

NATIONAL WEEKLY FEEDER & STOCKER CATTLE SUMMARY

St. Joseph, Missouri

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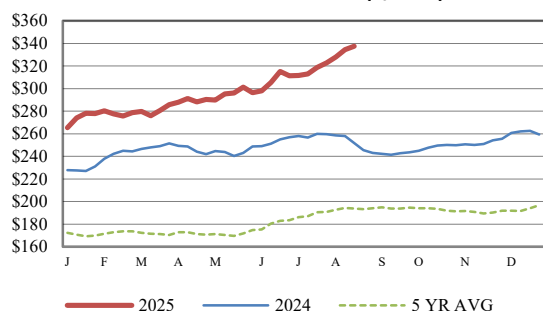
for w/e Saturday, 08/16/25.

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Receipts:	This Week	Last Week	Year Ago
SJ LS850	277,700	162,700	234,000

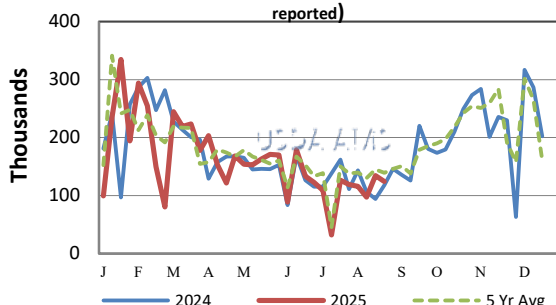
Compared to last week, steers and heifers sold 2.00 to 7.00 higher with some instances of 12.00 to 15.00 higher on some lighter weight calves. Demand was good to very good. As a whole the cash markets at the auctions have ignored the volatility and extreme trading ranges seen in the futures markets and just continue to push higher each day as concerns about limited supplies are becoming more and more valid. Cattle feeders continue to hold the leverage in the market and are able to sell cattle much higher than the spot month of the CME Live Cattle futures. As their outgoing fat cattle are highly profitable the demand for feeder cattle stays red hot. The market at the auctions is very active and ultra-competitive as the yearlings come to town. Most auction markets remain on their summer sale schedule, so buyers have to act fast on the day cattle are offered or they might have to wait or have to travel further to find the cattle they need to fill their empty pens. Prevalent rains across much of the country have helped keep pastures in good shape allowing cattle to stay turned out and not be pulled early. Condition and health programs are becoming more important each day although some producers are still getting by without complete weaning or shot programs as long as calves don't have too much hair or flesh. Once weather swings start to arrive in a few weeks buyers will get more and more picky, and discounts will become more extreme as health risks increase. The CME Cattle Complex was a roller coaster again this past week, with Tuesday and Friday being sharply higher days, and Thursday being a sharply lower day. For the week, Live Cattle contracts were 3.00 to 4.00 higher while feeder contracts were 5.00 to 7.00 higher. The corn crop looks to be bountiful as yield expectations are record large, making for low feed costs for cattle producers. The USDA WASDE report on Tuesday forecasted a record corn crop at a whopping 16.7 billion bushels with record yields projected for corn at 188.8 bushels per acre -- shattering another record. Negotiated sales of fed cattle in Kansas sold unevenly steady at 235.00 to 237.00. In TX/OK/NM, very limited live sales sold at 235.00. In Nebraska, live sales were steady at 243.00 to 245.00; while dressed sales were steady to 2.00 higher at 380.00 to 385.00. For the week, Choice Boxed beef closed on Friday at 400.57, 21.73 higher and Select closed at 370.76, 15.67 higher. This was the [More.....](#)

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NATIONWIDE REPORTED WEEKLY FEEDER CATTLE AUCTION RECEIPTS

(Receipts vary depending on the number of auctions reported)



REGIONAL WEIGHTED AVERAGE

FEEDER STEER PRICES

NORTH CENTRAL REGION

Steers:	This Week	Last Week	Last Year
600-700 lbs	\$407.86	\$400.96	\$283.41
700-800 lbs	\$372.99	\$363.02	\$264.22
800-900 lbs	\$348.14	\$341.99	\$252.58

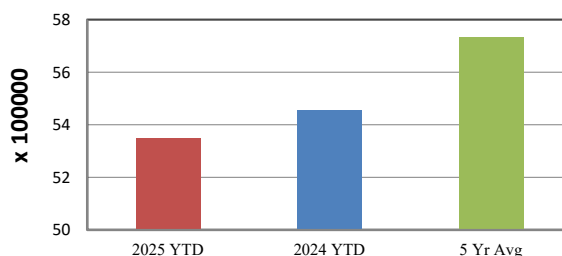
SOUTH CENTRAL REGION

Steers:	This Week	Last Week	Last Year
500-600 lbs	\$411.38	\$413.33	\$295.27
600-700 lbs	\$385.03	\$380.15	\$272.14
700-800 lbs	\$357.49	\$352.48	\$253.45

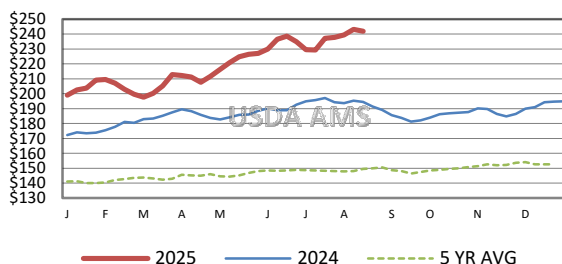
SOUTHEAST REGION

Steers:	This Week	Last Week	Last Year
400-500 lbs	\$416.27	\$410.87	\$293.16
500-600 lbs	\$374.76	\$371.14	\$272.68
600-700 lbs	\$349.12	\$348.24	\$256.92

YEAR TO DATE AUCTION RECEIPTS



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



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