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# **Weekly Market Summary**

For the week ending July 28, 2023

**For the week**, extremely light fed cattle trade in the Southern Plains was steady to weak with trade in the North steady. Feeder cattle traded 0.69 higher with stocker calves steady. Live cattle futures and feeder futures were both lower. The dressed beef cutouts were mixed with corn closing lower.

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

10 Day Index Trendline

60 Day Index Trendline

Change from Previous Day: +1.28% Change from 10 Days Ago: -2.55% Change from 60 Days Ago: +27.60% Change from 60 Day High: -2.61%

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**: Light trade in the South at 180.00 with Northern trade at 188.00. In the 3 front months, Live Cattle futures closed the week from 1.57 to 1.87 lower. USDA's carcass weight data showed weights averaged 893 lbs. this week, compared to 892 lbs. last week and 889 lbs. last year. S-This Week: 180.00 / Month Ago: 180.00 / Year Ago: 135.00 / 5 Year Avg: 126.69 N-This Week: 188.00 / Month Ago: 183.00 / Year Ago: 138.00 / 5 Year Avg: 129.85

**Feeder Cattle**: The national average price for feeder steers was 246.32, 0.69 higher with trade mostly 3.00 lower to 4.00 higher. In the 3 front months, Feeder Cattle futures closed the week from unchanged to 0.32 lower

This Week: 246.32 / Month Ago: 232.92 / Year Ago: 174.32 / 5 Year Avg: 154.59

**Stocker Calves**: The national average price for stocker steers was 278.25, 0.05 higher with trade mostly in a range of 2.00 lower to 3.00 higher.

This Week: 278.25 / Month Ago: 267.25 / Year Ago: 199.19 / 5 Year Avg: 178.05

CME Feeder Cattle Index: 242.87, 3.91 higher than last Friday.

This Week: 242.87 / Month Ago: 232.75 / Year Ago: 172.32 / 5 Year Avg: 153.67

**Boxed Beef Cutouts**: Choice cutout 0.74 lower at 302.00 and the Select cutout 0.81 higher at 277.54. The Choice/Select spread at 26.01, 3.32 lower.

This Week: 302.00 / Month Ago: 327.72 / Year Ago: 269.24 / 5 Year Avg: 252.42

Cutter Cow Cutout: 2.77 lower at 231.31.

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

**Total red meat production** under Federal inspection for the week ending Saturday, July 29, 2023 was estimated at 1006.3 million lbs. according to the USDA's Agricultures Marketing Service. This was 1.2 percent higher than a week ago and 2.1 percent lower than a year ago. Cumulative meat production for the year to date was 2.3 percent lower compared to the previous year.

**Grain**: Omaha Corn was 0.09 lower at 5.96 with September futures at 5.2100, 0.0600 lower. Wheat was 0.27 lower at 7.83 and September futures @ 7.0425, up 0.0675.

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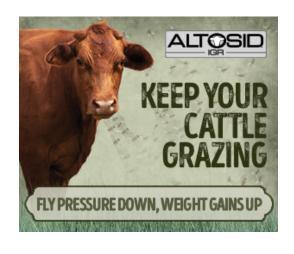
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| Select   277.54   276.73   293.63   242.25   236.06   |
| Spread         24.46         26.01         34.09         26.99         16.36  |
| <b>Cutter Cow Cut-Out</b> 234.08 234.08 234.21 213.91 195.85  |
| <b>Crude Oil Futures</b> 77.07 77.07 70.64 98.62 82.26  |
| Grain Prices 07/28/23 Last Week 1 Month Ago 1 Year Ago 5 Yr. Avg.   |
| Omaha Corn         5.96         6.05         5.51         7.58         5.18   |
| Kansas City Wheat 7.83 8.10 7.42 8.30 6.49  |
| Sept Corn Futures         5.2100         5.2700         4.8850         6.1625         5.0410  |
| Sept Wheat Futures         7.0425         6.9750         6.5100         8.0775         6.5175   |



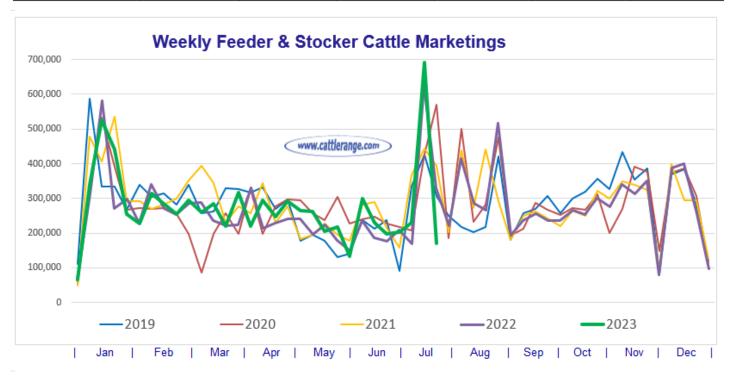


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#### **National Feeder & Stocker Cattle Sale Receipts:**

Data released by USDA on Monday, 7/24/23 for week ending Saturday, 7/22/23

| Week Ending:        | 7/22/23 | Last Week | 1 Year Ago | 2 Years Ago | 3 Years Ago | Average |  |
|---------------------|---------|-----------|------------|-------------|-------------|---------|--|
| Auctions            | 121,500 | 177,600   | 142,300    | 146,500     | 149,400     | 139,925 |  |
| Direct Sales        | 37,900  | 90,300    | 52,100     | 76,800      | 96,100      | 65,725  |  |
| Video/Internet      | 9,900   | 422,700   | 135,200    | 170,800     | 325,400     | 160,325 |  |
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| Total               | 169,300 | 690,600   | 329,600    | 394,100     | 570,900     | 365,975 |  |
| This Week +/-       | -       | -75.5%    | -48.6%     | -57.0%      | -70.3%      | -53.7%  |  |



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CME Feeder Cattle Index: 1 Year Change: +40.95% -- 52 Week Range: 169.91 to 242.87



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:** 

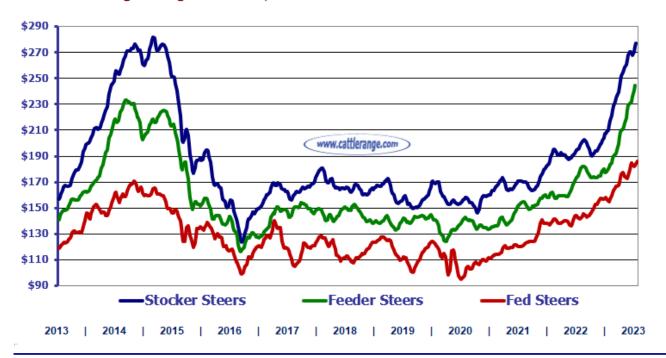
| 700 lb 800 lb. Steers       | 07/28/23 | Last Week | 1 Month Ago | 1 Year Ago | 5 Yr. Avg. |
|-----------------------------|----------|-----------|-------------|------------|------------|
| Dakotas www.cattlerange.com | 261.58   | 260.57    | 254.51      | 192.91     | 165.35     |
| Iowa                        | 257.95   | 254.10    | 245.01      | 188.24     | 161.49     |
| Missouri                    | 254.77   | 251.17    | 240.25      | 177.69     | 158.27     |
| Montana                     | 249.97   | 248.49    | 242.04      | 186.55     | 162.08     |
| Nebraska                    | 273.32   | 270.22    | 256.30      | 198.43     | 167.48     |
| Wyoming                     | 252.29   | 250.84    | 244.35      | 188.32     | 163.08     |
| North Central Avg.          | 258.31   | 255.90    | 247.08      | 188.69     | 162.96     |
| Arkansas                    | 234.15   | 237.16    | 220.15      | 163.21     | 153.21     |
| Colorado                    | 256.73   | 252.48    | 242.74      | 184.20     | 159.66     |
| Kansas                      | 254.73   | 251.73    | 240.22      | 177.66     | 158.23     |
| New Mexico                  | 242.95   | 243.94    | 233.52      | 174.40     | 153.31     |
| Oklahoma                    | 253.71   | 250.88    | 240.67      | 174.49     | 156.83     |
| Texas                       | 248.17   | 244.15    | 235.16      | 170.12     | 154.27     |
| South Central Avg.          | 248.41   | 246.72    | 235.41      | 174.01     | 155.92     |
| Alabama                     | 230.65   | 234.94    | 218.67      | 155.77     | 143.40     |
| Florida                     | 224.51   | 225.66    | 214.73      | 147.83     | 142.27     |
| Georgia                     | 228.66   | 230.76    | 217.55      | 155.95     | 144.20     |
| Kentucky                    | 236.67   | 237.55    | 219.05      | 161.35     | 148.56     |
| Louisiana                   | 228.66   | 231.54    | 217.46      | 160.76     | 147.25     |
| Mississippi                 | 229.07   | 233.18    | 218.17      | 161.05     | 143.50     |
| Tennessee                   | 234.95   | 237.02    | 217.69      | 159.95     | 147.35     |
| Virginia                    | 233.82   | 236.85    | 217.80      | 159.19     | 148.29     |
| Southeast Avg.              | 230.87   | 233.44    | 217.64      | 157.73     | 145.60     |
| Arizona                     | 239.54   | 238.55    | 226.68      | 171.96     | 151.42     |
| California                  | 248.21   | 251.26    | 232.25      | 177.22     | 154.03     |
| Idaho                       | 250.38   | 249.18    | 233.48      | 178.50     | 154.78     |
| Nevada                      | 248.46   | 245.65    | 231.93      | 177.44     | 153.20     |
| Oregon                      | 249.41   | 247.05    | 232.66      | 177.79     | 154.73     |
| Utah                        | 248.08   | 245.08    | 231.28      | 177.05     | 154.25     |
| Washington                  | 249.81   | 248.67    | 232.58      | 178.08     | 154.76     |
| Western Avg.                | 247.70   | 246.49    | 231.55      | 176.86     | 153.88     |
| Overall Average             | 246.32   | 245.64    | 232.92      | 174.32     | 154.59     |
| This Week +/-               | -        | 0.3%      | 5.8%        | 41.3%      | 59.3%      |

