

NATIONAL WEEKLY FEEDER & STOCKER CATTLE SUMMARY

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Receipts:	This Week	Last Week	Year Ago
SJ LS850	144,700	317,900	348,300

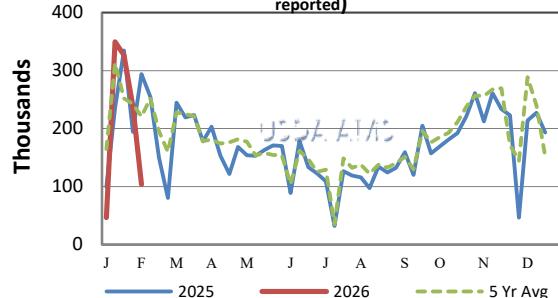
Compared to last week, steers and heifers were 5.00 to 8.00 higher in the North Central region, while other regions were not tested due to Winter Storm Fern covering a wide swath of the Midwest and Southeast with bone chilling cold and larger than normal snow fall. Some areas in the Southeast even received a considerable amount of ice and it was reported by news agencies that at one point there were about one million people without power, primarily in Tennessee, Mississippi and Louisiana. Ranchers in those areas were just trying to survive that storm only to be hit with Winter Storm Gianna that left up to a foot of snow in parts of Tennessee and North Carolina. Demand was good to very good on offerings in sales that had decent volume. Total receipts on this report this week were the smallest in a non-holiday week since the week ending February 20, 2021. The North Central part of the country is more accustomed to these extreme temperatures as most of their reported auctions are later in the week and weather conditions were not as severe. The North Central area accounted for over 85 pct of the auction receipts this week. For those auctions that did have sales this week, there was good to very good demand for all weights of steers and heifers. The Arctic weather seems to move out of the country when looking at upcoming forecasts. This will allow feeder cattle producers to get their stock shipped to town and get met with eager buyers. A bullish outlook for 2026 is in the air as the Cattle Inventory report reported beef cows down near 400K from the previous year, while beef heifer replacements were only reported as being around 160K more than a year ago. The beef cow number was estimated at 27.6 million head, 1 pct below a year ago. In addition, the 2025 calf crop was reported 2 pct below a year ago, meaning there will be fewer fed cattle coming to market in 2026 and fed cattle prices will probably hang around the current pricing level for a longer period. Negotiated cash sales in the Southern Plains this week sold at mostly 240.00, 4.00 to 7.00 higher. Sales in Nebraska were 4.00 to 6.00 higher on a live basis at 240.00 to 241.00, mostly 241.00, while dressed sales were 5.00 to 8.00 higher at 375.00 to 378.00. Choice boxed beef closed on Friday at 365.56, 3.36 lower and Select closed at 361.94, 0.45 lower when compared to last week. Weekly Cattle Slaughter under federal inspection estimated at 531K, 4K less than last week.....

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	\$430.70	\$423.87	\$327.55
700-800 lbs	\$392.32	\$384.19	\$299.91
800-900 lbs	\$362.98	\$357.94	\$280.93

SOUTH CENTRAL REGION

Steers:	This Week	Last Week	Last Year
500-600 lbs	\$454.84	\$458.53	\$341.62
600-700 lbs	\$415.83	\$407.43	\$308.13
700-800 lbs	\$377.01	\$368.81	\$280.42

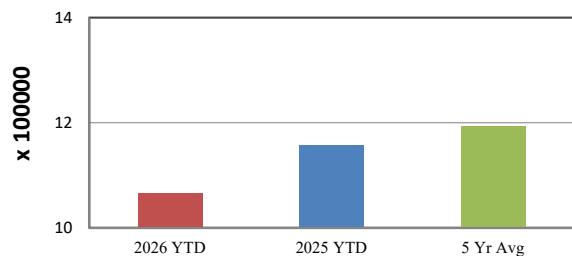
SOUTHEAST REGION

Steers:	This Week	Last Week	Last Year
400-500 lbs	\$515.74	\$480.64	\$356.46
500-600 lbs	\$455.28	\$428.08	\$319.25
600-700 lbs	\$391.84	\$383.12	\$289.15

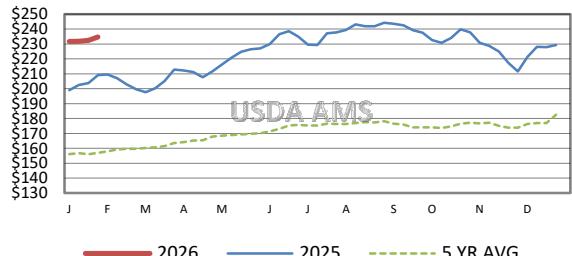
For detailed state-by-state feeder cattle quotes:

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YEAR TO DATE AUCTION RECEIPTS



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



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