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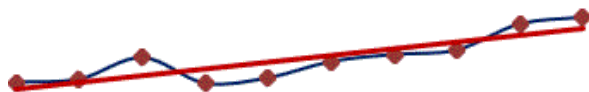
Weekly Market Summary

For the week ending April 18, 2025

Compared to last week, fed cattle trade was light to moderate with higher prices in both the Southern Plains & Northern Plains. Feeder cattle and stocker calves made strong gains with live cattle futures and feeder cattle futures surging higher. The dressed beef cutouts were mixed with July corn futures slightly higher.

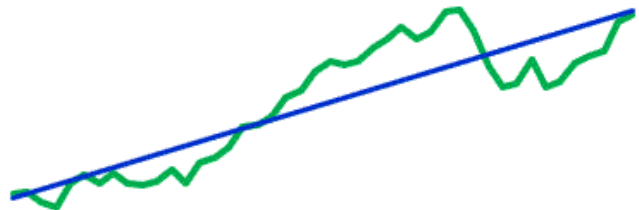
Cattle/Beef Market-Strength Indexes

10 Day Index Trendline



Change from Previous Day: **+2.01%**
Change from 10 Days Ago: **+19.18%**

60 Day Index Trendline



Change from 60 Days Ago: **+28.68%**
Change from 60 Day High: **-1.48%**

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 Southern Plains was 5.00 higher at 210.00 with Northern Plains trade 5.00 higher at 213.00. In the 3 front months, Live Cattle futures were 6.27 to 7.35 higher. USDA's steer carcass weight data showed weights averaged 949 lbs. this week, compared to 944 lbs. last week and 919 lbs. last year.

S: This Week: 210.00 / Month Ago: 210.00 / Year Ago: 182.00 / 5 Year Avg: 150.73

N: This Week: 213.00 / Month Ago: 214.00 / Year Ago: 183.00 / 5 Year Avg: 152.54

Feeder Steers: The national average price for feeder steers was 298.06, 3.67 higher with trade mostly 3.00 lower to 5.00 higher. In the 3 front months, Feeder Cattle futures closed 7.20 to 8.18 higher.

This Week: 298.06 / Month Ago: 292.03 / Year Ago: 254.35 / 5 Year Avg: 192.36

Stocker Steers: The national average price for stocker steers was 370.27, 2.78 higher with trade mostly 1.00 lower to 6.00 higher.

This Week: 370.27 / Month Ago: 362.60 / Year Ago: 314.67 / 5 Year Avg: 226.66

CME Feeder Cattle Index: 293.57... +7.44 --- 52 Week High: 293.57 on 4/17/25

This Week: 293.57 / Month Ago: 287.78 / Year Ago: 241.73 / 5 Year Avg: 190.55

Boxed Beef Cutout: The Choice cutout was 2.70 lower at 331.52 and the Select cutout 1.59 higher at 315.55. The Choice/Select spread is at 15.97, 4.29 narrower.

This Week: 331.52 / Month Ago: 325.45 / Year Ago: 295.67 / 5 Year Avg: 283.55

Cutter Cow Cutout: 1.76 lower at 293.91.

Slaughter Cows: Trade mostly 1.00 lower to 3.00 higher.

Total red meat production under Federal inspection for the week ending Saturday, April 19th was estimated at 1022.5 million lbs. according to the USDA Marketing Service. This was 1.0 percent lower than a week ago and 3.7 percent lower than a year ago. Cumulative meat production for the year to date was 2.3 percent lower compared to the previous year.

Corn: May futures closed at 4.9025, 0.0005 higher.

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Market Overview:

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CME Feeder Index	293.57	286.13	287.78	241.73	190.55
Live Cattle Futures	04/18/25	Last Week	1 Month Ago	1 Year Ago	5 Yr. Avg.
April	209.82	202.47	206.95	181.47	149.84
June	204.07	196.80	202.77	175.67	150.66
August	200.12	193.85	199.35	173.55	152.39
Feeder Futures	04/18/25	Last Week	1 Month Ago	1 Year Ago	5 Yr. Avg.
April	293.35	285.17	286.47	241.32	192.75
May	286.85	278.70	284.97	242.00	195.44
August	290.87	283.67	285.10	253.50	197.94
Fed Cattle	04/18/25	Last Week	1 Month Ago	1 Year Ago	5 Yr. Avg.
S. Central	210.00	205.00	210.00	182.00	150.73
N. Central	213.00	208.00	214.00	183.00	152.54
Feedyard Closeouts	04/18/25	Last Week	1 Month Ago	1 Year Ago	5 Yr. Avg.
Current	340.43	288.34	383.41	(184.81)	(32.01)
Future (Projected)	(221.97)	(217.09)	(124.94)	(246.29)	(96.54)
Avg. National Prices	04/18/25	Last Week	1 Month Ago	1 Year Ago	5 Yr. Avg.
Feeder Steers	298.06	294.39	292.03	254.35	192.36
Stocker Steers	370.27	367.49	362.60	314.67	226.66
Boxed Beef Cutout	04/18/25	Last Week	1 Month Ago	1 Year Ago	5 Yr. Avg.
Choice	331.52	334.22	325.45	295.67	283.55
Select	315.55	313.96	309.62	290.83	265.38
Spread	15.97	20.26	15.83	4.84	18.16
Cutter Cow Cut-Out	293.91	295.67	297.26	269.72	226.59
Crude Oil Futures	64.45	61.57	68.27	83.21	89.15
Grain Prices	04/18/25	Last Week	1 Month Ago	1 Year Ago	5 Yr. Avg.
Omaha Corn	4.73	4.75	4.54	4.38	5.45
Kansas City Wheat	5.48	5.48	5.34	5.33	6.69
July Corn Futures	4.9025	4.9020	4.6425	4.3350	5.2922
July Wheat Futures	5.6225	5.7025	5.5825	5.5025	6.7643

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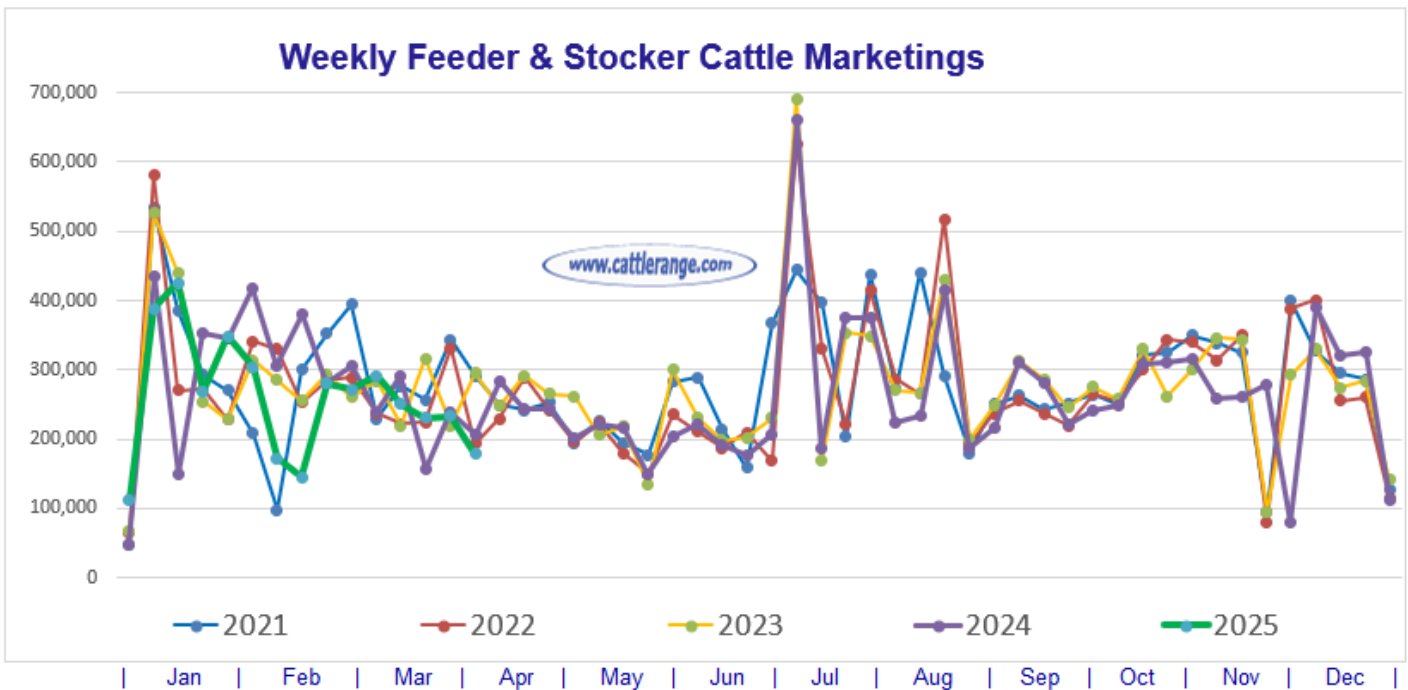


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National Feeder & Stocker Cattle Sale Receipts:

Data released by USDA on Monday, 4/14/25 for week ending Saturday, 4/12/25

Week Ending:	4/12/25	Last Week	1 Year Ago	2 Years Ago	3 Years Ago	3 Yr. Avg.
Auctions	122,400	152,900	167,600	207,900	154,800	176,767
Direct Sales	23,000	27,500	32,300	41,300	35,700	36,433
Video/Internet	32,700	52,300	7,200	45,500	2,700	18,467
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Total	178,100	232,700	207,100	294,700	193,200	231,667
This Week +/-	-	-23.5%	-14.0%	-39.6%	-7.8%	-23.1%



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	04/18/25	Last Week	1 Month Ago	1 Year Ago	5 Yr. Avg.
Dakotas <small>www.cattlerange.com</small>	314.91	311.90	316.06	280.26	207.05
Iowa	305.60	302.63	302.63	261.44	200.90
Missouri	303.67	298.22	300.70	259.28	197.68
Montana	302.40	298.95	301.91	266.83	200.10
Nebraska	310.17	308.19	312.16	276.82	208.41
Wyoming	305.20	301.73	305.26	269.31	202.30
North Central Avg.	306.99	303.60	306.45	268.99	202.74
Arkansas	293.61	286.67	286.67	244.66	187.53
Colorado	296.59	298.58	296.59	260.22	197.24
Kansas	304.62	298.17	300.65	260.23	197.68
New Mexico	301.31	294.68	290.03	247.47	190.72
Oklahoma	309.18	301.32	299.42	258.02	196.16
Texas	298.61	298.16	291.65	253.68	192.38
South Central Avg.	300.65	296.26	294.17	254.05	193.62
Alabama	283.08	280.10	278.12	240.14	181.18
Florida	276.14	273.16	271.18	234.15	175.68
Georgia	289.44	289.30	281.34	240.19	180.59
Kentucky	292.37	289.41	284.12	248.25	186.32
Louisiana	280.91	276.14	280.10	241.14	180.84
Mississippi	280.09	276.63	280.61	241.57	181.23
Tennessee	292.14	288.17	283.20	246.45	185.11
Virginia	290.08	287.14	282.49	245.26	184.61
Southeast Avg.	285.53	282.51	280.15	242.14	181.95
Arizona	295.29	289.48	282.07	242.03	187.13
California	302.43	295.47	288.01	248.22	191.29
Idaho	299.86	297.36	289.36	256.42	192.82
Nevada	299.25	295.77	287.80	253.97	190.96
Oregon	298.70	296.21	288.24	255.42	192.19
Utah	299.78	295.31	287.36	253.58	191.04
Washington	298.17	296.68	288.70	255.93	192.54
Western Avg.	299.07	295.18	287.36	252.22	191.14
Overall Average	298.06	294.39	292.03	254.35	192.36
This Week +/-	-	1.2%	2.1%	17.2%	54.9%

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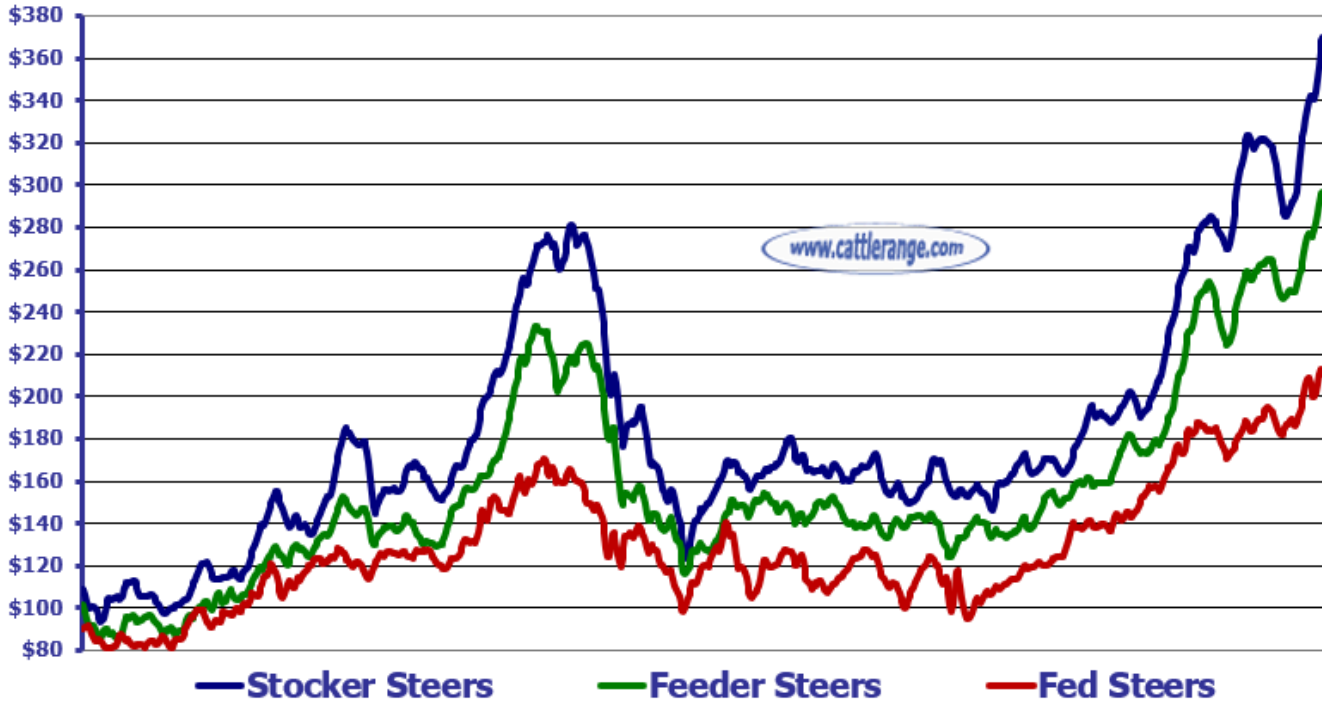
Stocker Steers:

