus higher. Demand moderate to good for feeder cattle; extremely good for stockers and calves.

Joplin Reg. Stockyards Feeder Cattle - Carthage MO
This Week: 9,331
Last Reported: 8,011
Last Year: 7,683
Compared to last week feeder steers sold steady to 8.00 higher with some heavy 4 weight steers selling 25.00 higher. Feeder heifers sold from 5.00 lower to 3.00 higher. Supply was heavy with very good demand.

Callaway Livestock Center - Kingdom City MO
This Week: 3,087
Last Reported: 1,248
Last Year: 2,654
Compared to last week's lighter offering, steer calves weighing 400-500 lbs sold 5.00-15.00 higher, spots 20.00 higher on the 400-450 lbs steers, 500-600 lbs sold steady to firm, with 600-750 lbs selling 5.00-10.00 higher and seven pot loads of yearling steers weighing over 800 lbs sold with a firm to higher undertone. Feeder heifers weighing 400-550 lbs sold steady to firm, with 550-600 lbs trading 5.00-10.00 higher and over 600 lbs sold with a higher undertone.

Mid-South Livestock - Unionville TN
This Week: 786
Last Reported: 724
Last Year: 683
Compared to last week, Feeder Steers under 550 lbs. 2.00-10.00 higher, over 550 lbs. 2.00-5.00 lower; Feeder Bulls 10.00-15.00 higher; Feeder Heifers 5.00-15.00 higher; Slaughter Cows 10.00 higher with lean cows being steady to 2.00 higher; Slaughter Bulls 3.00-5.00 higher with higher dressing bulls being 10.00 higher.

United Producers Inc. - Harned KY
This Week: 1,049
Last Reported: 793
Last Year: 928
Compared to last week: Feeder steers and feeder heifers under 600 lbs sold 2.00 to 4.00 higher. Feeder steers and heifers over 600 lbs sold steady to firm. Slaughter cows sold steady and slaughter bulls sold 3.00 to 5.00 higher.

Blue Grass South Livestock Market - Stanford KY
This Week: 266
Last Reported: 191
Last Year: 285
Compared to last Monday: Feeder steers were 5.00 to 8.00 higher. Feeder heifers under 700 pounds were 6.00 to 10.00 higher, over 700 pounds were mostly steady. There was good demand for all feeder classes. Slaughter cows and bulls were mostly steady to 2.00 higher. There was good demand for slaughter classes.

Tuesday Auctions:

Lonestar Stockyards - Wildorado, TX
This Week: 1,026
Last Reported: 1,384
Last Year: 820
Compared to last week: Feeder steers traded mostly steady to weak on steers over 800 pounds, not enough comparable sales on lighter weights. Feeder heifers traded mostly 5.00 higher on comparable sales. Steer and heifer calves were too lightly tested last week for a market trend but a sharply higher undertone was noted, especially on 500 to 600 pound calves suitable for grass. Slaughter cows traded mostly 8.00 to 10.00 higher on a light test.

Winter Livestock Auction - Riverton, WY
This Week: 810
Last Reported: 417
Last Year: 963
Compared to last Tuesday, on a special feeder calf sale; slaughter cows steady instances 10.00 higher on individual, slaughter bulls firm instances 14.00-18.00 higher, with feeder cows firm. Feeder calves compared to two weeks ago; feeder steers 12.00-19.00 higher, instances 23.00, weighing between 500-750 lb, heifers unevenly steady with most advances on 600 lb replacement quality heifer calves .

Miles City Livestock Commission Auction - Miles City, MT
This Week: 2,234
Last Reported: 855
Last Year: 1,454
Compared to last sale: Feeder steers and heifers were too lightly tested last week to develop a full market trend, however higher undertones were noticed. Demand was good to very good and quality this week was mostly average to attractive. Average quality calves sold on good demand, much like last week. Most cattle were long weaned from 45-100 days. Market activity was active to very active this week.

