

NATIONAL WEEKLY FEEDER & STOCKER CATTLE SUMMARY

St. Joseph, Missouri

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Receipts:	This Week	Last Week	Year Ago
SJ LS850	246,400	236,100	217,400

Compared to last week, steers and heifers sold 1.00 to 7.00 lower. Demand was moderate to good on light to moderate supply. Auction runs are becoming more sporadic now (especially in the Northern Plains) as we enter the summer marketing season. Good rains across the Midwest and Plains states have greatly improved the outlook for a full grazing season, another positive for the feeder cattle market as yearling operators want light fleshed cattle to turn out on grass. Several producers came to town this week feeling market tops might have now been made and given the holiday week with many barns taking the week off, it was time to turn them loose. With the recent active market many fall calf producers are selling bawlers instead of weaning them. Cattle feeders' outgoing fed cattle are very profitable, and they want to refill their pens while the cattle are available. The strength of the fat market is keeping a fire lit under the feeder cattle market and helping to advance the futures contracts. Over the last 7 weeks, summer Feeder futures are over 20.00 higher as the steady runup after the sharp decline at the beginning of April. On Friday, the Cattle on Feed report published On Feed number at 98 pct; placements at 97 pct; and marketings at 97 pct of a year ago. Most saw the report as mostly neutral as actuals came in close to industry guesses. Also on Friday, the cold storage report conveyed total red meat supplies in freezers were up 5 percent from the previous month but down 6 percent from last year. Total pounds of beef in freezers were down 2 percent from the previous month and down 2 percent from last year. Negotiated sales of fed cattle in Kansas sold steady to 1.00 higher at 220.00 to 221.00. In TX/OK/NM, live sales sold mostly steady at 220.00 to 221.00, mostly 220.00. In Nebraska, live sales were 1.00 to 2.00 higher at 230.00 to 231.00, while dressed sales sold mostly 2.00 higher at 360.00 to 370.00, mostly 360.00. For the week, Choice Boxed beef closed on Friday at 361.55, 9.06 higher and Select closed at 351.32, 8.93 higher. Weekly Cattle Slaughter under federal inspection estimated at 570K, 4K more than last week and 33K less than a year ago. Auction volume this week included 52 percent weighing over 600 lbs and 42 percent heifers.

REGIONAL WEIGHTED AVERAGE

FEEDER STEER PRICES

NORTH CENTRAL REGION

Steers:	This Week	Last Week	Last Year
600-700 lbs	\$358.52	\$359.99	\$309.64
700-800 lbs	\$327.27	\$328.42	\$277.16
800-900 lbs	\$307.58	\$302.99	\$259.98

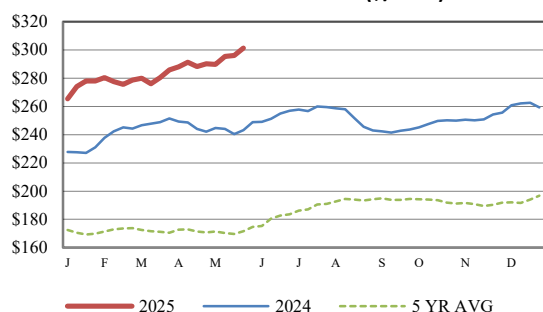
SOUTH CENTRAL REGION

Steers:	This Week	Last Week	Last Year
500-600 lbs	\$383.14	\$390.65	\$313.20
600-700 lbs	\$348.31	\$346.77	\$286.63
700-800 lbs	\$304.19	\$306.52	\$258.49

SOUTHEAST REGION

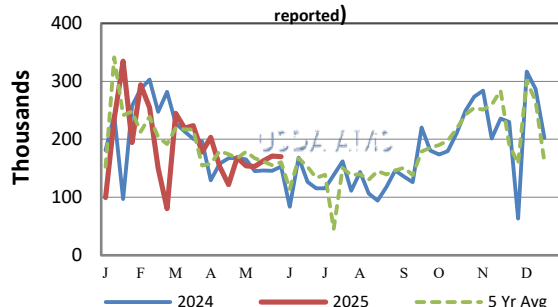
Steers:	This Week	Last Week	Last Year
400-500 lbs	\$392.57	\$399.64	\$321.52
500-600 lbs	\$361.07	\$362.61	\$298.31
600-700 lbs	\$328.62	\$326.66	\$270.24

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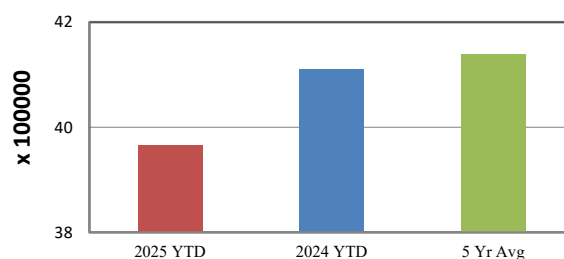


NATIONWIDE REPORTED WEEKLY FEEDER CATTLE AUCTION RECEIPTS

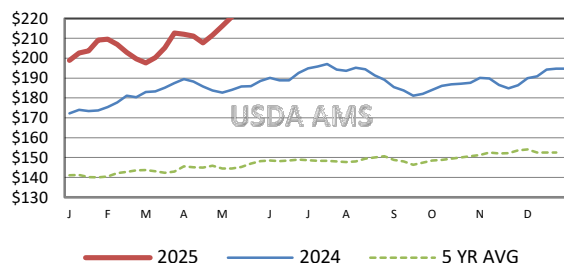
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YEAR TO DATE AUCTION RECEIPTS



5 AREA WEEKLY WEIGHTED AVERAGE SLTR STEER PRICE (\$/CWT)



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