

Five-Area Weekly Average Direct Slaughter Cattle

St. Joseph, Mo., Feb 25, 2002 - USDA Market News Service
Sales in Texas/Oklahoma; Kansas; Nebraska;
Colorado; and Iowa/Minnesota Feedlots for
Week Ending Sunday, February 24, 2002

CONFIRMED SALES 163,696. Week Ago 183,493

LIVE BASIS SALES:

SLAUGHTER STEERS

	Head Count	Weight Range	Price Range	Avg. Weight	Avg. Price
Over 80% Choice	2,136	825-1,600	69.00-73.00	1,364	70.99
65-80% Choice	8,632	840-1,590	67.89-73.75	1,335	71.02
35-65% Choice	34,670	875-1,575	68.00-72.50	1,249	70.97
1-35% Choice	2,611	930-1,525	68.00-72.00	1,226	70.87

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS

Over 80% Choice	2,939	825-1,525	70.00-72.50	1,263	71.43
65-80% Choice	7,098	900-1,600	70.00-73.00	1,235	71.17
35-65% Choice	33,767	800-1,500	66.14-73.40	1,141	71.05
1-35% Choice	1,551	900-1,400	67.50-72.00	1,121	70.91

DRESSED BASIS SALES:

SLAUGHTER STEERS

Over 80% Choice	3,918	475-1,064	108.00-115.20	882	112.98
65-80% Choice	14,550	440-1,087	110.00-114.00	842	112.83
35-65% Choice	13,562	550-1,091	110.50-114.00	838	112.63
1-35% Choice	113	493-1,019	108.00-109.00	748	108.48

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS

Over 80% Choice	1,892	487-1,053	110.00-114.00	797	112.84
65-80% Choice	12,235	498-1,054	111.00-115.00	771	112.85
35-65% Choice	9,109	500-1,022	110.50-114.00	766	112.85
1-35% Choice					

Weekly Accumulated Weighted Averages (Beef Breeds):

	Head Count	Avg. Weight	Avg. Price
Live Steer	48,049	1,268.0	70.98
Live Heifer	45,360	1,163.0	71.09
Dressed Steer	32,148	844.9	112.75
Dressed Heifer	23,236	770.9	112.81

Week Ago Weighted Averages

Live Steer	50,456	1,272.9	71.90
Live Heife	44,096	1,172.0	72.01
Dressed Steer	32,585	845.6	113.95
Dressed Heifer	37,097	783.1	113.84

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STOCK STEERS AND BULLS:
200-500 lbs. 55.00-107.00.

STOCK HEIFERS: 200-500 lbs.
65.00-92.00.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: good to choice 70.00-73.50, medium to good 61.00-69.50, heavy choice over 1450 lbs. 61.00-64.50.

HOLSTEIN STEERS: heavy Choice 48.00-58.25, light 47.00-70.00.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Good to Choice 68.00-73.00, Medium to Good 60.00-69.00.

BULLS: heavy 47.00-60.00, light 40.00-57.00.

COWS: Utility (Holsteins) 39.00-44.50, Commercial to Good 32.00-40.25, cull cows 32.00 and down.

VEALS: Good to Choice 50.00-86.00, Med. to Good 50.00-67.00.

BOB CALVES: 50.00 and down.

HOLSTEIN BULL CALVES, RETURN TO FARM: 90-120 lbs. up to 161.00; **HOLSTEIN HEIFER CALVES, RETURN TO FARM:** 90-120 lbs. up to 64.00, **BEEF X CALVES** return to farm up to 200.00.

HOGS: top quality, up to 42.00.

SOWS: up to 37.50.

LAMBS, CHOICE, up to 78.00.

Goats choice up to 50.00.

Livestock prices are all given per hundred weights.

National Feeder Cattle Weekly Summary

St. Joseph, Mo.

February 22, 2002

Report Supplied By USDA

NATIONAL FEEDER CATTLE SUMMARY for week ending Feb. 22. Receipts: This week 91,400; last week 187,400; year ago 155,200. Compared to last week, feeder steers and heifers sold unevenly steady across the nation. Feeders in the Plains kicked off the week selling 1.00 to 2.00 lower in Oklahoma City, on a 5000 head increase in receipts. Most of the auctions in the Plains region followed suit, with the exception of Amarillo and Dodge City which posted 1.00 to 3.00 gains on calves. Kansas, Texas, and Oklahoma direct feeders traded steady to 2.00 lower. Although the Southern Plains received a shot of much needed moisture in the form of a horrific ice storm two weeks ago, many areas still remain very dry. Backgrounders and producers are starting to move their fleshy cattle off of wheat pasture as dry conditions do not warrant very many more weeks of grazing. However, most are ready for the feedyards, as gains have been very good on the short, dry wheat pastures. Light stocker cattle are in high demand for areas with some graze-out pasture.