Winter Livestock - La Junta CO
This Week: 1,309
Last Reported: 7,180
Last Year: 1,331
Trade activity and demand was moderate. Feeder steers under 650lbs sold 5.00 to 9.00 lower with instances of sharply lower. Feeder steers over 650lbs sold unevenly steady. Feeder heifers under 450lbs sold mostly sharply lower while heifers over 450lbs sold unevenly steady. Slaughter cows had a higher trend across all weight classes and slaughter bulls saw the same higher trend.

OKC West Livestock Auction - El Reno, OK
This Week: 2,000
Last Reported: 9,127
Last Year: 6,121
Compared to last week: Steer and heifer calves sold 2.00 to 7.00 higher. Trade activity was fairly active on moderate to good demand.

Ozarks Regional Stockyards - West Plains MO
This Week: 2,109
Last Reported: 2,345
Last Year: 2,279
Compared to last week, feeder steers and heifers were steady. Steer and heifer calves were steady to 5.00 higher. Demand was good on a light supply. The quality of offering was average, consisting of mostly small drafts. Six-weight steers broke the 3.00 mark last week, with several packages selling above 3.00 this week.

Mid-State Stockyards LLP - Letohatchee, AL
This Week: 1,267
Last Reported: 1,392
Last Year: 1,506
Compared to one week ago: Slaughter cows and bulls sold 4.00 to 8.00 higher. Replacement cows sold steady. Feeder cattle sold sharply higher.

Calhoun Stockyard - Calhoun, GA
This Week: 459
Last Reported: 394
Last Year: 421
Compared to one week ago, slaughter cows steady to 3.00 higher, slaughter bulls mostly steady, feeder steers and steer calves steady to 3.00 higher, feeder bulls 2.00 to 5.00 higher, feeder heifers lightly tested, bull calves steady to 3.00 higher, heifer calves unevenly steady, replacement cows mostly steady.

Blue Grass Stockyards - Lexington, KY
This Week: 1,140
Last Reported: 1,117
Last Year: 784
Compared to last Tuesday feeder steers and heifers sold 5.00 to 10.00 higher on weaned 400-600 lb packages with very good demand; others steady on similar quality. Yearling steers and heifers sold 5.00 to 10.00 higher with very good demand. Slaughter cows and slaughter bulls sold 3.00 to 5.00 higher with very good demand.

Wednesday Auctions:

Hub City Livestock Auction - Aberdeen SD
This Week: 7,268
Last Reported: 7,289
Last Year: 5,242
Compared to last week: steers 600 to 699 lbs 4.00 to 9.00 higher, 700 to 999 lbs mostly steady with instances up to 3.00 higher on 850 to 899 lbs. Heifers 600 to 649 lbs and 700 to 749 lbs mostly steady, 650 to 699 lbs steady to 2.00 higher. Very good demand for another large offering.

Bassett Livestock Auction - Bassett NE
This Week:
Last Reported:
Last Year:
Next Auction Date April 3rd - Back to Grass feeder Auction

Huss Platte Valley Auction - Kearney NE
This Week: 3,019
Last Reported: 4,258
Last Year: 2,524
Compared to last week steers 500-800 lbs sold steady to 5.00 higher and heifers 500-700 lbs sold 6.00 to 12.00 higher with heifers over 700 lbs selling uneven from 3.00 lower to 3.00 higher. Demand was good from the buyers in the crowd with internet activity noticed.

OKC West - El Reno OK
This Week: 5,873
Last Reported: 9,127
Last Year: 6,121
Compared to last week: Feeder steers sold 2.00-6.00 higher. Feeder heifers traded steady to 5.00 higher. Demand remains good for feeders. Steer and heifer calves sold 2.00 to 7.00 higher. Trade activity was fairly active on moderate to good demand.

