

NATIONAL WEEKLY FEEDER & STOCKER CATTLE SUMMARY

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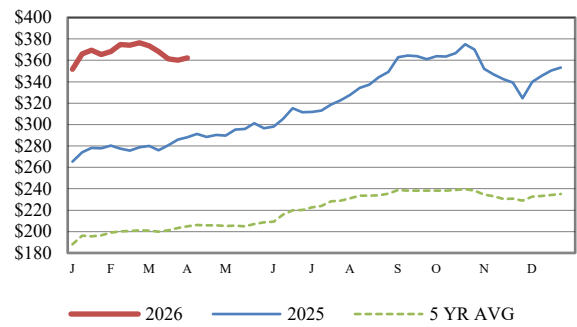
for w/e Saturday, 03/28/26.

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Receipts:	This Week	Last Week	Year Ago
SJ LS850	251,400	209,800	230,100

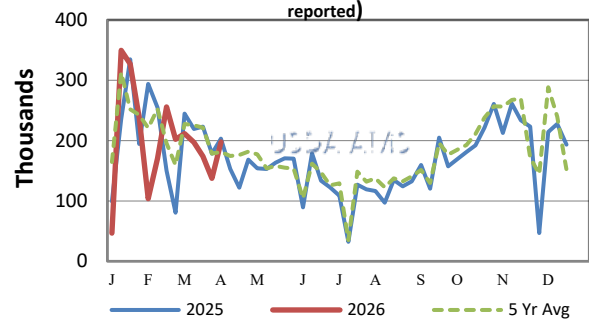
Compared to last week, steers and heifers sold steady to 5.00 higher. Demand was moderate to good as CME Cattle complex found some support recently and traded higher, which helped to propel the cash feeder and fed cattle market higher. Live Cattle futures have gained 7.00 to almost 10.00 in the last two weeks, while Feeder Cattle futures were 18.00 to 20.00 higher in the same time frame. Of note in Nebraska this week, 58 pct of the feeder cattle receipts this week are comprised of heifers. The bulk of these heifers were sold due to the loss of pasture and feed resources from the "Morrill" fire this month. Other range fires broke out this week from "dry lightning strikes" burning another 50 thousand plus acres of native Sandhill grassland. Ranchers are faced with some hard decisions on what they will do with their livestock if Mother Nature doesn't shower the state with much need moisture. In some other areas, the supply of cattle is quickly shifting with many more fall calves in the offering. Some being offered with health and weaning programs while others coming straight off their mommas and typically carrying more flesh. With turnout time just around the corner those with no extra management are not finding quite the same demand as there just isn't enough time to straighten them out before grass. Weather swings mean those calves come with a bit risk, perhaps not as much as the same type of calf in the fall, but tight margins mean any death loss cuts in to the slim profit margins drastically. Much like the mercury lately seems moisture, wind and all-weather related things are at one extreme or the other. 90-degree weather in the midsection of the country is not normal for March, especially when it is followed by freezing temps just a few short days later. Drought is real in many areas as over 77 pct of the country has drought designation and is the largest since November 2024. Hopefully a busy weather pattern across those drought-stricken areas will happen this week. Fed Cattle prices were pretty much steady mid-week in the Northern Plains with an uptick late week in the Southern Plains. In Kansas and TX/OK/NM, the negotiated sales finished the week 3.00 higher at mostly 238.00. Sales in Nebraska were steady on a live basis at 235.00, while dressed sales were steady at 370.00 to 372.00, mostly 372.00. Daily boxed beef prices did invert on Wednesday this week at -3.80, the largest inversion since 2001 [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	\$439.66	\$438.11	\$340.43
700-800 lbs	\$392.34	\$391.92	\$310.02
800-900 lbs	\$361.46	\$360.68	\$291.18

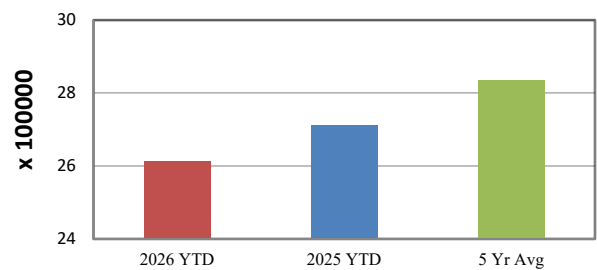
SOUTH CENTRAL REGION

Steers:	This Week	Last Week	Last Year
500-600 lbs	\$484.71	\$480.20	\$367.84
600-700 lbs	\$422.03	\$419.44	\$327.84
700-800 lbs	\$377.70	\$373.05	\$294.53

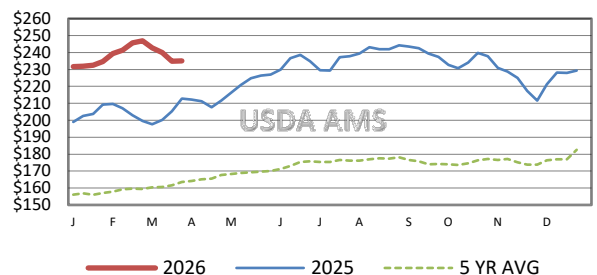
SOUTHEAST REGION

Steers:	This Week	Last Week	Last Year
400-500 lbs	\$517.74	\$512.98	\$389.44
500-600 lbs	\$464.08	\$459.70	\$346.83
600-700 lbs	\$410.38	\$402.49	\$314.44

YEAR TO DATE AUCTION RECEIPTS



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



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