

Tennessee Market Highlights

UT Extension

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Livestock Comments by Emmitt L. Rawls

The fed cattle trade took place mostly on Wednesday and Thursday at prices \$2 to \$3 lower than last week at \$83.50 to \$85.50. The 5 area weighted average prices were \$83.68 live and \$131.18 dressed compared to \$86.44 and \$134.24 a week ago. A year ago prices were \$91.41 live and \$143.12 dressed. The volume this week was called moderate. Cattle feeders accepted lower prices when cutout values faltered, again just above \$140 for the Choice. Cutout values on Thursday compared to a week ago were down \$2.02 on the Choice and down \$2.39 on the Select. At midday Friday the Choice cutout was quoted at \$138.69 down .62 and Select at \$132.47 down .90. The Choice Select spread was \$6.22 compared to \$5.32 a week ago. We are now moving into a period when cheaper turkey and pork are commanding features from retailers. We will also be dealing with a larger supply of fed cattle as a result of larger placements of cattle on feed in the July to September period. Placements are also expected to show an increase over 2008 in this week's cattle on feed report. These factors will likely contribute to fed cattle prices drifting lower followed by lower feeder prices. Feeder classes were called steady to \$3 lower, mostly \$1 to \$3 lower. Slaughter bulls were called weak to \$2 lower and slaughter cows were called \$1 to \$2 lower. The higher corn prices and lower fed cattle cash and futures this week pressured feeder prices. Corn was higher on a slightly bullish USDA report and continued harvest that is considerably behind the normal pace.

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Crop comments by Chuck Danehower

Corn, cotton, soybeans, and wheat all finished up for the week. The USDA monthly Supply & Demand report was released on November 10, but has not necessarily contributed to this upswing in prices. Outside markets appear to have had an influence on prices, but there were days that prices moved up while outside influences were negative. Outside money in the way of index and commodity funds have again returned to grain and soybean contracts. It is reported that funds hold long 198,900 contracts of corn; 90,200 contracts of soybeans; and 12,500 contracts of wheat. These fund positions have no doubt assisted in the markets rise in the face of what logically cannot be considered overly bullish fundamentals, at least at this time. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was trading at 10,271 before the close, up about 3% for the week. Crude Oil ended the week down 1.03 a barrel, trading at 76.38 a barrel before the close. The U.S. Dollar is weaker for the week at 75.38, down .54. Comments on the November 10 USDA report are posted online at <http://economics.ag.utk.edu/outlook.html>.

Corn:

New Crop: December 2009 futures closed at \$3.91 a bushel on Friday, up \$0.24 bushel for the week. Support is at \$3.74 bushel with resistance at \$4.06 bushel. Weekly exports sales were 19.2 million bushels, within range of expectations but below pace to reach USDA's November target. As of November 8, the crop condition ratings for corn were 68% in the good to excellent rating compared to 67% the previous week. *Continued on page 2*

Slaughter cows: \$1 to \$2 lower

Slaughter bulls: weak to \$2 lower

Feeder steers: steady to \$3 lower, mostly \$1 to \$3 lower

Feeder heifers: steady to \$3 lower, mostly \$1 to \$3 lower

Fed cattle: 5 area live price of \$83.68 is down \$2.76 and the dressed price is down \$3.06 at \$131.18

Feeder cattle index: Wednesday's index: \$93.58

Corn: December 2009 futures closed at \$3.91 a bushel on Friday, up \$0.24 bushel for the week

Soybean: January futures closed at \$9.87 bushel, up \$0.32 bushel from last week

Wheat: December 2009 futures contract closed at \$5.39 bushel, up \$0.42 bushel from last week

Cotton: December 09 futures closed at 67.10 cents/lb. up .56 cents/lb. from last week

Livestock Comments by *Emmit L. Rawls*

Weekly average receipts per sale this week were 839 head on 11 sales, 914 head on 11 sales last week and 900 head on 11 sales last year. Corn Belt demand continues to be impacted by the late harvest, while demand for cattle in the S. Plains is being impacted by reduced equity and tight credit. Most feedlots are resistant to unweaned bawling calves, with backgrounders and stocker operators taking most of those cattle. Wheat pasture is late developing, but could spark demand for lighter calves as the year ends.