Clovis Livestock Auction - Clovis, NM
This Week: 1,083
Last Reported: 1,938
Last Year: 1,631
Compared to last weeks sale; Steer calves 350-400 lbs sold 2.00 higher and 400-450 lbs were 15.00 higher while 450-500 lbs sold 8.00 lower and 500-600 lbs were 17.00 higher. Feeder steers 600-700 lbs sold 11.00 higher and 750-800 lbs were 5.00 lower. Heifer calves 350-450 lbs were 2.00-10.00 higher and 450-550 lbs sold sharply lower on lower numbers while 550-600 lbs were sharply higher. Feeder heifers 600-650 lbs sold 14.00 higher while 650-850 lbs were steady to 4.00 higher.

Winter Livestock Feeder Cattle Auction - Dodge City KS
This Week: 2,618
Last Reported: 4,018
Last Year: 3,993
Compared to last week, feeder steers 500 lb to 950 lb sold unevenly steady. Steer calves 400 lb to 500 lb sold 10.00 to 12.00 higher. Feeder heifers 400 lb to 900 lb sold 6.00 to 10.00 higher, in places 15.00 higher. Demand was good. Slaughter cows sold 3.00 to 4.00 higher. Slaughter bulls sold 8.00 to 10.00 higher.

Bloomfield Livestock Market - Bloomfield, IA
This Week:
Last Reported:
Last Year:
No sale report.

Springfield Livestock Auction - Springfield MO
This Week: 929
Last Reported: 1,408
Last Year: 976
Compared to last week, steers and heifers sold mostly 2.00 to 8.00 higher with spots of steers up to 12.00 higher. Demand was very good on a light supply.

South Central Regional Stockyards - Vienna, MO
This Week: 951
Last Reported: 612
Last Year: 394
Compared to last Wednesday, feeder steers mostly steady except some light grazing steers 450-525 lbs 10.00-15.00 lower. Feeder heifers under 450 lbs 10.00-15.00 higher, over 450 lbs steady to 4.00 higher. Slaughter cows 5.00-8.00 higher. Demand good to very good. Supply light.

Roanoke Stockyard - Roanoke AL
This Week: 748
Last Reported: 911
Last Year: 1,083
Compared to one week ago: Feeder steers and bulls sold 8.00 to 10.00 higher, feeder heifers sold 6.00 to 8.00 higher. Slaughter cows sold 2.00 to 6.00 higher, slaughter bulls sold steady. Replacement cows and pairs sold mostly steady.

Blue Grass Stockyards - Albany KY
This Week: 802
Last Reported: 550
Last Year: 767
Compared to last week: Feeder steers under 400lbs sold 6.00 to 10.00 higher. Feeder steers over 400lbs sold Steady. Feeder heifers under 600lbs sold 3.00 to 5.00 higher. Feeder heifers over 600lbs sold mostly steady. Slaughter cows and bulls sold 2.00 to 4.00 higher.

Thursday Auctions:

Billings Livestock Commission Cattle Auction - Billings, MT
This Week:
Last Reported:
Last Year:
No sale report.

Mitchell Livestock Auction – Mitchell SD
This Week: 2,549
Last Reported: 4,060
Last Year: 4,503
Compared to last week: Feeder steers 800-950 lbs. sold 2.00-5.00 lower, feeder heifers 800-900 lbs. sold steady to 4.00 lower. Demand was good. Few load lots today.

Valentine Livestock Auction - Valentine NE
This Week: 2,410
Last Reported: 835
Last Year: 3,225
Compared with two weeks ago, 550 to 750 lbs steers traded 4.00 to as much as 26.00 higher, heifer offerings 550 to 650 lbs traded 11.00 higher. Demand was good with active internet bidding.

Apache Livestock Auction - Apache, OK
This Week: 1,697
Last Reported: 2,276
Last Year: 1,542
Compared to last week: Feeder steers under 700 lbs. 4.00 to 7.00 lower, over 700 lbs. 2.00 to 7.00 higher. Feeder heifers 2.00 to 7.00 higher. Steer and heifer calves 7.00 to 9.00 lower. Quality good to attractive with good demand. Slaughter cows and bulls 7.00 to 8.00 higher.