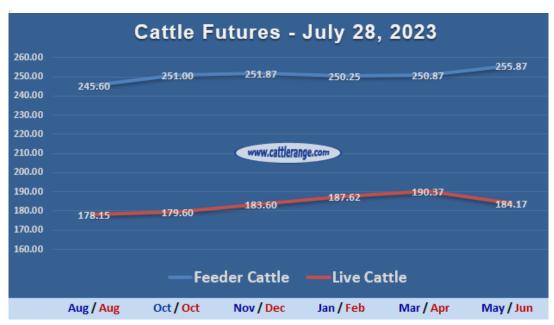
**Stocker Steers:** 

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| 500 lb 600 lb. Steers         | 07/28/23 | Last Week | 1 Month Ago | 1 Year Ago | 5 Yr. Avg. |
|-------------------------------|----------|-----------|-------------|------------|------------|
| Dakotas (www.cattlerange.com) | 291.75   | 291.89    | 288.86      | 222.25     | 190.50     |
| Iowa                          | 294.26   | 294.52    | 278.88      | 214.14     | 185.70     |
| Missouri                      | 278.81   | 276.30    | 277.30      | 200.72     | 181.76     |
| Montana                       | 283.71   | 284.21    | 282.22      | 210.80     | 187.13     |
| Nebraska                      | 309.37   | 307.44    | 300.26      | 228.28     | 193.91     |
| Wyoming                       | 286.45   | 286.34    | 284.84      | 212.76     | 189.14     |
| North Central Avg.            | 290.73   | 290.12    | 285.39      | 214.83     | 188.02     |
| Arkansas                      | 261.18   | 260.28    | 248.17      | 179.13     | 172.69     |
| Colorado                      | 289.71   | 289.90    | 284.75      | 210.79     | 186.73     |
| Kansas                        | 278.08   | 275.84    | 272.65      | 200.20     | 182.06     |
| New Mexico                    | 286.52   | 285.02    | 272.85      | 197.66     | 176.36     |
| Oklahoma                      | 284.11   | 282.61    | 263.10      | 194.08     | 179.94     |
| Texas                         | 283.87   | 284.05    | 272.15      | 190.04     | 176.62     |
| South Central Avg.            | 280.58   | 279.62    | 268.95      | 195.32     | 179.07     |
| Alabama                       | 263.92   | 264.58    | 253.92      | 177.95     | 165.47     |
| Florida                       | 245.93   | 248.97    | 248.88      | 163.87     | 164.28     |
| Georgia                       | 257.44   | 248.50    | 250.50      | 179.86     | 164.32     |
| Kentucky                      | 257.56   | 257.75    | 250.52      | 178.08     | 167.51     |
| Louisiana                     | 252.92   | 257.28    | 247.93      | 177.95     | 169.10     |
| Mississippi                   | 254.14   | 258.65    | 249.22      | 178.80     | 164.46     |
| Tennessee                     | 255.95   | 257.95    | 248.90      | 176.96     | 166.32     |
| Virginia                      | 254.72   | 255.41    | 246.11      | 176.12     | 167.30     |
| Southeast Avg.                | 255.32   | 256.14    | 249.50      | 176.20     | 166.10     |
| Arizona                       | 284.78   | 285.72    | 270.84      | 196.25     | 176.61     |
| California                    | 296.27   | 296.50    | 271.35      | 200.18     | 178.86     |
| Idaho                         | 284.58   | 284.69    | 270.10      | 199.11     | 180.65     |
| Nevada                        | 286.04   | 287.14    | 268.01      | 198.38     | 178.45     |
| Oregon                        | 283.48   | 283.74    | 268.96      | 198.34     | 179.97     |
| Utah                          | 285.49   | 286.60    | 267.59      | 198.10     | 178.88     |
| Washington                    | 283.93   | 284.01    | 239.39      | 198.65     | 179.67     |
| Western Avg.                  | 286.37   | 286.91    | 265.18      | 198.43     | 179.01     |
| Overall Average               | 278.25   | 278.20    | 267.25      | 196.19     | 178.05     |
| This Week +/-                 | -        | 0.0%      | 4.1%        | 41.8%      | 56.3%      |

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





#### Livestock Volume & Open Interest: Last 5 Trade Days



| Trade Date | Futures Volume |
|------------|----------------|
| 07/21/2023 | 110,109        |
| 07/24/2023 | 157,574        |
| 07/25/2023 | 109,032        |
| 07/26/2023 | 91,851         |
| 07/27/2023 | 74,081         |

| Trade Date | Futures Open Interest |
|------------|-----------------------|
| 07/21/2023 | 609,119               |
| 07/24/2023 | 597,445               |
| 07/25/2023 | 593,661               |
| 07/26/2023 | 589,678               |
| 07/27/2023 | 589,734               |

| Top Expirations Traded On: 07/27/2023 |                |        |         |  |  |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|--------|---------|--|--|
| Product Description                   | Month          | Volume | OI      |  |  |
| FDR CATTLE FUT                        | AUG23          | 4,114  | 14,448  |  |  |
| FDR CATTLE FUT                        | SEP23          | 3,654  | 17,279  |  |  |
| FDR CATTLE FUT                        | OCT23          | 2,492  | 9,358   |  |  |
| FDR CATTLE FUT                        | NOV23          | 1,484  | 6,696   |  |  |
| FDR CATTLE FUT                        | JAN24          | 807    | 6,289   |  |  |
| Total Feeder Cat                      | tle Futures    | 13,082 | 57,454  |  |  |
| <b>Product Description</b>            | Month          | Volume | OI      |  |  |
| LV CATTLE FUT                         | AUG23          | 6,601  | 46,385  |  |  |
| LV CATTLE FUT                         | OCT23          | 14,518 | 141,714 |  |  |
| LV CATTLE FUT                         | DEC23          | 5,649  | 66,111  |  |  |
| LV CATTLE FUT                         | FEB24          | 3,401  | 31,734  |  |  |
| LV CATTLE FUT                         | APR24          | 2,777  | 23,093  |  |  |
| Total Live Car                        | ttle Futures   | 34,448 | 330,917 |  |  |
| Product Description                   | Month          | Volume | OI      |  |  |
| LEAN HOGS FUT                         | AUG23          | 4,760  | 25,341  |  |  |
| LEAN HOGS FUT                         | OCT23          | 12,052 | 80,317  |  |  |
| LEAN HOGS FUT                         | DEC23          | 5,040  | 45,379  |  |  |
| LEAN HOGS FUT                         | FEB24          | 2,973  | 25,261  |  |  |
| LEAN HOGS FUT                         | APR24          | 925    | 14,440  |  |  |
| Total Lean H                          | log Futures    | 26,516 | 200,649 |  |  |
| Product Description                   | Month          | Volume | OI      |  |  |
| PORK CUTOUT FUT                       | AUG23          | 11     | 392     |  |  |
| PORK CUTOUT FUT                       | OCT23          | 12     | 226     |  |  |
|                                       |                |        |         |  |  |
| PORK CUTOUT FUT                       | DEC23          | 12     | 75      |  |  |
| PORK CUTOUT FUT PORK CUTOUT FUT       | DEC23<br>FEB24 | 0      | 75<br>8 |  |  |
|                                       |                |        |         |  |  |

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

**Mexican Feeder Cattle Weekly Import Summary** 

**Estimated Receipts**: USDA has not updated this report since 5/5/23.

#### **Canadian Cattle Prices:**

Prices have been converted to U.S. \$/CWT. Grades changed to approximate U.S. equivalents Exchange Rate per Bank of Canada: Canadian dollars equivalent to \$0.7592 U.S. dollars

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<sup>\*</sup>Slide 10 cents on steers and heifers basis 300 lbs.

| Average Feeder Cattle Prices Expressed in U.S. Dollars: www.cattlerange.com |             |             |            |          |          |          |  |
|---|-------------|-------------|------------|----------|----------|----------|--|
|   | Albe        | erta        | Saskat     | chewan   | Ontario  |          |  |
| Steers:   | 7/21        | 7/14        | 7/21       | 7/14     | 7/21     | 7/14     |  |
| 501-600 lbs.  | \$276.96    | \$271.63    | No Quote   | \$262.40 | \$241.30 | \$242.51 |  |
| 601-700 lbs.  | \$259.64    | \$257.59    | No Quote   | \$246.24 | \$240.38 | \$246.97 |  |
| 701-800 lbs.  | \$241.96    | \$236.78    | No Quote   | No Quote | \$232.30 | \$235.52 |  |
| 801-900 lbs.  | \$220.27    | \$226.20    | No Quote   | \$220.57 | \$233.47 | \$202.93 |  |
|   |             |             |            |          |          |          |  |
| Heifers   | 7/21        | 7/14        | 7/21       | 7/14     | 7/21     | 7/14     |  |
| 401-500 lbs   | \$243.73    | \$246.43    | No Quote   | No Quote | \$170.65 | \$198.09 |  |
| 501-600 lbs   | \$239.88    | \$234.26    | No Quote   | \$234.26 | \$199.61 | \$222.21 |  |
| 601-700 lbs.  | \$227.57    | \$225.96    | No Quote   | \$223.99 | \$213.08 | \$208.71 |  |
| 701-800 lbs.  | \$220.96    | \$217.85    | No Quote   | \$210.30 | \$215.26 | \$188.29 |  |
|   |             |             |            |          |          |          |  |
| Average Fee   | eder Cattle | e Prices Ex | pressed in | Canadian | Dollars: |          |  |

| Average Feeder Cattle Prices Expressed in Canadian Dollars: |          |          |          |          |          |          |  |
|---|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|--|
| ,   | Albe     |          |          | chewan   | Ont      | ario     |  |
| Steers:   | 7/21     | 7/14     | 7/21     | 7/14     | 7/21     | 7/14     |  |
| 501-600 lbs.  | \$343.65 | \$337.04 | No Quote | \$325.59 | \$299.41 | \$300.91 |  |
| 601-700 lbs.  | \$322.16 | \$319.62 | No Quote | \$305.53 | \$298.26 | \$306.44 |  |
| 701-800 lbs.  | \$300.22 | \$293.80 | No Quote | No Quote | \$288.24 | \$292.23 |  |
| 801-900 lbs.  | \$273.31 | \$280.67 | No Quote | \$273.68 | \$289.69 | \$251.80 |  |
|   |          |          |          |          |          |          |  |
| Heifers   | 7/21     | 7/14     | 7/21     | 7/14     | 7/21     | 7/14     |  |
| 401-500 lbs   | \$302.42 | \$305.77 | No Quote | No Quote | \$211.74 | \$245.79 |  |
| 501-600 lbs   | \$297.64 | \$290.67 | No Quote | \$290.67 | \$247.68 | \$275.72 |  |
| 601-700 lbs.  | \$282.37 | \$280.37 | No Quote | \$277.93 | \$264.39 | \$258.97 |  |
| 701-800 lbs.  | \$274.17 | \$270.31 | No Quote | \$260.94 | \$267.09 | \$233.63 |  |

| Slaughter Cattle Prices for Week of 7/21/23:          | US \$'s  | CA \$'s  |
|---|----------|----------|
| Area: Alberta Direct Sales, 4% Shrink                 |          |          |
| Slaughter Steers, mostly Select 1-3, 1300-1500 lbs    | \$181.26 | \$224.91 |
| Slaughter Heifers, mostly Select 1-3, 1100-1400 lbs   | \$180.14 | \$223.52 |
| www.cattlerange.com                                   |          |          |
| Area: Alberta Auctions                                |          |          |
| Slaughter Cows, Cutter and Utility 1-3, 1100-1400 lbs | \$117.05 | \$145.24 |

| Area: Ontario Auctions   |          |          |
|--|----------|----------|
| Slaughter Steers, mostly Choice and Select 1-3, 1300-1500 lbs  | No Quote | No Quote |
| 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          | \$104.42 | \$129.56 |

#### Alberta Beef Producers:

Alberta direct cattle sales Thursday with dressed sales marked at 395.00 delivered, steady to 8.00 lower. In some spots bids were reported at 392.00 delivered but selling interest was limited. Cattle that traded this week were being scheduled for the second half of August delivery. Competition on the cash market was not as strong as last week. Sale volumes are shaping up to be very light this week. Looking briefly at the non-fed market, we're getting a sense that non-fed numbers through commercial auction facilities have started to tighten.



