

Kansas Hay Market Report

Compared to the last report demand remained strong, prices remained mostly steady, and actual trades were up for the south-central region. Conversations revolved around questions regarding a softening market. Although there were discussions, actual prices reported remained firm. Many agree that if precipitation is not received within the next 30 days, they will be up against “the trouble line,” which may result in the selling off of cattle. Conversely, southeastern Kansas farmers would like to be in the fields but have found them too soft to begin their work, despite the drought situation. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor for January 10th, Kansas areas recorded little if any precipitation and over 57% of the state remains in extreme to exceptional drought. The current categorical percent area for abnormally dry conditions(D0) remained at 15%, moderate drought (D1) remained at 16%, severe drought (D2) remained near 12%, extreme drought (D3) decreased to 19%, and exceptional drought (D4) increased to near 38%.

Southwest Kansas

Dairy alfalfa steady, grinding alfalfa and ground and delivered steady, movement slow. Alfalfa: horse, supreme small squares 12.00-14.00/bale. Dairy.1.40-1.50/point RFV. Good, Stock or Dry Cow 295.00-305.00. Grinding alfalfa, large rounds, 280.00-290.00, large square 3x4's and 4x4's 305.00-315.00. Ground and delivered locally to feed lots and dairies 340.00-350.00. Alfalfa/grass hay mix ground and delivered 290.00-300.00; Grass Hay: Bluestem: large square 3x4's 145.00-155.00. Oat hay: large 3x4's 165.00-175.00. Corn stalks: large square 3x4's 125.00-130.00. The week of 1/08-1/14,204T of grinding alfalfa and 719T of dairy alfalfa was reported bought or sold. The average paid by feedlots on January 1 for alfalfa ground and delivered was \$282.05, up \$24.30 from the previous month, usage was 606T/day, down9%from last month and total usage was 18,792T.

South Central Kansas

Dairy alfalfa steady, grinding alfalfa mixed, ground and delivered, and alfalfa pellets steady, movement slow. Alfalfa: horse, small squares 255.00-275.00. Dairy 1.40-1.50/point RFV. Good, Stock cow, 290.00-305.00. Fair/good grinding alfalfa, large rounds 280.00-290.00, 3x4 and 4x4's 290.00-295.00. Ground and delivered 300.00-310.00. Alfalfa/Soybean: ground and delivered 295.00-305.00. Alfalfa pellets: Sun-cured 15 pct protein 320.00-335.00, 17 pct protein 325.00-335.00. Dehydrated 17 pct 395.00-400.00. Grass Hay: Bluestem, large rounds 195.00-205.00.

CRP 115.00-125.00. Sudan: 3x4 and 4x4's 200.00-210.00. Corn stalks: large rounds 100.00-110.00, ground and delivered 220.00-230.00. Soybean stalks, large rounds 115.00-125.00. Failed Soybean bales, large round and large squares,140.00-180.00. Soybeans ground and delivered, 220.00-225.00. Milo: large rounds 130.00-140.00; Wheat straw: 105.00-115.00. The week of 1/08-1/14, 6,571T of grinding alfalfa and 325T of dairy alfalfa was reported bought or sold. The average paid by feedlots on January 1 for alfalfa ground and delivered was \$252.98, up \$8.69 from the previous month, usage was 262T/day, up 3%from last month and total usage was 8,130T.

Southeast Kansas

Dairy alfalfa, grinding alfalfa steady, bluestem grass hay mixed, movement slow. Alfalfa: horse or goat, 260.00-270.00. Dairy 1.40-1.50/point RFV. Good, stock cow 260.00-270.00.Fair/good grinding alfalfa 295.00-300.00; Grass hay: Bluestem, small squares 160.00-170.00,good 3x4 squares 145.00-155.00,large round 120.00-130.00, Brome,3x4 and 4x4 squares 160.00-170.00.Corn stalks: large round 100.00-110.00.The week of 1/08-1/14, 1,273T of grass hay was reported bought or sold.

Northwest Kansas

Dairy alfalfa and grinding alfalfa steady, movement slow. Alfalfa: Horse or goat, small squares 300.00-400.00 delivered, 3x3 squares 420.00-430.00 delivered. Dairy, Premium/Supreme1.40-1.50/point RFV. Stock cow, fair/good none reported. Fair/good grinding alfalfa, large square 3x4's 300.00-310.00. Milo stalks, large rounds145.00-150.00.

North Central-Northeast Kansas

Dairy alfalfa steady,grinding alfalfa, and bluestem grass hay steady, ground/delivered mostly steady, movement slow. Alfalfa: Dairy 1.40-1.50/point RFV; Horse hay, premium small squares, 12.50-13.50/bale, 3x4's 290.00-300.00. Stock Cow 3x4's none reported. Fair/good, grinding alfalfa, large rounds 230.00-240.00,large square 3x4's 240.00-250.00; alfalfa ground and delivered 275.00-300.00;Alfalfa/Prairie grass mix ground and delivered 270.00-275.00. Grass hay: Bluestem, small squares 8.00-8.50/bale, large 3x4 squares 180.00-190.00, good large rounds 140.00-150.00. Brome: small squares 9.00-9.50/bale. Sudan: large rounds 155.00-165.00 delivered, large square 3x4's 165.00-175.00 delivered. Wheat straw: small squares 6.00/bale, large rounds 105.00-110.00, large squares 110.00-120.00. Corn stalks: large rounds 95.00-100.00, corn stalks ground and delivered 145.00-155.00. The week of 1/08-1/14, 830T of grinding alfalfa and 275T of dairy alfalfa was reported bought or sold.

**** Prices above reflect the average price. There could be prices higher and lower than those published.**

*****Prices are dollars per ton and FOB unless otherwise noted. Dairy alfalfa prices are for mid and large squares unless otherwise noted. Horse hay is in small squares unless otherwise noted. Prices are from the most recent sales. *CWF**

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***TDN calculated using the Western formula. Quantitative factors are approximate, and many factors can affect feeding value. Values based on 100% dry matter (TDN showing both 100% & 90%). Guidelines are to be used with visual appearance and intent of sale (usage).*

MJE seeks progressive ranchers for technology innovation council

MJE Livestock Equipment, the industry leader in livestock equipment, has announced plans to partner with ranchers to add innovative technology enhancements to its Conquistador wheel corral.

“We plan to partner with five to ten ranchers at NCBA to help us finalize our selection and commercialization of these new technologies,” said Jantz. “We have a highly formalized process, supported by our world-class manufacturing, scientific support from leading veterinarians, and pending agreements with leading animal health companies.”

Benefits of joining the innovation council include product discounts and first access to new products.

