NATIONAL WEEKLY FEEDER & STOCKER CATTLE SUMMARY **USDA LIVESTOCK, POULTRY & GRAIN MARKET NEWS** St. Joseph, Missouri Tuesday, September 2, 2025 for w/e Saturday, 08/30/25. stjoe.lpgmn@usda.gov Email: Receipts: This Week Last Week Year Ago CME FEEDER CATTLE INDEX (\$/CWT) SJ_LS850 193,700 322,600 185,700 \$360 \$340 Compared to last week, steers and heifers sold 5.00 to 10.00 higher. The supply of feeders was \$320 moderate as cooler weather made transporting livestock much less stressful and overall volume \$300 was pretty large for a late summer week. This is the first time in 12 weeks that auction receipts \$280 topped 150K as ranchers are taking advantage of the handsome prices in the auction arenas \$260 nationwide. Others holding on are hoping that the upward trend continues and they can market \$240 \$220 their cattle at the top of the market. Prices at the auctions seemed to get higher every day this \$200 week, with many new records set. Light 3-weights in Kansas, Oklahoma, South Dakota and \$180 Missouri topped the 600.00 mark with the highest being a package of 320 lb steers at Farmers \$160 and Ranchers Livestock in Salina(KS) sell at 670.00 or almost \$2,150.00 per head. Widespread rainfall across much of Oklahoma this past week has improved soil conditions, and farmers are ----- 5 YR AVG 2025 2024 now preparing equipment for the upcoming wheat planting season. They are getting ready for grazing season by purchasing some ahead of when they are needed. In addition, yearling 7-wt steers have now topped the 400.00 mark in several states as well. The CME Cattle complex continues to set highs and many analysts are thinking that the market has to continue to roll up as NATIONWIDE REPORTED WEEKLY FEEDER CATTLE AUCTION RECEIPTS yearlings put on feed now are expected to have a breakeven above 250.00 even with feedstuff (Receipts vary depending on the number of auctions input costs being much lower than in recent years. More of the country appeared in the latest drought monitor with just near 52 pct of the nation in some stage of drought now. At this point reported) 400 conditions aren't bad enough that they are requiring any widespread feeding, water concerns, or liquidation. Pasture conditions are still better than normal for this point in the year and cooler **Thousands** 300 weather is an added bonus and ranchers would gladly welcome a good rain at this point. Some feedlots are starting on silage chopping as the calendar is now flipping to September in 200 preparation for the next years feed supply. Cattle feeders have maintained their market leverage all through the summer, a fact that many said would not happen, as the market rallied counter-100 seasonally. A large corn crop is on the way, keeping costs of feed low, and giving much incentive to refill empty feedlot pens. Negotiated sales of fed cattle in the Southern Plains sold 2.00 higher at 242.00. In Nebraska, live sales were steady at 245.00; while dressed sales were generally REGIONAL WEIGHTED AVERAGE 2024 2025 **FEEDER STEER PRICES** NORTH CENTRAL REGION YEAR TO DATE AUCTION RECEIPTS 62 Steers: This Week Last Week **Last Year** 600-700 lbs \$409.94 \$415.65 \$270.66 60 × 100000 **USDA AMS** 58 700-800 lbs \$385.52 \$378.84 \$256.45 56 800-900 lbs \$368.50 \$357.57 \$246.50 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 \$432.19 \$425.55 \$279.29 SLTR STEER PRICE (\$/CWT) \$250 \$240 \$230 \$220 \$210 600-700 lbs \$400.61 \$392.17 \$264.07 \$200 \$200 \$190 \$180 \$170 700-800 lbs \$373.70 \$365.61 \$248.14 \$160 \$150 \$140 \$130 SOUTHEAST REGION Steers: This Week Last Week **Last Year** 2024 \$435.96 400-500 lbs \$425.35 \$286.29 **USDA Livestock, Poultry, & Grain Market News** 500-600 lbs \$390.61 \$380.96 \$257.44 St. Joseph, Missouri Phone: 816-676-7000 600-700 lbs \$362.33 \$355.70 \$241.40 For detailed state-by-state feeder cattle quotes: National Feeder & Stocker Cattle Summary http://www.ams.usda.gov/LSMarketNews