TECHNICALLY SPEAKING: based on Thursday's closing prices: December live cattle closed at \$82.85. Support is at \$82.57, then \$81.77. Resistance is at \$83.37, then \$84.17. The RSI is 22.02. February cattle closed at \$84.82. Support is at \$84.58, then \$83.88. Resistance is at \$85.28, then \$85.98. The RSI is 26.83. April cattle closed at \$87.62. Support is at \$87.47, then \$87.30. Resistance is at \$88.25, then \$89.00. The RSI is 39.17. November feeder cattle closed at \$92.95. Support is at \$92.77, then \$92.22. Resistance is at \$93.32, then \$93.87. The RSI is 29.60. January feeders closed at \$92.50. Support is at \$92.10, then \$91.00. Resistance is at \$93.20, then \$94.30. The RSI is 29.60. March feeders closed at \$93.47. Support is at \$93.25, then \$92.50. Resistance is at \$94.10, then \$95.25. The RSI is 32.36. Friday's closing futures prices were: December live cattle \$83.32 +0.47; Feb. \$85.15 +0.32; Apr. \$87.70 +0.07; Jun. \$84.72 +0.15. Nov. Feeders \$93.15 +0.20; Jan. \$92.57 +0.07; Mar. \$93.60 +0.12; Apr. \$94.55 +0.22. December corn closed at \$3.90 up 23¢ from last Friday.

Crop comments by *Chuck Danehower*

Corn harvest is at 37%, compared to 25% last week, 69% last year and the five year average of 82%. With decent harvest weather this week, we should have over 50% of the corn crop now harvested. The USDA report reduced estimated yields 1.3 bu./acre to 162.9 bu./acre which is still a record yield. Ending stocks for the 2009/2010 marketing year are projected at 1.625 billion bushels, 47 million bushels lower than the October estimate, and lower than expected. The projected ending stocks are more than adequate, but there is still uncertainty with yields and quality particularly concerning reports of mycotoxins. What is rumor and what is fact on mycotoxins is yet to be sorted out. It may be January before concrete production numbers are determined. Producers with storage may want to store and price their corn for January delivery.

Deferred: The March 2010 futures contract closed at \$4.06 bushel, up \$0.25 bushel from last week. The September 2010 contract closed at \$4.30, up \$0.23 bushel from last week. Support is \$4.18 with resistance at \$4.44 bushel. With this recent strength, I would price an additional 5% of the 2010 crop to make 15% currently forward priced. Check with your elevator for 2010 pricing.

Cotton:

Nearby: The December 09 futures closed at 67.10 cents/lb. up .56 cents/lb. from last week. Support is at 64.63, resistance at 68.89 cents. Weekly exports sales were 117,300 bales, within the range of expectations. Overall crop condition ratings as of November 8 were 43% good to excellent compared to 42% last week and 48% last year. Cotton harvest is reported at 44% compared to 28% last week, 53% last year and the five year average of 59%. Harvest should have made good strides this week although Hurricane/Tropical Storm Ida did bring quite a bit of rain to parts of the South and Southeast further damaging cotton. The latest USDA report projected U.S. cotton production at 12.5 million bales on an average yield of 776 pounds/acre. This is a reduction of 31 lbs/acre and 500,000 bales from the October report. Yield declines in Arkansas, Missouri, and Texas contributed to the reduction. An additional reduction may be in order in future reports. USDA left usage the same as October so ending stocks were projected at 4.9 million bales, a reduction of 500,000 bales from October. A projected stocks to use ratio of 35.3%, makes cotton most likely reasonably priced. From an historical standpoint it is overpriced for the current stocks to use ratio. I would recommend keeping in contact with your cotton buyer for current quotes on loan equities and or cash prices. Equities for loan cotton were in the 9 – 10 cent range this week. The Adjusted World Price for November 13 – November 19 is 53.68 cents/lb so there is no LDP for this period.