“By working with other leaders in animal health innovation, the portable corral system will become the industry's most advanced processing solution for ranchers and cattlemen,” said Heather Jantz, chief operating officer. The goal is to bring together animal tracking, identification, medicine delivery, and more innovations in one easy-to-use, cost-effective system.

“Technology advancements are at the heart of the MJE Livestock Equipment mission. We make the jobs of ranchers easier and safer while improving the health and happiness of cattle and livestock,” says Jantz.

Packaging new technologies allow The Conquistador to dramatically reduce processing time and cattle shrink for the rancher. The Conquistador wheel corral sets the standard for portable corrals with dual-adjust alleyways, sheeted sides, and safety and reliability features such as dual tires, lights, and brakes.

“At the end of the day, my bottom line increases when I can lessen the stress on my herd and save time, too,” said Chad Walker of Walker Ranch, Texas.

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For our sale held on Friday, January 20th, we had a nice run of high quality cattle finding very good interest. Cattle suitable to go to grass sold from steady to \$5 higher. Stocker feeder weight cattle sold at fully steady to strong prices, especially on the heifers. Cull cows sold \$5 higher on the kind offered.

STEER CALVES — 420-550 LBS.

Manhattan	7 blk	537@245.00
Manhattan	5 blk	506@240.00
Harveyville	6 blk	526@234.00
Morrill	43 blk	533@232.00
Morrill	15 blk	422@220.00

STEERS — 550-925 LBS.

Leavenworth	8 blk	563@228.00
Wheaton	7 blk	567@225.00
White City	10 blk	588@224.00
Council Grove	5 blk	577@219.00
Waterville	9 blk	600@207.00
Eudora	10 blk	601@207.00
Manhattan	11 blk	617@198.00
Manhattan	6 blk	633@194.00
Wheaton	20 blk	645@189.50
Alma	6 blk	616@188.50
Waterville	23 blk	694@188.50
Manhattan	19 blk	733@187.00
Morrill	56 blk	684@185.00
Randolph	16 blk	776@182.50
Wheaton	25 blk	772@175.25
Morrill	20 blk	774@174.25
Wheaton	12 blk	854@172.75
Randolph	10 blk	912@170.75
Council Grove	12 bwf	772@169.00
Waterville	9 blk	885@166.50

HEIFER CALVES — 375-550 LBS.

Morrill	11 blk	399@200.00
Wheaton	20 blk	534@192.00
Morrill	30 blk	504@180.00
Alma	4 blk	530@174.00

HEIFERS — 550-850 LBS.

White City	4 blk	570@191.00
Waterville	7 blk	596@189.00
Waterville	39 blk	702@181.25
Wheaton	16 blk	658@180.50
Morrill	55 blk	631@179.50
Leavenworth	14 blk	552@178.50
Council Grove	7 blk	751@178.00
Waterville	20 blk	761@177.50
Randolph	7 blk	736@177.00
Eudora	65 blk	667@175.00
Eudora	57 blk	764@175.00
Waterville	9 blk	659@175.00
Morrill	32 blk	721@174.25
Manhattan	4 blk	737@171.00
Leavenworth	6 blk	650@170.50
Manhattan	4 blk	568@170.00
Council Grove	9 Herf	588@170.00
Waterville	7 blk	841@165.25

COWS & HEIFERETTES — 675-1,725 LBS.

Alta Vista	2 Cross	677@162.00
Alta Vista	3 Cross	828@160.00
Waterville	1 blk	910@153.00
Seneca	2 blk	1087@128.00
Olsburg	1 blk	1075@123.00
Burns	1 blk	815@103.00
Frabkfort	1 blk	890@93.00
Hoyt	1 blk	975@92.50
Burns	1 blk	885@92.00
Frankfort	1 blk	1075@87.00

Hoyt	1 blk	1095@84.00
Onaga	1 blk	1035@83.00
Alta Vista	1 blk	1570@81.50
St. George	1 blk	1710@81.00
Manhattan	1 Cross	1410@80.00
Hope	1 bwf	1310@76.00
Onaga	1 Cross	1115@76.00
Axtell	1 Hols	1270@75.50
Olsburg	1 Cross	1290@74.00
Sabetha	1 bwf	1135@73.50
Hope	1 bwf	1155@72.50
Onaga	1 Cross	1090@72.00
Olsburg	1 Cross	1100@71.00
Lyndon	1 blk	1145@71.00
Olsburg	1 Cross	1290@70.50
Hoyt	1 blk	1185@69.00
Lyndon	1 blk	1380@68.00
Manhattan	1 Hols	1710@67.50
Burns	1 bwf	1060@67.00
Blue Rapids	1 blk	1325@65.50
St. George	1 blk	1105@61.00

BRED COWS

AGE BRED

Hoyt	8 Cross	5	7-8	@1500.00
Manhattan	2 blk	3	7	@1375.00
Hoyt	3 Cross	5	6	@1350.00

BULLS — 1,350-2,550 LBS.

Manhattan	1 blk	2080@112.50
Onaga	1 Simm	1670@109.00
Manhattan	1 blk	2535@107.50
Onaga	1 blk	1390@105.50
Frankfort	1 blk	1645@101.50
Manhattan	1 Cross	1370@86.00

BABY CALVES

Onaga	1 blk	@500.00
Mayetta	1 Cross	@425.00
Manhattan	1 blk	@285.00
Vermillion	3 blk	@190.00
Axtell	1 blk	@160.00
Vermillion	2 Hols	@70.00
Manhattan	4 Hols	@65.00
Axtell	4 Hols	@60.00

EARLY CONSIGNMENTS FOR FEB. 3:

• 40 blk str & hfrs, weaned, all shots, 550-650#

EARLY CONSIGNMENTS FOR FEB. 10:

• 191 blk str & hfrs, weaned 75 days, bunk broke, 2 rds shots, 500-600#



SPECIAL STOCK COW AND BRED HEIFER SALE



WED., FEB. 15 • STARTING 11:00 AM

1ST CALF HEIFER PAIRS

- 5 Fancy gentle Red 1st calf OCV hfrs with 35-40 day, mostly AI sired Feddes Silver Bow Red Angus calves by side. Calves & hfrs have had all shots.
- 5 Fancy gentle Blk 1st calf OCV hfrs with 35-40 day, mostly AI sired calves by Tehama Tahoe Blk Angus bull. Calves & hfrs have had all shots.
- 36 Ang SimAng, Cline SimAng sired 1st calf OCV hfrs, w/ 4-6 week blk BWF calves by side. Hfrs & calves had all shots, bull calves worked.

