NATIONAL WEEKLY FEEDER & STOCKER CATTLE SUMMARY USDA LIVESTOCK, POULTRY & GRAIN MARKET NEWS St. Joseph, Missouri Friday, February 1, 2019 Email: stjoe.lpgmn@ams.usda.gov Receipts: This Week Last Week Year Ago CME FEEDER CATTLE INDEX (\$/CWT) SJ LS850 268,100 254,400 326,900 \$190 \$180 Compared to last week, steers and heifers sold mostly 1.00 to 4.00 \$170 higher with instances 6.00 higher. Many auctions saw diminished \$160 receipts for the second week in a row. Buyers were willing to \$150 purchase calves for grazing this week and those calves could see some \$140 health problems in the coming weeks if they weren't weaned and \$130 vaccinated. Large swings in temperatures from mid-week to the \$120 weekend are being forecast and can wreak havoc on a calves' immune systems if the vaccination protocols aren't followed. The big story this ----- 5 YR AVG 2018 week has been the Polar Vortex that encompassed 70% of the United States population seeing freezing temperatures or below. Regular NATIONWIDE REPORTED WEEKLY FEEDER temperatures in many areas of the Northern Plains and Midwest saw **CATTLE AUCTION RECEIPTS** the mercury stay in the little bulb at the bottom of the thermometer. (Receipts vary depending on the number of auctions 400 Travel mid-week was brutal on both man and beast and some auctions either rescheduled due to the cold or cancelled this week altogether. 300 **Thousands** Those in the North took a pause in marketing somewhat to make sure animals were tended to and tried not to overwork as the 200 temperatures took a toll mentally and physically... 100 More.... n REGIONAL WEIGHTED AVERAGE **FEEDER STEER PRICES** NORTH CENTRAL REGION YEAR TO DATE This Week Steers: **Last Week Last Year** 14 \$171.52 600-700 lbs \$161.28 \$157.70 x 100000 USDA AMS リンシム 12 700-800 lbs \$149.28 \$146.97 \$155.98 800-900 lbs \$142.30 \$141.42 \$147.19 10 2018 YTD 2019 YTD 5 Yr Avg SOUTH CENTRAL REGION Steers: This Week Last Week **Last Year 5 AREA WEEKLY WEIGHTED AVERAGE** \$163.78 500-600 lbs \$161.79 \$173.30 SLTR STEER PRICE (\$/CWT) \$160 600-700 lbs \$148.51 \$146.58 \$158.77 \$150 \$140 \$130 700-800 lbs \$141.18 \$140.82 \$147.96 \$120 \$110 \$100 **SOUTHEAST REGION** \$80 Steers: This Week Last Week **Last Year** - 2018 400-500 lbs \$159.54 \$152.88 \$171.31 **USDA Livestock, Poultry, & Grain Market News** \$149.52 St. Joseph, Missouri 500-600 lbs \$145.34 \$159.07 Phone: 816-676-7000 600-700 lbs \$135.60 \$138.41 \$147.31 For detailed state-by-state feeder cattle quotes: National Feeder & Stocker Cattle Summary http://www.ams.usda.gov/LSMarketNews