

Receipts:	This Week	Last Week	Year Ago
SJ LS850	204,700	321,000	157,000

Compared to last week, steer and heifer calves were mostly 4.00 to 8.00 higher. Feeder steers trended mostly steady to 3.00 higher, with heifers trading 3.00 on either side of steady. There was a great deal of optimism in the cattle complex as the week started. With the holidays upon us, this week represented the last marketing opportunity in 2018. Very few auctions will hold sales next week causing buyers to scramble to procure cattle for wheat pasture before the holiday break. Auction receipts across much of the southeast were hampered this week due to wet weather conditions and the upcoming holiday interruption. This year marks the wettest December on record for many southeastern states, especially Alabama, Georgia and Florida. This week in the fed cattle arena, the northern plains sold mostly 1.00 higher at 119.00 with a few at 118.00. Trades in the Southern plains sold mostly steady on Friday morning with live sales at 119.00. The bulk of the dressed trades were 2.00 higher at 190.00. Feedyards in Nebraska and Iowa remain plagued with muddy conditions, while another round of cold wet weather is expected next week. Northern producers are dealing with several weeks of mud and are now...

[More.....](#)

**REGIONAL WEIGHTED AVERAGE
FEEDER STEER PRICES**

NORTH CENTRAL REGION

Steers:	This Week	Last Week	Last Year
600-700 lbs	\$158.70	\$158.79	\$167.26
700-800 lbs	\$151.05	\$150.97	\$162.31
800-900 lbs	\$149.61	\$146.11	\$154.08

SOUTH CENTRAL REGION

Steers:	This Week	Last Week	Last Year
500-600 lbs	\$161.42	\$156.73	\$163.93
600-700 lbs	\$148.82	\$145.47	\$153.58
700-800 lbs	\$146.02	\$144.12	\$149.05

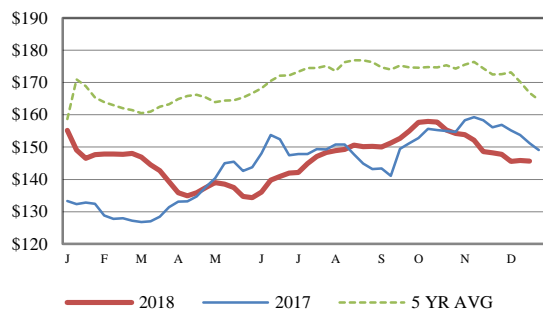
SOUTHEAST REGION

Steers:	This Week	Last Week	Last Year
400-500 lbs	\$152.39	\$147.51	\$160.69
500-600 lbs	\$144.34	\$141.97	\$151.41
600-700 lbs	\$136.15	\$139.00	\$141.62

For detailed state-by-state feeder cattle quotes:

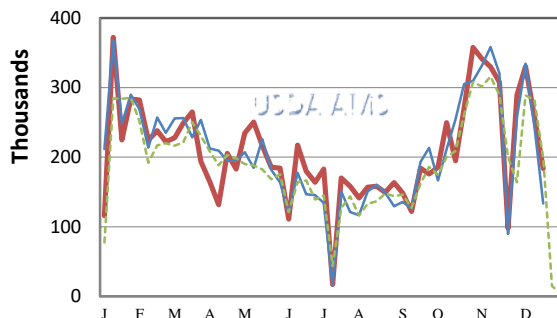
[National Feeder & Stocker Cattle Summary](#)

CME FEEDER CATTLE INDEX (\$/CWT)

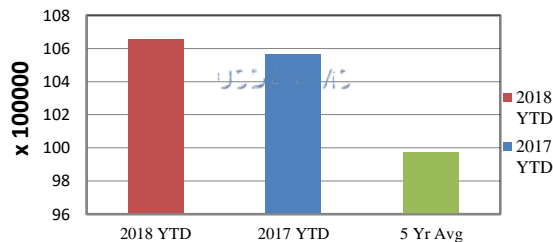


NATIONWIDE REPORTED WEEKLY FEEDER CATTLE AUCTION RECEIPTS

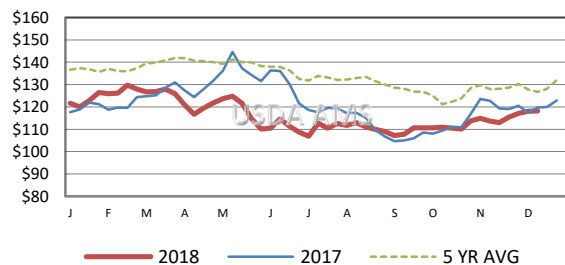
(Receipts vary depending on the number of auctions reported)



YEAR TO DATE



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



USDA Livestock, Poultry, & Grain Market News

St. Joseph, Missouri
Phone: 816-676-7000



<http://www.ams.usda.gov/LSMarketNews>