BRED COWS

- 30 blk BWF cows bred Blk bulls for March-April calves.
- 10 registered Angus cows, 3-5 yrs, bred LBW Angus bull for mid Feb.-April calving.
- 45 gentle home raised purebred Red & Roan shorthorn cows, 1st calf fhrs to older, bred Registered Shorthorn bull for late Feb.-April calves.
- 9 blk cows, 8-9 yrs, bred to Red SimAngus or Herf for March 15 calving.
- 80 mostly blk, few Red cows, 5 yrs to older, bred Char Bulls May 20 for late Feb.-April calving. Current on all shots including Scout Guard.

COW/CALF PAIRS

- 35 blk BWF cows, 3-6 yrs, with Nov.-Dec. calves by side. Cows running back with Angus bulls since Jan. 1. Cows & Calves all worked.

EARLY CONSIGNMENTS FOR JAN. 27

SELLING AT 11:30 A.M.

- 10 gentle home raised blk Ang cows, 4-8 yrs, bred Moser SimAng bulls for Feb.-March calving.
- 5 gentle home raised Red Ang cows, 4-8 yrs, bred Moser SimAng bulls for Feb.-March calving.
- 18 blk cows, 3-4 yrs, with Oct.-Dec. blk calves by side. Virashield 6 VL5, Safeguard wormer, Ivermectin. Cows are open & ready to breed back to the bull of your choice.



- 75 reputation Red & blk SimmAng replacement quality hfrs, 625-750#
- 185 choice Ang & Char X str & hfrs, long weaned, 3 rd shots, 625-850#
- 17 blk mostly str, few hfrs, long weaned, 3 rds shots, bunk broke, 650-750#
- 65 choice reputation Ang str, long weaned, 2 rds shots, 650-800#
- 150 choice reputation, SimAng sired str & hfrs, 650-825#
- 26 Red Angus & Sim cross str & hfrs, weaned 100 days, 2 rds shots, 650-750#
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Believing in the future of the students

By Amy Feigley
In 1998, former Chapman FFA advisor and agricultural education instructor, Kevin Harris, along with a group of community members, began something that would become a yearly staple in the small community centered in Dickinson County, Kansas. At this event, FFA members were purchased by attendees, guaranteeing them eight hours of work, whether it be housework, babysitting, helping dig thistles, working cattle, or anything else that needed done. What began those twenty-five years ago has morphed into something extraordinary that not only the community, but the FFA members, as well, look forward to every year. The auction, in its beginning stages, brought in anywhere between \$6,000



The Chapman FFA Alumni Work Auction has become a yearly tradition at Chapman High School.

to \$7,000. The money was used for scholarships for seniors, who were FFA members, that were involved in the work auction. The amounts now, 25 years later, are \$1,200 if the member was auctioned

off for four years, \$750 for three years, and \$350 for two years. This gives the kids an incentive to get out there and work for the community that wholly supports them. And it's not only the kids who are auctioned off but the FFA advisors, too. According to Kevin Harris, seeing how high the advisors go for and who ends up purchasing them, is a highlight of the auction.

Kevin Harris has been involved since the beginning, first as an instructor, then as a parent, and now, as an alumni member. Joining Kevin in this venture since the inception were parents of students, staff members at the school, along with former members. Some key members that have been constant in that support over the years had been Tod Hettenbach, Scott Flippo, Rayland Lexow, and Curtis Stoffer. Many others over the years, of those that are still alive, continue to show up at many of the FFA activities, and have done so for the past 25 years. As the former Chap-

man FFA members came back to the community, they also became involved in the alumni. One of those former members is Jason Stoffer, who is following in his dad's footsteps. Jason and his wife Rebecca have been involved with the work auction for five years. Jason was one of the first students to get auctioned off in 1998. For the past few years, the Stoffer's have chaired the work auction committee, which includes tracking the live auction winning bids, silent auction bids, and just, overall, making sure the evening runs as smoothly as possible.

Alumni member Scott Flippo remembers a time when his dad, the late Forrest Flippo, would purchase slow moving vehicle emblems, grease guns, fire extinguishers, and anything else that the FFA members were selling, back in the late 1960's, to raise money. The Chapman FFA alumni chapter formed in 1991. Around 2015, additional donations, such as items for the live and silent auctions, were added to the agenda of the evening. At this same time, a raffle started, in which the welding teacher and his students would make something amazing and give those attending the work auction the chance to purchase tickets to win the masterpiece they have made. The money raised from the raffle goes to a member of the community who is going through a medical crisis, had a house fire, or any other crisis.

In 2016, Loran and Judy Luthi purchased a John

Deere pedal tractor from Concordia Tractor, Inc. (now PrairieLand Partners) that was purchased by an auction-goer and then donated back in 2017, as it has been ever since then. The Luthi family purchased it in memory of their son, Raymond, who graduated from Chapman High School in 2000 and was an active FFA member. Each year since, this pedal tractor goes back onto the auction block, but stays at the high school. The proceeds each year go into the Raymond Luthi Memorial Scholarship, which is then given to an FFA member. Former FFA member and friend of the late Raymond Luthi, Steve Marston, remembers being purchased by local farmer/cattleman, Loran Luthi, in 1998. Steve worked cattle for Loran that spring, and for the next 17 springs until Loran sold the cattle. It is the relationship that forms between the FFA members and community that is tightly bonded and continues for more than just one or two days a year.

As for Kevin Harris, he truly enjoys seeing something that started when he was teaching at Chapman, along with former teacher, Dennis Will, carry on. "It is because of the dedication of the FFA alumni members over years and the different advisors, to keep it going and build it better," states Harris. He also credits the leadership of Jason and Rebecca Stoffer and how their leadership has taken the work auction to a whole new level, along with the endurance of the long-time alumni members over the years. Scholarships have also been provided for students to attend the Washington Leadership Conference in Washington D.C. They also provide a cash award for the Top 5 Senior FFA activity points awards at the annual Chapman FFA banquet. Two years ago, the alumni started giving out post-secondary scholarships to past FFA members who were majoring in Agriculture related fields, by an application process.

Jason Stoffer has seen an increase the past few years in involvement of parents of current FFA members. They show up

at the alumni meetings to help gather donations, and volunteer where needed. Seeing growth in that area continue is one of Jason's goals. With not only his kids a few years away from being in school, but also children or grandchildren of other alumni members, he is excited to see ways the alumni can continue to improve on what they can do for the students through the work auction. Seeing more alumni getting involved is also at the top of his list.

