

NATIONAL WEEKLY FEEDER & STOCKER CATTLE SUMMARY

St. Joseph, Missouri

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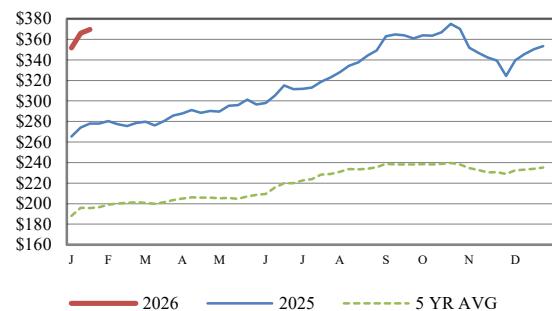
for w/e Saturday, 01/17/26. Email: stjoe.lpgmn@usda.gov

Receipts:	This Week	Last Week	Year Ago
SJ LS850	451,100	483,500	425,800

Compared to last week, feeder steers and heifers sold unevenly steady with most sales falling from 5.00 lower to 5.00 higher. Still some instances of lighter weight calves selling sharply higher, but overall, many of last week's extreme tops were not seen. Demand remains good to very good with the best demand for grazing weights and prices are still at high levels even if auctions aren't setting new records every day. Overall, the market is still very good for the second week of January. The supply was heavy although it was much less than last week's near-record volume. Quality was perhaps a bit less than last week without as many large groups of fancy cattle which could have accounted for a lower trend in places. Some downward pressure on the feeder cattle sales at week's close as the CME Cattle Complex stubbed their toe on Friday and closed the day sharply lower. Quite a few replacement heifers were noted state reports this week report with some getting sold by the head. It looks like there could be several pastures full of breeding heifers this summer, especially in Nebraska. There may be a slight increase in heifer percentage, but ranchers may want to take advantage of handsome slaughter cow prices and trade up to more youth. The problem with that is...the rancher is getting older and they may not want to take on calving out a bunch of heifers in their retirement years. Thus far, winter has been fairly mild and producers haven't had to deal with much of any mud or snow. Although still a week away many weather forecasts are already warning winter weather late this week and into next which could cause some marketing issues moving forward. Negotiated cash sales in Kansas this past week sold steady to 1.00 higher 233.00. Sales in Nebraska were 1.00 higher on a live basis at 232.00 to 233.50, mostly 233.00; while dressed sales were steady at 365.00. Choice boxed beef closed on Friday at 362.38, 6.75 higher and Select closed at 360.19, 8.02 higher when compared to last week. Weekly Cattle Slaughter under federal inspection estimated at 562K, 9K more than last week and 39K less than a year ago.

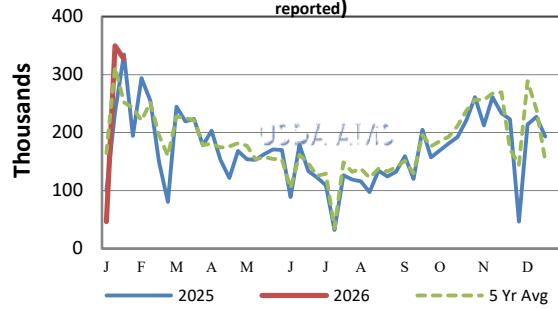
Auction volume this week included 57 percent weighing over 600 lbs and 39 percent heifers. [More...](#)

CME FEEDER CATTLE INDEX (\$/CWT)



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	\$430.68	\$431.42	\$320.71
700-800 lbs	\$388.42	\$390.05	\$293.22
800-900 lbs	\$357.01	\$358.36	\$274.36

SOUTH CENTRAL REGION

Steers:	This Week	Last Week	Last Year
500-600 lbs	\$463.76	\$462.85	\$335.18
600-700 lbs	\$411.81	\$412.86	\$302.45
700-800 lbs	\$373.98	\$371.43	\$277.40

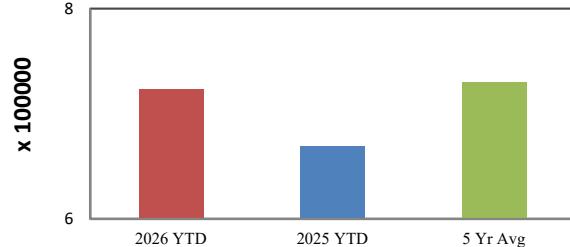
SOUTHEAST REGION

Steers:	This Week	Last Week	Last Year
400-500 lbs	\$483.23	\$470.74	\$350.99
500-600 lbs	\$435.92	\$416.28	\$314.54
600-700 lbs	\$383.82	\$376.62	\$283.36

For detailed state-by-state feeder cattle quotes:

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YEAR TO DATE AUCTION RECEIPTS



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



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