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500 lb. - 600 lb. Steers	04/18/25	Last Week	1 Month Ago	1 Year Ago	5 Yr. Avg.
Dakotas <small>www.cattlerange.com</small>	386.63	384.12	380.11	337.85	242.53
Iowa	374.84	369.90	370.89	321.21	236.39
Missouri	375.85	375.27	370.52	323.86	232.45
Montana	376.78	377.28	369.89	330.34	236.77
Nebraska	376.82	380.78	375.80	322.89	246.38
Wyoming	380.28	379.54	373.32	333.40	238.89
North Central Avg.	378.53	377.82	373.42	328.26	238.90
Arkansas	365.18	359.22	362.20	305.71	221.48
Colorado	379.96	378.95	372.00	329.17	235.78
Kansas	374.35	375.30	377.27	323.01	231.71
New Mexico	372.42	366.94	362.48	315.53	226.16
Oklahoma	384.94	385.07	375.01	320.63	231.16
Texas	370.95	365.49	365.05	314.56	226.23
South Central Avg.	374.63	371.83	369.00	318.10	228.75
Alabama	354.89	352.91	354.89	304.41	213.76
Florida	342.88	343.97	347.94	301.41	208.28
Georgia	363.67	360.78	359.69	307.11	212.35
Kentucky	357.90	349.96	348.97	297.30	213.87
Louisiana	351.91	349.87	350.92	293.41	211.71
Mississippi	353.60	350.61	352.61	291.81	212.60
Tennessee	355.62	349.68	348.69	293.44	212.72
Virginia	353.11	347.23	346.25	292.02	212.25
Southeast Avg.	354.20	350.63	351.25	297.61	212.19
Arizona	368.54	364.88	354.21	310.63	223.35
California	375.57	373.58	358.55	314.28	228.20
Idaho	376.84	370.34	358.34	316.76	228.34
Nevada	373.46	370.17	356.03	315.10	226.55
Oregon	373.38	368.90	356.95	315.54	227.25
Utah	372.88	370.44	355.48	314.61	226.17
Washington	375.27	369.58	357.52	316.04	227.70
Western Avg.	373.71	369.70	356.73	314.71	226.79
Overall Average	370.27	367.49	362.60	314.67	226.66
This Week +/-	-	0.8%	2.1%	17.7%	63.4%

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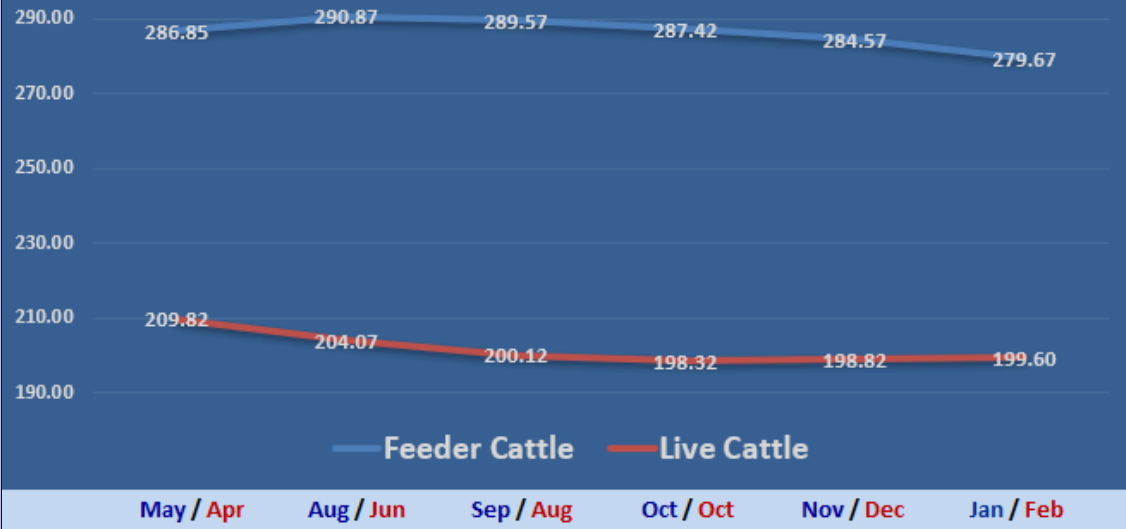
Stocker, Feeder & Fed Steers Moving Averages August 17, 2008 thru April 18, 2025



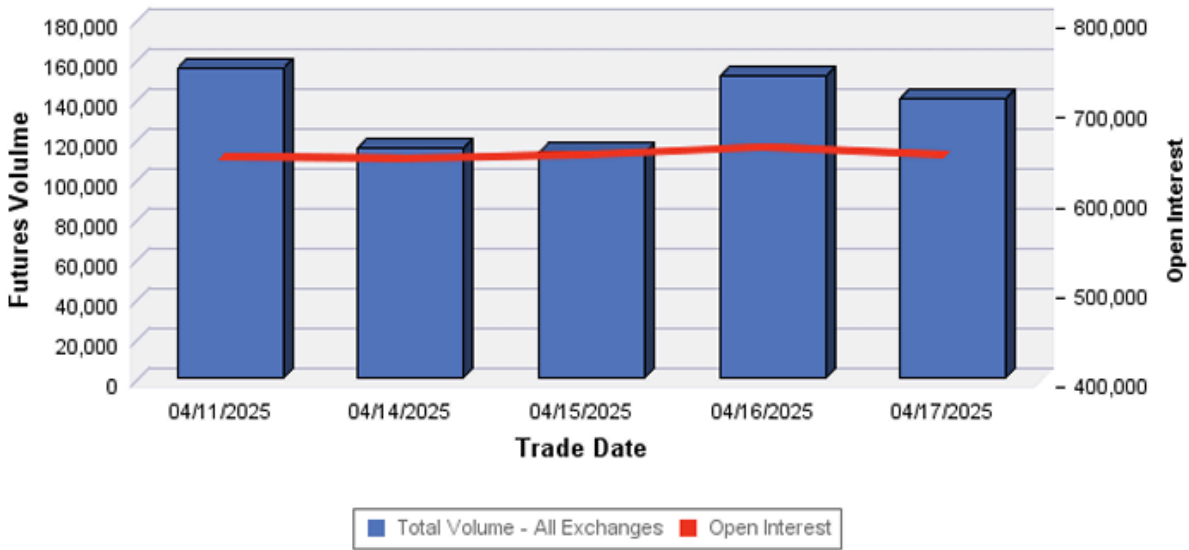
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Cattle Futures - April 18, 2025

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Livestock Volume & Open Interest: Last 5 Trade Days



Trade Date	Futures Volume
04/11/2025	154,948
04/14/2025	115,142
04/15/2025	112,398
04/16/2025	150,658
04/17/2025	139,931

Trade Date	Futures Open Interest
04/11/2025	654,482
04/14/2025	652,249
04/15/2025	655,364
04/16/2025	663,626
04/17/2025	655,939

Top Expirations Traded On: 04/17/2025			
Product Description	Month	Volume	OI
FDR CATTLE FUT	OCT25	1,693	4,787
FDR CATTLE FUT	MAY25	8,429	16,363
FDR CATTLE FUT	AUG25	8,091	32,354
FDR CATTLE FUT	SEP25	3,177	8,063
FDR CATTLE FUT	APR25	1,359	3,550
Total Feeder Cattle Futures		23,923	69,909
Product Description	Month	Volume	OI
LV CATTLE FUT	OCT25	9,758	57,007
LV CATTLE FUT	DEC25	7,582	37,756
LV CATTLE FUT	AUG25	13,560	76,605
LV CATTLE FUT	APR25	4,040	8,023
LV CATTLE FUT	JUN25	29,079	132,908
Total Live Cattle Futures		69,407	334,723
Product Description	Month	Volume	OI
LEAN HOGS FUT	JUL25	8,510	43,310
LEAN HOGS FUT	OCT25	3,495	37,979
LEAN HOGS FUT	DEC25	1,949	25,518
LEAN HOGS FUT	AUG25	6,126	35,341
LEAN HOGS FUT	JUN25	24,709	93,843
Total Lean Hog Futures		46,601	251,254
Product Description	Month	Volume	OI
PORK CUTOFF FUT	JUL25	0	14
PORK CUTOFF FUT	DEC25	0	10
PORK CUTOFF FUT	MAY25	0	19
PORK CUTOFF FUT	AUG25	0	4
PORK CUTOFF FUT	JUN25	0	6
Total Pork Cutout Futures		0	53

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

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Mexican Feeder Cattle Weekly Import Summary

Total Crossings				
IMPORTS				
	Current Week (4/7/2025)	Previous Week (3/31/2025)	Current YTD 2025	Previous YTD 2024
Mexico to U.S.	21,576	19,125	141,545	393,519
Feeder Cattle	21,504	19,073	140,385	389,307
Cattle Other	0	0	477	2,815
Horses	72	52	683	1,397
Total	21,576	19,125	141,545	393,519

Mexico to US Import Report for 4/16/2025 (Final)

Douglas, AZ - Compared to Tuesday, steer calves and yearlings sold steady to 5.00 lower. Heifers steady. Trade active, demand good. Supply consisted of steers and spayed heifers weighing 500-800 lbs.

Nogales, AZ - Compared to Tuesday, steer calves and yearlings sold steady to 5.00 lower. Heifers steady. Trade active, demand good. Supply consisted of steers and spayed heifers weighing 500-800 lbs.

Santa Teresa, NM - Compared to Tuesday, steer calves and yearlings sold steady to 5.00 lower. Heifers traded steady to 5.00 lower. Trade active, demand good. Supply consisted of steers and spayed heifers weighing 500-800 lbs.

Presidio, TX - Compared to Tuesday, steer calves and yearlings sold steady to 5.00 lower. Heifers traded steady to 5.00 lower. Trade active, demand good. Supply consisted of steers and spayed heifers weighing 500-800 lbs.

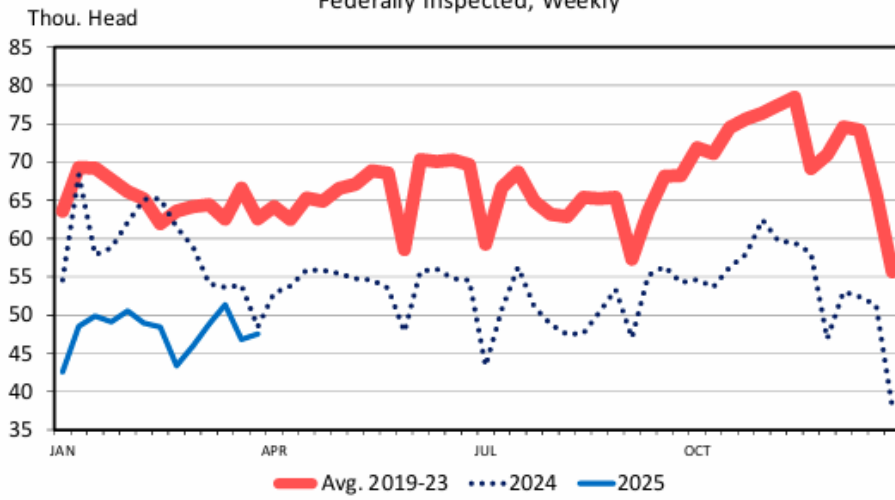
Alberta Beef Producers... Calgary AB:

Alberta direct cattle sales saw light trade develop with dressed sales reported at \$475.00/cwt delivered, steady with the previous week. Cattle that traded were being scheduled anywhere from immediate to early May delivery. US packer interest was relatively quiet this week. Even though Western Canadian packers have scaled back hours fed cattle numbers have not backed up. One could argue the feedlot industry has actually gained currentness. This has been large in part due to historically large fed cattle shipments to the US. Seasonally cow slaughter volumes are declining, and packers usually start allocating more hours to the A grade slaughter.

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Chart of the Week:

BEEF COW SLAUGHTER Federally Inspected, Weekly



Data Source: USDA-AMS & USDA-NASS
Livestock Marketing Information Center

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Photo of the Week:



- [Red Angus Rep. Heifers... North TX](#)

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"Shootin' the Bull" Weekly Analysis:

Unavailable this week...

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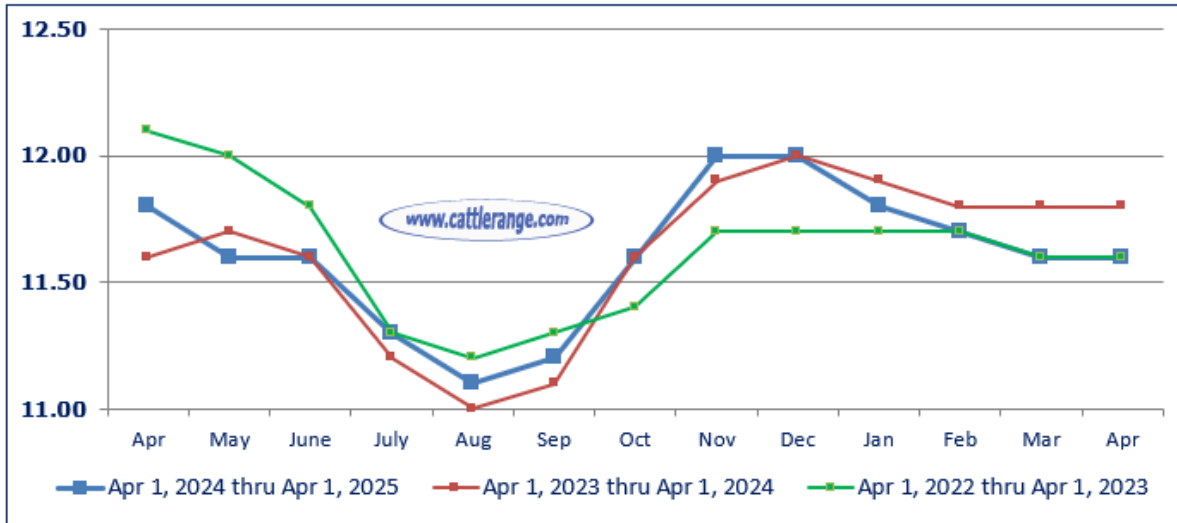
April USDA Cattle on Feed Report: Released by USDA on April 17, 2025

United States Cattle on Feed Down 2 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 11.6 million head on April 1, 2025. The inventory was **2 percent below** April 1, 2024. The inventory included 7.26 million steers and steer calves, down slightly from the previous year. This group accounted for 62 percent of the total inventory. **Heifers and heifer calves** accounted for 4.38 million head, **down 4 percent** from 2024.
- **Placements in feedlots** during March totaled 1.84 million head, **5 percent above** 2024. Net placements were 1.79 million head. During March, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 335,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 285,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 475,000 head, 800-899 pounds were 506,000 head, 900-999 pounds were 175,000 head, and 1,000 pounds and greater were 65,000 head.
- **Marketings of fed cattle** during March totaled 1.73 million head, **1 percent above** 2024.
- **Other disappearance** totaled 55,000 head during March, **4 percent below** 2024.