The alumni members have been busy picking up many of the donated items for the silent and live auctions, and there is something for everyone, not just the men. Come bid on a massage for your wife or a toy tractor for your kids. The idea for adding these items to the work auction came after the Chapman FFA alumni sponsored two State FFA Alumni Washington Leadership Conference (WLC) auctions, where records were set for funds raised and scholarships given. As hosts for this event, the alumni members hit the pavement and got items to be auctioned off to raise the funds. After doing those two events, they decided that they could do the same thing at the local level, and they have been going strong ever since. In fact, the amount the auction brings in has grown five times the size since the beginning. The credit for the success of this event is given to the businesses that contribute every year plus the community that shows up the night of the auction to purchase not only items, but students, as well. It truly is nothing short of amazing.

This year's annual Chapman FFA Alumni work auction will be held on Saturday, February 25 at Chapman High School. If you would like to be involved or donate items, please contact Jason Stoffer at 785-263-6496 or Kevin Harris at 785-479-0490. We hope that you put this date on your calendar and attend this event, which truly is all about believing in the future of the students.

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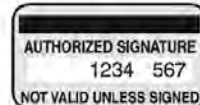
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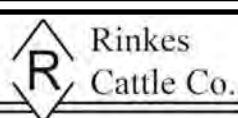


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Yard & Garden Tips

By Gregg Eyestone

Home Landscaping Class

The yearly class on home landscape design is coming up on Thursday, February 9 at 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. This is the first session of a three-part series which continues February 16 and 23. We will meet in the Riley County Office building where the Extension office is located. Registration is taken through the UFM Community Learning Center. You may register at tryufm.org or by calling 785-539-8763.

A couple of years ago the Extension Master Gardener organized garden tour, included two train gardens. They were interesting and added another element to the home landscape. I learned that these trains are G scale and the track can be left outdoors. By the way, the garden tour for 2023 will be Saturday, June 10 from 8 am to noon. This is a good way to gain landscaping ideas for now

or down the road.

My landscape was started 20 years ago. It does evolve as the use for the outdoors changes. Particularly as the playground for children gives way to the adults remaining at the location. An adult train garden wasn't in the original plan. Available space and time have allowed a train to become part of the landscape.

Drawing the area to landscape to scale is a great start. This allows one to study ideas before digging in the soil. I like to use the scale of one inch is equal to four feet. Scale may be adjusted to fit the need.

Another aspect of scale is selecting plants and hardscapes that fit. In the train example, to have the landscape to the scale of the train, it is 1:24. This is important when adding buildings and vehicles.

Register now for 2023 Beef Improvement Federation Research Symposium and Convention

Registration is now open for the 2023 Beef Improvement Federation (BIF) Research Symposium and Convention. This year's event will be hosted July 3-6 in Calgary, Canada.

The deadline for early registration is February 28. Attendees can save \$50 (U.S.) by registering early. Registration includes a student and media option. Online registration is available at BIFSymposium.com. Early reservations at the Hyatt Regency Calgary, the headquarters hotel, are also highly recommended. You can also find hotel information posted to BIFSymposium.com.

The BIF Symposium features two and one-half days of educational programming with focused on this year's theme "Precision Breeding." Monday, July 3, kicks off with the Young Producer Symposium at 1 p.m. followed by the Welcome and Scholarship Reception. Monday evening the National Association of Animal Breeders (NAAB) will host its biennial symposium at 7 p.m.

Tuesday's general session will feature presentations by Dr. Peter Amer, Abacus-Bio Limited managing director; Dr. Eileen Wall, Scotland's Rural College head of research and professor of integrative livestock genetic; Dr. Filippo Miglior, Lactanada Canada scientist and innovation executive; and Dr. Brian Kinghorn, University

of New England, Australia.

Wednesday's general session speakers will include Dr. John Crowley, AbacusBio Limited; Dr. Juan Pedro Stieble, Iowa State University Lush Chair for Animal Breeding and Genetics; and Mokah Shmigel'sky, OneCup AI CEO.

Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday late morning technical breakout sessions will focus on a range of beef-production and genetic-improvement topics. A highlight of this year's symposium will be a Technology showcase at Olds College on Tuesday afternoon.

For registration and more symposium details, including hotel information, visit BIFSymposium.com. Prior to and during this year's symposium, be sure to follow the event on social media channels using the hashtag #BIF2023.

Each year the BIF symposium draws a large group of leading seedstock and commercial beef producers, academics and allied industry partners. The attendance list is a "who's who" of the beef value chain, offering great networking opportunities and conversations about the issues of the day. Program topics focus on how the beef industry can enhance value through genetic improvement across a range of attributes that affect the value chain.

Efficiency and forage intake research taking place at OSU Range Cow Research Center

By Paul Beck, Oklahoma State University

Growth rates and carcass weights have been increasing over the last 30 years. However, little research has been conducted to determine how aggressive selection for production traits affects beef cow maintenance requirements.

It is thought that cows with greater genetic capacity for growth, milk and mature weight have greater maintenance energy requirements. To measure this Amanda Holder, a graduate student at the OSU Range Cow Research Center, examined the effects of diet type on greenhouse gas emissions and dry matter intake estimation. They used 42 Angus cows with a wide range in DMI EPD (-1.36 to 2.29) and were fed either grass hay only or a mixed diet of 35% hay and 65% concentrate feeds. They found that intake of the mixed ration and the long-stem hay were correlated, but cow weight gain while consuming hay was not correlated with cow weight gain while consuming the concentrate-based diet. As intake of both diets increased, both CO2 and methane production in-

creased. Daily greenhouse gas emissions increased with increasing feed intake and were lower when cows consumed hay compared to emissions during the period cows consumed the mixed diet.

A study by OSU graduate student Emma Briggs investigated hay voluntary intake and its relationship to both recovered energy (cow weight gain and milk production) and maintenance energy requirements during the dry period in Angus cows. Twenty-four mature fall-calving Angus cows were individually fed in amounts to ensure minimal weight and body condition change. Recovered energy was calculated as the total of maternal tissue energy change (weight gain or loss) plus milk recovered energy (milk yield plus milk composition).

From this information, maintenance energy requirements were calculated for each cow. After calves were weaned, a voluntary feed intake study was conducted to determine the influence of total recovered energy during lactation and lactation maintenance energy requirement on voluntary intake of a

Plants for landscaping this area are best with miniatures versus the normal-size plants used in most of the landscape.

Whether you want a train in the landscape or something else, this is a good time of the year to plan for the spring season. I hope you can join this year's class. The class is a maximum of ten designs to address those participating desires. You are welcome to contact me individually to assist with your landscaping design ideas.

If you have any questions on any horticulture topic, please contact Gregg Eyestone at the Riley County office of K-State Research and Extension. Gregg may be contacted by calling 785-537-6350 or stopping by 110 Courthouse Plaza in Manhattan or e-mail: geyestone@ksu.edu

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K-State Swine Profitability conference set for Feb. 7 in Manhattan

Kansas State University's 2023 Swine Profitability Conference is planned for Tuesday, Feb. 7 in Manhattan.