Deferred: The March 2010 futures contract closed at 71.33 cents/lb., up 1.00 cent/lb. from last week. The December 2010 futures contract closed at 75.59 cents/lb., up .68 cents/lb. for the week. Equities for 2010 loan cotton were quoted in the 15 – 16 cent range this week.

Soybeans:

Nearby: January futures closed at \$9.87 bushel, up \$0.32 bushel from last week. Support is at \$9.47, with resistance at \$10.17 bushel. Weekly exports were 46.8 million bushels, above expectations and above pace to meet the November USDA projection. Although there is continued talk that sales to China will slow that has not yet materialized as China accounted for 76% of sales. As of November 8, 75% of the crop was harvested compared to 51% last week, 91% last year and the five year average of 92%. This week should wrap up the bulk of the soybean harvest nationwide. The November 10 USDA report was considered negative as ending stocks for the 09/10 marketing year increased 40 million bushels from October to 270 million bushels. This was above the pre report guess of 235 million bushels. Yields as of November 1 were estimated to be a record 43.3 bushels/acre an increase of .9 bushel from October and higher than expected. The market is currently not trading fundamental factors and being more influenced by weakness in the U.S. Dollar and Fund purchases. There is concern that prices are going higher than justified and could be creating a bubble that when burst could come down quickly. The basis has widened in the last week especially for river elevators.

Depending on your local basis and if storage is an alternative, I am inclined to store for January. I would not want to be completely un-priced on stored soybeans, so look closely at a January delivery contract.

Deferred: The March 2010 contract closed at \$9.92 bushel on Friday, up \$0.32 bushel from last week. The November 2010 contract closed at \$9.97 bushel, up \$0.44 bushel for the week. Support is at \$9.66 with resistance at \$10.16 bushel. I would look to price at least 10% at \$10.00 bushel. This contract traded as high as \$10.10 today. Although corn and soybeans may be setting up to compete for 2010 acreage, I still would not let \$10.00 get away.

Wheat:

Nearby: The December 2009 futures contract closed at \$5.39 bushel, up \$0.42 bushel from last week. Weekly exports were 15.1 million bushels, about expected but still below pace to meet the November export projection. The USDA report increased wheat ending stocks 21 million bushels from last month to 885 million bushels for the 2009/2010 marketing year. Exports were lowered 25 million bushels from the previous report. At the current export pace, additional reductions will be expected.

New Crop: The July 2010 futures closed at \$5.84 bushel, up \$0.42 bushel from last week. Support is at \$5.55 bushel with resistance at \$5.96 bushel. As of November 8, 86% of the winter wheat has been planted compared to 79% last week, 92% last year and the five year average of 93%. Emergence is 71% compared to 64% last week, 81% last year, and the five year average of 82%. As of November 8, the crop condition ratings for wheat were 63% in the good to excellent rating compared to 64% the previous week and 68% a year ago. I am currently 10% priced for 2010 wheat and would encourage wheat producers to watch the market for pricing for next year. If prices move back up to \$6.00 and the wheat is planted and emerged, I would add another 10% to forward pricing. There is very little positive news for wheat. It continues to follow corn and soybeans.

