NATIONAL WEEKLY FEEDER & STOCKER CATTLE SUMMARY **USDA LIVESTOCK, POULTRY & GRAIN MARKET NEWS** St. Joseph, Missouri for w/e Saturday, 08/23/25. stjoe.lpgmn@usda.gov Monday, August 25, 2025 Email: Receipts: This Week Last Week Year Ago CME FEEDER CATTLE INDEX (\$/CWT) SJ_LS850 322,600 277,700 414,600 \$360 \$340 Compared to last week, steers and heifers sold 5.00 to 12.00 higher. Good to very good demand \$320 nationwide this week as the bulls continue to rule the market as futures and auction (live and \$300 video) prices continue to move higher to record-setting levels. Cattle feeders are eager to buy \$280 high quality yearlings as they become available and ranchers are willing to not worry about hitting \$260 the "top" of the market as they take home rather handsome checks for selling their stock. \$240 \$220 Auctions and video sales are as hot the Midwest the last couple of weeks. Last Monday, Northern \$200 Livestock Video started off their Early Fall Preview sale with 780 head of 405 lb base weight \$180 steers from Wyoming right off the cow for October delivery at \$607.50 per cwt. This demand for \$160 lightweight steers that will be suitable for development into yearlings is unprecedented as the cattle market continues to roll to new heights. It is currently hard to find any big groups of lighter 2025 2024 ----- 5 YR AVG weight calves as most have been selling in small groups due to the time of year. That will change in the next month as producers with bigger groups will be getting closer to be ready to sell. As of Friday, fall through spring Feeder Cattle futures have gained \$40.00 or more in the last 5 weeks even though there were some large losses occurring in some individual days in that time period. NATIONWIDE REPORTED WEEKLY FEEDER CATTLE AUCTION RECEIPTS Pastures seem to be in better condition than last year, but there are some dry pockets in the (Receipts vary depending on the number of auctions Mississippi River Valley and central Nebraska through Wyoming and Montana. Cooler weather in reported) many places forecasted is a welcome sight for those that need a break from the scorching temps. 400 Feed costs are much cheaper than last year, which is helping to support the feeder cattle market as well. The Monthly Cattle on Feed Report was released on Friday with On-Feed numbers at 98 Thousands 300 pct of last year; marketings were at 94 pct, both nearly even with pre-report estimates. Placements were at 94 pct which was just slightly under the top end of the pre-report estimates. 200 Negotiated sales of fed cattle in the Southern Plains sold 5.00 higher at 240.00. In Nebraska, live sales were steady to 2.00 higher at 245.00; while dressed sales were 5.00 to 7.00 higher at 100 385.00 to 392.00. For the week, Choice Boxed beef closed on Friday at 407.91, 7.34 higher and Select closed at 383.66, 12.90 higher. Weekly Cattle Slaughter under federal inspection estimated at 547K, 17K more than last week and 62K less than a year ago. Auction volumerthis. Meek lucinged 20 beice LACOLOWN AL AN FIRST DE VAN ELEMENT CE 2024 2025 **FEEDER STEER PRICES** NORTH CENTRAL REGION YEAR TO DATE AUCTION RECEIPTS 60 Steers: This Week Last Week **Last Year** 600-700 lbs \$415.65 \$407.86 \$269.56 58 × 100000 **USDA AMS** 56 700-800 lbs \$378.84 \$372.99 \$254.90 5/ 800-900 lbs \$357.57 \$348.14 \$243.16 2025 YTD 2024 YTD 5 Yr Avg **SOUTH CENTRAL REGION** Steers: This Week Last Week **Last Year 5 AREA WEEKLY WEIGHTED AVERAGE** 500-600 lbs \$425.55 \$411.38 \$280.06 SLTR STEER PRICE (\$/CWT) \$250 \$240 \$230 \$220 \$210 600-700 lbs \$392.17 \$385.03 \$266.45 \$200 \$200 \$190 \$180 \$170 700-800 lbs \$365.61 **\$357.49** \$249.04 \$160 \$150 \$140 SOUTHEAST REGION Steers: This Week Last Week **Last Year** 400-500 lbs \$425.35 \$416.27 \$282.55 **USDA Livestock, Poultry, & Grain Market News** 500-600 lbs \$380.96 \$374.76 \$263.09 St. Joseph, Missouri Phone: 816-676-7000 600-700 lbs \$355.70 \$349.12 \$248.08 For detailed state-by-state feeder cattle quotes: National Feeder & Stocker Cattle Summary http://www.ams.usda.gov/LSMarketNews