Woodward Wtd Avg Cattle - Woodward OK
This Week: 1,555

Last Reported: 2,914
Last Year: 1,925
Compared to last week: Feeder steers and heifers steady to 5.00 lower. Steer calves 8.oo to 12.00 lower. Heifer calves 5.00 to 10.00 lower. Demand was moderate. Quality plain to average.

Winter Livestock Auction - Pratt KS
This Week: 4,360
Last Reported: 4,782
Last Year: 2,833
Compared to last week, feeder steers and heifers 700 lb to 950 lb sold 3.00 to 7.00 higher. No recent comparison on steers and heifers 400 lb to 700 lb , however a higher trend was noted. Demand was good. Slaughter cows and bulls sold steady to 2.00 higher.

Farmers & Ranchers Livestock - Salina KS
This Week: 4,535
Last Reported: 2,888
Last Year: 5,058
Really nice cattle today. Compared to last week 500 to 800 lb steers sold steady to 3.00 higher and 800 to 900 lb feeders sold 1.00 to 2.00 higher. 500 to 800 lb heifers sold 4.00 to 7.00 higher and 800 to 900 lb feeder heifers sold 5.00 to 7.00 higher.

Cattleman's Livestock Auction - Dalhart TX
This Week: 2,950
Last Reported: 3,205
Last Year: 3,538
Compared to two weeks ago: Feeder steers and heifers traded 2.00 to 3.00 higher. Steer and heifer calves traded mostly 8.00 to 10.00 higher, with instances of up to 20.00 higher on calves over 450 pounds suitable for summer grazing. Trading activity was active on good buyer demand. Slaughter cows and bulls traded 10.00 to 15.00 higher.

Tulia Livestock Auction - Tulia, TX
This Week: 1,338
Last Reported: 1,553
Last Year: 1,572
Compared to last week: Steers and heifers over 750 lbs sold steady to 4.00 lower. Steers and heifers under 750 lbs steady to 4.00 higher. Trade activity was moderate on moderate to good demand. Slaughter cows and bulls were 2.00 to 5.00 higher.

New Cambria Livestock Market - New Cambria, MO
This Week: 1,865
Last Reported: 657
Last Year: 290
Compared to the last sale two weeks ago, steers sold sharply higher, mostly 15.00 to 18.00 higher. Heifers 1.00 to 5.00 higher except some 650-700 lb heifers traded as much as 15.00 higher. Slaughter cows 6.00 to 7.00 higher. Different offering here than in recent weeks with the bulk of the cattle on offer weighing over 600 lbs.

Toppenish Livestock Auction - Toppenish, WA
This Week: 1,530
Last Reported: 2,700
Last Year: 2,938
Compared to last Thursday, stocker and feeder cattle steady in a light test. Slaughter cows 4.00-5.00 lower. Slaughter bulls steady. Trade active with good demand,

Bluegrass Stockyards South - Stanford KY
This Week: 2,022

Last Reported: 2,017
Last Year: 1,656
Compared to last Thursday: Feeder and yearling steers steady, Feeder and yearling heifers 2.00-3.00 higher, Good demand for feeder and yearling classes. Slaughter cows steady, Slaughter bulls 2.00-4.00 higher, Good demand for slaughter classes.

Paris Stockyards - Paris KY
This Week: 2,482
Last Reported: 3,210
Last Year: 1,833
Compared to last Thursday the feeder market was mostly steady, but stronger in a few spots with most of the gains seen in the weaned and value added packages. Good quality 300-450 lbs steers were steady to 3.00 higher, and the 500-650 lbs steers were 3.00 to 8.00 higher with strong demand, while yearling steers were steady to 3.00 higher with a good supply. Feeder heifers were mostly steady to 2.00 higher with a good supply and good demand, however the 550-600 lbs heifers were noted as 3.00 to 5.00 lower.

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Colorado Direct Cattle Report
This Week: 6,425
Last Reported: 3,989
Last Year: 1,815
Compared to last week: Feeder steers and heifers traded 1.00-3.00 higher. Demand good to very good. Supply included: 100% Feeder Cattle (32.1% Steers, 3.1% Dairy Steers, 61.6% Heifers, 3.1% Dairy Heifers). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 93%. 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 CO, OK, TX, UT.