USDA U.S. 2009/10 Projected Supply & Demand (11/10/09)

	Wheat	Corn	Soybeans	Cotton
Planted (mil. acres)	59.1	86.4	77.5	9.14
Harvested (mil. acres)	49.9	79.3	76.6	7.73
Yield per acre	44.4 bu.	162.9 bu.	43.3 bu.	776 lbs.
Production (mil. bu. or bales)	2,216	12,921	3,319	12.5
Beg. Stocks	657	1,674	138	6.34
Imports	110	10	8	0.01
Supply	2,983	14,605	3,465	18.84
Total Domestic Use	1,223	10,880	1,863	3.40
Exports	875	2,100	1,305	10.50
Total Use	2,098	12,980	3,195	13.90
Ending Stocks(mil. bu. or bales)	885	1,625	270	4.90
Projected Season Avg. Price	\$4.85 bu.	\$3.55 bu.	\$9.20 bu.	\$0.56 lb.
Stocks/Use	42.2%	12.5%	8.5%	35.3%

PRICES ON 11 TENNESSEE REPORTED LIVESTOCK AUCTIONS (\$/cwt)

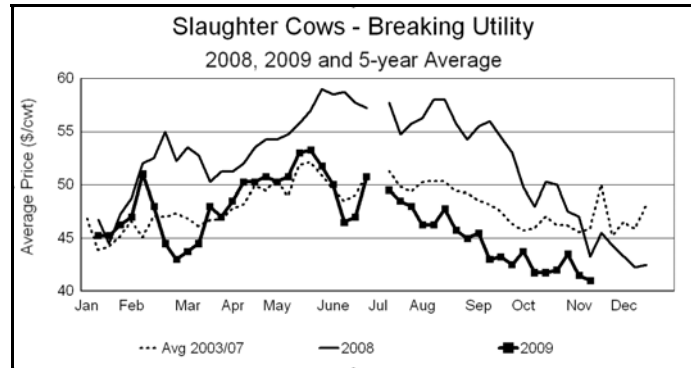
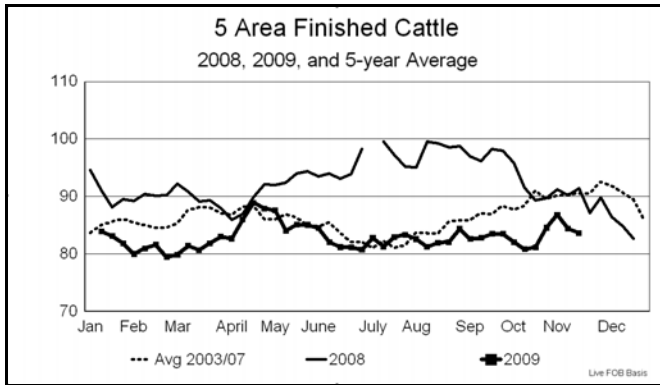
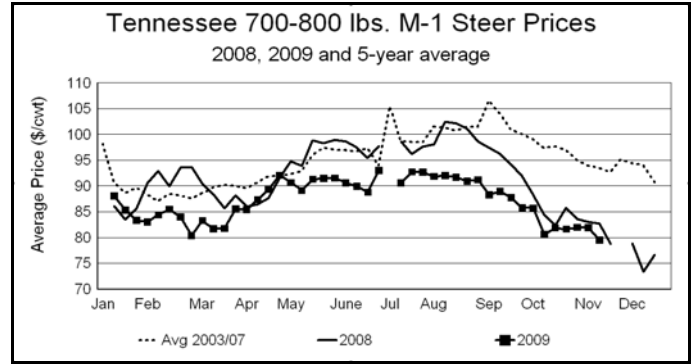
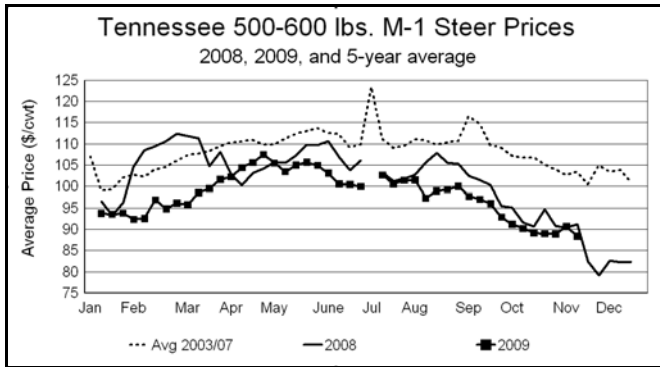
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	This Week Low	This Week High	This Week Weighted Average	Last Week Weighted Average	Year Ago Weighted Average
<u>Steers: Medium/Large Frame #1-2</u>					
300-400 lbs.	86.00	128.00	106.68	108.20	107.10
400-500 lbs.	86.25	109.00	97.37	99.36	96.13
500-600 lbs.	80.00	98.00	88.38	90.70	91.19
600-700 lbs.	77.00	90.50	83.67	83.87	84.42
700-800 lbs	70.50	86.00	79.53	81.96	82.72
<u>Steers: Small Frame #1-2</u>					
300-400 lbs.	98.00	98.00	98.00	94.07	88.06