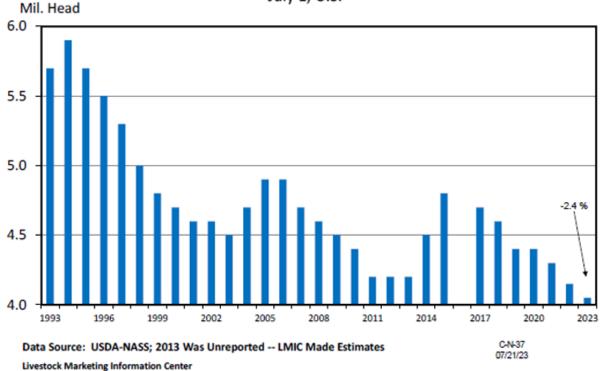


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#### **Chart of the Week:**

#### HEIFERS HELD AS BEEF COW REPLACEMENTS





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

In my opinion, there was no rest for the weary this week in trading. It didn't matter what you were trading, the volatility and price expanse of commodities this week was significant. With the Fed having raised rates, due to entrenched inflation, crude closing above \$80.00 and gasoline a fraction of a cent from \$3.00, the consumer is believed fidgeting uncomfortably with aspects leading to another shift in discretionary spending. A large portion of traders have left the market this week as open interest plummeted. As well, with one third of the long positions are believed held by commodity funds. A slight movement from them would be anticipated to produce a significant impact on prices. I continue having trouble swallowing the huge discrepancies in supply and price. Clearly it has shown how elastic cattle prices are with very small declines of supply and large increases in price. I spoke with Dr. Darryl Peel on Friday. He showed a chart of feeder cattle supplies going forward. While no doubt the supplies are low, this has been an ongoing trend for 30 years now. That chart helped to foresee what the industry needs to do, whether it does it or not. That being, increase the amount of beef per animal, and incorporate more dairy cows to help increase volume guicker. Looking at multiple industries through the years, a common pattern has been to extract more product per unit. More kernels per ear of corn, more plants per acre have helped the yield increase significantly. More modernized packing facilities have increased the ability to process more and larger framed animals. Tyson, Walmart, Costco, and many others have seen the

benefits of vertical integration. As the beef industry is quickly becoming more vertically integrated, it leads me to anticipate lower and less volatile price action.

I got poked in the ribs a couple of times this week in suggesting that cattle feeders will begin adding more weight and add more dairy mix cattle, that will naturally have a larger carcass frame. I was told that feed was too high to put that much weight on them. I almost didn't catch it, but that is just about as counterintuitive as I have seen. The reason the cattle feeders are paying the elevated price is due to a thought of lower feed costs going forward. So, I don't think you can have both. Either the feed costs come down and cattle gain more, or corn remains elevated and cattle feeders are stuck feeding high priced inventory with high priced feed. Of course, you will say that the lower supply of beef would make prices move higher for beef and fed cattle. At present, it appears there is a formidable ceiling being built for which will take some significant economic changes to have the consumer bust through. Now, let's work this out. "If" there is an economic breakout that fuels a consumer splurge on beef, and that moves down to fed cattle, all may work out better. "If" there is no economic boom to increase consumer spending, and corn is not found to be a \$4.00 crop, but a \$5.00 plus crop, cattle feeders will be anticipated to give back nearly all of the gains made to date. I know you already know this, but I have to keep doing it in my head to make sure. Current index price Friday makes an 850# steer \$2,064.39. You pick the cost of gain for 550 more pounds. At a dollar, that is another \$550.00 for a total of \$2,614.95. At 1,400 pounds, you will need to achieve \$1.86 to return input costs, marketing in December. December futures closed on Friday at \$1.83 and there are 4 months to December. With this knowledge, I went to work this week making recommendations to cattle feeders. Whether a commercial or custom yard, commercial or individual cattle feeder, I recommended in the October contract to buy the \$179.00 put and sell the \$186.00 call. This is a sales solicitation. I recommended in the December contract to buy the \$183.00 put and sell the \$191.00 call. This is a sales solicitation. These positions are fully marginable at inception, marginable to no limit, and produce unlimited profit or loss above or below the strike prices. Producers have seen few declines of input costs. Now with cattle at historical highs, money at a 22 year high, and a Fed hellbent on slowing inflation, the cattle feeder is believed sitting on a mountain of exposed working capital and very little risk protection on. This is mitigated some by the formula sales, vertically integrated projects, and government subsidized risk protection. All of which do manage risk. This is not to say that futures or options are the answer. It is to say that cattle feeders are sitting on a mountain of exposed risk and my analysis suggests to curtail some of that exposure.

Grains were wild as a buck this week. Shoot off a couple of missiles, blow up a few grain terminals, and turn up the heat on growing US crops, and it is not difficult to see why volatility is so high. Nonetheless, grains closed about as anticipated. That being, weak corn, not as weak beans, and wheat prices thrown like chaff in the wind. I think a great deal will be finalized into next week and maybe stay that way into harvest. If the weather model doesn't change, it appears more favorable weather will be in store to finish out beans. Corn is believed done with not much to increase yield at this point. In some dry areas, they will begin chopping silage next week to salvage remaining moisture. I think that even with the 4 million acres more than anticipated, the actual yield, weather damage of all kinds, and drought impact, will curtail the USDA's carry out. By how much is unknown, but more than likely, even if it pushed corn under the current \$4.80 low December, it may not stay there with world issues. As well, with full carry, livestock producers will be dealing with higher prices in the future, regardless of any lower price. You will have to see each contract month trade below the prior expired month to see any lower price in corn. Throw into the mix sharply higher energy prices this week, and another interest rate hike, the consumer is believed fidgeting uncomfortably.

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#### **Fed Cattle:**

As of 3:00 PM Friday in the Texas Panhandle, negotiated cash trading has been at a standstill. In Kansas and Nebraska negotiated cash trading has been inactive with very light demand. In the Western Cornbelt negotiated cash trading has been slow on light to moderate demand. A few Live FOB purchases traded from 185.00-186.00. However, not enough purchases for a full market trend. The latest established market in all regions was last week. In the Southern Plains Live FOB purchases traded at 180.00. In Nebraska and Western Cornbelt Live FOB and Dressed Delivered purchases traded at 188.00 and at 295.00, respectively.

#### **5 Area Week 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, 7/23/2023

Confirmed: 74,776 Week Ago: 52,058 Year ago: 58,359

| Negotiated Cash Sales    |            |                  |                        |            |               |  |  |
|--------------------------|------------|------------------|------------------------|------------|---------------|--|--|
|                          | Head Count | Weight Range     | Price Range            | Avg Weight | Wtd Avg Price |  |  |
| STEERS: LIVE FOB         |            |                  |                        |            |               |  |  |
| Over 80% Choice          | 24,321     | 1,350 -1,625     | 180.00 - 191.50        | 1,472      | 187.26        |  |  |
| 65 - 80% Choice          | 4,770      | 1,175 -1,550     | 180.00 - 188.00        | 1,405      | 182.18        |  |  |
| 35 - 65% Choice          | 1,118      | 1,291 -1,400     | 179.00 <b>-</b> 180.00 | 1,341      | 179.97        |  |  |
| 0 - 35% Choice           |            | -                | -                      |            |               |  |  |
| Total all grades         | 30,209     | 1,175 -1,625     | 179.00 <b>-</b> 191.50 | 1,456      | 186.19        |  |  |
| TEERS: LIVE DELIVERED    |            |                  |                        |            |               |  |  |
| Over 80% Choice          | 1,005      | 1,400 -1,500     | 185.00 <b>-</b> 190.00 | 1,457      | 189.42        |  |  |
| 65 - 80% Choice          | 2,557      | 1,300 -1,475     | 184.00 <b>-</b> 185.00 | 1,351      | 184.16        |  |  |
| 35 - 65% Choice          |            | -                | -                      |            |               |  |  |
| 0 - 35% Choice           |            | -                | -                      |            |               |  |  |
| Total all grades         | 3,562      | 1,300 -1,500     | 184.00 <b>-</b> 190.00 | 1,381      | 185.65        |  |  |
| TEERS: DRESSED DELIVERED |            |                  |                        |            |               |  |  |
| Over 80% Choice          | 5,411      | 806 -1,040       | 290.00 - 300.00        | 922        | 294.74        |  |  |
| 65 - 80% Choice          | 1,345      | 853 <b>-</b> 978 | 293.00 - 295.00        | 902        | 294.64        |  |  |
| 35 - 65% Choice          |            | -                | -                      |            |               |  |  |
| 0 - 35% Choice           |            | -                | -                      |            |               |  |  |
| Total all grades         | 6,756      | 806 -1,040       | 290.00 - 300.00        | 918        | 294.72        |  |  |
| TEERS: DRESSED FOB       |            |                  |                        |            |               |  |  |
| Over 80% Choice          | 2,774      | 834 <b>-</b> 921 | 294.00 <b>-</b> 300.00 | 858        | 299.92        |  |  |
| 65 - 80% Choice          |            | -                | -                      |            |               |  |  |
| 35 - 65% Choice          |            | -                | -                      |            |               |  |  |
| 0 - 35% Choice           |            | -                | -                      |            |               |  |  |
| Total all grades         | 2,774      | 834 <b>-</b> 921 | 294.00 - 300.00        | 858        | 299.92        |  |  |
| EIFERS: LIVE FOB         |            |                  |                        |            |               |  |  |
| Over 80% Choice          | 11,273     | 1,120 -1,500     | 180.00 - 191.50        | 1,303      | 187.22        |  |  |
| 65 - 80% Choice          | 2,055      | 1,150 - 1,400    | 180.00 - 188.00        | 1,262      | 181.03        |  |  |
| 35 - 65% Choice          | 368        | 1,235 -1,250     | 180.00 - 180.00        | 1,247      | 180.00        |  |  |

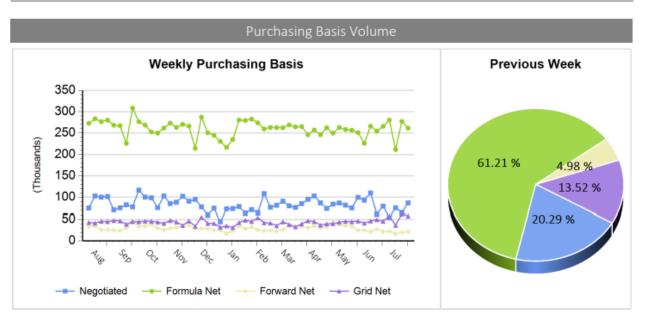
|                          | Head Count | Avg Weight | Avg Price |
|--------------------------|------------|------------|-----------|
| WEEKLY WEIGHTED AVERAGES |            |            |           |
| Live FOB Steer           | 30,209     | 1,456      | 186.19    |
| Live FOB Heifer          | 13,696     | 1,296      | 186.10    |
| Dressed Del Steer        | 6,756      | 918        | 294.72    |
| Dressed Del Heifer       | 2,395      | 831        | 294.22    |
| SAME PERIOD LAST WEEK    |            |            |           |
| Live FOB Steer           | 18,886     | 1,464      | 184.27    |
| Live FOB Heifer          | 6,127      | 1,303      | 184.71    |
| Dressed Del Steer        | 8,715      | 936        | 291.34    |
| Dressed Del Heifer       | 1,744      | 830        | 291.71    |
| SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR    |            |            |           |
| Live FOB Steer           | 21,068     | 1,449      | 141.12    |
| Live FOB Heifer          | 13,991     | 1,294      | 138.40    |
| Dressed Del Steer        | 9,796      | 918        | 227.59    |
| Dressed Del Heifer       | 3,544      | 826        | 226.86    |