The annual conference focuses on providing information to improve knowledge for pork producer business decisions.

"We hold two major swine events each year at K-State," said Mike Tokach, Distinguished Professor in K-State's Department of Animal Sciences and Industry, and K-State Research and Extension specialist.

"At Swine Day (in November), we share our latest research results. At Swine Profitability Conference, we focus on business decisions and industry-wide issues facing pork producers."

The conference will take place at the Stanley Stout Center, 2200 Denison Avenue. The day begins with coffee and donuts at 9:15 a.m. and the program starting at 9:30 a.m. Lunch is included in the conference, which will end at 3 p.m.

Pre-registration is \$25

per participant and due by Jan. 27. Attendees can register at the door for \$50 per participant. More information, including online registration, is available at KSUSwine.org.

Tokach said the lineup of speakers for this year's Swine Profitability Conference "bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to help producers increase their competitiveness."

The agenda includes an array of swine-related businesses and organizations, including:

- Paul Yeske, Swine Vet Center, will address recent PRRS outbreaks and lessons learned.
- Glynn Tonsor, K-State Department of Agricultural Economics, will discuss the industry outlook in a period of elevated uncertainty.
- Randy Prather, Curators' Distinguished Professor at the University of Missouri, will talk about genetically engineered

swine for agriculture and medicine.

- Doug and Cole Claassen and families, White-water, will discuss their family story and experiences with batch farrowing.
- Christine Mainquist-Whigham and Ethan Stephenson, Pillen Family Farms, will speak on improving efficiency through collaborative efforts in health, nutrition and management innovation.

"The speakers for the 33rd annual conference will provide direct information on swine disease, price forecasts, future genetic selection practices and experiences from fellow swine producers about their operations.," said Joel DeRouchey, K-State Research and Extension swine specialist. "This conference has a reputation for sharing relevant and industry-needed information to improve production for Kansas swine producers."

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USDA proposes revisions to procedures related to red meat instrument grading

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is seeking comments on its procedures related to the use of instrument technology in the official meat grading program. The proposed changes outline several key enhancements to ensure USDA grading is delivered with the highest levels of consistency and accuracy.

AMS is proposing more clarity about when new instruments (or previously approved instruments that have undergone major changes) must go through a complete review process and how the instrument must perform. For example, AMS is proposing that all cameras be reviewed in evaluating both USDA Quality and Yield grade factors.

In addition to updates to existing protocol, AMS is proposing several new requirements. For example, AMS has outlined in a new document the installation process for entities that will use the technology as an aid for USDA grading (e.g., packers).

Additionally, AMS has developed new guidance for continual in-plant monitoring and for improved data sharing. These new procedures address issues related to performance in a production environment to ensure ongoing confidence in the technology and the USDA grading program overall.

AMS is also making administrative changes and is proposing to consolidate five previous guidance documents into one new document entitled, "Instrument Approval Process, Instrument Grading Systems for Beef Carcasses."

Documents outlining the proposed changes can be found on AMS's website. AMS welcomes feedback from all interested stakeholders. Comments should be submitted to Dr. Willy Horne, AMS Livestock and Poultry Program, at Willy.horne@usda.gov by Feb. 17. Questions regarding P&S compliance should be referred to Will Arce, Packers and Stockyards Division, at William.arce@usda.gov.

Larson: Understanding female reproduction accelerates positive momentum in the cow herd

By Whitney Whitaker, Angus Communications

Everyone wants cattle that breed easily, calve early and display good reproductive performance. Though this may sound simple enough, how do cattlemen achieve those things simultaneously?

"I'm a big fan of a concept called 'positive momentum' because I believe really good reproductive success this year ensures really good reproductive success next year," said Dr. Bob Larson, a veterinarian with the Beef Cattle Institute at Kansas State University.

During the Angus University webinar, Keys to Reproductive Success: Female Edition, held Dec. 13, Larson shared tools and practices to help cattlemen achieve optimal success in their cow herds.

One way to achieve this goal is to benchmark a producer's current situation and compare it to a desired plan. For example, a producer with an eight percent open rate might set a goal of Larson's ideal

open rate of five percent. This allows for a significant increase in earned income as earlier calving cows leads to heavier weaning calves and a faster rebreed window.

Larson also described the difference in reproductive success for first-calf heifers. To meet the constraints of having an 83-day period for cows to rebreed and calve at the same time next year, Larson recommended heifers calve ahead of cows for their first calf. To help ensure heifers reach puberty at the right time, he advised assistance from your veterinarian.

"It is important for veterinarians to really evaluate the heifers to make sure each individual heifer and the group as a whole can reach puberty in time to get bred a little ahead of the cows," Larson said.

He explained how the onset of puberty is primarily influenced by age and weight within breeds. Which leads to a common question, what is the appropriate target weight?

"The real question is, what ration should I feed heifers to result in the desired number reaching puberty by the desired date," Larson said. He emphasized again how working alongside a veterinarian and nutritionist helps producers answer those questions.

Larson reiterated for producers to achieve this success in their operations, they must avoid the primary threats to positive momentum. These threats include having heifers who don't calve ahead of cows, calving in thin body condition, bulls that fail to successfully breed cows and diseases ending pregnancy. Avoiding these issues promises potential for success year after year.

To dive deeper into Dr. Larson's presentation, visit bit.ly/DecemberAurecording. To learn more about Angus University webinars and the upcoming episode, Keys to Reproductive Success: Bull Edition, visit www.angus.org/Pub/AngusNewsRoom/2023-cattlemens-congress-au-session.

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— TOP STRINGS OF EACH CLASS —			Burdick	13 mix	495	\$160.00	
HEAD	WEIGHT	PRICE	Hope	3 bwf	697	\$159.50	
STEERS			Herington	3 blk	780	\$152.00	
Burdick	15 mix	557	\$190.50	Burdick	4 mix	618	\$149.50
Chapman	7 mix	595	\$190.00	Burdick	4 blk	1101	\$126.00
Burdick	5 mix	426	\$181.00				
Chapman	16 mix	790	\$171.50				
Ramona	60 mix	839	\$171.00				
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Chapman	7 mix	687	\$171.50				