400-500 lbs.	68.00	95.00	81.90	86.68	81.20
500-600 lbs.	65.50	85.00	78.12	76.87	76.21
600-700 lbs.	72.00	79.00	74.92	73.55	72.78
<u>Steers: Medium/Large Frame #3</u>					
300-400 lbs.	90.00	112.00	97.54	99.87	93.72
400-500 lbs.	67.00	101.00	86.51	89.02	87.19
500-600 lbs.	73.50	88.00	80.93	82.87	78.48
600-700 lbs.	71.50	80.00	75.33	76.71	75.95
700-800 lbs.	66.00	75.50	69.20	72.76	74.00
<u>Holstein Steer</u>					
300-400 lbs.	54.00	64.00	57.66	70.00	56.00
500-600 lbs.	55.00	65.00	62.56	60.53	55.39
700-800 lbs.	55.00	58.00	57.02	62.00	-----
<u>Slaughter Cows</u>					
Breaking Utility	35.50	46.50	41.00	41.50	43.25
Cutter & Boning	35.00	45.00	40.00	41.25	43.25
Canner	28.00	42.00	35.00	36.75	37.00
Bull YG 1-2	46.50	58.50	52.50	53.25	54.50
<u>Heifers: Medium/Large Frame #1-2</u>					
300-400 lbs.	77.00	107.00	89.33	90.12	107.10
400-500 lbs.	72.00	95.00	80.49	82.22	96.13
500-600 lbs.	69.00	86.00	75.79	78.34	91.19
600-700 lbs.	66.00	81.00	73.33	75.19	84.42
<u>Heifers: Small Frame #1</u>					
300-400 lbs.	66.00	93.00	74.65	75.37	82.72
400-500 lbs.	60.00	77.50	68.31	69.36	88.06
500-600 lbs.	49.00	72.00	65.80	65.09	81.20
600-700 lbs.	60.00	68.00	64.53	64.46	76.21
<u>Heifers: Medium/Large Frame #3</u>					
300-400 lbs.	70.00	94.00	78.09	83.39	72.78
400-500 lbs.	55.00	82.00	73.61	76.24	93.72
500-600 lbs	60.00	76.00	69.74	72.07	87.19
600-700 lbs.	60.00	75.00	68.02	69.33	78.48

