

**Tennessee Feeder Cattle Sales**  
Nashville, Tenn.  
December 10, 2003  
Report Supplied By USDA

Tennessee Cattle Auction, Dec 9, Dickson — Receipts This Week 1168, Last Week 1296, Last Year 1247 Trends According to the Federal State Market News Service, Feeder steers under 500 lbs 3 00 to 6 00 lower over 500 lbs mostly steady Feeder heifers steady to 2 00 lower Total Feeders 993 head Feeder supply Steers 569 head Heifers 424 head Steers and heifers over 600 lbs 135 head Replacement and/or feeder cows 62 head

Feeder Steers Medium and Large 1 2 200-300 lbs 120 00-132 00 300 350 lbs 111 00-120 00 350 400 lbs 107 00-112 50 400-450 lbs 103 00-110 00 450-500 lbs 96 00-104 00 500 550 lbs 95 00-105 00 550-600 lbs 90 00-99 00 600 700 lbs 91 00-97 00 700-800 lbs 85 00-92 50 Medium and Large 3 300 400 lbs 100 00-104 00 400-500 lbs 90 00-97 00 500 600 lbs 85 00-91 00

Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 1 2 300 400 lbs 105 00-115 00 400 450 lbs 100 00-114 00 450-500 lbs 95 00-105 00 500 600 lbs 91 50-97 50 600 700 lbs 84 00-93 50 Small and Medium 3 400 450 lbs 95 00-99 00 450 500 lbs 88 00-95 00 500-600 lbs 78 00-90 00 600 700 lbs 75 00-84 00

Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 1-2 250 300 lbs 109 00-120 00 300 350 lbs 108 00-116 00 350 400 lbs 91 00-107 00 400-450 lbs 89 00-104 00 few 107 00 450-500 lbs 85 00-95 00 few 99 50 500-550 lbs 85 00-93 50 550-600 lbs 86 00- 88 00 600 700 lbs 80 00-88 00

**National Sheep Summary**  
San Angelo, Texas  
December 9, 2003  
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At midwest market centers slaughter lambs and feeder lambs steady, slaughter ewes 5 00 higher At New Holland, PA slaughter lambs 10 00- 20 00 lower, slaughter ewes weak At San Angelo, TX slaughter lambs uneven, lambs over 90 lbs 7 00-10 00 higher, weights under 90 lbs weak, slaughter ewes firm, feeder lambs not well tested Estimated receipts 8,000 head for today

Slaughter Lambs Choice and Prime 2-3 90-150 lbs San Angelo shorn and wooled 96 00-107 00, few 90 00-96 00 Midwest shorn 84 00-87 00, wooled 82 00-85 00 New Holland 90-100 lbs 89 00-104 00 few 107 00 100-125 lbs 90 00-110 00, 125-150 lbs 82 00-98 00 Virginia no test

Slaughter Ewes San Angelo Good and Choice 2-4 38 00-42 00, Good 2-3 52 00-58 00, Utility and Good 1-3 57 00-64 00, set 66 00, Utility 1-2 48 00-56 00, Cull and Utility 1-2 42 00-48 00 Midwest, Utility and Good 1-3 40 00-50 00, Cull 1 30 00-40 00 New Holland Utility and Good 1-3 75-100 lbs 58 00-66 00, 100-150 lbs 44 00-48 00, 150-200 lbs 40 00-48 00, 200-250 lbs 38 00-48 00 Billings no test Virginia no test

Feeder Lambs Medium and Large 1-2 San Angelo no test Midwest 60-80 lbs 100 00-110 00 80-100 lbs 90 00-100 00 Virginia no test Billings no test

Replacement Ewes Medium and Large 1-2 San Angelo no test Billings no test

**Midwest Daily Livestock Summary**  
Amarillo, Texas  
December 10, 2003  
Report Supplied By USDA

Daily Livestock Summary - In the direct slaughter cattle trade in the Five Major Marketing Areas — Texas/Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, Iowa/Minnesota — on Wednesday, live basis sales 50-2 00 lower in the North and South Plains and dressed basis sales 1 00-2 00 lower in Nebraska, other areas not fully tested STEERS LIVE BASIS (all Grades 18,126 head) 94 00-100 00, wtd avg 96 68 DRESSED BASIS (all Grades 11,163 head) 153 00-157 00, wtd avg 154 84 HEIFERS LIVE BASIS (all Grades 17,061 head) 94 00-99 00 wtd avg 96 75 DRESSED BASIS (all Grades 4,612 head) 154 00-156 50, wtd avg 155 05

