

NATIONAL WEEKLY FEEDER & STOCKER CATTLE SUMMARY

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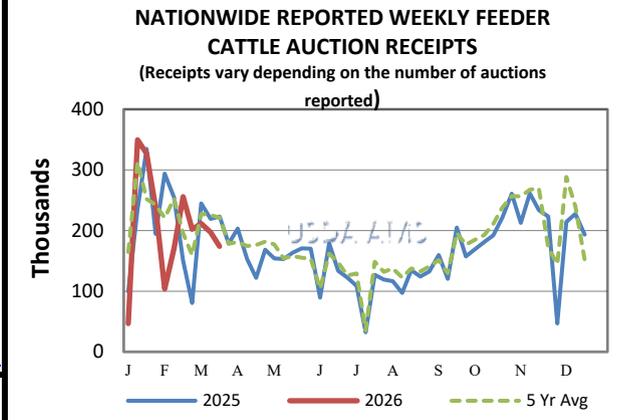
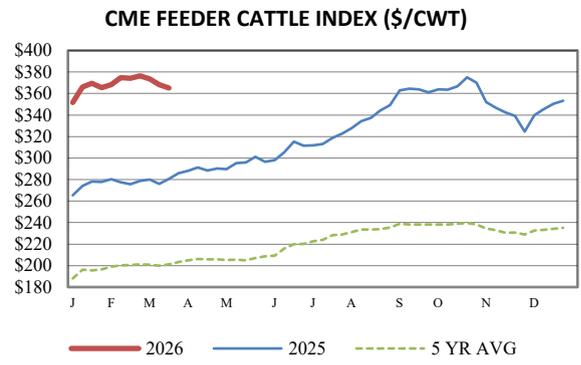
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Receipts:	This Week	Last Week	Year Ago
SJ LS850	210,700	251,000	291,400

Compared to last week, feeder steers and heifers sold 5.00 to 10.00 lower. This week was a very close repeat of last week; supplies were light to moderate and demand remains good just at lower price levels. There is a lot of uncertainty in the marketplace currently from outside sources and with the outside market pressure, cattle feeders were determined to buy cattle lower. Fundamentals have not changed one iota; the cow herd is the smallest in over 70 years. Over the last 3 weeks, feeder cattle futures have been around 20.00 lower, with some large swings in the daily trends in that time frame. Calving season is well upon most of the country at this time with some herds having almost been completed and are now looking forward to the next breeding season. Weather continues to do have large swings as record highs were replaced by sharp north winds, a little snow, and temperatures falling into the low teens to start the new week in the Plains states. More wildfires have been reported in the country; western Nebraska this time. As of this writing, the Morrill fire has encompassed a massive 572,000 acres, making it the largest wildfire in Nebraska history and in the top 10 largest wildfires in American history. More moisture is needed nationwide as over 75 pct of the country was listed as having drought status on the latest report. Cash fed cattle have slipped lower in recent weeks, which is the opposite direction cattle feeders were expecting this spring as they have historically seen the market make its yearly high in the spring. In Kansas, negotiated cash sales of fed cattle were 5.00 lower at 235.00 this week. The volume of sales in TX/OK/NM sales were light and sold 4.00 to 5.00 lower at 235.00 to 236.00. Sales in Nebraska were 5.00 lower on a live basis at 235.00, while dressed sales were 8.00 lower at 372.00. Choice boxed beef prices have retraced back up to the mid-September 2025 levels when fed cattle prices were at 240.00 and 370.00 to 375.00. Choice boxed beef closed on Friday at 397.92, 10.70 higher and Select closed at 391.54, 12.59 higher when compared to last week. Weekly Cattle Slaughter under federal inspection estimated at 525K, 4K more than last week and 61K less than a year ago. Auction volume this week included 62 percent weighing over 600 lbs and 41 percent heifers.

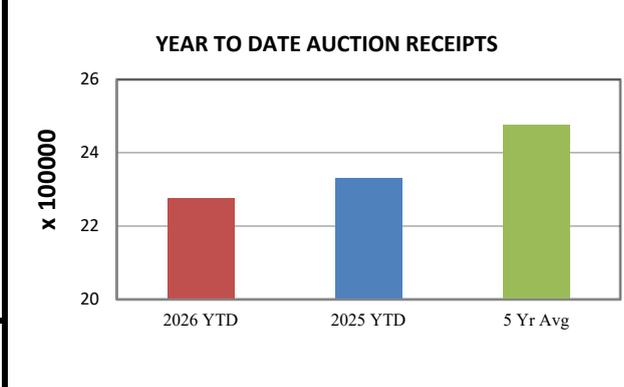
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REGIONAL WEIGHTED AVERAGE FEEDER STEER PRICES

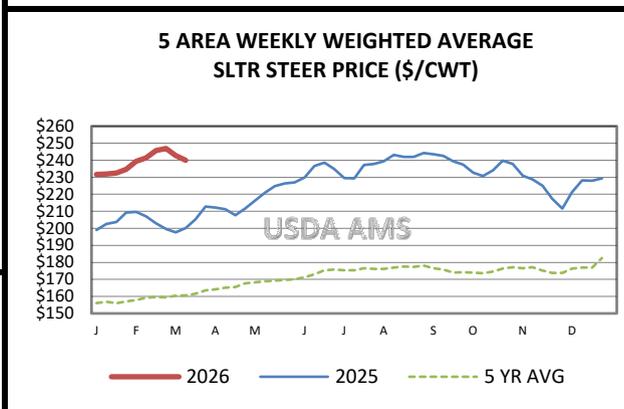
NORTH CENTRAL REGION

Steers:	This Week	Last Week	Last Year
600-700 lbs	\$433.86	\$440.47	\$337.82
700-800 lbs	\$383.22	\$391.23	\$303.85
800-900 lbs	\$352.29	\$358.35	\$280.85



SOUTH CENTRAL REGION

Steers:	This Week	Last Week	Last Year
500-600 lbs	\$467.44	\$477.62	\$358.34
600-700 lbs	\$414.16	\$420.03	\$321.79
700-800 lbs	\$366.24	\$377.74	\$288.60



SOUTHEAST REGION

Steers:	This Week	Last Week	Last Year
400-500 lbs	\$495.97	\$509.61	\$381.35
500-600 lbs	\$447.04	\$456.24	\$336.80
600-700 lbs	\$394.88	\$405.22	\$302.59

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