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11 blk	463@199.00	8 mix	595@201.00		
21 blk	460@188.00	8 mix	502@200.00		
10 mix	492@183.50	39 mix	541@199.00		
32 mix	476@180.00	8 Red	596@198.50		
9 mix	418@178.00	14 mix	590@197.00		
16 blk	513@194.00	10 blk	539@184.50		
33 bkbwf	559@188.50	16 bkbwf	608@202.00		
10 bkbwf	542@188.00	31 blk	651@191.50		
10 Red	533@186.00	30 blk	651@190.50		
8 mix	534@183.00	14 blk	625@189.00		
16 mix	543@182.00	60 mix	626@188.00		
8 mix	574@177.00	21 bkbwf	687@187.75		
13 blk	597@175.00	27 blk	647@187.50		
20 mix	594@170.00	8 blk	693@184.00		
20 bkbwf	613@176.00	20 blk	690@183.50		
16 blk	655@175.00	10 bkbwf	681@183.00		
18 blk	634@174.50	13 mix	643@182.00		
8 blk	638@173.75	8 mix	676@182.00		
9 bkbwf	640@172.50	44 Red	678@182.00		
8 blk	689@172.00	19 mix	687@180.00		
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20 mix	644@170.75	11 mix	690@176.00		
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100 mix	759@168.75	9 blk	733@177.00		
15 blk	759@166.50	17 blk	734@177.00		
14 bkbwf	776@166.25	13 blk	768@176.00		
21 mix	750@164.50	10 mix	744@175.50		
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23 mix	860@161.25	64 Red	868@176.00		
23 mix	876@160.50	11 mix	859@174.75		
16 mix	826@160.00	12 mix	845@173.00		
9 blk	882@159.25	10 bkbwf	845@170.00		
STEERS			32 blk	896@169.75	
9 mix	456@215.00	17 mix	845@169.50		
17 mix	499@209.00	32 blk	858@169.50		
20 mix	494@185.00	29 mix	801@168.00		
10 blk	535@220.00	130 bkbwf	881@165.25		
35 bkbwf	573@216.00	15 blk	912@168.50		
13 mix	589@215.25	60 mix	905@165.00		
11 blk	585@215.50	12 mix	910@165.00		
11 bkbwf	559@213.00	37 mix	911@165.00		
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11 blk	667	182.50	18 blk	564	179.50
25 Rd, blk	698	180.50	11 blk	594	175.00
10 blk X	734	174.75	28 blk	661	172.75
5 mix	849	171.00	18 blk X	732	168.25
37 mix	836	168.00			
13 mix	898	164.50			

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- 45 blk X, w.v.strs & hftrs500-700#
- 66 blk X, w.v.strs & hftrs600-775#
- 50 blk X, w.v.strs & hftrs600-800#
- 55 bk bwf, w.v.strs & hftrs600-800#
- 30 blk X, w.v.strs & hftrs800-900#
- 100 blk X, w.v.strs & hftrs700-850#
- 77 blk, w.v.strs & hftrs600-800#
- 18 blk, w.v.strs & hftrs500-600#
- 36 blk X, w.v.strs & hftrs600-650#
- 190 blk Xstrs650-850#
- 70 blkstrs600-650#
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STEERS			STEERS		
18 mix	465	238.00	14 blk	518	190.00
5 Red	524	225.00	6 blk	539	189.00
9 blk	568	217.00	11 blk	574	181.00
22 mix	595	202.00	20 blk	646	177.00
16 Red	618	196.50	9 blk	703	168.50
27 blk	650	184.50	18 mix	743	166.50
19 mix	688	180.25	15 mix	802	164.50
17 blk	720	176.50			
13 blk	775	173.00			

TOP BUTCHER COW:
\$81.00 @ 1,500 LBS.

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HEIFERS

2 mix	428	222.00
16 blk	451	195.00

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Purdue ag economists provide insight on critical issues facing farmers in 2023

After a year of economic shocks that included supply chain disruption, global conflict, tight margins and historic inflation, Purdue University Department of Agricultural Economics experts are looking ahead to what the agricultural sector can expect in 2023. Those findings were recently published in the

Purdue Agricultural Economics Report's annual outlook issue.

"Signs are pointing to another uncertain and volatile year in agriculture," said Roman Keeney, associate professor and co-editor of the report. "In 2023, our experts are assessing the possibility of a recession, impacts from the on-

going war between Russia and Ukraine, as well as expectations for input costs and food prices. Additionally, the 2018 Farm Bill is set to expire in September, which makes 2023 an important year for farm policy. Following multiple years of emergency support and agriculture benefitting from COVID relief

packages, government direct support to agriculture is set to fall dramatically."

Inside the issue, Keeney discusses the implications of these changes and notes that the short timeline and a wave of new congressional representatives could make replacing the 2018 Farm Bill in 2023 a significant challenge.

To read the full Purdue Agricultural Economics Report 2021 outlook issue, visit <https://purdue.ag/paer>. The report provides an outlook for the following agricultural topics:

- The U.S. Economy in 2023
- Trade and trade policy
- Factors that

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- Consumer food prices
- Dairy consumption and production
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NCGA applauds USDA secretary for stand on biotech corn trade with Mexico, urges quick action to resolve trade impasse

As President Biden wraps up meetings with his counterparts in Mexico and Canada, NCGA is praising a key administration official for taking a tough stand on the trade impasse and encouraging quick action to resolve

the issue.

Secretary Tom Vilsack indicated that there would be no compromise on Mexico's proposal to ban biotech corn. The secretary's statement came as Biden met with Mexico's President Andrés

Manuel López Obrador.

The National Corn Growers Association weighed in on the developments.

"We appreciate Secretary Vilsack for taking a firm stand on this issue," said NCGA president Tom

Haag. "We would encourage the Biden administration to keep this issue front and center and push for a quick resolution, as farmers have already made their purchasing decisions for the 2023 crop year. We also contin-

ue to urge the Biden administration to file a dispute under the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement."

Talks between the two countries started in the fall of last year, as NCGA and state corn grower groups encouraged the Biden administration to act to prevent López Obrador from moving forward with a promise to ban shipments of biotech corn beginning in early 2024.

In December, Haag,

along with the presidents of 23 state corn grower groups, sent a letter to President Biden calling for him to take additional steps to address the pending decree by Mexico that would block imports of biotech corn.

Mexico is a major purchaser of U.S. corn, and 90 percent of corn grown in this country is biotech corn.

NCGA has argued that the decree is a violation of USMCA.

KFAC announces the appointment of Biesenthal as new board member

Kansas Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom (KFAC) announces the appointment of one new board member for the 2023 calendar year. This completes the 2023 Board of Directors roster of 15 appointed members and two ex-officio members.

New board member Casey Biesenthal is an experienced agricultural lender with more than 15 years of experience building relationships with Kansas farmers and serving the real estate market.

"Casey will be a great addition to the KFAC Board of Directors, as she has a strong connection to the classroom and a passion for agriculture," said Nancy Zenger-Beneda, KFAC executive director. "Her financial knowledge and skill set will be very beneficial in securing a productive future for KFAC."