Eastern Cornbelt Direct Cattle Report (IL/IN/MI/MN/OH/KY)
This Week: 760
Last Reported: 1,090
Last Year: 456
Compared to last week: Not enough comparable Current FOB trades this week for a trend. Demand good. Supply included: 100% Feeder Cattle (9.9% Dairy Steers, 79.6% Heifers, 10.5% Dairy Heifers). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 100%. Unless otherwise noted, Feeder Cattle prices FOB based on net weights after a 0% shrink or equivalent, with a 0 cent slide > 600 lbs. Livestock reported this week originated from IN, KY.

Kansas Direct Feeder Cattle Report
This Week: 2,846
Last Reported: 5,208
Last Year: 4,038
Compared to last week: Feeder steers and heifers traded mostly firm to 3.00 higher. Buyer demand was good. Supply included: 100% Feeder Cattle (32.8% Steers, 11.1% Dairy Steers, 48.1% Heifers, 8.1% Dairy 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. Livestock reported this week originated from CO, KS, OK, TN, 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:
Last Reported:
Last Year:
Compared to last week: No trades this week for a trend

New Mexico Direct Cattle Report
This Week: 1,482
Last Reported: 581
Last Year: 5,518
Compared to last week: Feeder steers traded 3.00 higher. Feeder heifers traded 5.00 to 7.00 higher. Trading activity was active on good buyer demand. Supply included: 100% Feeder Cattle (44.9% Steers, 14.2% Dairy Steers, 26.8% Heifers, 14.2% Dairy Heifers). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 71%. 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 20 cent slide < 600 lbs.Livestock reported this week originated from NM.

Northwest Direct Cattle Report (WA/OR/ID/UT)
This Week: 4,783
Last Reported:
Last Year: 220
Compared to last week: No trades last week for a trend. Demand good. Supply included: 100% Feeder Cattle (40.6% Steers, 59.4% 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: 3,499
Last Reported: 4,391
Last Year: 3,141
Compared to last week: Feeder steers and heifers traded mostly steady to 1.00 higher. Demand remains good. Supply included: 100% Feeder Cattle (58.9% Steers, 41.1% 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 up to a 15 cent slide > 600 lbs. Livestock reported this week originated from AR, OK.

Southeast Direct Cattle Report (AL/AR/FL/GA/LA/MS/TN)
This Week: 1,303
Last Reported: 1,443
Last Year: 930
Compared to last week: Not enough comparable sales of current FOB steers or heifers for a market trend. Trade activity and demand were moderate. Supply included: 100% Feeder Cattle (49.3% Steers, 50.7% Heifers). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 34%. 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 AL, AR, FL, MS, TN.

Southwest Direct Cattle Report (AZ/CA/NV)
This Week: 120
Last Reported: 400
Last Year:
Compared to last week, feeders were not well tested. Trade very slow, demand very light. Supply included: 100% Feeder Cattle (100% 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: 19,855
Last Reported: 15,817
Last Year: 10,922
Compared to last week: Current FOB steers and heifers were unevenly steady. Trade was fairly active on good demand. Supply included: 100% Feeder Cattle (39.8% Steers, 2.6% Dairy Steers, 54.4% Heifers, 3.2% Dairy Heifers). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 84%. 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 AL, AZ, FL, IA, ID, IN, KS, KY, MS, NE, NM, OK, TX, UT.

Wyoming-Nebraska Direct Cattle Report
This Week: 753
Last Reported: 235
Last Year: 68
No comparable sales from last week for a market comparison. Demand was good. Nebraska feedlots would of hit a new time high on the dressed sales as the bulk of the sales traded at 302.00 to 302.50. Bulk of the live sales traded at 190.00. Supply included: 100% Feeder Cattle (48.2% Steers, 51.8% 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 KS, NE.

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