## **NATIONAL WEEKLY FEEDER & STOCKER CATTLE SUMMARY USDA LIVESTOCK, POULTRY & GRAIN MARKET NEWS** St. Joseph, Missouri Monday, May 17, 2021 for w/e Saturday, 05/15/21. Email: <a href="mailto:stjoe.lpgmn@usda.gov">stjoe.lpgmn@usda.gov</a> This Week Receipts: Last Week Year Ago CME FEEDER CATTLE INDEX (\$/CWT) 280,800 194,800 253,500 \$180 Compared to last week, steers and heifers sold mostly steady to 5.00 higher, with sales from mid-week \$170 on trading mostly 2.00-6.00 higher with few sales of mostly light calves under 550 lbs selling 8.00-10.00 higher. On Wednesday when the WASDE Report was released corn prices fell hard the rest of the week \$160 and feeder cattle prices in most markets responded higher. At the Hub City Livestock Market in \$150 Aberdeen, SD on Wednesday sold near 520 head of 800-850 lb steers averaging 820 lbs for a weighted average price of 140.59 and 614 head of 900-950 lb steers averaging 924 lbs sold for a weighted average \$140 price of 131.70. In Russell, IA on Monday sold 282 head of 750-800 lb steers averaging 777 lbs sold for a \$130 weighted average price 143.84. USDA on Wednesday lowered old crop corn ending stocks for the 2020-\$120 21 season 95 mb to 1.257 bb coming in slightly below pre-report estimates. But new crop corn for 2021-22 ending stocks came in at 1.507 bb coming in higher than pre-report projections sending corn prices \$110 lower. For cattle producers and farmers one of the first things they do each morning and throughout the day is check the grain prices, especially the corn market. This past week corn finally had a week of 2020 2021 ---- 5 YR AVG sharply lower prices getting tied to a lead balloon from Wednesday to Friday as Thursday corn was limit lower and on Friday July corn fell another 30 cents closing at 643.3/4 per/bu and December corn closed 15 cents lower at 542.3/4 per/bu. Weather will be the main factor from here on out for grain prices going forward as the growing season is sure to see many ups and downs as volatility is sure to be in the NATIONWIDE REPORTED WEEKLY FEEDER cards; grain prices will be a dominating factor in purchasing feeder cattle. Corn planting is 67 percent **CATTLE AUCTION RECEIPTS** complete with the 5 year average of 52 percent. Feeder cattle contracts have traded higher for most of (Receipts vary depending on the number of auctions the week as August Feeders closed Friday .65 cents higher at 151.15. Live cattle contracts haven't 400 reported) responded to this week's trade as slaughter levels for the week came in at 640,000 with labor issues and plant maintenance taking place has volume levels below the more needed levels of near 670,000 head for this time of the year with plenty of fed cattle available have pressured Live Cattle contracts. Live 300 prices ranged from mostly 119.00-121.00 with dressed sales mostly from 190.00-192.00. Boxed-beef values continue their relentless advance as we approach peak demand time of the year with Memorial 200 Day Weekend and Father's Day fast approaching. Choice boxed-beef closed Friday at 316.94 up .16 cents with Select 2.72 lower at 293.19 compared to last Friday's close with Choice at 305.88 and Select 100 at 290.27. Cattle Slaughter under federal Inspection estimated at 640K for the week, 2K more than last week and 121K more than a year ago. More.... n M J O **REGIONAL WEIGHTED AVERAGE** Α Α 2020 2021 **FEEDER STEER PRICES** NORTH CENTRAL REGION YEAR TO DATE Steers: This Week **Last Week Last Year** 42 600-700 lbs \$156.03 \$154.58 \$150.45 x 100000 40 **USDA AMS** 38 700-800 lbs \$141.58 \$142.84 \$139.68 36 34 800-900 lbs \$134.75 \$134.88 \$126.76 32 2021 YTD 2020 YTD 5 Yr Avg **SOUTH CENTRAL REGION** Steers: This Week Last Week **Last Year 5 AREA WEEKLY WEIGHTED AVERAGE** \$158.77 500-600 lbs \$157.84 \$153.89 SLTR STEER PRICE (\$/CWT) \$140 600-700 lbs \$145.66 \$142,69 \$140.85 \$130 \$120 700-800 lbs \$137.74 \$133.81 \$129.88 \$110 \$100 \$90 **SOUTHEAST REGION** \$80 Steers: This Week Last Week **Last Year** 2021 - 2020 ----- 5 YR AVG 400-500 lbs \$154.09 \$147.96 \$150.93 **USDA Livestock, Poultry, & Grain Market News** \$145.80 St. Joseph, Missouri 500-600 lbs \$142.03 \$139.40 Phone: 816-676-7000 600-700 lbs \$132.72 \$128.78 \$134.62 For detailed state-by-state feeder cattle quotes: National Feeder & Stocker Cattle Summary http://www.ams.usda.gov/LSMarketNews