Biesenthal is currently the mortgage loan originator with Bank of the Flint Hills, where she is happy to be a part of a community bank where she can continue her relationships with local farmers.

Biesenthal is passionate about agricultural literacy because it hits her personally, having two small children who live and breathe agriculture. She is very active in the Wamego community, where she is involved in the 4-H program, serves as the Wamego Chamber of Commerce board president, is a part of the Young Professionals Board, and substitute-teaches at the elementary schools on her days off.

"I see how many children are unaware of just how much agriculture impacts their daily life, said Biesenthal. "KFAC bridges the gap between those who make the world a better place and those growing up in it. As always, knowledge is key."

One of the reasons Biesenthal supports the Kansas Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom is her passion for agriculture and growing others' knowledge



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Thursday, January 26:

- 40 mixed steers & heifers, long weaned, shots, 550-700lbs
- 200 black steers & heifers, long weaned, shots, off grass, 600-750lbs
- 170 mostly black steers & heifers, long weaned, shots, 550-650lbs
- 250 black steers & heifers, home raised, long weaned, shots, 550-750lbs
- 150 black steers, home raised, long weaned, 850-900lbs
- 2 loads black steers, 850-875lbs
- 1 load red steers, 850-875lbs
- 50 blk/bwf steers & heifers, HR, LTW, Shots, 550-750lbs
- 100 char cross, steers & heifers, HR, LTW, shots, 500-700lbs
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Schwieterman Market Outlook

A marketing commentary by Bret Crofts

The grain markets stalled out last week. There was a little bit of follow-through buying to start the week, but for the most part we saw selling pressure. The supportive Quarterly Stocks, and supply and demand numbers are still influential, but for now it seems, traders are ready for some fresh information.

The closest thing we got to fresh news last week was pressure in the stock market and improving weather in South America. Weather in Argentina has been as supportive to the soybeans and meal as anything, so if that headline goes away, it will be tough going for the soybeans. That being said, the one thing that trumps supply is demand, and so far, soybean demand isn't as bad as the bears would like. Weakness in the market will only serve to pique buying interest, so the chances of a long-term down trend are low. Plan on a corrective break, and then a continuation of the march higher that began in July.

Corn and wheat export sales were also good for

a change, but it will take more than just one week to make a difference on the balance sheets. The U.S. dollar Index is trading at the lowest level since June, which should help us on the world market, but the Russians still seem willing to undercut everyone in the wheat market. We are told we are competitive on the world corn market, so perhaps we will end up seeing a few weeks of good sales. We need to sell about 1 billion more bushels this crop year, even after USDA's latest cut to the estimate, so there is a lot of work to do.

The overall theme in the grain markets is that we are probably going to see a little bit more weakness as the markets seek out better support. However, if that weakness starts to attract demand, which is exactly what the bulls need, then we are going to be in good shape as we head into the February supply and demand report in a few weeks. I can't stress enough that demand is the key.

The Cattle on Feed report numbers came in as expected. The on-feed

estimate came in at 97%, placements at 92% and marketings at 94%. This report will mostly serve as a reminder that feedlot numbers are going to remain below year-ago levels for quite a while. Obviously, the futures have a lot of that priced in, but there should be very good support under the market.

April live cattle futures fell below the 50-day moving average but found trend line support on Thursday. That trend line has been holding the market for months and probably will again. The charts suggest we are headed back to the \$162 area soon, and with any support from the cash market, we will see new contract highs.

Feeder futures, and especially the March contract, don't look nearly as good. The March feeders didn't respond well to the combination of the lack of strength in the live cattle and the recent run higher in the corn, but eventually found some support at the November low. The feeder cattle are due for a short covering bounce, but the May and August contracts have a much better chance

at gains than the March contract.

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Center for Rural Affairs launches multi-million dollar initiative to support small meat processing

Independent meat processors in Nebraska now have access to \$10 million in loan capital through the Center for Rural Affairs.

The new initiative comes at a time when small lockers across the state have seen an increase in use. When packing plants were suffering from COVID-19 worker health challenges and the national meat supply chain faltered, these small businesses kept serving local customers.

This boost to Nebraska's rural economy is made possible with a U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development Meat and Poultry Intermediary Lending Program grant.

"Small meat lockers — independent businesses by definition — help anchor small town main streets," said Brian Depew, executive director of the Center. "They provide jobs and a retail outlet for affordable and quality local food. Independent livestock farmers rely on them to process their animals into marketable products. And, as the pandemic illustrated, they're a critical pillar of a resilient food system in times of crisis."

However, during the pandemic, local farmers who depend on small lockers found themselves waiting months for an open slaughter date.

"The challenges for small meat lockers started long before the pandemic," Depew said. "Consolidation in livestock production, retiring owners,

and aging facilities had already shuttered many small-town lockers. It is common for local farmers to drive an hour or more to find custom slaughter and processing."

For more than 30 years, the Center for Rural Affairs has offered loans, one-on-one business counseling, and other support to small businesses in Nebraska. Expanding these services for independent meat processors and in turn, supporting local farmers, was the next step, according to Depew.

These loans can be used for expansion of existing processors, start-up of new processors, real estate purchase, facilities update or expansion, equipment purchase, energy efficiency upgrades to facilities and equipment, sale of an existing business in cases where the sale will avert closure, or working capital.

Both primary and secondary meat processing facilities are eligible.

"Our local meat lockers need and deserve our support and assistance," Depew said. "We will continue to bring policy change, technical assistance, and lending support to the sector because we understand that local food processing infrastructure is a cornerstone of a vibrant and sustainable rural future."

Interested borrowers can contact Wyatt Fraas at 402-254-6893 or wyattf@cfra.org.

For more information, visit cfra.org/meatprocessingloans.

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Jan. 25, 2023

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High: 38 Low: 24

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High: 39 Low: 23

MONDAY
Cloudy
High: 38 Low: 24

TUESDAY
Cloudy
High: 37 Low: 21

In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies, high of 33°, humidity of 70%. West northwest wind 11 mph. The record high for today is 68° set in 1918. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight, overnight low of 18°. West northwest wind 10 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 10°.

Last Week's Almanac

Date	H/L	Normal	Precip
1/13	33/20	40/16	0.00"
1/14	34/26	40/16	0.00"
1/15	59/38	40/17	0.00"
1/16	59/31	41/17	0.00"
1/17	43/23	41/17	0.00"
1/18	39/34	41/17	0.74"
1/19	37/23	41/17	0.01"

Rainfall 0.75"
Normal rainfall 0.14"
Departure +0.61"
Average temp 37.1°
Average normal 28.6°
Departure +8.5°

This Week's Sun & Moon Chart

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Wednesday	7:39 a.m.	5:39 p.m.	10:20 a.m.	10:29 p.m.
Thursday	7:38 a.m.	5:40 p.m.	10:45 a.m.	11:38 p.m.
Friday	7:37 a.m.	5:41 p.m.	11:09 a.m.	Next Day
Saturday	7:36 a.m.	5:42 p.m.	11:35 a.m.	12:45 a.m.
Sunday	7:36 a.m.	5:43 p.m.	12:04 p.m.	1:50 a.m.
Monday	7:35 a.m.	5:45 p.m.	12:37 p.m.	2:55 a.m.
Tuesday	7:34 a.m.	5:46 p.m.	1:15 p.m.	3:58 a.m.