Terminal markets So St Paul slaughter steers sold 1 00-2 00 lower slaughter heifers sold lower in a narrow test Steers few Choice 2 4 1160 1455 lbs 93 80-98 25 Heifers few Choice 2 3 1216 1311 lbs 95 35-96 70 Sioux Falls slaughter steers and heifers sold 4 00 6 00 lower Steers High Select and Choice 2 3 1260 1425 lbs 96 80-98 80 Heifers Choice and Prime 3 Blacks 1275 1310 lbs 99 00-99 60 High Select and Choice 2 3 1195 1250 lbs 97 00-98 00

Cattle Slaughter under Federal Inspection Week to Date (est) through Wednesday 355 000, Same Period Last Week (est) 368 000 Same Period Last Year (act) 360 000

CME Futures Closes for Live Cattle Dec 94 02 down 1 50, Jan 91 30 down 1 42, Feb 88 70 down 1 42

Slaughter cows at South St Paul sold steady to 2 00 lower Premium White 70 75 percent lean 58 00 62 50 high dressing 63 50-65 00 Breakers 70 80 percent lean 54 00-59 25 Boners 80-85 percent lean 50 00-54 50 high dressing 55 00 59 50 Lean 85-90 percent lean 43 00 48 00 high dressing 49 00-50 25, low dressing 34 00-40 00

The direct hog trade prices are based on 185 lbs hog carcass with 0 9-1 1 inch back fat and 6 inch square loin/2 0 inch depth plant delivered National direct trade barrows and gilts were steady with prices ranging from 39 00-49 50 wtd avg price 47 54 Iowa-Minnesota was steady at 40 00-49 50, wtd avg price 47 91 Western Cornbelt sold steady at 39 75-49 50, wtd avg price 47 75 and Eastern Cornbelt was firm at 39 00-48 27, wtd avg price 47 35 At South St Paul and Sioux Falls terminal markets, barrows and gilts sold 50 higher with 47-50 percent lean 220-270 lbs selling from 33 50-36 00

Hog Slaughter under Federal Inspection Week to Date (est) through Wednesday 1,175,000, Same Period Last Week (est) 1,169,000, Same Period Last Year (act) 1,158,000

CME Futures Closes for Lean Hogs Dec 49 72, up 52, Feb 52 70, up 30, Apr 55 37, up 25

Slaughter lambs were steady on Wednesday at So St Paul Shorn 120-140 lbs 84 00-86 00 Wooled, 120-140 lbs 82 00-84 00 Slaughter lambs at San Angelo, TX were uneven, lambs over 90 lbs 5 00-8 00 higher and lambs under 90 lbs sold weak Choice 2-3 shorn and wooled 95-120 lbs 96 00-105 00, few 90 00-96 00

Slaughter under Federal Inspection Week to Date (est) through Wednesday 40,000, Same Period Last Week (est) 36,000, Same Period Last Year (act) 38,000

**Slaughter Cattle Weekly Review**  
Oklahoma City, Okla.  
December 5, 2003  
Report Supplied By USDA

NATIONAL SLAUGHTER CATTLE SUMMARY - Week Ending Dec 5 - Compared to last week Slaughter cattle traded steady Packer demand moderate and content with buying for immediate needs Post holiday beef sales were disappointing to packers as retailers not as aggressive as anticipated for high priced beef items Cattle feeders entered the period asking for more money but relinquished those ideas as strong profits and discounted boards leave little room for obstinacy Boxed beef values closed Thursday at an average of 150 70 down 92 from last Friday Sales of slaughter cattle on a national basis for negotiated cash trades were 147 500 head through 2 00 p m Thursday Last week's full count was 197,950 head

Midwest Direct Markets Live Basis Steers and Heifers 35 80 percent Choice, 900-1400 lbs 98 00-104 00, wtd avg 101 50 Dressed Basis Steers and Heifers 35 80 percent Choice, 550-950 lbs 158 00-166 00, wtd avg 161 75

High Plains Direct Markets Live Basis Steers and Heifers 35-65 percent Choice, 900 1400 lbs 96 00-102 00, wtd avg 99 95