#### Grading % and Carcass Weights

(Beef Type Cattle; Includes Formula Net, Contract Net, and Grid Net; Grading % includes Choice & higher; Carcass Weight includes all grades; All live transactions converted to a dressed basis)

| Grading % | Week Ago |          | Dressed Weight | Week Ago |   |
|-----------|----------|----------|----------------|----------|---|
| 80.3      | 81.1     | <u> </u> | 860.1          | 858.2    | 1 |

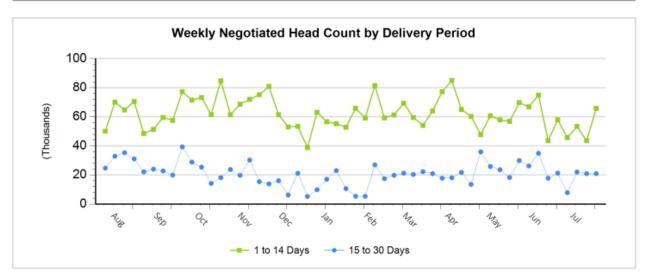
|            | Dai        | ly Formula Base Vour | me         |            |
|------------|------------|----------------------|------------|------------|
| Tue Jul 18 | Wed Jul 19 | Thu Jul 20           | Fri Jul 21 | Mon Jul 24 |
| 47,725     | 32,280     | 33,560               | 32,445     | 140,342    |



#### Weekly Negotiated Avg. Price by Delivery Period

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





#### **Livestock Slaughter under Federal Inspection:**

|   | CATTLE      | CALVES   | HOGS        | SHEEP     |  |  |  |
|---|-------------|----------|-------------|-----------|--|--|--|
| Friday 07/28/2023                               | 110,000     | 1,000    | 460,000     | 4,000     |  |  |  |
| Week ago  | 114,000     | 1,000    | 438,000     | 5,000     |  |  |  |
| Year ago (act)                                  | 122,000     | 2,000    | 438,000     | 3,000     |  |  |  |
| Week to date                                    | 609,000     | 5,000    | 2,310,000   | 32,000    |  |  |  |
| Same Period Last Week                           | 609,000     | 5,000    | 2,284,000   | 33,000    |  |  |  |
| Same Period Last Year (act)                     | 613,000     | 7,000    | 2,282,000   | 31,000    |  |  |  |
|   |             |          |             |           |  |  |  |
| Saturday 07/29/2023                             | 10,000      | 0        | 82,000      | 0         |  |  |  |
| Week ago  | 15,000      | 0        | 32,000      | 0         |  |  |  |
| Year ago (act)                                  | 53,000      | 0        | 10,000      | 0         |  |  |  |
| Week to date                                    | 619,000     | 5,000    | 2,392,000   | 32,000    |  |  |  |
| Same Period Last Week                           | 624,000     | 5,000    | 2,316,000   | 33,000    |  |  |  |
| Same Period Last Year* (act)                    | 666,000     | 7,000    | 2,292,000   | 31,000    |  |  |  |
| 2023 Year to Date                               | 18,720,00   | 169,000  | 72,127,000  | 1,045,000 |  |  |  |
| 2022 *Year to Date                              | 19,471,00   | 205,000  | 71,191,000  | 1,001,000 |  |  |  |
| Percent change                                  | -3.9%       | -17.7%   | 1.3%        | 4.4%      |  |  |  |
| 2023 *Totals subject to revi                    | sion        |          |             |           |  |  |  |
| 2022 *Totals adjusted to reflect NASS revisions |             |          |             |           |  |  |  |
| Yearly totals may not add du                    | e to roundi | ng       |             |           |  |  |  |
| Previous day                                    | Steer and   | Heifer C | ow and Bull |           |  |  |  |
| Thursday  | 99,000      |          | 27,000      |           |  |  |  |

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## This week's Feedyard Closeouts...

**Closeout projections** are for cattle placed on feed by a cattle owner at a commercial feedyard and not for cattle owned by a vertically integrated company 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 and projections assume grain is purchased/contracted at the time cattle are placed on feed. Cost includes \$15 per head for freight to feedyard.

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

- Placed On Feed 150 days ago = February 28, 2023
- Projected P/(L) based on the futures when placed on feed: (\$97.17)

| *Cost of 750 lb. steer delivered @ \$182.62 per cwt. + \$15 freight: | \$1,384.65 |
|--|------------|
| Feed Cost for 600 lbs. @ \$1.29 per lb.                              | \$774.00   |
| Interest on cattle cost for 165 days:                                | \$48.37    |
| Interest on feed cost:   | \$13.52    |
| Total Cost & Expense:  | \$2,220.54 |
| **Sale proceeds: 1,350 lb. steer @ \$186.42 per cwt:                 | \$2,516.67 |
| This week's Profit/(Loss) per head:                                  | \$296.13   |
| Profit/(Loss) per head for previous week:                            | \$302.64   |
| Change from previous week:   | -\$6.51    |
| Sale price necessary to breakeven:                                   | \$164.48   |

<sup>\*</sup>CME Feeder Cattle Index \*\*5 Area Daily Weighted Average

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

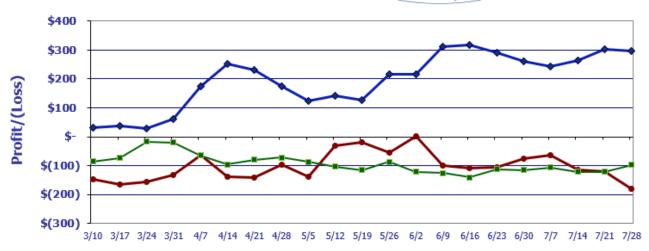
• Projected Sale Date @ 150 days on feed = December 25, 2023

| *Cost of 750 lb. steer delivered @ \$242.29 per cwt. + \$15 freight: | \$1,832.18 |
|--|------------|
| Feed Cost for 600 lbs. @ \$1.24 per lb.                              | \$744.00   |
| Interest on cattle cost for 165 days:                                | \$69.65    |
| Interest on feed cost:   | \$14.14    |
| Total Cost & Expense:  | \$2,659.96 |
| **Sale proceeds: 1,350 lb. steer @ \$183.60 per cwt:                 | \$2,478.60 |
| This week's Profit/(Loss) per head:                                  | (\$181.36) |
| Profit/(Loss) per head for previous week:                            | (\$119.33) |
| Change from previous week:   | -\$62.03   |
| Sale price necessary to breakeven:                                   | \$197.03   |

<sup>\*</sup>CME Feeder Cattle Index \*\*December Live Cattle Futures Contract

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





Typical closeout for hedged steers sold this week: (\$97.17)
Typical closeout for un-hedged steers sold this week: \$296.13
Projected closeout for steers placed on feed this week: (\$181.36)

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

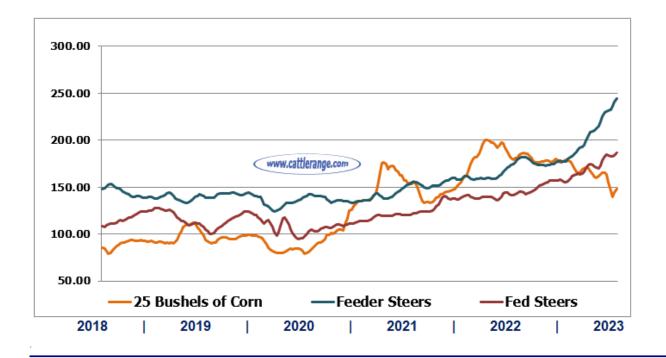




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Feeder Steers/Corn Correlation: 5 Year Moving Average

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:**

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| Federally Inspected Slaughter Head & Percentage by Class - U.S. |             |            |  |  |
|---|-------------|------------|--|--|
| Cattle  |             |            |  |  |
|   | <u>Head</u> | % of Total |  |  |
| Steers  | 305,048     | 48.2%      |  |  |
| Heifers   | 194,069     | 30.6%      |  |  |
| Dairy Cows  | 59,614      | 9.4%       |  |  |
| Other Cows  | 64,206      | 10.1%      |  |  |
| Bulls   | 10,454      | 1.7%       |  |  |
| Total   | 633,391     |            |  |  |

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#### **Boxed Beef Cutouts:**

**Compared to last week**, the choice cutout was 0.74 lower at 302.00 and the Select cutout 0.81 higher at 277.54. The Choice/Select spread at 26.01, 3.32 lower.

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

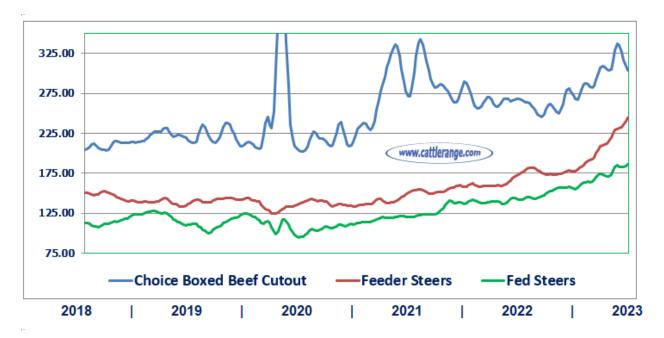
Based on negotiated prices and volume of boxed beef cuts delivered within 0-21 days and on average industry cutting yields. Values reflect U.S. dollars per 100 pounds.

|   | Choice<br>600-900 | Select<br>600-900 |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|
| Current Cutout Values:                      | 302.00            | 277.54            |
| Change from prior day:                      | (0.86)            | (2.22)            |
| Choice/Select spread:                       | 24.               | .46               |
| Total Load Count (Cuts, Trimmings, Grinds): | 1                 | .01               |

| Composite Primal Values |        |        |
|-------------------------|--------|--------|
| Primal Rib              | 448.10 | 375.13 |
| Primal Chuck            | 250.38 | 249.88 |
| Primal Round            | 238.64 | 237.11 |
| Primal Loin             | 411.52 | 345.80 |
| Primal Brisket          | 246.51 | 233.86 |
| Primal Short Plate      | 228.81 | 228.81 |
| Primal Flank            | 225.52 | 193.88 |
|                         |        |        |

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

|           |              |         |      |        |       | Choice  | Select  |
|-----------|--------------|---------|------|--------|-------|---------|---------|
| Date      | Choice       | Select  | Trim | Grinds | Total | 600-900 | 600-900 |
| 07/27     | 66           | 29      | 14   | 4      | 114   | 302.86  | 279.76  |
| 07/26     | 77           | 21      | 3    | 12     | 114   | 303.34  | 279.81  |
| 07/25     | 91           | 28      | 9    | 21     | 149   | 304.22  | 277.55  |
| 07/24     | 37           | 38      | 8    | 16     | 99    | 304.16  | 276.99  |
| 07/21     | 56           | 18      | 7    | 23     | 103   | 302.74  | 276.73  |
| Current 5 | Day Simple A | verage: |      |        |       | 303.46  | 278.17  |



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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<br>1-5 | Region<br>6 | Region<br>7-8 | Region<br>9-10 |
|--------|----------|---------------|-------------|---------------|----------------|
| Prime  | 7.87%    | 13.30%        | 4.02%       | 7.70%         | 10.67%         |
| Choice | 72.31%   | 71.50%        | 63.75%      | 74.27%        | 74.30%         |
| Select | 16.30%   | 11.66%        | 29.46%      | 14.76%        | 8.08%          |
| Other  | 3.52%    | 3.54%         | 2.77%       | 3.27%         | 6.95%          |

| Prime 7.899 Choice 73.709 Select 14.729 Other 3.699 | % 74.47%<br>% 15.16% | 4.02%<br>63.75%<br>29.46%<br>2.77% |
|---|----------------------|------------------------------------|

#### **Last Week's Trade Data:**

#### Beef:

**Net sales of 21,400 MT for 2023 were up 2 percent** from the previous week and 43 percent from the prior 4-week average. Increases were primarily for South Korea (7,400 MT, including decreases of 500 MT), Japan (5,500 MT, including decreases of 700 MT), China (2,800 MT, including decreases of 200 MT), Mexico (1,700 MT, including decreases of 100 MT), and Canada (1,200 MT, including decreases of 300 MT). Total net sales of 200 MT for 2024 were for Japan.