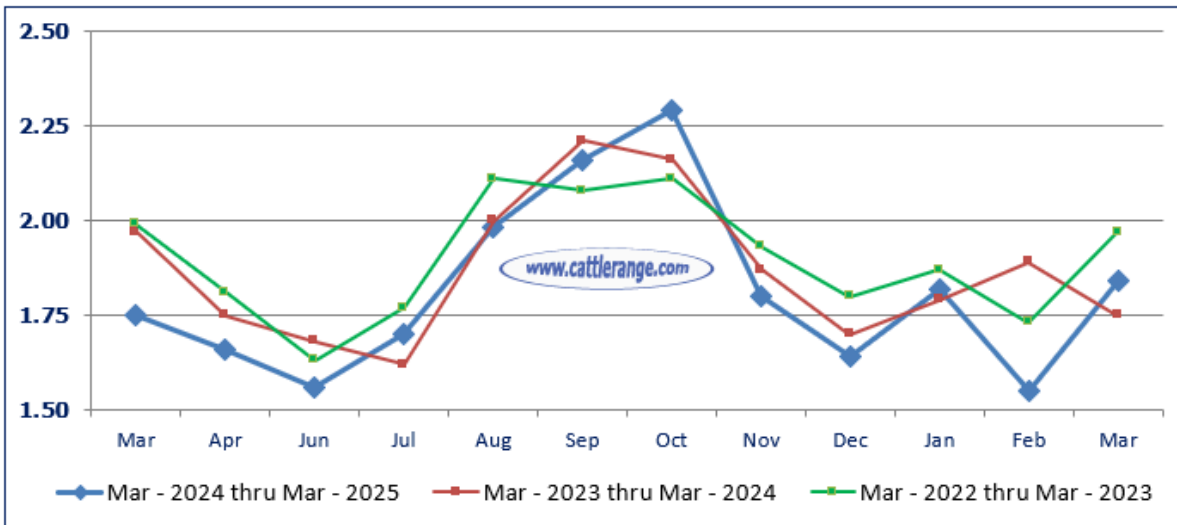
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Cattle on Feed in 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots as of April 1st



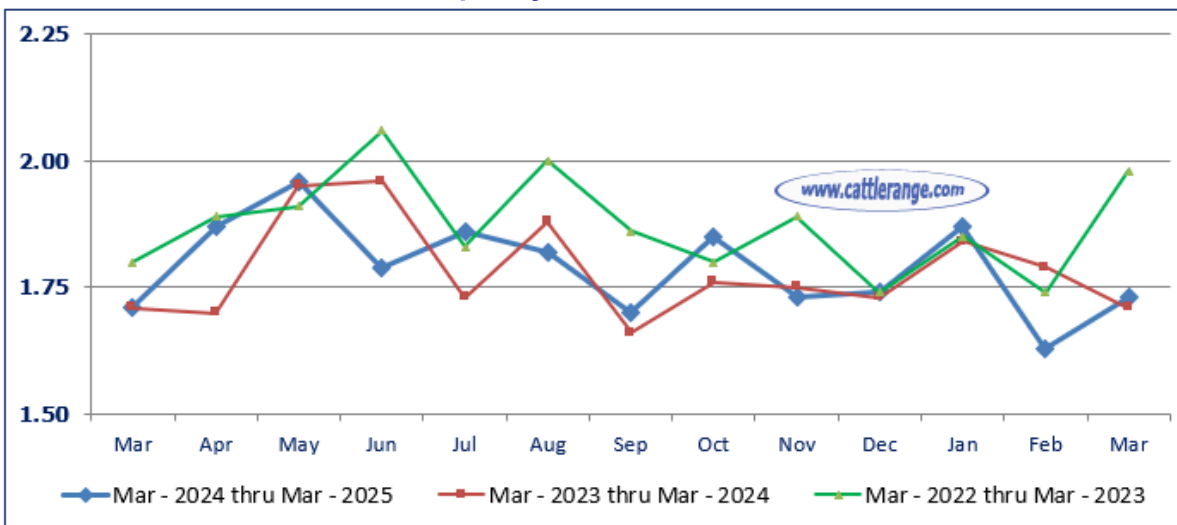
Millions of Head

Cattle Placed on Feed in 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots in March



Millions of Head

Cattle Marketed from 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots in March



Millions of Head

Cattle on Feed Inventory on 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots by Month – States and United States: 2024 and 2025

State	April 1, 2024	March 1, 2025	April 1, 2025		
			Inventory	Percent of previous year	Percent of previous month
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(percent)
Arizona	256	227	228	89	100
California	530	510	500	94	98
Colorado	990	1,010	1,000	101	99
Idaho	345	335	340	99	101
Iowa	660	670	680	103	101
Kansas	2,400	2,320	2,340	98	101
Minnesota	105	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Nebraska	2,540	2,590	2,600	102	100
Oklahoma	330	340	335	102	99
South Dakota	250	235	240	96	102
Texas	2,840	2,640	2,670	94	101
Washington	250	260	260	104	100
Other States	330	440	445	135	101
United States	11,826	11,577	11,638	98	101

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Thousands of Head

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Fed Cattle:

USDA reported on Friday afternoon that negotiated cash trade has been limited on light demand. Negotiated cash trade in all other regions has been mostly inactive on very light demand. The last reported market in all regions was on Thursday. In the Texas Panhandle, live FPB purchases traded from 208.00-210.00. In Kansas, live FOB purchases traded at 210.00. In Nebraska, live FOB purchases traded from 212.00-214.00 and dressed delivered purchases traded from 332.00-340.00. In the Western Cornbelt, live FOB purchases traded from 212.00-215.00 and dressed delivered purchases at 335.00.

5 Area Weekly Fed Cattle Weighted Averages:

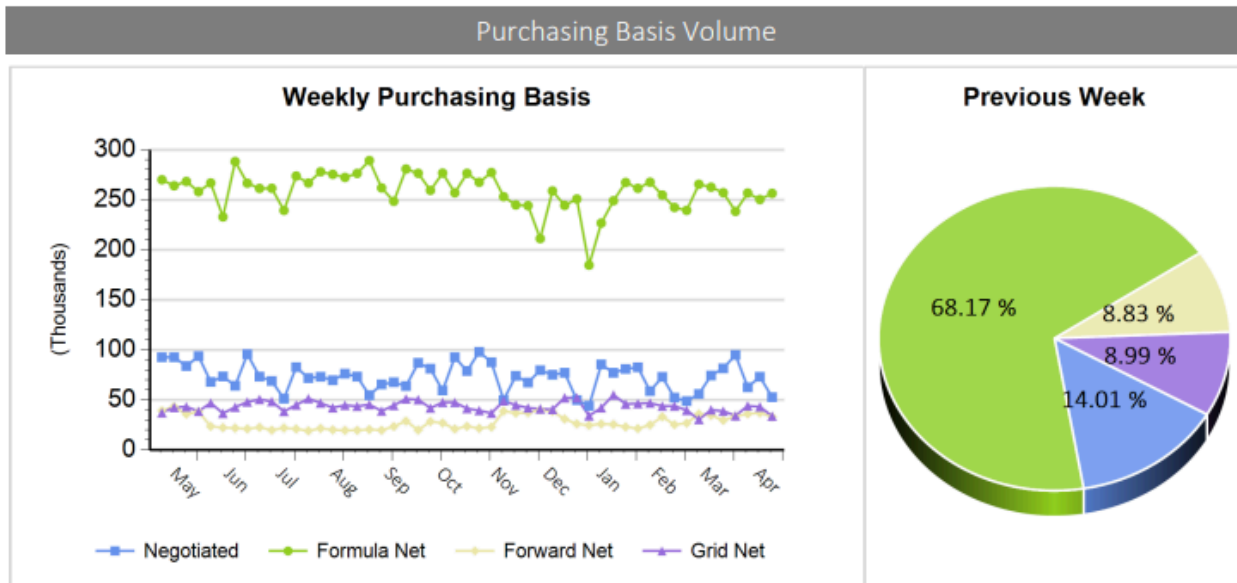
Texas/Oklahoma/New Mexico; Kansas; Nebraska; Colorado; Iowa/Minnesota feedlots
 (Includes all transactions regardless of delivery day)
 For: Week Ending Sunday, 4/13/2025

Confirmed: 38,541 Week Ago: 58,884 Year ago: 56,958

Negotiated Cash Sales

	Head Count	Weight Range	Price Range	Avg Weight	Wtd Avg Price
STEERS: LIVE FOB					
Over 80% Choice	14,660	1,400 -1,700	204.00 - 210.00	1,557	207.99
65 - 80% Choice	1,791	1,260 -1,500	204.00 - 208.00	1,408	205.58
35 - 65% Choice	117	1,300 -1,300	204.00 - 204.00	1,300	204.00
0 - 35% Choice		-	-		
Total all grades	16,568	1,260 -1,700	204.00 - 210.00	1,539	207.70
STEERS: LIVE DELIVERED					
Over 80% Choice	338	1,475 -1,550	208.00 - 210.00	1,515	209.79
65 - 80% Choice		-	-		
35 - 65% Choice		-	-		
0 - 35% Choice		-	-		
Total all grades	338	1,475 -1,550	208.00 - 210.00	1,515	209.79
STEERS: DRESSED DELIVERED					
Over 80% Choice	5,690	614 -1,135	325.00 - 330.00	986	327.84
65 - 80% Choice	426	835 -992	321.00 - 329.00	933	326.34
35 - 65% Choice		-	-		
0 - 35% Choice		-	-		
Total all grades	6,116	614 -1,135	321.00 - 330.00	982	327.73
STEERS: DRESSED FOB					
Over 80% Choice	360	977 -984	327.00 - 330.00	982	329.13
65 - 80% Choice		-	-		
35 - 65% Choice		-	-		
0 - 35% Choice		-	-		
Total all grades	360	977 -984	327.00 - 330.00	982	329.13
HEIFERS: LIVE FOB					
Over 80% Choice	6,245	1,250 -1,535	204.00 - 209.00	1,378	207.98
65 - 80% Choice	1,505	1,250 -1,400	202.00 - 204.00	1,368	203.84
35 - 65% Choice		-	-		

Daily Formula Base Volume				
Tue Apr 08	Wed Apr 09	Thu Apr 10	Fri Apr 11	Mon Apr 14
31,295	29,836	39,505	24,958	111,431



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This week's Feedyard Closeouts...

Closeout projections are for cattle placed on feed by a cattle owner at a commercial feedyard and not for cattle owned by a vertically integrated company such as a beef processing company or a feedyard feeding cattle at cost. Cattle cost, cost of gain, and selling price will vary on a regional basis. Cost includes \$15 per head for freight to feedyard.

Typical closeout for un-hedged steers sold this week:

- Placed On Feed 200 days ago = September 30, 2024
- Projected P/(L) based on the futures when placed on feed: **(\$40.93)**

*Cost of 800 lb. steer delivered @ \$244.20 per cwt. + \$15 freight:	\$1,968.60
Feed Cost for 700 lbs. @ \$1.07 per lb.	\$749.00
Interest on cattle cost for 200 days:	\$102.48
Interest on feed cost:	\$19.49
Total Cost & Expense:	\$2,839.57
** Sale proceeds: 1,500 lb. steer @ \$212.00 per cwt:	\$3,180.00
This week's Profit/(Loss) per head:	\$340.43
Profit/(Loss) per head for previous week:	\$288.34
Change from previous week:	+\$52.09
Sale price necessary to breakeven:	\$189.30

* CME Feeder Cattle Index ** USDA Market News

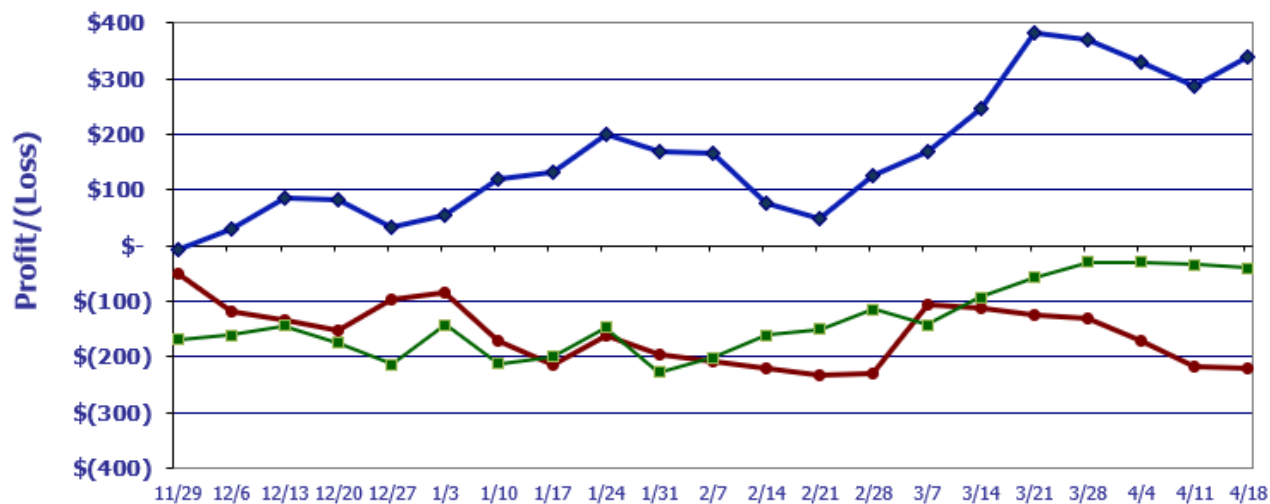
Projected closeout for steers placed on feed this week:

- Projected Sale Date @ 200 days on feed = November 4, 2025

*Cost of 800 lb. steer delivered @ \$293.57 per cwt. + \$15 freight:	\$2,363.56
Feed Cost for 700 lbs. @ \$1.02 per lb.	\$714.00
Interest on cattle cost for 200 days:	\$110.08
Interest on feed cost:	\$16.63
Total Cost & Expense:	\$3,204.27
**Sale proceeds: 1,500 lb. steer @ \$198.82 per cwt:	\$2,982.30
This week's Profit/(Loss) per head:	(\$221.97)
Profit/(Loss) per head for previous week:	(\$217.09)
Change from previous week:	-\$4.88
Sale price necessary to breakeven:	\$213.62

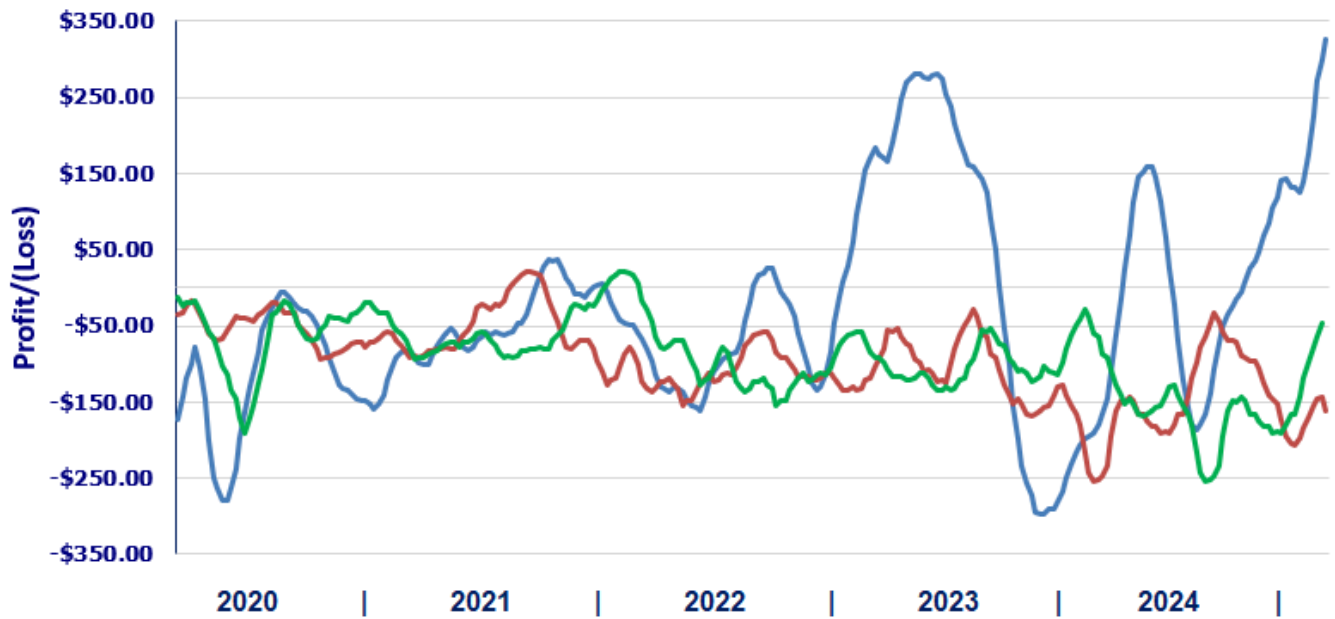
* CME Feeder Cattle Index ** December Live Cattle Futures Contract

Feedyard Close-Outs for the weeks ending...



Closeout for un-hedged steers placed on feed 200 days ago & sold this week:	\$340.43
Projection based on the futures when placed on-feed 200 days ago:	(\$40.93)
Projection based on the futures for steers placed on-feed this week:	(\$221.97)

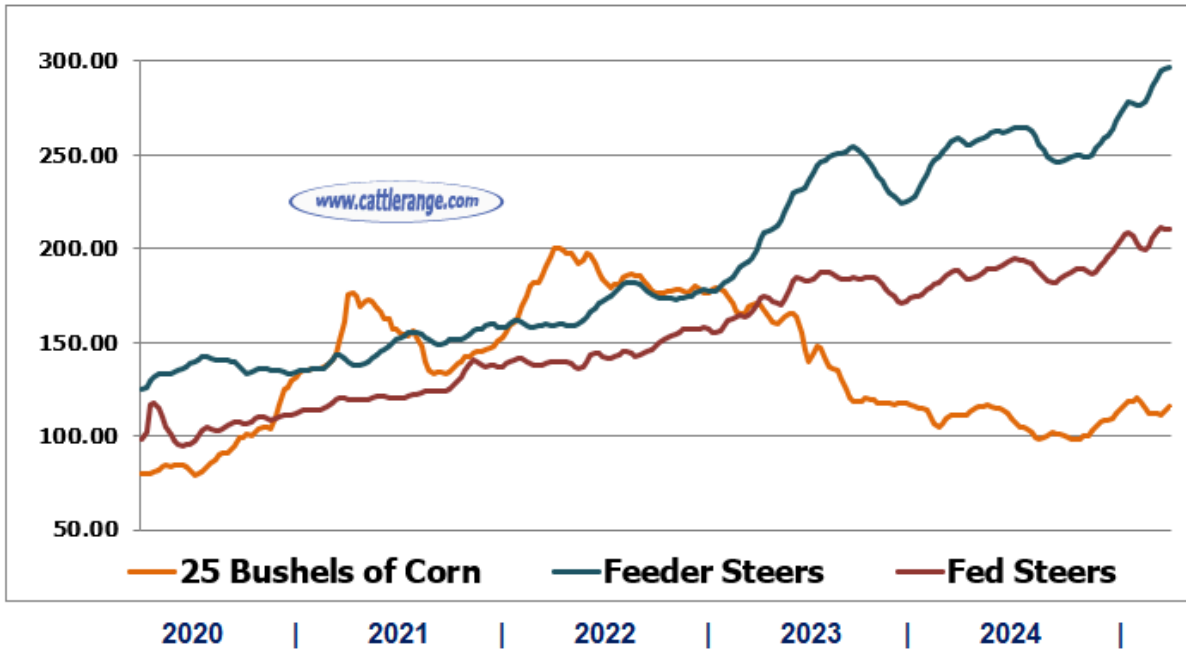
Feedyard Close-Outs - 5 Year Moving Averages...



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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 for last week.

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

Cattle		
	<u>Head</u>	<u>% of Total</u>
Steers	275,863	47.1%
Heifers	205,359	35.0%
Dairy Cows	49,250	8.4%
Other Cows	46,959	8.0%
Bulls	8,603	1.5%
Total	586,034	

Livestock Slaughter under Federal Inspection:

Daily Slaughter

<u>Fri Apr 18, 2025</u>		<u>Week Ago</u>	<u>Year Ago</u>	<u>WTD</u>	<u>Prev Week</u> <u>WTD</u>	<u>Last Year</u> <u>WTD</u>	<u>2025</u> <u>YTD</u>	<u>2024</u> <u>YTD</u>	<u>YTD</u> <u>% Change</u>
Calves	1,000	1,000	698	5,000	5,000	3,810	45,428	70,648	-35.7%
Cattle	89,000	96,000	111,497	566,000	559,000	597,794	8,996,383	9,515,964	-5.5%
Hogs	407,000	478,000	480,083	2,344,000	2,429,000	2,416,067	38,778,558	39,966,090	-3.0%
Sheep	2,000	6,000	3,953	34,000	41,000	33,625	581,125	587,395	-1.1%

<u>Sat Apr 19, 2025</u>		<u>Week Ago</u>	<u>Year Ago</u>	<u>WTD</u>	<u>Prev Week</u> <u>WTD</u>	<u>Last Year</u> <u>WTD</u>	<u>2025</u> <u>YTD</u>	<u>2024</u> <u>YTD</u>	<u>YTD</u> <u>% Change</u>
Calves	0	0	2	5,000	5,000	3,812	45,428	70,650	-35.7%
Cattle	10,000	5,000	20,049	576,000	564,000	617,843	9,006,383	9,536,013	-5.6%
Hogs	36,000	55,000	64,536	2,380,000	2,484,000	2,480,603	38,814,558	40,030,626	-3.0%
Sheep	0	0	30	34,000	41,000	33,655	581,125	587,425	-1.1%

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Boxed Beef Cutouts:

USDA Estimated Boxed Beef Cut-out Values as of 2:30 PM on 4/18/25

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.

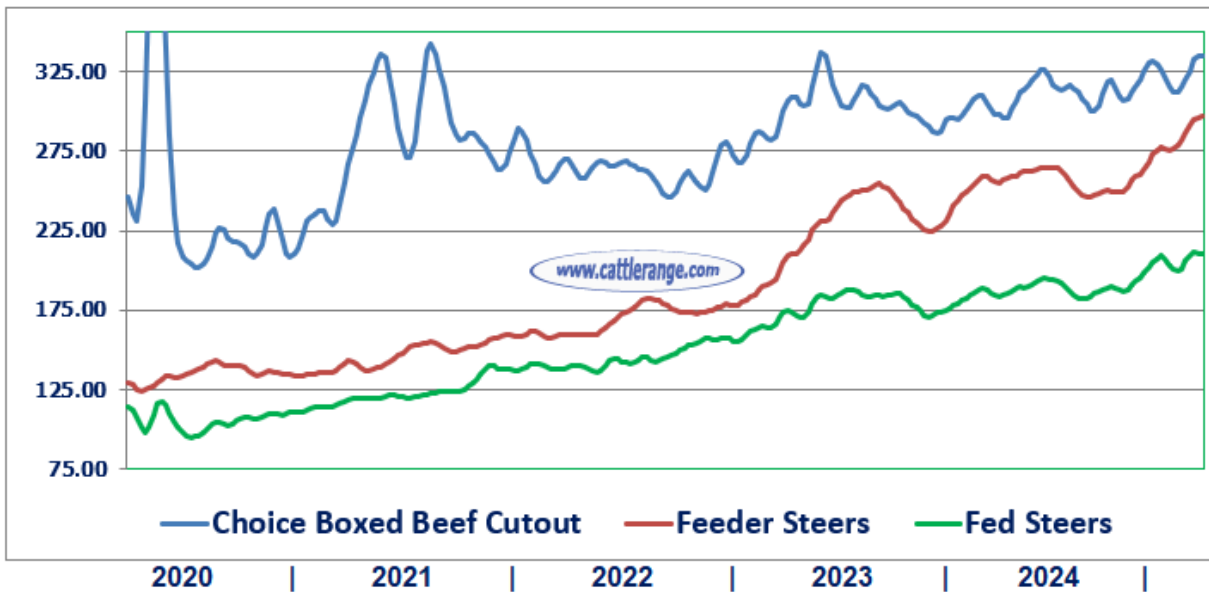
	Choice 600-900	Select 600-900
Current Cutout Values:	331.52	315.55
Change from prior day:	(1.38)	(0.84)
Choice/Select spread:	15.97	
Total Load Count (Cuts, Trimmings, Grinds):	101	

Composite Primal Values

Primal Rib	576.24	499.01
Primal Chuck	252.86	258.34
Primal Round	268.48	270.33
Primal Loin	453.63	411.76
Primal Brisket	259.07	254.54
Primal Short Plate	227.71	227.71
Primal Flank	166.37	164.14

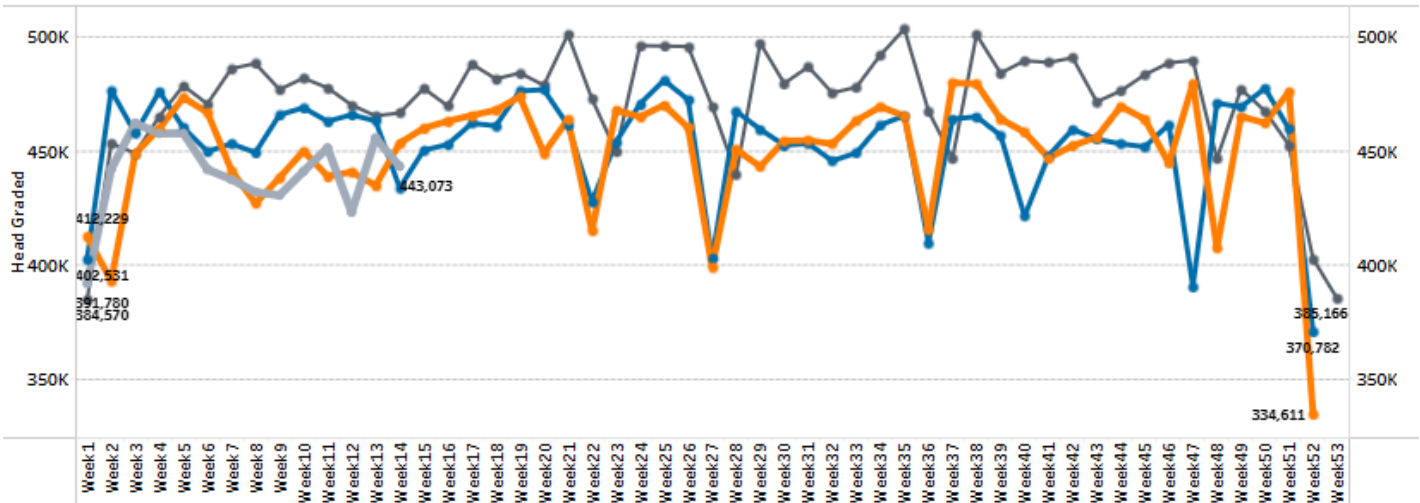
Load Count And Cutout Value Summary For Prior 5 Days

Date	Choice	Select	Trim	Grinds	Total	Choice 600-900	Select 600-900
04/17	103	14	13	14	143	332.90	316.39
04/16	95	21	6	12	135	333.53	314.39
04/15	105	18	9	16	147	335.43	315.24
04/14	55	10	5	12	81	335.63	315.85
04/11	67	9	12	15	102	334.22	313.96
Current 5 Day Simple Average:						334.34	315.17



USDA National Steer & Heifer Estimated Grading Report:
Released by USDA Market News Service for last week.

Beef: Head Graded Prime, Choice, & Select
 Regions: All
 States: All



Last Week's Trade Data:

Beef:

Net sales of 17,500 MT for 2025 were up 47 percent from the previous week and 78 percent from the prior 4-week average. Increases were primarily for Japan (7,700 MT, including decreases of 300 MT), South Korea (3,700 MT, including decreases of 500 MT), Mexico (2,100 MT), Taiwan (1,300 MT, including decreases of 100 MT), and Canada (900 MT).

