NATIONAL WEEKLY FEEDER & STOCKER CATTLE SUMMARY **USDA LIVESTOCK, POULTRY & GRAIN MARKET NEWS** St. Joseph, Missouri Monday, December 1, 2025 for w/e Saturday, 11/29/25. stjoe.lpgmn@usda.gov Email: Receipts: This Week Last Week Year Ago CME FEEDER CATTLE INDEX (\$/CWT) SJ_LS850 59,200 282,500 78,900 \$380 \$360 Compared to last week, steers and heifers were too thinly tested to establish a trend, however a \$340 lower undertone was noted at early week sales and higher at later week sales. Marketing of \$320 feeder cattle were limited to the Midwest and Upper Plains states this week as the supply of \$300 \$280 feeders was light. However, most sale barns remained dark this week for the holiday and receipts \$260 were moderate to heavy in the barns that held sales; most of which were advertised as a special \$240 sale in some way or another and occurred mostly on Monday and Tuesday, while the rest were on \$220 \$200 Friday and Saturday. Demand ranged from moderate to very good as limited auctions happened \$180 Thanksgiving week. This week kind of marks when the weaned calves over 45 days start to show \$160 up at the auctions. Both auctions reported quite a few buyers on the seats and hitting the internet. Overall, the calf and feeder market continues to sell dollars higher than the same time last year 2025 2024 ----- 5 YR AVG putting more cash into the sellers' pockets. Negotiated feedlot sales happened on Tuesday in Nebraska and Texas when the CME cattle boards were selling off and sellers in the cash market are hoping for shackle space at area slaughterhouses. Sharp gains on all CME contracts Wednesday and Friday of last week were a welcome sight to ranchers getting ready to sell calves. NATIONWIDE REPORTED WEEKLY FEEDER CATTLE AUCTION RECEIPTS For the week, spring Feeder Cattle futures were 10.80.00 to 11.275 higher for the holiday (Receipts vary depending on the number of auctions shortened week. With the Monday sharp sell off on the CME, it brought sharp price decline to cash prices. However, on Friday, some sales in the South Plains were sharply higher than on reported) 400 Tuesday. For the week, negotiated sales of fed cattle in TX/OK/NM sold 4.00 to 9.00 lower at 215.00 to 220.00. Sales in Kansas sold 2.00 to 4.00 lower at mostly 220.00. In Nebraska, live **Thousands** 300 sales were 8.00 lower from 208.00 to 210.00, mostly 210.00.00; while dressed sales were 10.00 to 15.00 lower at 330.00. Replacement cattle have been met with good to very good demand in 200 recent weeks and there are several special bred cow sales scheduled between now and the first of the year. On Saturday, Eastern Missouri Commission Company had a special replacement 100 sale on Saturday where the top lots of fancy bred heifers sold from 5500.00 to 5900.00 per head. Choice closed on Friday at 366.82, 4.66 lower and Select closed at 351.05, 5.93 lower when compared to last week. Weekly Cattle Slaughter under federal inspection estimated at More. REGIONAL WEIGHTED AVERAGE 2024 2025 FEEDER STEER PRICES NORTH CENTRAL REGION YEAR TO DATE AUCTION RECEIPTS 90 Steers: This Week Last Week **Last Year** 88 600-700 lbs \$397.90 \$386.43 \$301.99 86 × 100000 **USDA AMS** 700-800 lbs \$344.72 \$354.12 \$276.60 82 80 78 800-900 lbs \$318.11 \$330.40 \$253.08 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 \$380.45 \$395.13 \$312.09 SLTR STEER PRICE (\$/CWT) \$250 \$240 \$230 \$220 \$210 600-700 lbs \$347.68 \$360.59 \$279.61 \$200 \$200 \$190 \$180 \$170 700-800 lbs \$326.09 \$341.29 \$260.02 \$160 \$150 \$140 SOUTHEAST REGION Steers: This Week Last Week **Last Year** 400-500 lbs \$360.45 \$412.79 \$298.16 **USDA Livestock, Poultry, & Grain Market News** 500-600 lbs \$337.13 \$374.26 \$276.65 St. Joseph, Missouri Phone: 816-676-7000 600-700 lbs \$317.60 \$338.76 \$246.07 For detailed state-by-state feeder cattle quotes: National Feeder & Stocker Cattle Summary http://www.ams.usda.gov/LSMarketNews