**Exports of 16,100 MT were down 1** percent from the previous week, but up 2 percent from the prior 4-week average. The destinations were primarily to Japan (4,200 MT), South Korea (3,400 MT), China (2,400 MT), Mexico (1,600 MT), and Canada (1,500 MT).

#### Pork:

**Net sales of 25,500 MT for 2023 were up 33 percent** from the previous week and 6 percent from the prior 4-week average. Increases primarily for Mexico (17,900 MT, including decreases of 400 MT), Japan (2,600 MT, including decreases of 400 MT), Canada (1,100 MT, including decreases of 500 MT), Colombia (1,100 MT), and the Dominican Republic (800 MT, including decreases of 100 MT), were offset by reductions for Nicaragua (100 MT).

**Exports of 23,800 MT were down 6 percent** from the previous week and 13 percent from the prior 4-week average. The destinations were primarily to Mexico (8,300 MT), China (4,200 MT), Japan (3,700 MT), Canada (1,900 MT), and South Korea (1,400 MT).

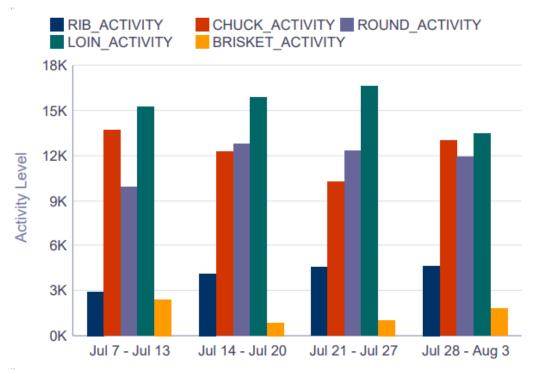
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#### **USDA National Retail Beef Report:**

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

**This week in Beef Retail**, the Feature Rate increased by 11.3 percent and the Special Rate increased by 7.8 percent. The Activity Index showed a 3.7 percent decrease. Cuts from the Round, Loin, and Ground Beef showed a decrease in ad space while cuts from the Rib, Chuck, and Brisket showed an increase in ad space.

#### **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, July 29, 2023 was estimated at 1006.3 million lbs. according to the USDA's Agricultures Marketing Service. This was 1.2 percent higher than a week ago and 2.1 percent lower than a year ago. Cumulative meat production for the year to date was 2.3 percent lower compared to the previous year.

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

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

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

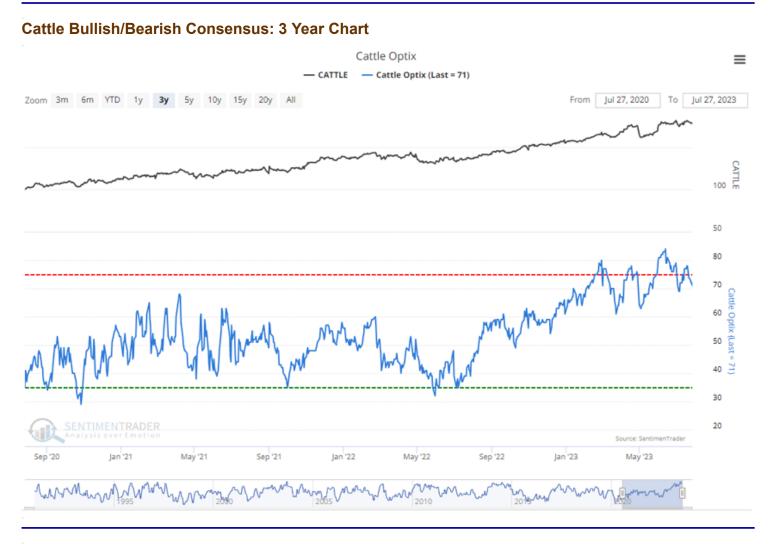
Because of this tendency, there are often extremes in opinion right before major changes in trend:

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

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

Conversely, when Public Opinion moves below the **green dotted line**, then the public is **excessively pessimistic** about the commodity's prospects for further gains compared to their opinion over the past

year. Looking for absolute readings under 20% (or especially 10%) often indicates an upturn in the market.

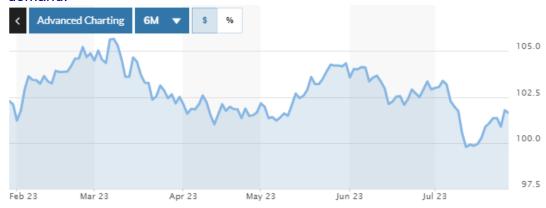


Corn Bullish/Bearish Consensus: 3 Year Chart



#### 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

Stocks ended higher over a week notable for the Dow Jones Industrial Average's notching its 13th consecutive daily gain on Wednesday, which marked its longest winning streak since 1987. However, T. Rowe Price traders noted that trading was relatively subdued, as the summer vacation season diverted some of the focus on a slew of important data releases, a Federal Reserve (Fed) policy meeting, and some high-profile corporate earnings reports. Growth stocks handily outpaced their value counterparts, and the gains were led by the technology-heavy Nasdaq Composite.

Sentiment appeared to get a boost from a series of generally positive economic readings, particularly on inflation. Stocks opened sharply higher on Friday, following news that the Fed's preferred inflation gauge, the core (less food and energy) personal consumption expenditures (PCE) price index had risen 0.2% in June, down from 0.3% in May, making for a year-over-year increase of 4.1%, a tick lower than expectations and the slowest increase since September 2021. In addition, the employment cost index - closely watched because of policymakers' continued concern about wage inflation - rose 1.0% in the second quarter, also below consensus and the smallest increase in two years.

#### Hopes grow for a soft landing

Moreover, the week's data suggested that the economy might manage a soft landing and skirt a recession even as borrowing costs increased. On Wednesday, the Commerce Department reported that the economy had expanded at a year-over-year pace of 2.4% in the quarter, well above both the previous quarter's growth rate of 2.0% and consensus expectations of around 1.8%. Both businesses and consumers appeared to remain in good shape and spending freely. Durable goods orders jumped 4.7% in June, while personal spending rose 0.5%. Pending home sales also rose unexpectedly.

#### **U.S. Stocks:**

| Index            | Friday's Close         | Week's Change | % Change YTD |  |
|------------------|------------------------|---------------|--------------|--|
| DJIA             | 35,459.29              | 231.60        | 6.98%        |  |
| S&P 500          | 4,582.23               | 45.89         | 19.34%       |  |
| Nasdaq Composite | 14,316.66              | 283.85        | 36.79%       |  |
| S&P MidCap 400   | %P MidCap 400 2,716.87 |               | 11.79%       |  |
| Russell 2000     | 1,981.54               | 21.28         | 12.51%       |  |

## 22.68%

of the U.S. and 27.13% of the lower 48 states are in drought this week.

- ↑ 5.0% since last week
- ↑ 0.3% since last month

# 267.0 Million

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

- 0.0% since last week

# 72.8 Million

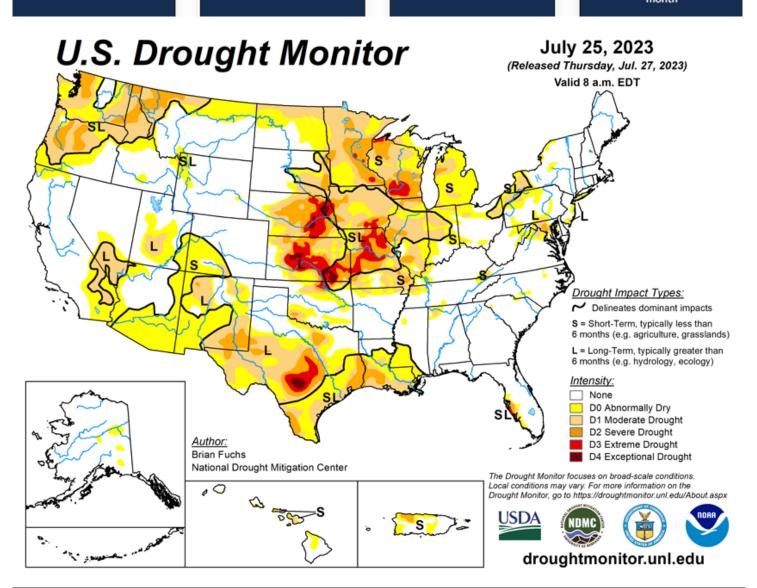
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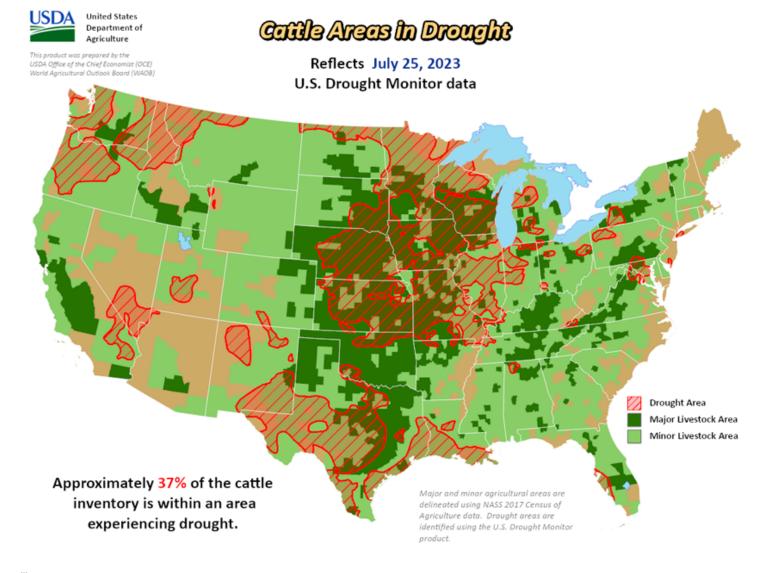
- 1.4% since last week
- ↓ 19.3% since last month