Slaughter Cows and Bulls (Average Yielding Prices) Slaughter cows steady to 1 00 lower Slaughter bulls 1 00-2 00 higher Packer demand continues good Cull cow market is 16 00 17 00 per cwt over last year adding 200 00 to the producers share of a 1200 lb cull cow USDA's Cutter cow carcass cut-out value closed Thursday at 105 67, down 21 from last Friday

COWS Breakers 75-80% lean 1100-1600 lbs Colorado 52 00-55 50, Oklahoma 53 00-56 50, Alabama 52 00-55 00 Boners 80-85% lean 1000-1500 lbs Colorado 50 50-53 50, Oklahoma 51 50-55 50, Alabama 49 00-52 00 Lean 85-90% lean 950-1400 lbs Colorado 49 00-52 00, Oklahoma 47 00-50 50, Alabama 45 00-47 00

BULLS 88-92% lean 1500-2200 lbs Colorado 60 00-64 50, Oklahoma 61 50-64 50, Alabama 57 00-63 00

**Five-Area Weekly Average Direct Slaughter Cattle**  
St Joseph, Mo., December 8, 2003 - USDA Market News Service  
Sales in Texas/Oklahoma; Kansas; Nebraska; Colorado; and Iowa/Minnesota Feedlots for Week Ending Sunday, December 7, 2003

Confirmed Sales 153,636, Week Ago 197,937, Year Ago 145,553

**LIVE FOB BASIS SALES - Beef Breeds:**  
SLAUGHTER STEERS

	Head Count	Weight Range	Price Range	Avg. Weight	Avg. Price
Over 80% Choice	823	1200-1475	101 00-105 00	1 314	102 67
65-80% Choice	5 533	1200-1400	100 00-104 00	1 336	102 18
35-80% Choice	31 575	1065-1500	97 00-104 50	1 246	100 27
0-35% Choice	6 084	1100-1325	98 00-100 00	1 235	99 75
<b>TOTAL all grades</b>	<b>44,012</b>	<b>1065-1500</b>	<b>97.00-105.00</b>	<b>1,257</b>	<b>100.48</b>

**SLAUGHTER HEIFERS**

Over 80% Choice	925	1150-1225	101 00-105 00	1 171	102 57
65-80% Choice	5 235	1025-1390	100 00-104 00	1 233	101 14
35-65% Choice	35 032	975-1325	98 00-104 50	1 128	100 43
0-35% Choice	2 030	1075-1175	98 00-100 00	1 101	99 22
<b>TOTAL all grades</b>	<b>43,222</b>	<b>975-1390</b>	<b>98.00-105.00</b>	<b>1,140</b>	<b>100.51</b>

**DELIVERED BASIS SALES - Beef Breeds:**  
SLAUGHTER STEERS

Over 80% Choice	2,407	766-930	159 00-165 00	862	163 50
65-80% Choice	7 970	756-889	158 00-166 00	833	162 27
35-65% Choice	11 212	700 928	155 00-166 00	823	160 61
0-35% Choice	83	806-832	158 00-163 00	824	159 51
<b>TOTAL all grades</b>	<b>21,672</b>	<b>700-930</b>	<b>156.00-166.00</b>	<b>831</b>	<b>161.53</b>

**SLAUGHTER HEIFERS**

Over 80% Choice	1 004	641 819	160 00-165 00	762	161 71
65-80% Choice	3 583	682-813	158 00-166 00	747	162 77
35-65% Choice	10 055	667-928	156 00-165 00	741	161 36
0-35% Choice					
<b>TOTAL all grades</b>	<b>14,642</b>	<b>641-928</b>	<b>156.00-166.00</b>	<b>744</b>	<b>161.73</b>

**WEEKLY WEIGHTED AVERAGES**

This Week:	Head Count	Avg. Weight	Avg. Price
Live Steer	44,012	1,257	100 48
Live Heifer	43,222	1,140	100 51
Dressed Steer	21,672	831	161 53
Dressed Heifer	14,642	744	161 73

**Same Period Last Week:**

Live Steer	75,300	1,251	100 49
Live Heifer	57,141	1,143	100 68
Dressed Steer	19,980	819	161 59
Dressed Heifer	16,227	744	162 49

**Same Period Last Year:**

Live Steer	44,089	1,270	73 42
Live Heifer	37,409	1,173	73 59
Dressed Steer	24,797	851	115 49
Dressed Heifer	14,745	770	115 54

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