In the Southeast, cattle sold steady to 4.00 lower, with feeders in Kentucky trading steady to 2.00 higher. The majority of the sales in the Southeast consisted of late summer calves, with buyers still hunting for thin calves to put out on grass. In the Mountain States, feeders over 600 pounds trended steady to 2.00 lower, with calves under 600 pounds selling steady to 2.00 higher. Demand is still good for thin calves to go to grass, with feeder demand dropping off the last few weeks.

The battle continues over packer owned cattle. The Senate and House will now meet in a conference committee to hammer out the details. There are still a lot of questions to be answered, as opposition is coming from all directions. It is not clear yet if forward contracts and other marketing agreements are included in this ban. Live and feeder cattle futures played give and take this week on the Board. February live cattle have all but lost their premium to cash, although 38 loads were tendered Thursday, and 50 delivery notices were posted for Friday.

Buyers pulled the trigger in the direct feedlots Thursday and procured cattle 1.00 lower than last week. The Southern buyers bought steers for mostly 71.00, while the Northern yards received mostly 113.00 on a dressed basis. Packers can quote a softer beef trade this week for lower bids, although feedyard managers probably won't offer much sympathy. Order buyers definitely have a supply to choose from as receipts on this report have increased almost 40,000 head the past two weeks.

Rockingham Holstein Feeder Steer Sale

Warrenton, Va.

February 22, 2002

Report Supplied by USDA

Special State Graded Feeder Holstein Steer Sale at Rockingham Livestock Market, Feb. 21 - 383 head. Prices per cwt. Weighted averages. Average weights and average prices where applicable in parentheses.

HOLSTEIN STEERS: Medium and Large 2: 6 head, 300-400 lb (354 lb) 79.00-80.00 (79.34); 10 head, 400-500 lb (449 lb) 79.00-82.00 (80.48); 22 head, 500-600 lb (550 lb) 76.00-78.50 (77.25); 20 head, 600-700 lb (647) 66.25 (66.25); 51 head, 700-800 lb (750) 65.00 (65.00); 63 head, 800-900 lb (842); 60.50; 23 head, 900-1000 lb (953 lb) 58.50; 6 head, 1000-1100 lb (1046 lb) 56.25; 36 head, 1100-1200 lb (1169) 54.75.

Medium and Large 3: 13 head, 400-500 lb 423 lb 77.50-82.50 (80.59); 6 head, 500-600 lb (543 lb) 76.50; 9 head, 600-700 lb (646) 66.00-67.00 (66.79); 22 head, 700-800 lb (743 lb) 62.25 (62.25); 21 head, 800-900 lb (854 lb) 59.75; 18 head, 900-1000 lb (935 lb) 57.25; 6 head, 1000-1100 lb (1058 lb) 50.50

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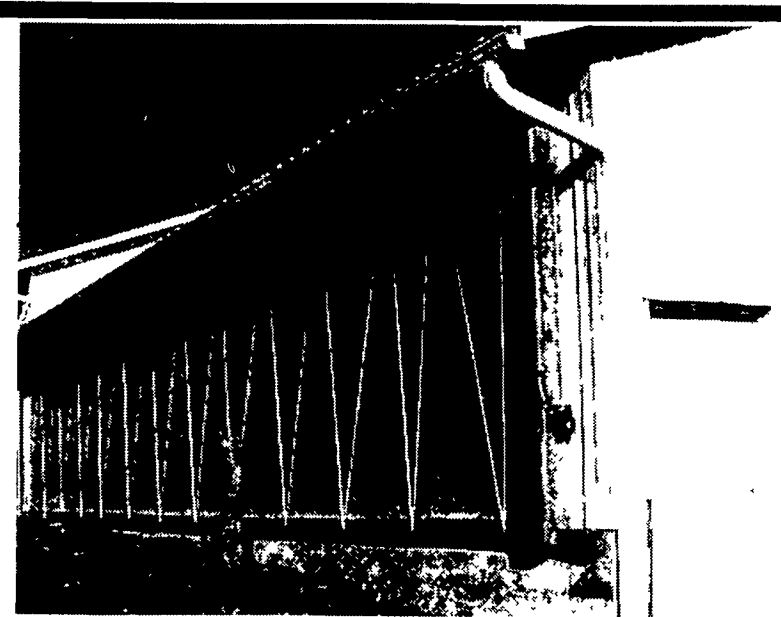
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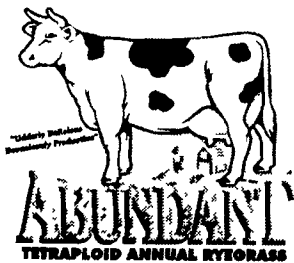
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