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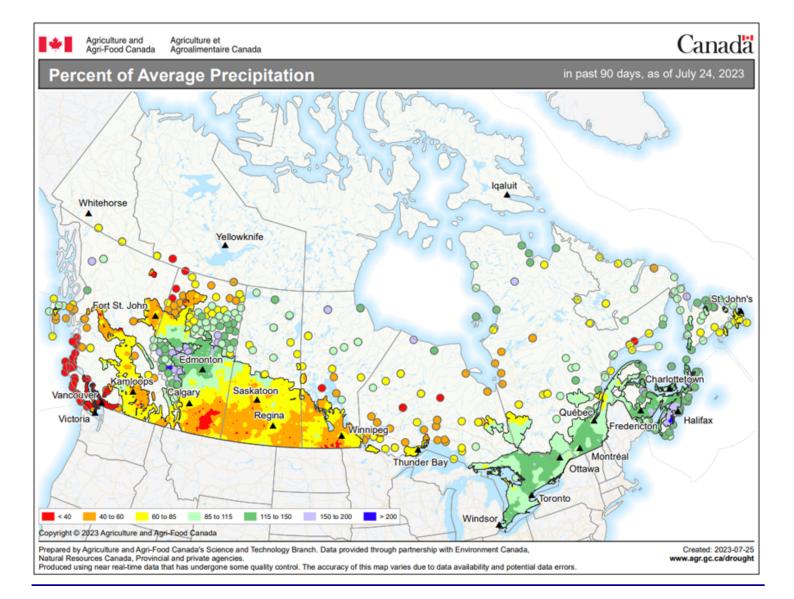
U.S. states are experiencing Moderate Drought (D1) or worse this week.

- 1 state since last week
- No change since last month





**Canadian 90-Day Percent of Average Precipitation:** 



#### Looking ahead...

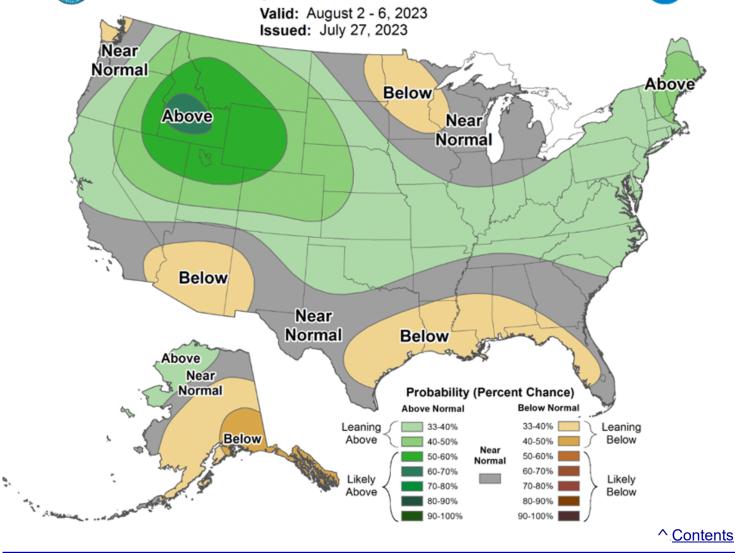
**Over the next 5-7 days**, much of the West and the southern Plains into the South look to be quite dry. Some monsoonal moisture is anticipated over the Four Corners with light precipitation anticipated over the High Plains and Midwest. The wettest conditions are anticipated over the Great Lakes and into the Northeast as well as the Florida peninsula. Temperatures are anticipated to be above normal over the central and southern Plains and into the South. Cooler-than-normal temperatures are anticipated over the coastal areas of the West.

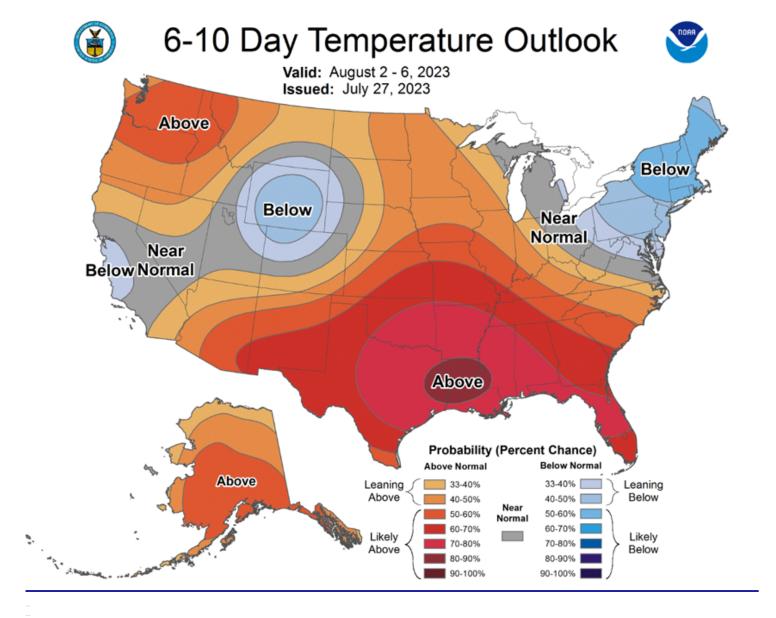
**The 6–10 day outlooks** show that there are above-normal chances of warmer-than-normal temperatures over the lower Mississippi Valley and most of the southern Plains into the Southeast as well as in the Pacific Northwest. There are also above-normal chances of cooler-than-normal temperatures over New England. The greatest likelihood of above-normal precipitation is over the Rocky Mountains and New England while the greatest likelihood of below-normal precipitation is in the Southeast.



# 6-10 Day Precipitation Outlook







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**Corn Crop and Pasture & Range Conditions:** 

# Corn Condition – Selected States: Week Ending July 23, 2023 [These 18 States planted 92% of the 2022 corn acreage]

| State          | Very poor | Poor      | Fair      | Good      | Excellent |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|                | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Colorado       | 6         | 5         | 20        | 55        | 14        |
| Illinois       | 7         | 15        | 33        | 37        | 8         |
| Indiana        | 4         | 8         | 27        | 53        | 8         |
| lowa           | 2         | 7         | 28        | 53        | 10        |
| Kansas         | 3         | 7         | 32        | 45        | 13        |
| Kentucky       | 2         | 6         | 30        | 53        | 9         |
| Michigan       | 4         | 9         | 48        | 36        | 3         |
| Minnesota      | 3         | 10        | 33        | 43        | 11        |
| Missouri       | 17        | 22        | 34        | 25        | 2         |
| Nebraska       | 6         | 9         | 23        | 42        | 20        |
| North Carolina | 1         | 4         | 16        | 72        | 7         |
| North Dakota   | 1         | 5         | 29        | 61        | 4         |
| Ohio           | 1         | 5         | 26        | 56        | 12        |
| Pennsylvania   | _         | 9         | 28        | 45        | 18        |
| South Dakota   | 2         | 7         | 33        | 48        | 10        |
| Tennessee      | 2         | 6         | 21        | 57        | 14        |
| Texas          | 1         | 4         | 25        | 51        | 19        |
| Wisconsin      | 4         | 11        | 37        | 39        | 9         |
|                |           |           |           |           |           |
| 18 States      | 4         | 9         | 30        | 46        | 11        |
|                |           |           |           |           |           |
| Previous week  | 4         | 9         | 30        | 46        | 11        |
| Previous year  | 4         | 10        | 25        | 48        | 13        |

<sup>-</sup> Represents zero.

#### Pasture and Range Condition - Selected States: Week Ending July 23, 2023

[National pasture and range conditions for selected States are weighted based on pasture acreage and/or livestock inventories]

| State          | Very poor | Poor      | Fair      | Good      | Excellent |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|                | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Alabama        | 1         | 2         | 20        | 72        | 5         |
| Arizona        | 14        | 20        | 37        | 24        | 5         |
| Arkansas       | 2         | 6         | 42        | 40        | 10        |
| California     | 5         | 10        | 15        | 30        | 40        |
| Colorado       | 3         | 5         | 27        | 40        | 25        |
| Connecticut    | _         | _         | 30        | 70        | _         |
| Delaware       | _         | 15        | 65        | 15        | 5         |
| Florida        | 3         | 5         | 28        | 45        | 19        |
| Georgia        | 2         | 8         | 32        | 51        | 7         |
| Idaho          | 1         | 9         | 31        | 39        | 20        |
| Illinois       | 19        | 24        | 33        | 22        | 2         |
| Indiana        | 5         | 11        | 34        | 45        | 5         |
| lowa           | 10        | 15        | 51        | 21        | 3         |
| Kansas         | 8         | 21        | 41        | 25        | 5         |
| Kentucky       | 2         | 5         | 21        | 65        | 7         |
| Louisiana      | 4         | 11        | 38        | 42        | 5         |
| Maine          | 7         | "-        | 40        | 48        | 12        |
| Maryland       | 17        | 13        | 33        | 35        | 2         |
| Massachusetts  | .,        | 15        | 20        | 80        | _         |
|                | 7         | 37        | 34        | 19        | 3         |
| Michigan       | 9         | 23        | 36        | 29        | 3         |
| Minnesota      | 2         | 5         | 35        | 51        | 7         |
| Mississippi    | 25        |           |           |           | ,         |
| Missouri       |           | 34        | 30<br>44  | 11<br>36  | 3         |
| Montana        | 2         | 15        |           |           | _         |
| Nebraska       | 3         | 8         | 30        | 44        | 15        |
| Nevada         | 10        | 15        | 40        | 30        | 5         |
| New Hampshire  | -         | 20        | 45        | 25        | 10        |
| New Jersey     |           | -         | 2         | 98        | -         |
| New Mexico     | 7         | 19        | 36        | 18        | 20        |
| New York       | 6         | 9         | 45        | 23        | 17        |
| North Carolina | 3         | 8         | 31        | 57        | 1         |
| North Dakota   | 1         | 6         | 30        | 60        | 3         |
| Ohio           | -         | 4         | 28        | 64        | 4         |
| Oklahoma       | 2         | 6         | 26        | 57        | 9         |
| Oregon         | 3         | 14        | 61        | 16        | 6         |
| Pennsylvania   | 2         | 18        | 30        | 45        | 5         |
| Rhode Island   | -         | -         | 5         | 95        | -         |
| South Carolina | 4         | 5         | 27        | 56        | 8         |
| South Dakota   | 4         | 10        | 30        | 45        | 11        |
| Tennessee      | 2         | 6         | 20        | 61        | 11        |
| Texas          | 24        | 24        | 29        | 19        | 4         |
| Utah           | 2         | 6         | 36        | 45        | 11        |
| Vermont        | -         | -         | -         | 100       | -         |
| Virginia       | 5         | 13        | 32        | 45        | 5         |
| Washington     | 2         | 33        | 41        | 24        |           |
| West Virginia  | 3         | 10        | 30        | 51        | 6         |
| Wisconsin      | 10        | 24        | 36        | 28        | 2         |
| Wyoming        | 1         | 3         | 17        | 78        | 1         |
| 48 States      | 9         | 15        | 32        | 35        | 9         |
| Previous week  | 9         | 15        | 29        | 37        | 10        |
| Previous year  | 25        | 25        | 25        | 22        | 3         |
| - iovious year | 20        | 20        | 20        | 22        | 3         |

