NATIONAL WEEKLY FEEDER & STOCKER CATTLE SUMMARY **USDA LIVESTOCK, POULTRY & GRAIN MARKET NEWS** St. Joseph, Missouri Monday, September 29, 2025 for w/e Saturday, 09/27/25. stjoe.lpgmn@usda.gov Email: Receipts: This Week Last Week Year Ago CME FEEDER CATTLE INDEX (\$/CWT) SJ_LS850 208,300 240,800 220,400 \$380 \$360 Compared to last week, steers sold 3.00 to 8.00 higher, while heifers sold steady to 5.00 \$340 higher. Moderate to good demand for spring born calves as there is interest in buying these \$320 \$300 calves but most cattle feeders are busy with fall harvest and not guite ready to take on a \$280 bawling calf that needs to be watched closely. Very warm days, and cool nights are the right \$260 recipe for sick calves. The Northern Plains is slowly getting into the bawling calf market \$240 \$220 across the state even though guite a few large strings of yearling hit the market at various \$200 auctions up there. Feedlots continue to fill pits with silage and just getting started on high \$180 moisture corn. Some hay producers are on third or fourth cutting and a few grass hay \$160 producers are still trying to put up hay on the wet meadows and other grass fields. In the Southern Plains, farmers reentered the calf market after wrapping up sowing wheat which 2025 2024 ---- 5 YR AVG drove the calf market higher. Some areas did receive some rains that were in dire need, however it will take more time and moisture to make a solid change to the drought map and not everyone even got rain, it was a relief to know it can rain. In areas that did get rain many NATIONWIDE REPORTED WEEKLY FEEDER were surprised how quickly a tint of green reappeared in pastures. As of the last drought CATTLE AUCTION RECEIPTS monitor, over two-thirds of the country is in some type of drought designation. Corn and (Receipts vary depending on the number of auctions soybean harvest continues in the Midwest and Plains states as the calendar hasn't even reported) 400 turned to October yet and some farmers have made great strides in progress. Negotiated sales of fed cattle in TX/OK/NM sold 3.00 lower at 237.00. In Kansas, cash sales sold 3.00 **Thousands** 300 to 5.00 lower at 235.00 to 237.00. In Nebraska, live sales were 3.00 to 4.00 lower at 232.00 to 235.00; while dressed sales were 5.00 lower at 365.00. For the week, Choice Boxed beef 200 closed on Friday at 371.43, 10.62 lower and Select closed at 352.44, 7.48 lower. Weekly Cattle Slaughter under federal inspection estimated at 555K. 3K more than last week and 100 62K less than a year ago. Auction volume this week included 52 percent weighing over 600 lbs and 40 percent heifers. REGIONAL WEIGHTED AVERAGE 2024 2025 **FEEDER STEER PRICES** NORTH CENTRAL REGION YEAR TO DATE AUCTION RECEIPTS 68 Steers: This Week Last Week **Last Year** 600-700 lbs \$415.52 \$399.54 \$266.23 x 100000 **USDA AMS** 700-800 lbs \$262.55 \$388.87 \$376.19 62 800-900 lbs \$365.62 \$362.52 \$250.23 2025 YTD 2024 YTD 5 Yr Avg **SOUTH CENTRAL REGION** Steers: This Week Last Week **Last Year 5 AREA WEEKLY WEIGHTED AVERAGE** \$280.34 500-600 lbs \$424.85 \$414.34 SLTR STEER PRICE (\$/CWT) \$250 \$240 \$230 \$220 \$210 600-700 lbs \$391.76 \$390.07 \$261.98 \$200 \$190 \$180 \$170 700-800 lbs \$376.05 **\$367.98** \$251.13 \$160 \$150 \$140 \$130 SOUTHEAST REGION Steers: This Week Last Week **Last Year** \$437.91 \$279.08 400-500 lbs \$434.67 **USDA Livestock, Poultry, & Grain Market News** St. Joseph, Missouri 500-600 lbs \$392.88 \$385.49 \$256.85 Phone: 816-676-7000 600-700 lbs \$359.81 \$359.81 \$239.04 For detailed state-by-state feeder cattle quotes: National Feeder & Stocker Cattle Summary http://www.ams.usda.gov/LSMarketNews