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0-2: Low, 3-5: Moderate, 6-7: High, 8-10: Very High, 11+: Extreme Exposure

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Date	Degree Days	Date	Degree Days
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Sell Or Buy Cattle By Auction STARTING TIME 10:30 AM Tuesdays

We sold 1796 cattle January 17. Steer & heifer calves were in good demand at steady prices. Stocker & feeder steers & heifers were steady on those under 800 lbs. & \$3.00 lower on heavier cattle. Cows & bulls sold steady to \$3.00 lower.

STEER & BULL CALVES			
4 blk str	468 @ 228.00	8 blk str	658 @ 185.00
2 blk str	348 @ 220.00	16 blk/bwf str	673 @ 184.75
18 blk/bwf bulls	486 @ 220.00	41 blk/bwf str	655 @ 184.50
4 blk str	520 @ 217.00	5 blk str	597 @ 184.00
1 blk str	375 @ 213.00	7 blk str	658 @ 183.50
1 blk str	475 @ 209.00	27 blk/bwf str	749 @ 181.50
2 blk bulls	278 @ 209.00	54 blk/bwf str	753 @ 181.25
23 blk/red str	535 @ 205.50	7 blk str	666 @ 181.00
1 blk str	320 @ 204.00	53 blk/red str	743 @ 180.10
4 blk str	425 @ 200.00	12 blk str	758 @ 176.00
1 sim str	415 @ 190.00	66 blk str	833 @ 173.00
3 blk/red bulls	393 @ 186.00	60 blk/char str	881 @ 172.00
2 blk/bwf bulls	455 @ 175.00	9 blk/bwf str	873 @ 171.75
17 blk/bwf str/bulls	524 @ 173.00	60 blk/bwf str	880 @ 171.75

STOCKER & FEEDER STEERS			
18 blk/bwf str	589 @ 200.25		
3 blk/bwf str	578 @ 196.00		
3 blk/bwf str	615 @ 194.00		
29 blk/bwf str	614 @ 193.50		
77 blk/red str	652 @ 189.50		
7 blk str	583 @ 189.00		
4 blk str	611 @ 188.00		
40 blk str	711 @ 188.00		
4 blk/char str	556 @ 186.50		
11 blk/bwf str	656 @ 186.50		

HEIFER CALVES			
5 blk hfr	479 @ 193.00		
1 bwf hfr	350 @ 192.00		
13 blk/red hfr	412 @ 185.50		
7 blk/bwf hfr	519 @ 184.00		
2 blk hfr	400 @ 183.00		
7 blk/bwf hfr	529 @ 182.00		

STOCKER & FEEDER HEIFERS			
19 blk/red hfr	550 @ 182.00		
17 blk hfr	611 @ 178.50		
11 blk/bwf hfr	572 @ 175.00		
2 blk hfr	585 @ 175.00		
4 blk/bwf hfr	590 @ 173.00		
23 blk/bwf hfr	623 @ 172.50		
47 blk/bwf hfr	624 @ 172.00		
66 blk/bwf hfr	726 @ 169.75		
140 blk/char hfr	707 @ 169.50		
4 blk hfr	624 @ 169.00		
6 blk/bwf hfr	638 @ 167.00		
18 blk/bwf hfr	739 @ 167.00		
7 blk/char hfr	775 @ 165.25		
35 blk/char hfr	676 @ 164.00		
65 blk/bwf hfr	836 @ 163.50		
7 blk hfr	674 @ 162.00		
11 blk hfr	773 @ 159.00		

COWS & HEIFERETTES			
1 blk hfr	1080 @ 92.00		
1 blk hfr	1325 @ 85.00		
3 blk hfrs	1228 @ 84.00		
2 blk hfrs	1138 @ 79.00		
1 blk cow	1480 @ 77.00		
1 char cow	1510 @ 76.00		
1 blk cow	1778 @ 75.00		
1 char cow	1485 @ 74.00		
1 char cow	1860 @ 73.50		
1 blk cow	1375 @ 73.00		
1 x-bred cow	1425 @ 72.00		
1 blk cow	1475 @ 71.50		
1 blk cow	1090 @ 70.50		
1 wf cow	1345 @ 70.00		
1 blk cow	1265 @ 69.00		
1 blk cow	1175 @ 68.50		
1 blk cow	1265 @ 68.00		
1 bwf cow	1315 @ 67.50		
1 char cow	1075 @ 67.00		
1 red cow	1000 @ 66.00		
1 bwf cow	1300 @ 65.00		

PAIRS & BRED HEIFERS			
5 blk cows/cvs	@ 1535.00		
1 blk hfr	@ 1025.00		
1 blk hfr	@ 950.00		

35 blk/red hfrs	533 @ 179.50	4 blk hfrs	659 @ 158.00
2 blk hfrs	425 @ 179.00		
5 blk hfrs	540 @ 179.00		
3 blk/red hfrs	463 @ 176.00		
4 blk hfrs	541 @ 175.00		
2 blk hfrs	460 @ 174.50		
25 blk/red hfrs	495 @ 171.50		
3 blk hfrs	438 @ 171.00		
3 blk hfrs	538 @ 171.00		
4 blk hfrs	470 @ 169.00		

CONSIGNEDMENTS FOR TUESDAY, JAN. 24, 2023:

- 25 blk str & hfrs, 450-550 lbs., vaccinated
- 20 blk str & hfrs, 500-600 lbs., weaned, vaccinated
- 127 blk SimAngus sired str & hfrs, 500-650 lbs., weaned, 3 rounds vaccinated
- 120 blk steers, 875-900 lbs.
- 60 blk steers, 925-950 lbs.
- 35 Angus steers, 700-800 lbs.

CONSIGNEDMENTS FOR TUESDAY, JAN. 31, 2023:

- 72 blk str & hfrs, 650-800 lbs., long time weaned, 2 full rounds
- 51 char steers, 900-925 lbs.

CONSIGNEDMENTS FOR TUESDAY, FEB. 7, 2023:

- 160 Angus SimAngus replacement quality heifers, 700-725 lbs., Stuewe Ranch

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