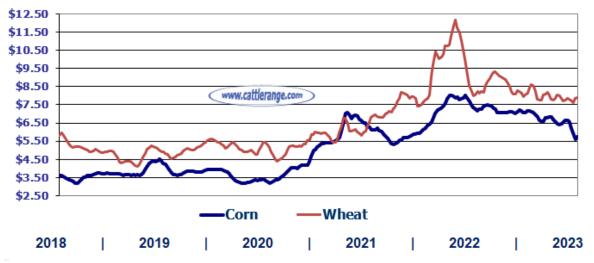
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**Weekly Grain Market Review:** 

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| Grain Prices       | 07/28/23 | Last Week | 1 Month Ago | 1 Year Ago | 5 Yr. Avg. |
|--------------------|----------|-----------|-------------|------------|------------|
| Omaha Corn         | 5.96     | 6.05      | 5.51        | 7.58       | 5.18       |
| Kansas City Wheat  | 7.83     | 8.10      | 7.42        | 8.30       | 6.49       |
| Sept Corn Futures  | 5.2100   | 5.2700    | 4.8850      | 6.1625     | 5.0410     |
| Sept Wheat Futures | 7.0425   | 6.9750    | 6.5100      | 8.0775     | 6.5175     |

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



#### **Last Week's Corn Trade Data:**

Net sales of 314,200 MT for 2022/2023 were up 33 percent from the previous week and 15 percent from the prior 4-week average. Increases primarily for Mexico (161,100 MT), Japan (109,700 MT, including 45,900 MT switched from unknown destinations and decreases of 200 MT), Canada (70,900 MT), Venezuela (26,000 MT), and Honduras (12,100 MT, including 7,500 MT switched from El Salvador and decreases of 80,800 MT), were offset by reductions for unknown destinations (48,900 MT), El Salvador (14,500 MT), and Guatemala (6,100 MT). Net sales of 335,800 MT for 2023/2024 were reported for Canada (164,800 MT), Mexico (141,300 MT), Taiwan (20,200 MT), unknown destinations (9,000 MT), and Honduras (500 MT).

**Exports of 411,400 MT were up 7 percent** from the previous week, but down 25 percent from the prior 4-week average. The destinations were primarily to Mexico (175,900 MT), Guatemala (62,300 MT), Honduras (56,700 MT), Japan (56,200 MT, including 10,300 MT - late), and El Salvador (27,400 MT).

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#### Regional Auction Reports... Click Link to view entire report

#### Friday/Saturday Auctions:

#### **Burwell Livestock Auction Market - Burwell NE**

This Week: Last Reported: Last Year:

Summer Schedule... No sale this week.

#### Ft. Pierre Livestock Auction - Ft. Pierre SD

This Week: Last Reported: Last Year:

Summer Schedule... No sale this week.

#### <u>Lexington Livestock Market - Lexington, NE</u>

This Week: 1,471 Last Reported: 1,667 Last Year: 1,688

Compared to two weeks ago steers over 850 lbs sold unevenly steady. Demand was moderate to good from the buyers in the crowd.

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

This Week: 650 Last Reported: 1,147

Last Year: 721

Compared to last week; slaughter and feeder cows traded 3.00 to 5.00 higher with the exception of fat cows trading 8.00 higher. Slaughter bulls traded mostly steady to last week. A small offering of pairs also today with an active market for all ages of pairs.

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

This Week: 656 Last Reported: 627 Last Year: 424

Compared to last week: Steer calves were 10.00-12.00 higher and heifer calves were steady on comparable sales. Feeder steers and heifers 5.00-7.00 higher. Slaughter cows and bulls 2.00-4.00 higher.

Trade and demand active.

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

This Week: 821 Last Reported: 1,504 Last Year: 944

Friday's auction had a very light offering of feeder cattle selling in small packages and singles and were not well tested. Several packages and small groups of Replacement cows with several small consignments of pairs mostly 4 yrs to short solid mouth with 250-350 lb calves sold with good demand, along with several groups of bred cows mostly 5 yrs to short solid mouth mostly in the 3rd stage. A good offering of slaughter steers and heifers sold 2.00-4.00 higher and a nice offering of slaughter cows traded firm to 4.00 higher.

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

This Week: 747 Last Reported: 802 Last Year: 734

Compared to last week, Feeder Steers steady to 5.00 higher; Feeder Bulls 4.00-9.00 higher; Feeder Heifers 2.00-8.00 higher; Slaughter Cows steady to 2.00 higher; Slaughter Bulls mostly steady.

#### Carolina Stockyards - Livestock Auction - Siler City, NC

This Week: 868 Last Reported: 869 Last Year: 830

Slaughter cattle 1.00 higher this week compared to last week. Feeder cattle steady to 2.00 higher 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: 2,181 Last Reported: 1,948 Last Year: 2,885

Compared to two weeks ago: Feeder steers 800-1000 lbs steady to 5.00 higher, heifers 800-950 lbs steady to 5.00 higher, other weights of steers and heifers not well compared. Very good demand for this nice offering of yearling steers and heifers with many full load lots in the lineup.

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

This Week: 1,105 Last Reported: 700 Last Year: 940

No comparison to last week. Demand was good.

#### **Roswell Livestock Auction - Roswell NM**

This Week: 923 Last Reported: 1,439 Last Year: 1,700

Compared to last week; steer calves sold 10.00-11.00 higher with exception of 400-500 lbs being 4.00 lower. Feeder steers and heifers had insufficient numbers to compare. Heifer calves had lower numbers on comparable sales. Trade was active on smaller numbers and a stronger market. Slaughter cows sold 4.00-10.00 higher and slaughter bulls were steady to 6.00 higher. Demand was good with excellent buyer attendance

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

This Week: 6,683 Last Reported: 6,700 Last Year: 6,771

Compared to last week: Feeder steers steady to 4.00 lower but most decline over 800 lbs. Feeder heifers steady to 2.00 lower. Demand moderate to good for feeder cattle. Several nice thin fleshed feeders on offer and headed to summer pasture. Steer calves 5.00-10.00 lower with several un-weaned or short weaned calves on offer. Heifer calves 4.00-8.00 lower. Demand moderate to good for calves.

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

This Week: 4,808 Last Reported: 6,278 Last Year: 6,187

Compared to last week feeder steers sold steady. Feeder heifers sold steady to 5.00 higher with the most gain on weights over 525 lbs. Supply was moderate with good demand.

#### <u>Callaway Livestock Center - Kingdom City MO</u>

This Week: 1,610 Last Reported: 2,036

Last Year: 766

Compared to last week, a light offering of 450-600 lb steer calves sold fully steady to firm with spots 5.00 higher, 600-650 lb steers were not well tested with last week's limited offering but sold with a firm undertone, a pot load of 692 lb steers off the same consignment as last week's similar quality sold near 4.00 higher, with weights over 700 lbs trading with a firm undertone. Feeder heifers weighing under 550 lbs were lightly tested, a light test of 550-650 lbs sold steady to firm.

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

This Week: 713 Last Reported: 861 Last Year: 637

Compared to last week, Feeder Steers 5.00-10.00 higher; Feeder Bulls steady to 5.00 higher; Feeder Heifers steady to 5.00 higher; Slaughter Cows steady to 2.00 higher; Slaughter Bulls mostly steady.

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

This Week: 799 Last Reported: 505 Last Year: 449

Compared to last week; Feeder steers and feeder heifers under 500 lbs sold 3.00 to 5.00 lower. Feeders over 500 lbs sold 2.00 to 4.00 lower. Slaughter cows and slaughter bulls sold steady.

#### **Blue Grass South Livestock Market - Stanford KY**

This Week: 465

Last Reported: 191 Last Year: 238

Compared to last Monday: Feeder steers steady, Feeder heifers 2.00-4.00 higher, Good demand for feeder and yearling classes. Slaughter cows 1.00-3.00 higher, Slaughter bulls steady, Good demand for slaughter classes.

#### **Tuesday Auctions:**

#### Lonestar Stockyards - Wildorado, TX

This Week: 676 Last Reported: 760 Last Year: 982

Compared to last week: Not enough comparable sales on all classes for a market trend. Trading activity was moderate to active on good buyer demand.

#### Winter Livestock Auction - Riverton, WY

This Week: 255 Last Reported: 580 Last Year: 235

Compared to two weeks ago, on a light summer offering; slaughter cows and bulls unevenly steady with feeder calves steady to instances 2.00-5.00 lower on mixed offering. Demand moderate to good. Summer schedule sale every other Tuesday, next sale will be August 8th.

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

This Week: Last Reported: Last Year:

No sale report this week.

#### Winter Livestock - La Junta CO

This Week: Last Reported: Last Year:

This report will not be available due to the lack of receipts. The next report will be as receipts warrant.\*\*\*

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

This Week: 7,023 Last Reported: 6,533 Last Year: 7,894

Compared to last week: Feeder steers and heifers traded mostly steady to 2.00 higher. Demand good. Steer and heifer calves sold 2.00-6.00 higher, with most increases being seen on lighter weight cattle under 450 lbs. Demand good to very good.

#### Ozarks Regional Stockyards - West Plains MO

This Week: 2,515 Last Reported: 1,977 Last Year: 2,018

Compared to last week, steer and heifer calves sold 4.00-8.00 higher. Yearlings were not well tested however undertones were steady. Demand was good and improved throughout the day. The supply was moderate with several high quality drafts in the offering. One stick-out draft was 81 head of 553 lb. heifers, from the Pace Farm, that brought 266.50.

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

This Week: 1,590 Last Reported: 1,567 Last Year: 1,571 Compared to a week ago: Slaughter cows and bulls mostly steady. Feeder classes under 500 lbs. steady; over 500 lbs. steady to 4.00 lower. Replacement cows and pairs steady.

#### Blue Grass Stockyards - Lexington, KY

This Week: 717 Last Reported: 1,026 Last Year: 362

Compared to last Tuesday feeder steers and heifers traded 5.00 to 10.00 higher with very good demand for weaned packages. Yearling steers sold 3.00 to 6.00 higher with very good demand. Yearling heifers lightly tested. Slaughter cows sold 2.00 to 4.00 higher with very good demand. Slaughter bulls sold 3.00

higher with very good demand.

#### **Wednesday Auctions:**

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

This Week: 945 Last Reported: 3,281 Last Year: 2,408

A much lighter offering than last week with most weight classes not well compared. Lower undertones noted on steers 850 to 899 lbs and steady undertones on steers 950 to 999 lbs. Good demand for this offering featuring one string of steers and a handful of packages. Steers came out of the yard in mostly moderate plus flesh condition.

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

This Week: 4.025 Last Reported: 6,980 Last Year: 8,230

Compared with two weeks ago, 600 and 900 lbs steers traded 5.00 to 7.00 higher, 950 lbs steers traded 3.00 lower and 1000 lbs steers traded 2.00 higher. Heifer offerings 550 lbs traded 11.00 lower and 700 lbs offerings traded steady. Demand was good for the day with several buyers and active internet bidding.