Exports of 14,600 MT were down 3 percent from the previous week and 2 percent from the prior 4-week average. The destinations were primarily to South Korea (5,600 MT), Japan (3,500 MT), China (1,400 MT), Mexico (1,400 MT), and Taiwan (1,100 MT).

Pork:

Net sales of 20,500 MT for 2025 were down 14 percent from the previous week and 35 percent from the prior 4-week average. Increases were primarily for Japan (7,100 MT, including decreases of 200 MT), Mexico (3,200 MT, including decreases of 200 MT), South Korea (2,300 MT, including decreases of 1,300 MT), Colombia (2,100 MT, including decreases of 100 MT), and Canada (1,900 MT, including decreases of 100 MT).

Exports of 30,900 MT were up 3 percent from the previous week, but down 3 percent from the prior 4-week average. The destinations were primarily to Mexico (11,100 MT), South Korea (5,300 MT), Japan (4,400 MT), China (2,900 MT), and Colombia (2,000 MT).

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USDA National Retail Beef Report:

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

This week in beef retail the Feature Rate decreased by 8.8 percent and the Activity Index increased by 1.9 percent. Compared to last week items from the brisket, loin, rib, ground, and deli items showed an increase in ad space while items from the chuck, round, sirloin, other/misc., and variety meat sections showed a decrease. Carcass items remained steady.

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Metric	Current Week (CW)	Previous Week (PW)	Previous Year (PY)
Total Outlets	24,824	24,824	
Activity Index	84,788	83,172	
Feature Rate (%)	74.0%	82.8%	

Explanatory Notes:

Activity Index: A measure of the absolute frequency of feature activity equal to the total number of stores for each advertised item, e.g., a retailer with 100 outlets featuring 3 items has an activity index of 300.

Feature Rate: The amount of sampled stores advertising any reported item during the current week, expressed as a percentage of the total sample.

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Est. Weekly Meat Production Under Federal Inspection:

Total red meat production under Federal inspection for the week ending Saturday, April 19th was estimated at 1022.5 million lbs. according to the USDA Marketing Service. This was 1.0 percent lower than a week ago and 3.7 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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3 Year Bullish/Bearish Consensus Charts from [SentimenTrader](#):

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

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

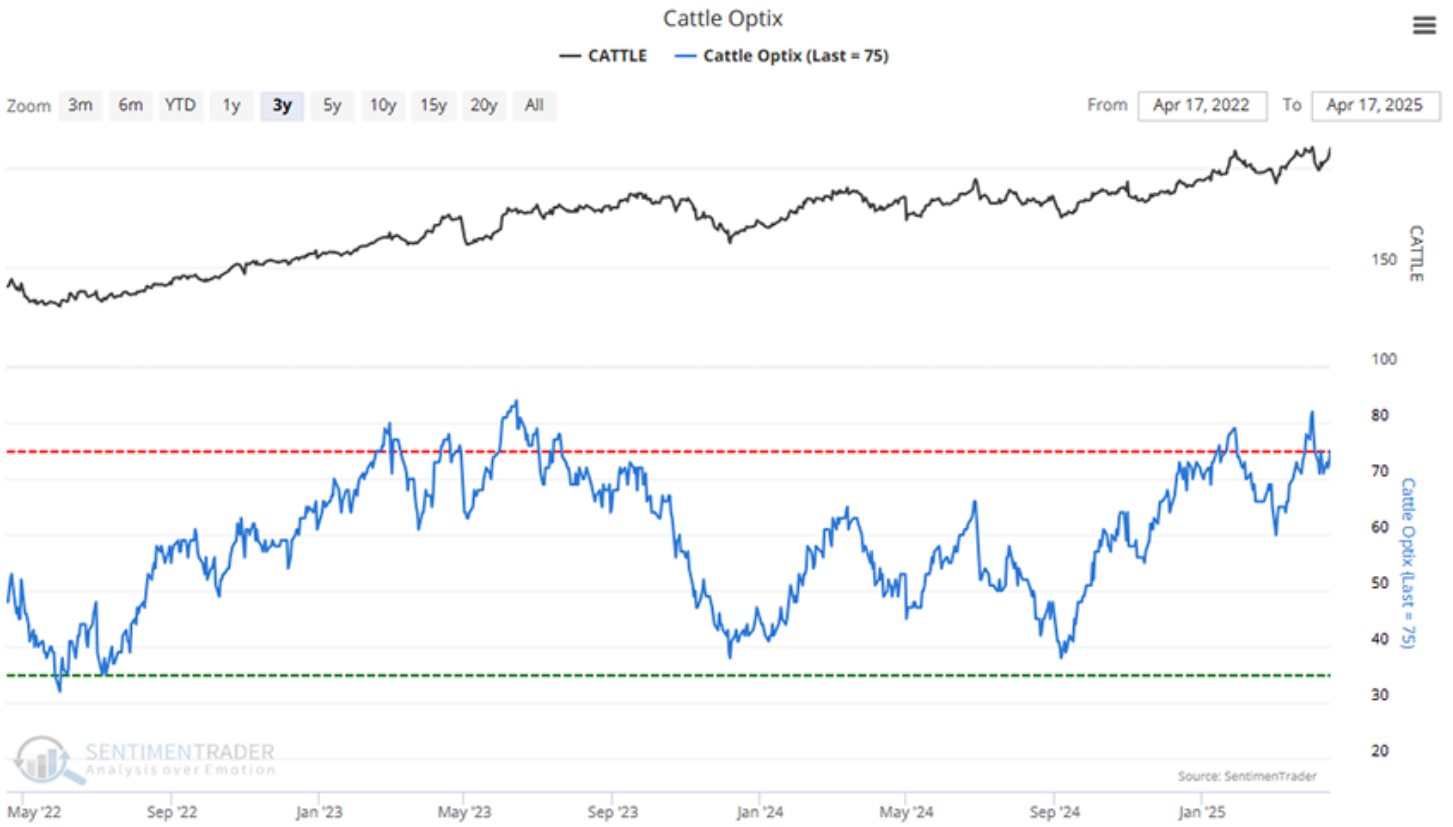
Because of this tendency, there are often extremes in opinion right before major changes in trend:

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

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

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

Cattle Bullish/Bearish Consensus: 3 Year Chart



Corn Bullish/Bearish Consensus: 3 Year Chart



U.S. Dollar - 6 Month Chart:

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



- [U.S. Dollar Index](#)

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Stock Markets & Economic News:

[T. Rowe Price](#)

Large-cap tech stocks lag in holiday-shortened trading week

Major stock indexes finished the holiday-shortened week mixed (markets were closed Friday in observance of the Good Friday holiday). Smaller-cap indexes outperformed, with the S&P MidCap 400 and Russell 2000 Indexes posting gains, while the Dow Jones Industrial Average, S&P 500 Index, and Nasdaq Composite all closed the week lower. The information technology sector was a notable decliner during the week, due in part to news that the U.S. government would add new restrictions on exports of chips to China in a further escalation of the ongoing trade war between the world's two largest economies. The news sent shares of NVIDIA, Advanced Micro Devices, and other companies with artificial intelligence exposure lower on Wednesday, weighing on the broader sector.

Comments from Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell appeared to add to the negative sentiment in the latter half of the week. Speaking at the Economic Club of Chicago, Powell echoed recent comments from Fed officials regarding their economic outlook, stating that tariff increases have been "significantly larger than anticipated," and that "the same is likely to be true of the economic effects, which will include higher inflation and slower growth." Powell also reiterated that policymakers are "well positioned to wait for greater clarity before considering any adjustments" to monetary policy, which some interpreted as ruling out any interest rate cuts in the near term.

Consumer spending rises ahead of tariff increases

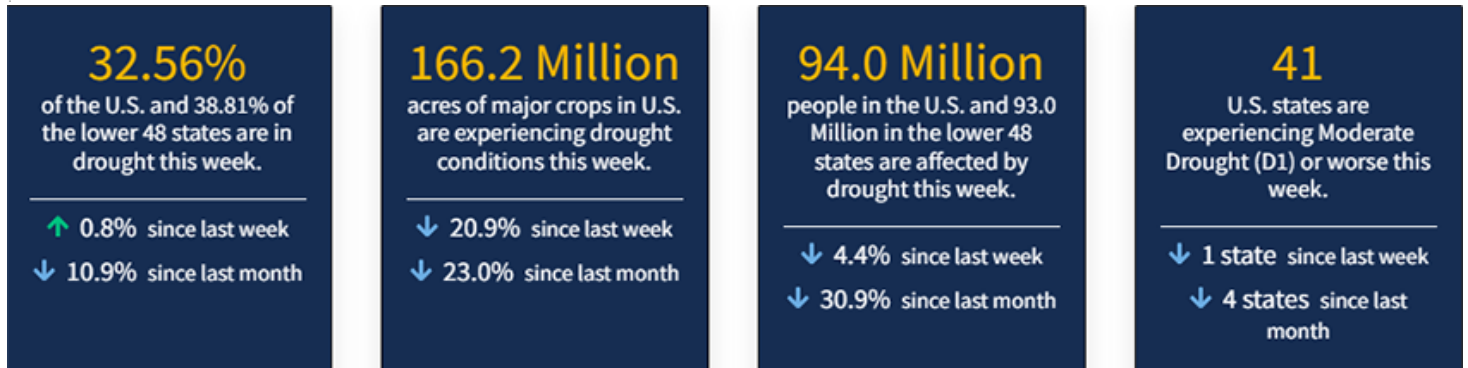
Elsewhere, the Census Bureau reported that retail sales rose by 1.4% in March, the highest monthly increase in over two years. The advance was broad-based, with 11 of the report's 13 categories increasing from February. Sales at motor vehicle and parts dealers surged 5.3%, an indication that consumers were rushing to buy cars ahead of the Trump administration's 25% tariff on automobiles. Building materials, sporting goods, and electronics also had notable increases in sales during the month.

U.S. Stocks:

Index	Friday's Close	Week's Change	% Change YTD
DJIA	39,142.23	-1,070.48	-8.00%
S&P 500	5,282.70	-80.66	-10.18%
Nasdaq Composite	16,286.45	-438.01	-15.66%
S&P MidCap 400	2,744.39	21.84	-12.07%
Russell 2000	1,880.62	20.42	-15.67%

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For the 14th week in a row, drought worsened in the Southwest, with Exceptional Drought (D4) added to the Arizona/New Mexico border. Exceptional Drought also expanded in Texas. Extreme Drought (D3) was introduced to Florida.



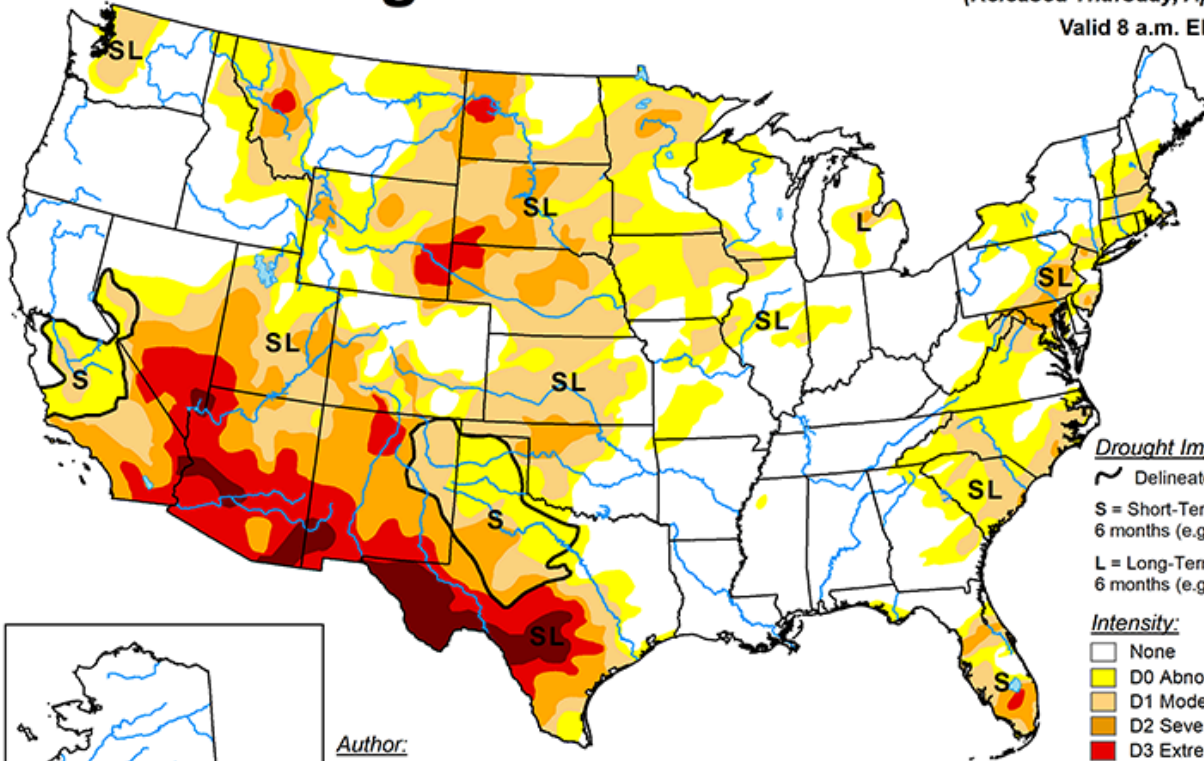
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U.S. Drought Monitor

April 15, 2025

(Released Thursday, Apr. 17, 2025)

Valid 8 a.m. EDT

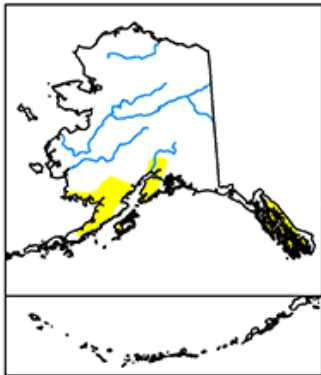


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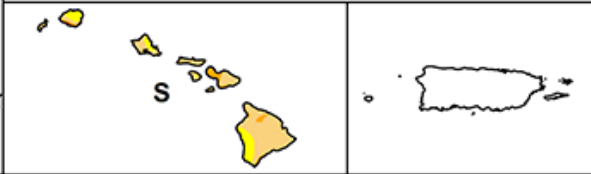
- ~ Delineates dominant impacts
- S = Short-Term, typically less than 6 months (e.g. agriculture, grasslands)
- L = Long-Term, typically greater than 6 months (e.g. hydrology, ecology)

Intensity:

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought



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



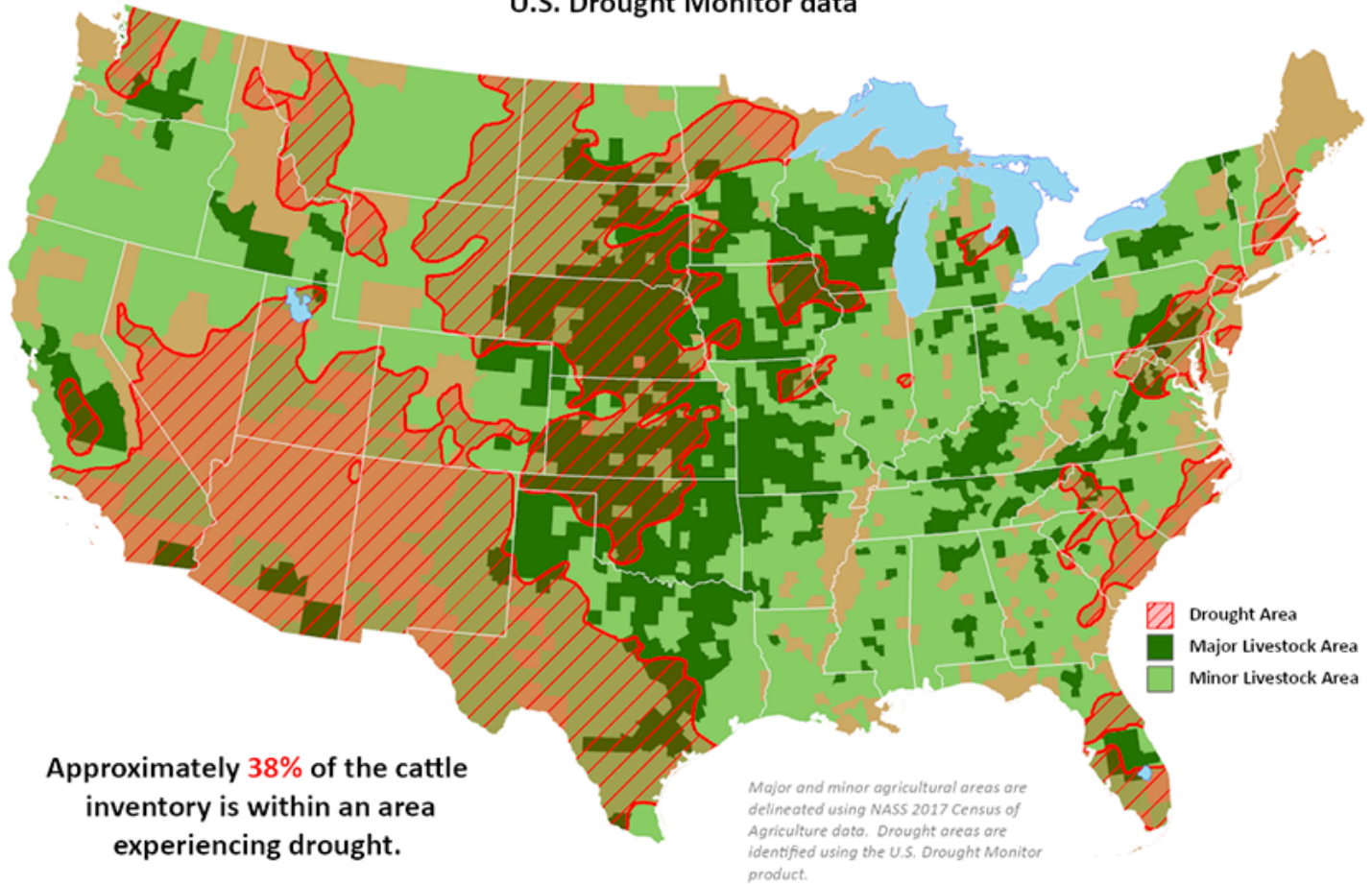
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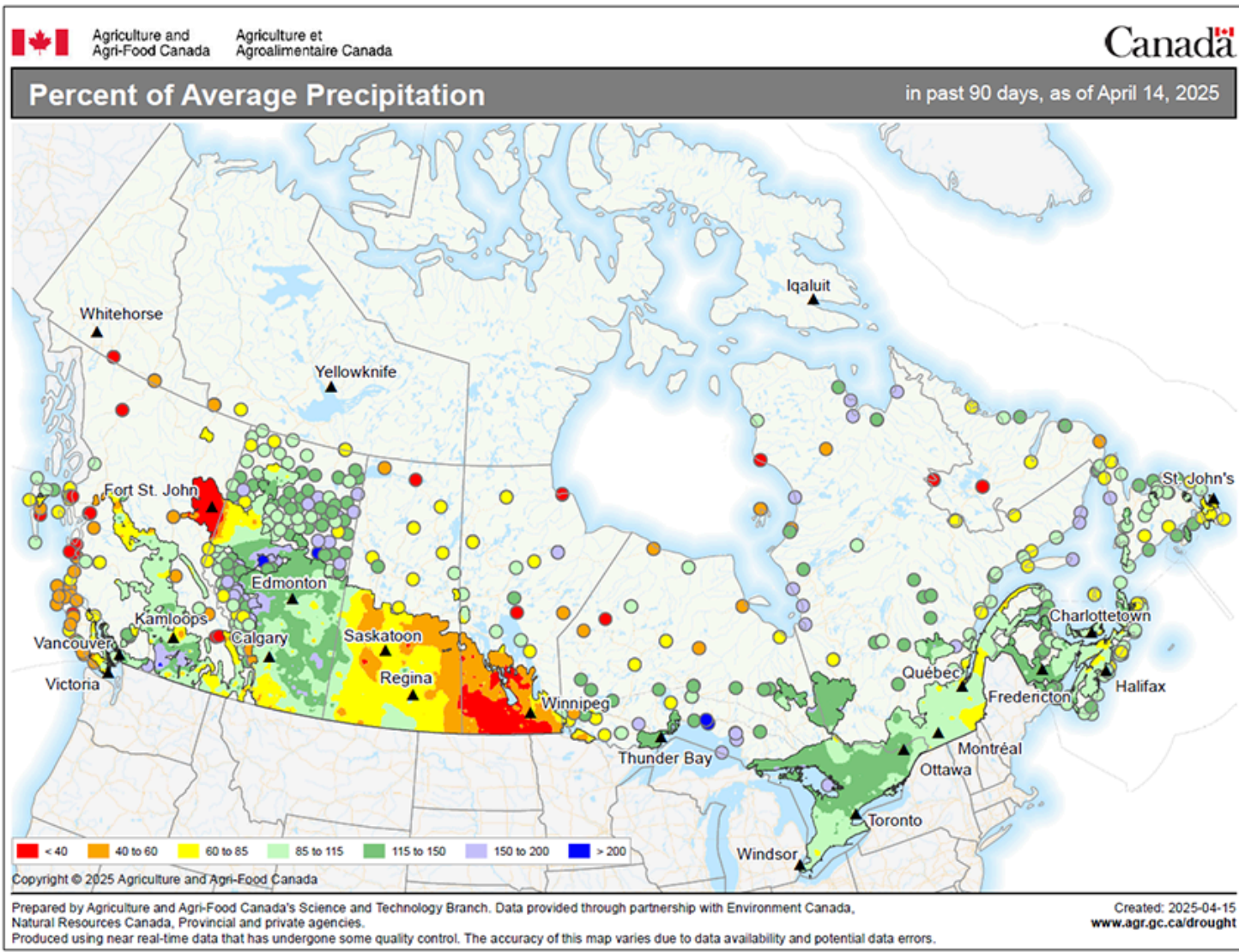
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Cattle Areas in Drought

Reflects April 15, 2025
U.S. Drought Monitor data



Canadian 90-Day Percent of Average Precipitation:



Looking ahead...

Between Wednesday, April 16 and the evening of Monday, April 21, the National Weather Service Weather Prediction Center is forecasting widespread heavy rainfall in parts of the central U.S., especially along east and south of the Interstate 44, 35 and 70 corridors in Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri, Arkansas, Illinois and Indiana. Precipitation amounts may reach or exceed 3 inches from eastern Oklahoma northeast through St. Louis into eastern Illinois. The forecast calls for precipitation amounts from 0.25-1 inches in parts of the Rocky Mountains, with locally higher amounts possible, especially from far northern New Mexico north to southern Montana. Precipitation amounts from 0.5-1.25 inches, with localized higher amounts, are forecast from southeast Minnesota east through Wisconsin and Michigan. Farther east, weather along the Atlantic Coast is forecast to be mostly dry.

For the period from April 22-26, the National Weather Service Climate Prediction Center forecast favors above-normal precipitation in much of the central and southern U.S., especially in Oklahoma, Texas, Arkansas and Louisiana. Warmer-than-normal temperatures are also favored across most of the contiguous U.S., especially in the Southeast. Drier-than-normal weather is slightly favored in northwest California and coastal areas of Oregon and Washington.

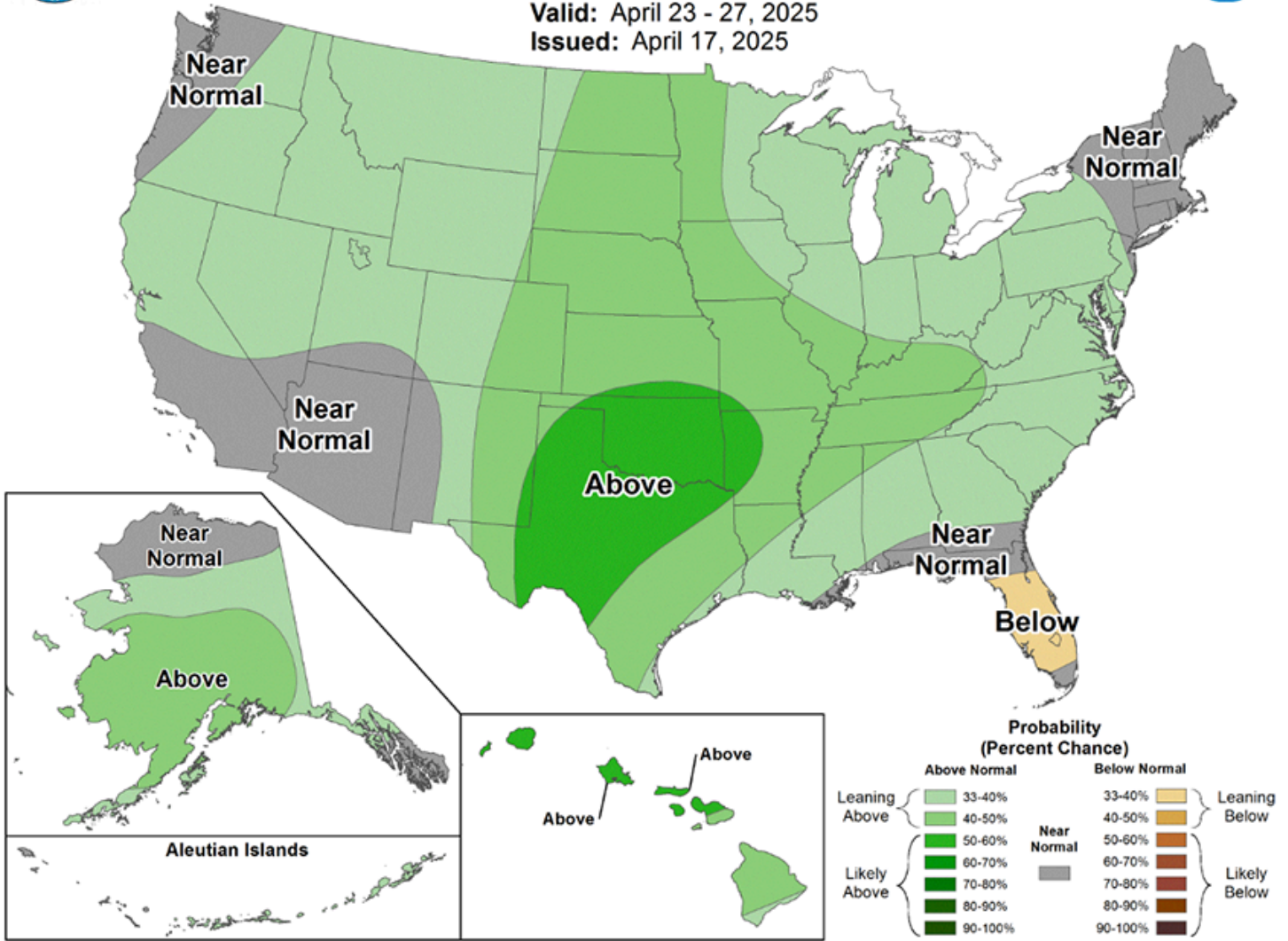
Precipitation & Temperature Outlooks:



6-10 Day Precipitation Outlook

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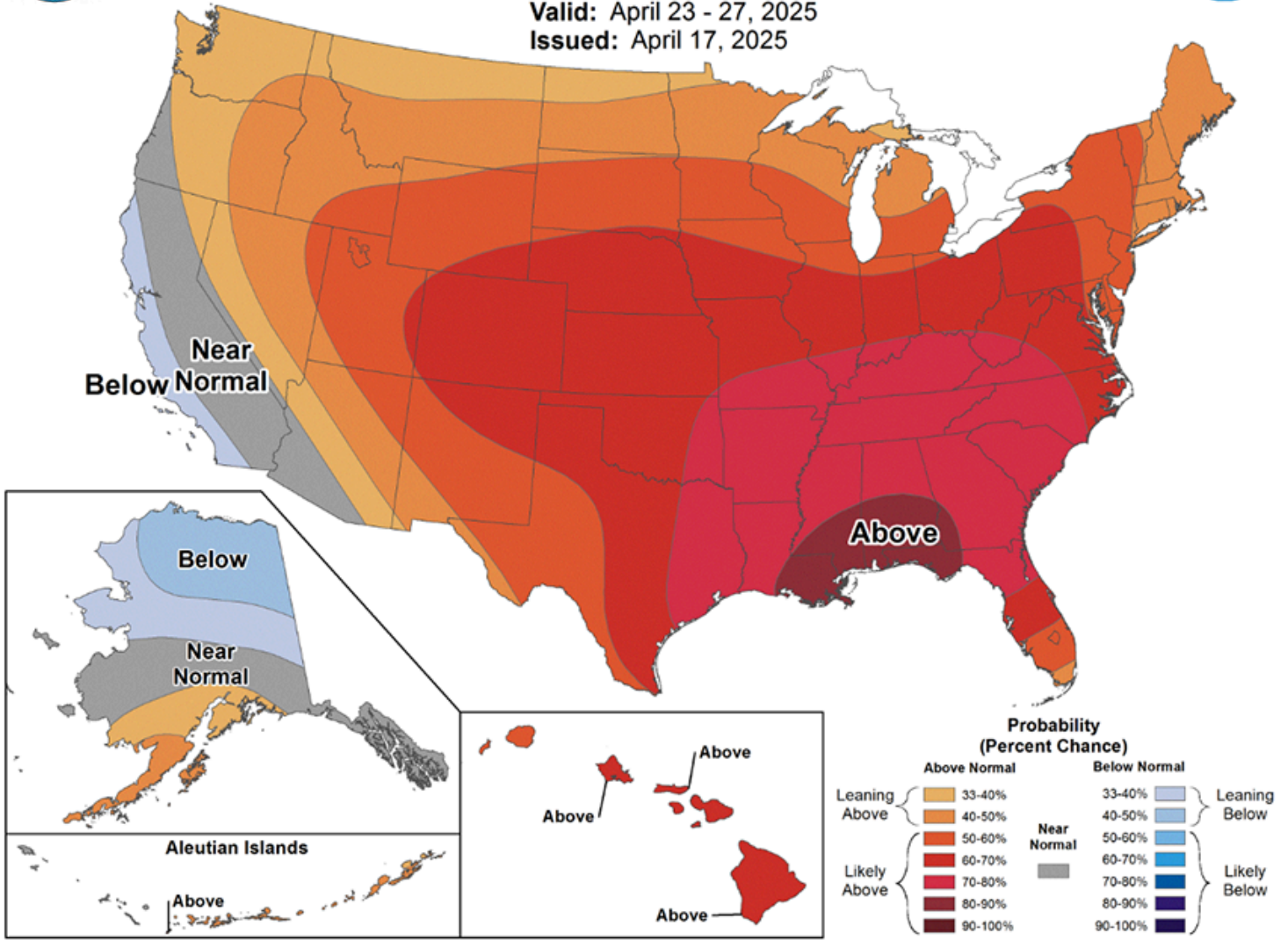


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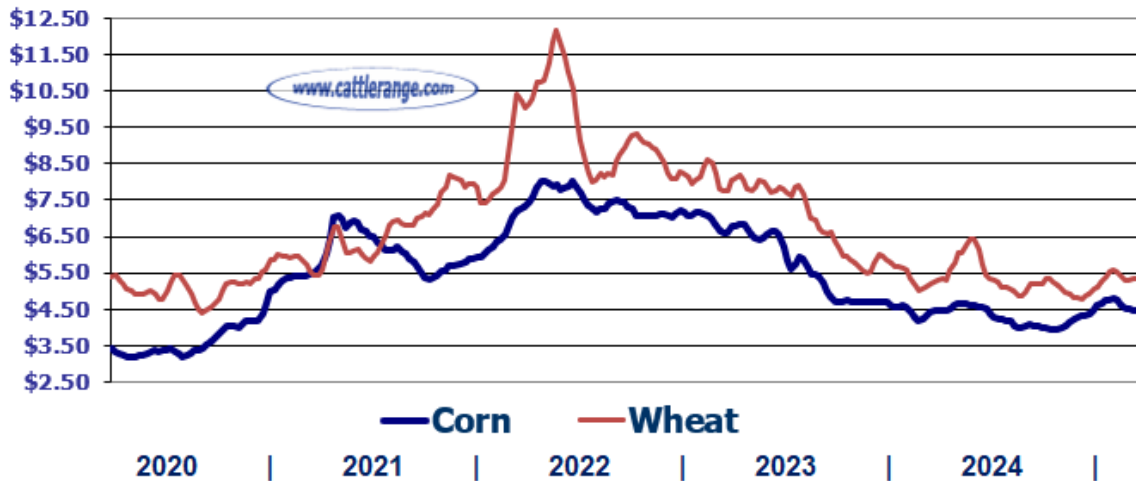
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Weekly Grain Market Review:

Grain Prices	04/18/25	Last Week	1 Month Ago	1 Year Ago	5 Yr. Avg.
Omaha Corn	4.73	4.75	4.54	4.38	5.45
Kansas City Wheat	5.48	5.48	5.34	5.33	6.69
July Corn Futures	4.9025	4.9020	4.6425	4.3350	5.2922
July Wheat Futures	5.6225	5.7025	5.5825	5.5025	6.7643

5 Year Moving Average - Corn & Wheat - 4/18/25**Last Week's Corn Trade Data:**

Net sales of 1,561,900 MT for 2024/2025 were up 99 percent from the previous week and 39 percent from the prior 4-week average. Increases primarily for Mexico (401,500 MT, including 10,000 MT switched from unknown destinations and decreases of 45,500 MT), Japan (263,300 MT, including 183,900 MT switched from unknown destinations), Spain (240,000 MT), Colombia (157,300 MT, including 83,600 MT switched from unknown destinations and decreases of 1,900 MT), and Panama (129,800 MT, including 24,200 MT switched from unknown destinations and decreases of 2,100 MT), were offset by reductions for Nicaragua (15,000 MT), the Dominican Republic (8,100 MT), Guatemala (4,000 MT), and El Salvador (1,600 MT). Total net sales of 10,000 MT for 2025/2026 were for Mexico.

Exports of 1,880,400 MT--a marketing-year high--were up 11 percent from the previous week and 10 percent from the prior 4-week average. The destinations were primarily to Mexico (713,000 MT), Japan (265,200 MT), Colombia (176,100 MT), Taiwan (160,600 MT), and South Korea (133,800 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:

Sale report unavailable.

Ft. Pierre Livestock Auction - Ft. Pierre SD

This Week: 6,057

Last Reported: 8,096

Last Year: 5,326

Compared to two weeks ago: Steers from 550 lbs to 699 lbs were 6.00 to 12.00 higher, steers from 750 lbs to 899 lbs were steady with instances of 6.00 lower, steers from 950 lbs to 999 lbs were 8.00 to 10.00 higher; heifers from 550 lbs to 549 lbs were 2.00 to 5.00 lower, heifers from 600 lbs to 699 lbs were mostly 4.00 to 8.00 higher, heifers from 750 lbs to 799 lbs were steady to 4.00 lower, no other comparisons available.

Lexington Livestock Market - Lexington, NE

This Week:

Last Reported:

Last Year:
Sale report unavailable.

Torrington Livestock Commission - Torrington WY

This Week: 873

Last Reported: 894

Last Year: 438

Compared to last week; slaughter and feeder cows traded mostly steady to last week. Slaughter bulls also trading mostly steady on a larger run than last week. A small offering of feeder cattle also today.

Cattleman's Livestock Auction - Belen NM

This Week: 346

Last Reported: 764

Last Year: 455

Compared to two weeks ago: (no sale reported last week due to absence off reporter) Steer and heifer calves sold steady to 3.00-5.00 higher. Feeder steers and heifer sold 5.00-7.00 higher. Slaughter cows and bulls sold 3.00-5.00 higher Trade moderate demand good.

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

This Week: 1,037

Last Reported: 903

Last Year: 1,970

Compared with last week, steer calves weighing under 700 lbs mostly steady to 3.00 higher, Steer calves and yearlings weighing over 700 lbs 5.00-7.00 lower. Spayed heifers under 500 bs 2.00-3.00 higher, Spayed heifers weighing over 500 lbs 5.00-10.00 higher. Trade active, demand good.

Eastern MO Commission Company - Bowling Green, MO

This Week: 1,423

Last Reported: 675

Last Year: 2,183

Compared to the last special two weeks ago, steer calves under 700 lbs and heifer calves under 600 lbs sold mostly 5.00-12.00 lower, with steers over 700 lbs not well tested and heifers weighing 600-800 lbs trading steady to firm. Overall demand was good on a moderate offering the overall quality did not run as deep as the last special sale.

Smith County Commission - Carthage TN

This Week: 683

Last Reported: 901

Last Year: 849

Compared to last week Feeder Steers/Bulls mostly steady with 500-600lbs calves being 10.00 higher; Feeder Heifers 4.00 to 7.00 higher; Slaughter Cows 4.00 to 6.00 higher; Slaughter Bulls 4.00 higher. Quality good with strong demand.

Carolina Stockyards – Livestock Auction – Siler City, NC

This Week: 783

Last Reported: 891

Last Year: 916

Slaughter cattle were 2.00 higher this week compared to last week . Feeder cattle were 3.00 to 5.00 this week compared to last week. Demand was moderate ; market activity and buyer interest were moderate . Offerings moderate with quality average.

Monday Auctions:

Sioux Falls Regional Livestock Report - Worthing SD

This Week: 2,809

Last Reported: 2,703

Last Year: 3,161

Compared to last week: Feeder steers 3.00 to 5.00 higher, heifers 4.00 to 6.00 higher. Very good demand for all weights of steers and heifers this week.

Tri-State Livestock Auction Market - McCook NE

This Week: 1,170

Last Reported: 1,133

Last Year: 1,460

Not enough to show a comparison. Demand was good to moderate.

Oklahoma National Stockyards Feeder Cattle - Oklahoma City OK

This Week: 3,693

Last Reported: 1,589

Last Year: 6,691

Compared to last week's lighter receipts: Feeder steers over 800lbs 4.00-10.00 higher under 800 lbs 20.00-25.00 higher. Feeder heifers 10.00-20.00 higher. Steer calves 4.00-10.00 higher. Heifer calves 20.00-30.00 higher. Quality was much improved from last week. Demand good.

Tulsa Livestock Auction - Tulsa, OK

This Week: 2,673

Last Reported: 745

Last Year: 2,056

Compared to the last report, feeder steers and steer calves sold steady to 3.00 higher. Heifers were 3.00 to 5.00 higher besides the 600-700 pounds sold 10.00 lower. Demand was good. Slaughter cows and bulls sold 5.00-10.00 higher.

Roswell Livestock Auction - Roswell NM

This Week: 1,160

Last Reported: 555

Last Year: 1,345

Compared to last weeks sale; Steer calves 300-350 lbs sold 10.00 lower and 350-600 lbs were 11.00-20.00 higher. Feeder steer and heifers had no comparable sales. Heifer calves 300-350 lbs and 550-600 lbs sold 10.00 lower while 350-550 lbs were 12.00-19.00 higher. Trade was very good on larger numbers with very good demand. Slaughter cows sold steady -8.00 higher and slaughter bulls were sharply higher. Market was very good with excellent buyer attendance.

Joplin Reg. Stockyards Feeder Cattle - Carthage MO

This Week: 8,398

Last Reported: 3,257

Last Year: 6,151

Compared to last week feeder steers under 675 lbs. sold 15.00-30.00 higher with heavier weights selling 5.00-10.00 higher. Feeder heifers under 625 lbs. sold 15.00-30.00 higher with heavier weights selling 5.00-15.00 higher. Supply was heavy with very good demand.

Callaway Livestock Center - Kingdom City MO

This Week: 3,536

Last Reported: 1,140

Last Year: 3,068

Compared to last week week's much lighter volume, steer calves on comparable sales weighing under 600 lbs sold 10.00-20.00 higher with 600-650 lbs selling with a sharply higher undertone and the pot loads of 885-978 lb steers sold with a firm to higher undertone. Heifer calves weighing under 600 lbs sold 10.00-15.00 higher with weights over 600 lbs trading with a higher undertone.

Mid-South Livestock - Unionville TN

This Week: 953

Last Reported: 526

Last Year: 882

Compared to last week, Feeder Steers/Bulls 2.00-8.00 higher; Feeder Heifers under 500 lbs. steady to 10.00 lower, over 500 lbs. 2.00-8.00 higher; Slaughter Cows mostly steady to 2.00 higher; Slaughter Bulls 2.00 higher.

Saluda Livestock Exchange - Saluda, SC

This Week: 733

Last Reported: 515

Last Year: 0

Compared to last week, feeder steers 11.00 higher, feeder heifers unevenly steady, feeder bulls too few to trend. Slaughter cows 3.00 higher. Slaughter bulls steady. Moderate offerings of plain to average quality cattle with active buyer participation.

United Producers Inc. - Harned KY

This Week: 1,402

Last Reported: 160

Last Year: 1,009

Due to limited number of receipts on feeder cattle the trends were much higher with increased run this week after extreme flooding last week. Feeder steers 300-400lbs sold 10.00-12.00 sharply higher, 500-600lbs steers sold 5.00-6.00 higher and steers over 700lbs were steady. Feeder heifers 300-400lbs were 8.00-10.00 higher with 500-700lbs heifers were steady to up 5.00-6.00. Light feeders under 400lbs were in good demand for weaned, pre-conditioned packages and good buyer participation. Slaughter cows were in high demand up 5.00-6.00 with slaughter bulls being steady.

Tuesday Auctions:

Miles City Livestock Commission Auction - Miles City, MT

This Week:

Last Reported:

Last Year:

Sale report unavailable.

Winter Livestock Auction - Riverton, WY

This Week: 1,880

Last Reported: 469

Last Year: 433

Compared to last Tuesday sale on a Special Back To Grass special; slaughter cows 1.00-4.00 higher, slaughter bulls mostly steady, several feeder cows going back to grass or feed. Good run of feeder calves and spayed heifers to choice from. Good demand with active buyer participation and attendance. Feeder calves unevenly steady with higher overtones noted with few comparisons available from past weeks

Winter Livestock - La Junta CO

This Week:

Last Reported:

Last Year:

Sale report unavailable.

OKC West Livestock Auction - El Reno, OK

This Week: 1,500

Last Reported: 3,473

Last Year: 6,940

Compared to last week: Steer and heifer calves sold fully 20.00 higher from last week's lighter test. Demand very good.

Lonestar Stockyards - Wildorado, TX

This Week: 1,077

Last Reported: 233

Last Year: 978

Compared to last week: Not enough comparable sales on steers or heifers due to last weeks light test, but a higher undertone was noted. Slaughter cows and bulls were mostly steady. Trading activity was active on moderate to good buyer demand. Quality was mostly plain to average but weigh ups were favorable.

Ozarks Regional Stockyards - West Plains MO

This Week: 2,144

Last Reported: 1,895

Last Year: 1,868

Compared to the last sale two weeks ago, feeder steers and heifers were steady to 4.00 higher. Steer and heifer calves under 700 lbs. were 4.00-8.00 higher. Demand was very good on a moderate supply.

Mid-State Stockyards LLP - Letohatchee, AL

This Week: 1,650

Last Reported: 781

Last Year: 1,721

Compared to one week ago: Slaughter cows and bulls sold steady to 3.00 higher. Replacement cows sold steady. Feeder cattle sold 8.00 to 12.00 higher.

