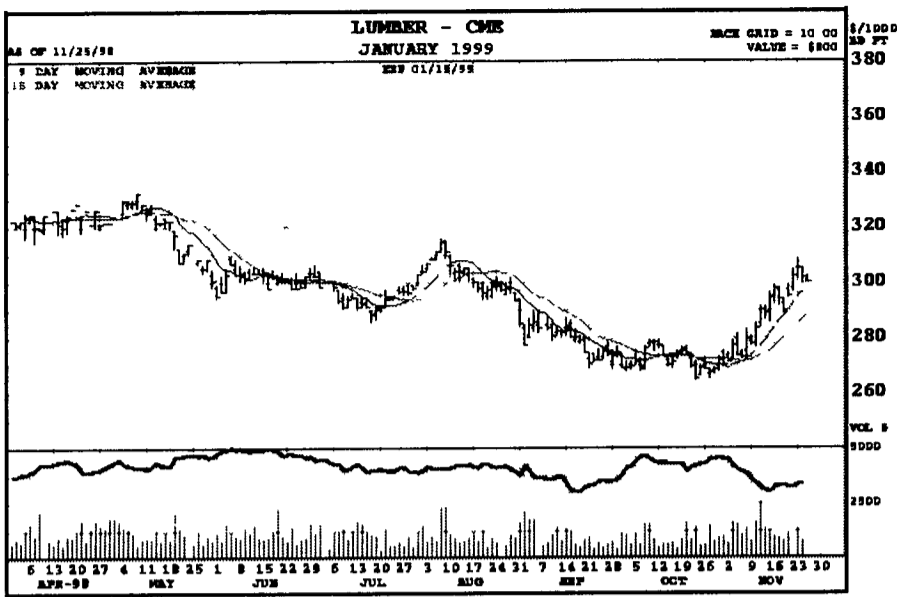


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Symbol: LBF9 - 11/25/98  
 Open: 30010, High: 30200, Low: 29960, Last: 29980, Chge: -150

Moving Average: Day 09 (29748), 18 (28826), 40 (27895)  
 Momentum: Day 09 (+1140), 18 (+2980), 40 (+3090)

Stochastic: Day 09 (75.38), 14 (83.09), 20 (85.45)  
 Directional Indicator: Day 09 (54.03), 14 (39.18), 20 (28.81)

Relative Strength: Day 09 (64.21), 14 (63.80), 20 (61.86)  
 Historic Volatility: Day 09 (23.92%), 14 (23.93%), 20 (22.71%)

Omaha, NE Wednesday, Nov. 25, 1998 USDA NE Dept.

Chicago Mercantile Exchange Futures Prices - Close

STRIKE	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	LAST	SETT
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Live Cattle:

Settlement Prices as of 11/25/98 01:30 PM	DEC98	FEB99	APR99	JUN99	AUG99	OCT99	DEC99	TOTAL
62.750	62.750	64.600	63.175	63.500	66.400	67.300	62.700	63.450
63.600	63.650	65.250	63.725	63.850	66.550	67.400	63.500	63.450
62.700	62.700	64.525	63.175	63.400	66.200	67.300	63.400	65.025
63.500	63.400	65.050	63.600	63.900	66.400	67.300	63.600	63.600
63.825	66.400	63.825	63.825	66.400	66.400	67.300	63.825	63.825
66.400	67.300	66.400	66.400	66.400	66.400	67.300	66.400	66.400
67.300	67.300	67.300	67.300	67.300	67.300	67.300	67.300	67.300

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Site Selection - Article 25

When selecting sires to use in the herd, the goal is to upgrade the herd's genetics and to improve specific traits of cows at least cost and with minimum risk

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Select a group of sires that are plus in milk and plus in protein. Then, from that group select sires for improving specific traits, such as feet and legs, stature, udders, calving ease, etc.

If using a herd bull use a virgin bull and ask your veterinarian about the need to vaccinate for vibriosis and other diseases of concern.

- Do not use bulls on cows with breeding problems that are infection-related, they can spread that infection to other cows in the herd
- Remember, with a bull, you are working with only one set of genetics and you can't tailor the breeding program to cows' individual genetic needs. You are also working with more unknowns. You won't know for months if the bull effectively settles cows, and it is years until you discover his transmitting ability. If he was a genetic dud, you have lost a lot of valuable time while your competitors have made a lot of genetic gain.
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