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

This Week: 2.400 Last Reported: 2,056 Last Year: 2.978

Compared to two weeks ago steers and heifers over 600 lbs sold steady. Demand was moderate to good from the buyers in the crowd.

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

This Week: 5,582 Last Reported: 7,023 Last Year: 9,244

Compared to last week: Feeder steers and heifers traded 1.00-3.00 higher. Demand remains good for feeder cattle. Steer and heifer calves that were long weaned and suitable for grazing sold steady to weak.

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

This Week: 1,222 Last Reported: 1,539 Last Year: 1,751

Compared to last week; Steer calves had lower numbers on comparable sales. Heifer calves sold steady. Feeder steers 700-750 lbs sold 4.00 higher while feeder heifers had insufficient numbers to compare on like sales. Slaughter cows sold 2.00-5.00 higher and slaughter bulls were steady to 4.00 higher.

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

This Week: 492 Last Reported: 815 Last Year: 1,599

Compared to last week, not enough steers and heifers for a market test. Slaughter cows sold 2.00 to 3.00

higher. Slaughter bulls sold steady, however 1 high yielding bull weighing 1885 sold for 142.

#### Bloomfield Livestock Market - Bloomfield, IA

This Week: Last Reported: Last Year:

No sale this week.

#### <u>Springfield Livestock Auction - Springfield MO</u>

This Week: 745 Last Reported: 656 Last Year: 836

Compared to last week, steers sold steady to 3.00 lower and heifers were mostly steady. Demand was

moderate on a light run this week.

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

This Week: Last Reported: Last Year:

No sale this week.

#### Roanoke Stockyard - Roanoke AL

This Week: 965 Last Reported: 914 Last Year: 809

Compared to one week ago: Feeder steers sold 2.00 to 3.00 higher, feeder bulls sold steady, feeder heifers sold 3.00 to 4.00 lower. Slaughter cows sold 2.00 to 3.00 higher, slaughter bulls sold steady.

Replacement cows and pairs sold mostly steady.

#### Blue Grass Stockyards - Albany KY

This Week: 626 Last Reported: 624 Last Year: 1,186

Compared to last week: Feeder steers sold mostly steady. Yearling steers sold 2.00 to 3.00 higher. Feeder heifers under 600lbs sold 4.00 to 6.00 higher with feeder heifers over 600lbs 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 this week.

#### Mitchell Livestock Auction - Mitchell SD

This Week: 1,265 Last Reported: 2,144 Last Year: 6,039

Compared to last week: Feeder steers 900-1050 lbs. sold steady to 5.00 lower. Feeder heifers 900-950

lbs. sold 4.00 lower. Many large load lots in todays offering. Demand was good.

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

This Week:

Last Reported: Last Year:

No sale this week. Next Auction Dates Aug. 3rd and 24th.

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

This Week: 1,096 Last Reported: 1,457 Last Year: 2,262

Compared to last week: Feeder steers 3.00 to 6.00 higher. Feeder heifers unevenly steady. Steer calves 4.00 to 6.00 higher. Heifer calves 6.00 to 13.00 higher. Quality good to attractive with good demand. Slaughter cows steady to 3.00 higher. Slaughter bulls lower on a limited test.

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

This Week: 1,539 Last Reported: 2,380 Last Year: 3.608

Compared to last week: Feeder steers steady to 3.00 lower. Feeder heifers steady. Steer calves steady. Heifer calves steady on a light test. Demand was moderate. Quality average.

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

This Week: 1,221 Last Reported: 582 Last Year: 4,125

Compared to last week, feeder steers 700 lb to 950 lb sold 5.00 to 8.00 higher. Not enough steer calves for a market test. Outstanding offering of thin fleshed grass steers. Not enough heifers for a market test. Demand was good. Slaughter cows and bulls sold steady.

#### Farmers & Ranchers Livestock - Salina KS

This Week: 4,065 Last Reported: 2,666 Last Year: 3,519

Compared to last week 700 to 800 lb steers sold mostly 1.00 to 3.00 higher and 800 to 950 sold mostly 3.00 to 6.00 higher while the large 1000 lb steers sold mostly 2.00 lower. The heifers there were not enough for a good test, however the 700 to 850 lb heifers sold mostly 4.00 to 5.00 higher.

#### <u>Cattleman's Livestock Auction - Dalhart TX</u>

This Week: 1,460 Last Reported: 2,502 Last Year: 1,905

Compared to last week: Feeder steers traded steady to 6.00 higher. Feeder heifers traded 4.00 higher on comparable sales. There were not enough comparable sales on steer calves to call a trend, but trading was mostly steady on the better kinds.

#### New Cambria Livestock Market - New Cambria, MO

This Week: 475 Last Reported: 1,280 Last Year: 1,400

Not enough cattle on offer for a comparison, undertone lower. A triple digit heat wave brought cattle movement to a crawl this week. Supply light, demand moderate.

#### Calhoun Stockyard - Calhoun, GA

This Week: 395 Last Reported: 510 Last Year: 450

Compared to one week ago, slaughter cows and bulls steady to 2.00 higher, feeder steers and steer

calves lightly tested, feeder bulls steady to 3.00 higher, feeder heifers lightly tested, bull calves mostly steady, heifer calves unevenly steady, replacement cows mostly steady.

#### Toppenish Livestock Auction - Toppenish, WA

This Week: Last Reported: Last Year:

No sale this week.

#### Bluegrass Stockyards South - Stanford KY

This Week: 1,073 Last Reported: 1,880 Last Year: 1,468

Compared to last Thursday: Feeder steers under 700 lbs 4.00-8.00 higher, over 700 lbs steady, Feeder heifers steady to 2.00 higher, Very Good demand for feeders and good demand for yearlings. Slaughter cows 4.00-6.00 higher, Slaughter bulls steady, Good demand for slaughter classes.

#### Paris Stockyards - Paris KY

This Week: 1,443 Last Reported: 1,891 Last Year: 1,025

Compared to last week feeder steers were unevenly steady, feeder heifers were steady to down 2.00 due to lower quality offering and very hot weather. Slaughter cows were sharply up 3.00-5.00 with good buyer demand, slaughter bulls were steady to up 2.00-3.00 with good quality offerings.

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#### **Colorado Direct Cattle Report**

This Week: 5,327 Last Reported: 3,003 Last Year: 6,224

Compared to last week no comparable trades of FOB steers or heifers. Demand remains good for cattle coming off of summer grass. Supply included: 100% Feeder Cattle (56.9% Steers, 43.1% Heifers). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 87%. 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. and 10-15 cent slide < 600 lbs. Livestock reported this week originated from AZ, CO, MT, UT.

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

This Week: 260 Last Reported: 798 Last Year: 5,916

Compared to last week: No 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: 6,093 Last Reported: 9,761 Last Year: 2,459

Compared to last week: Feeder steers mostly steady to 2.00 higher on limited comparable sales. Feeder heifers were lightly tested on a Current FOB basis last week. Demand moderate to good. Triple digit

temperatures continue across the state hampering livestock movement. Supply included: 100% Feeder Cattle (55.9% Steers, 6.6% Dairy Steers, 23.7% Heifers, 13.8% Dairy Heifers). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 85%. 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 AR, FL, KS, OK, TX.

#### **Missouri Direct Cattle Report**

This Week: Last Reported: Last Year:

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

#### **Montana Direct Cattle Report**

This Week: 1,860 Last Reported: 650 Last Year: 1,200

Compared to last week: No Current FOB trades this week for a trend. Demand good. Supply included: 100% Feeder Cattle (46.2% Steers, 53.8% 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 up to a 15 cent slide > 600 lbs. Livestock reported this week originated from MT.

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

This Week: 2,125 Last Reported: 148 Last Year: 610

Compared to last week: Not enough comparable sales on all classes for a market trend due to last weeks light test. The majority of the supply this week consisted of Dairy Cross cattle for future delivery. Trading activity was moderate to active on good buyer demand. Supply included: 100% Feeder Cattle (11.8% Steers, 18.4% Dairy Steers, 34.1% Heifers, 35.8% Dairy Heifers). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 78%. Unless otherwise noted, Feeder Cattle prices FOB based on net weights after a 2-3 % shrink or equivalent, with a 4-8 cent slide >600 lbs. Livestock reported this week originated from NM.

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

This Week: 2,680 Last Reported: 826 Last Year: 458

Compared to last week: Feeder heifers sold 6.00 higher with no comparison on feeder steers. Demand was good on a rather large supply of cattle this week. Supply included: 100% Feeder Cattle (58.6% Steers, 41.4% 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 a 8-10 cent slide > 600 lbs. Livestock reported this week originated from ID, NV, UT.

#### Oklahoma Direct Cattle Report

This Week: 2,259 Last Reported: 4,171 Last Year: 1,366

Compared to last week: Feeder steers sold mostly steady on limited comparable Current FOB trades from last week. Feeder heifers were not tested last week for a trend. Demand moderate to good. Triple digits continues across the trade area with little to no end in the forecast hampering livestock movement. Supply included: 100% Feeder Cattle (83.4% Steers, 16.6% 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. Livestock reported this week originated from OK

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

This Week: 1,120 Last Reported: 1,285 Last Year: 2,067

Compared to last week: Not enough comparable sales on feeder steers or heifers for a market trend. Trading activity was moderate to active on good buyer demand. Supply included: 100% Feeder Cattle (53.8% Steers, 10.7% Dairy Steers, 35.4% Heifers). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 89%. 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, GA, MS

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

This Week: 5,304 Last Reported: 848 Last Year: 824

Compared to last week: Not enough comparable sales on feeder steers or heifers for a market trend. Trading activity was moderate to active on good buyer demand. The majority of the trades were dairy cross cattle for out front delivery. Supply included: 100% Feeder Cattle (5.9% Steers, 86.5% Dairy Steers, 7.5%

Heifers). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 1%. 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. Livestock reported this week originated from AZ, CO, ID, NM.

#### **Texas Direct Cattle Report**

This Week: 17,346 Last Reported: 17,179 Last Year: 17,642

Compared to last week: Current FOB steers and heifers sold mostly steady with instances 4.00 higher. Trade activity and demand were moderate to good. Supply included: 100% Feeder Cattle (57.9% Steers, 0.4% Dairy Steers, 35.2% Heifers, 6.5% Dairy Heifers). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 95%. 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 within 14 days after report date. Livestock reported this week originated from AL, AZ, CO, FL, GA, KS, KY, MS, NM, OK, TX.

#### Wyoming-Nebraska Direct Cattle Report

This Week: 645 Last Reported: 1,516 Last Year: 21,585

Compared to last week no comparable sales of steers and heifers. Demand was moderate to good. Most Nebraska feedlots must be fairly current with show list this week as managers continue to pass bids from the packer. Not uncommon for a manager to pass bids but usually when the Nebraska heat index is in the 100's managers are willing sellers. Week to date head count for the Cornhusker state as of Friday morning was 743 head of cash cattle have been sold compared to 21,322 head for same time frame last year. Supply included: 100% Feeder Cattle (92.2% Steers, 7.8% 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 8-15 cent slide > 600 lbs. Livestock reported this week originated from NE, WY.

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