Calhoun Stockyard - Calhoun, GA

This Week: 307

Last Reported: 273

Last Year: 364

Compared to one week ago, slaughter cows and bulls steady to 3.00 higher, feeder steers and steer calves lightly tested, feeder bulls and heifers 3.00 to 5.00 higher, bull and heifer calves 4.00 to 8.00 higher, replacement cows mostly steady.

Blue Grass Stockyards - Lexington, KY

This Week: 1,090

Last Reported: 206

Last Year: 1,001

Compared to last Tuesday feeder steers and heifers under 600 lbs traded noticeably higher in a limited comparison with last week's lite test. Yearlings limited comparison. Slaughter cows sold 2.00 to 5.00 higher with good demand. Slaughter bulls sold steady with good demand.

Producers Livestock Auction - Salina, UT

This Week:

Last Reported:

Last Year:

The next available report will occur as receipts warrant.

Wednesday Auctions:

Hub City Livestock Auction - Aberdeen SD

This Week: 5,893

Last Reported: 6,445

Last Year: 3,427

Compared to last week: steers 650 to 749 lbs 10.00 to 15.00 higher with instances up to 20.00 higher, 750 to 799 lbs 3.00 to 8.00 higher, 800 to 899 lbs not well tested this week for comparison, 900 to 1049 lbs 2.00 to 7.00 lower with instances up to 10.00 lower on 950 to 999 lbs. Best test on heifers 600 to 649 lbs 4.00 to 6.00 higher, 650 to 699 lbs and 800 to 849 lbs mostly steady, 700 to 799 lbs not well compared.

Bassett Livestock Auction - Bassett NE

This Week:

Last Reported:

Last Year:
No sale report.

Huss Platte Valley Auction - Kearney NE

This Week:
Last Reported:
Last Year:
No sale report.

OKC West - El Reno OK

This Week: 5,970
Last Reported: 3,473
Last Year: 6,940
Compared to last week: Feeder steers and heifers 7.00-12.00 higher with instances of up to 20.00 higher. Steer and heifer calves sold fully 20.00 higher from last week's lighter test. Demand very good.

Clovis Livestock Auction - Clovis, NM

This Week: 1,497
Last Reported: 1,290
Last Year: 1,500
Compared to last weeks sale; Steer calves 350-600 lbs sold 12.00-18.00 higher while feeder steers were steady to 3.00 lower. Heifer calves 400-600 lbs sold 18.00-30.00 higher and feeder heifers were sharply higher. Trade and demand were very good on similar numbers. Slaughter cows sold 4.00 higher with instances of 3.00 lower and slaughter bulls were 10-15.00 higher. Market was very good with excellent buyer attendance.

Winter Livestock Feeder Cattle Auction - Dodge City KS

This Week: 2,932
Last Reported: 1,582
Last Year: 1,654
Compared to last week, feeder steers over 500 lbs sold 5.00 to 12.00 higher while heifers over 500 lbs sold steady to 5.00 to 10.00 higher. Steers under 500 lbs and heifers under 500 lbs not well tested. Slaughter cows sold steady to 4.00 higher. Good demand for moderate to heavy supply.

Bloomfield Livestock Market - Bloomfield, IA

This Week:
Last Reported:
Last Year:
No sale report.

Springfield Livestock Auction - Springfield MO

This Week: 989
Last Reported: 1,131
Last Year: 1,358
Compared to last week, steers under 700lbs sold mostly 15.00 to 25.00 higher, and yearling steers over 700lbs showed gains of 15.00 to 20.00 higher. Heifers were mostly 15.00 to 30.00 higher. Demand was very good on an active market, with prices that gained back all of last week's losses and then some. Supply was moderate to light.

South Central Regional Stockyards - Vienna, MO

This Week: 1,756
Last Reported: 191
Last Year: 904
Compared to the last trended sale two weeks ago, feeder steers steady to 5.00 higher. Feeder heifers under 500 lbs steady to 5.00 lower, over 500 lbs 3.00-5.00 higher. Slaughter cows steady. Demand good to very good. Supply moderate.

Roanoke Stockyard - Roanoke AL

This Week: 985

Last Reported: 584

Last Year: 0

Compared to one week ago: Feeder steers sold 4.00 to 6.00 higher, feeder heifers sold 4.00 to 6.00 lower, feeder bulls sold 6.00 to 8.00 lower. Slaughter cows sold 2.00 to 3.00 higher, slaughter bulls sold sharply higher. Replacement cows and pairs sold mostly steady.

Blue Grass Stockyards - Albany KY

This Week: 445

Last Reported: 613

Last Year: 733

Compared to last week: Feeder steers and heifers sold 5.00 to 7.00 higher with some instances of sharply higher. Slaughter cows sold 3.00 to 5.00 higher. Slaughter 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: 2,297

Last Reported: 3,406

Last Year: 4,560

Compared to last week: Undertone on light steers was unevenly steady, 800-1050 lbs. sold 8.00-11.00 higher. A lower undertone on light heifers, 800-950 lbs. sold steady to 4.00 higher. Demand was good. Some large load lots in today's offering.

Valentine Livestock Auction - Valentine NE

This Week:

Last Reported:

Last Year:

Next Regular Sale - April 24th Special Feeder Sale

Apache Livestock Auction - Apache, OK

This Week: 1,265

Last Reported: 1,663

Last Year: 1,856

Compared to last week: Feeder steers 10.00 higher. Feeder heifers steady to 5.00 higher. Steer calves 5.00 to 10.00 higher. Heifer calves unevenly steady. Quality fair to attractive with good demand. Slaughter cows steady to 1.00 higher. Slaughter bulls 2.00 higher.

Woodward Wtd Avg Cattle - Woodward OK

This Week: 1,129

Last Reported: 747

Last Year: 1,170

Compared to last week: Feeder steers mostly steady. Feeder heifers 5.00 to 10.00 higher. Steer and heifer calves unevenly steady. Demand was moderate. Quality average.

Winter Livestock Auction - Pratt KS

This Week: 3,087

Last Reported: 2,277

Last Year: 5,290

Compared to last week, feeder steers 800 lb to 975 lb sold 2.00 to 4.00 higher. Steers 450 lb to 800 lb sold unevenly steady, however fancy and reputation steers sold 10.00 to 20.00 higher. Feeder heifers 800 lb to 975 lb sold 4.00 to 8.00 higher. Heifers 450 lb to 800 lb sold unevenly steady, however fancy and reputation heifers sold up to 10.00 higher. Demand was good. Slaughter cows sold 2.00 to 4.00 higher. Slaughter bulls sold 2.00 higher.

Farmers & Ranchers Livestock - Salina KS

This Week: 3,685

Last Reported: 3,392

Last Year: 2,913

Nice cattle today, the buyers are still trying to fill their grass. Steer and heifer calves under 500 lbs sold 10.00 to 15.00 higher. Steers over 700 lbs sold 3.00 to 7.00 higher and heifers over 600 lbs sold 1.00 to 4.00 higher. The receipts were moderate with good demand.

Cattleman's Livestock Auction - Dalhart TX

This Week: 1,338

Last Reported: 836

Last Year: 1,234

Compared to last week: Turn out was better this week with some feeder steers and heifers still coming off wheat. But, due to last week's short turn out, there were few comparable sales to determine a trend. However, sentiment was higher and trading was active. Average to high yielding boner cows sold 7.00-12.00 lower while high yielding breakers dollared out nicely on a short test.

Tulia Livestock Auction - Tulia, TX

This Week: 1,958

Last Reported: 293

Last Year: 1,816

Compared to last week's light test: A higher undertone was noted on feeder cattle. Demand was good. Markets regained last week's losses and cattle futures closed in the green. The majority of receipts were yearlings coming off of wheat.

New Cambria Livestock Market - New Cambria, MO

This Week: 1,447

Last Reported: 451

Last Year: 1,925

Compared to the last sale two weeks ago, steers and heifers sold either side of steady with the exception of some 5-600 lb calves trading sharply higher. Slaughter cows steady to 5.00 higher.

Bluegrass Stockyards South - Stanford KY

This Week: 1,878

Last Reported: 1,183

Last Year: 1,786

Compared to last Thursday: Feeder and yearling steers 8.00-12.00 higher with instances of 20.00 higher, Feeder and yearling heifers 8.00-12.00 higher, Very good demand for feeder and yearling classes. Slaughter cows 5.00-8.00 higher, Slaughter bulls steady, Very good demand for slaughter classes.

Paris Stockyards - Paris KY

This Week: 2,502

Last Reported: 1,109

Last Year: 2,372

Compared to last Thursday the feeder and slaughter markets were stronger with a good quality offering. Feeder steers 450 lbs and under were sharply higher, while the 500-700 lbs steers were 6.00 to 8.00 higher with a good supply and strong demand. No trends on the yearling steers due to limited head to head comparisons, however they appeared steady. Feeder heifers were 2.00 to 6.00 higher or greater in spots with strong demand.

Toppenish Livestock Auction - Toppenish, WA

This Week: 1,600

Last Reported: 1,400

Last Year: 1,700

Compared to last Thursday, stocker and feeder cattle steady to firm in a light test.. CME feeder cattle posted \$1.42 to \$2.45 gains, with expiring April up \$3.40. May was up \$8.145 this week. Slaughter cows steady to 3.00 higher. Slaughter bulls steady in a light test. Trade active with good demand.

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This Week: 400

Last Reported: 590

Last Year: 6,424

Compared to last week: Not enough current FOB trades to establish a trend. Demand moderate. Supply included: 100% Feeder Cattle (68.8% Steers, 31.3% 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 8-12 cent slide > 600 lbs. Livestock reported this week originated from AZ, CO, TN.

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

This Week: 564

Last Reported: 255

Last Year:

Compared to last week: No Comparable FOB trades this week for a trend. Demand good. Supply included: 100% Feeder Cattle (53.5% Dairy Steers, 46.5% Dairy 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 IN.

Kansas Direct Feeder Cattle Report

This Week: 2,301

Last Reported: 2,670

Last Year: 5,908

Compared to last week: Feeder steers and heifers traded unevenly steady. Cattle sold from last Friday through the early part of this week were mostly 2.00 to 4.00 lower, while those that traded from the middle of the week onward were 2.00 to 5.00 higher. This price movement aligned with the volatility observed in the CME feeder cattle futures contract. Buyer demand was moderate. Supply included: 100% Feeder Cattle (26% Steers, 17.7% Dairy Steers, 56.3% Heifers). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 82%. Unless otherwise noted, Feeder Cattle prices FOB based on net weights after a 2-3% shrink or equivalent, with an 8-15 cent slide > 600 lbs. Livestock reported this week originated from CO, KS, NM, OK, TX.

Missouri Direct Cattle Report

This Week: 347

Last Reported: 80

Last Year:

Compared to last week: Not enough trades this for a trend. Demand good. Supply included: 100% Feeder Cattle (100% Steers). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 100%. Unless otherwise noted, Feeder Cattle prices FOB based on net weights after a 2-3% shrink or equivalent, with up to a 15 cent slide > 600 lbs. Livestock reported this week originated from MO.

Montana Direct Cattle Report

This Week:

Last Reported:

Last Year:

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

New Mexico Direct Cattle Report

This Week: 2,463

Last Reported: 911

Last Year: 4,676

Compared to last week: Feeder steers and heifers traded mostly 3.00 higher on limited comparable sales. Buyer demand was moderate. Supply included: 100% Feeder Cattle (40.3% Steers, 54.3% Heifers, 5.4% Dairy 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 NM.

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

This Week: 1,260

Last Reported: 70

Last Year: 1,830

Compared to last week: Not enough current FOB trades to establish a trend. Demand moderate. Supply included: 100% Feeder Cattle (16.7% Steers, 48% Dairy Steers, 19.4% Heifers, 15.9% Dairy 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 8-12 cent slide > 600 lbs. Livestock reported this week originated from ID, OR.

Oklahoma Direct Cattle Report

This Week: 1,959

Last Reported: 588

Last Year: 4,122

Compared to last week: Not enough comparable FOB trades last week for a trend. Demand good. Supply included: 100% Feeder Cattle (41.1% Steers, 58.9% Heifers). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 100%. Unless otherwise noted, Feeder Cattle prices FOB based on net weights after a 2-3% shrink or equivalent, with up to a 15 cent slide > 600 lbs. Livestock reported this week originated from OK.

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

This Week: 858

Last Reported: 4,970

Last Year: 1,078

Compared to last week: Not enough current FOB steer or heifer sales for an adequate trend. Supply included: 100% Feeder Cattle (61.3% Steers, 38.7% Heifers). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 100%. Unless otherwise noted, Feeder Cattle prices FOB based on net weights after a 2-3% shrink or equivalent, with up to a 15 cent slide > 600 lbs and up to a 20 cent slide <600 lbs. Current delivery is 14 days from the report date. Livestock reported this week originated from FL, GA, MS, TN.

Southwest Direct Cattle Report (AZ/CA/NV)

This Week: 0

Last Reported: 380

Last Year: 282

Compared to last week, feeders were not tested. Trade at a standstill, demand light.

Texas Direct Cattle Report

This Week: 24,050

Last Reported: 12,920

Last Year: 19,076

Compared to last week: Current FOB steers and heifers were 4.00 to 8.00 higher. Demand was good following last week's light test. CME cattle boards rebounded this week, and markets followed. Warmer temperatures allowed for the area to dry out, but chance for more rain in the forecast into the weekend.

Supply included: 100% Feeder Cattle (34.4% Steers, 4.4% Dairy Steers, 58.3% Heifers, 2.9% Dairy Heifers). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 99%. Unless otherwise noted, Feeder Cattle prices FOB based on net weights after a 2-3% shrink or equivalent, with up to a 15 cent slide > 600 lbs and up to a 20 cent slide <600 lbs. Current delivery is 14 days from the report date. Livestock reported this week originated from AZ, FL, GA, ID, IN, MO, MS, NM, OK, TX.

Wyoming-Nebraska Direct Cattle Report

This Week: 130

Last Reported: 70

Last Year: 60

No FOB cattle for a market comparison Friday. Buyer inquiry is good with several feedlots looking for cattle to procure. Nebraska feedlot live sales sold 4.00 higher at 212.00 instances up to 215.00. Dressed sales sold 5.00 to 7.00 higher from 332.00 to 335.00. Supply included: 100% Feeder Cattle (100% Steers). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 100%. Unless otherwise noted, Feeder Cattle prices FOB based on net weights after a 3% shrink or equivalent, with a 10 cent slide > 600 lbs. Livestock reported this week originated from KS.

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