Cattle Receipts: This week: (11) 9,227

Week ago: (11) 10,050

Year ago: (11) 9,900



Average Daily Slaughter (number of head)

	This week (3 days)	Last week (4 days)	Year ago (3 days)	This week as percentage of Week ago (%)	Year ago (%)
Hogs	117,666	91,500	114,000	129%	103%
Cattle	421,000	324,000	427,333	130%	99%

USDA Box Beef Cutout Value (\$/cwt)

	Thursday	Week ago	Year ago	Change from week ago	Change from year ago
Choice 1 - 3					
600-900 #	139.31	141.33	157.37	-2.02	-18.06
Select 1 - 3					
600-990 #	133.37	135.76	146.49	-2.39	-13.12

FUTURES SETTLEMENT PRICES**Crops & Livestock****Friday, November 6 2009 - Thursday, November 12, 2009**

Commodity	Contract Month	Fri. 6	Mon. 9	Tues. 10	Wed. 11	Thurs. 12
Soybeans (\$/bu)	Nov	9.48	9.64	9.62	9.64	9.82
	Jan	9.55	9.72	9.68	9.72	9.90
	Mar	9.60	9.78	9.74	9.79	9.96
	May	9.61	9.81	9.78	9.84	9.99
	Jul	9.65	9.87	9.83	9.90	10.04
	Aug	9.64	9.86	9.83	9.90	10.04
Corn (\$/bu)	Dec	3.67	3.86	3.95	3.94	3.90
	Mar	3.81	4.00	4.09	4.09	4.06
	May	3.91	4.10	4.19	4.19	4.15
	Jul	3.99	4.19	4.28	4.28	4.24
	Sep	4.08	4.27	4.35	4.35	4.31
	Dec	4.17	4.37	4.43	4.43	4.39
Wheat (\$/bu)	Dec	4.97	5.20	5.23	5.32	5.32
	Mar	5.17	5.40	5.43	5.52	5.52
	May	5.30	5.53	5.56	5.65	5.65
	Jul	5.42	5.65	5.68	5.77	5.76
	Sep	5.59	5.81	5.85	5.94	5.93
Soybean Meal (\$/ton)	Dec	289	294	288	289	301
	Jan	282	287	281	282	291
	Mar	281	285	279	280	288
	May	279	285	279	281	287
	Jul	280	286	280	282	288
	Aug	279	286	281	282	288
Cotton (\$/lb)	Dec	66.54	67.61	69.05	67.30	66.42
	Mar	70.33	71.45	72.84	71.08	70.31
	May	71.82	72.95	74.43	72.63	71.94
	Jul	73.31	74.36	75.79	73.96	73.27
	Oct	74.14	75.00	76.35	74.52	73.87
Choice Fed Cattle (\$/cwt)	Dec	85.00	84.95	84.60	83.65	82.85
	Feb	86.27	86.37	86.27	85.92	84.82
	Apr	89.00	89.27	89.15	88.35	87.62
	Jun	85.85	85.87	85.80	85.52	84.57
	Aug	85.75	85.85	85.82	85.65	84.90
Feeder Cattle (\$/cwt)	Nov	94.65	94.25	93.87	93.32	92.95
	Jan	96.07	95.70	94.72	93.47	92.50
	Mar	96.50	96.30	95.70	93.97	93.47
	May	96.77	96.65	97.50	96.20	94.32
	Aug	98.00	97.77	98.80	98.05	95.60
Market Hogs (\$/cwt)	Dec	55.70	55.80	55.62	55.60	54.45
	Feb	62.85	63.32	63.12	63.17	61.35
	Apr	67.40	68.10	67.90	67.90	66.17
	May	72.40	72.65	72.27	72.25	71.20
	Jun	75.92	76.17	76.25	76.25	75.05

Milk Futures, Thursday , November 12, CME Futures

Month	Class III Close	Class IV Close
November	14.04	13.49
December	14.32	13.74
January	14.37	13.85
February	14.54	13.98
March	14.78	13.86

**Nashville, TN Wednesday Nov 11, 2009 USDA-TN Dept Market News
Tennessee Video Board Sale and Graded Sale****11/10/2009 Fayetteville (TLP)****Receipts: 426 (233 Graded and Grouped)**

Steers: Med & Lg 1-2	Heifers: Med & Lg 1-2
300-350 lbs	300-400 lbs 83.50-88.00
350-400 lbs	400-500 lbs 70.50-80.00
400-500 lbs 98.50-100.00	500-600 lbs 71.50-79.50
500-600 lbs 94.50-96.50	600-700 lbs 67.50-74.50
600-700 lbs 78.50-88.25	700-800 lbs 74.50
700-800 lbs 80.00-86.75	
18 head 801 84.25	

Bulls: Med & Lg 1-2
300-400 lbs 107.00-110.00
400-500 lbs 87.50-98.50
500-600 lbs 89.00-89.50
600-700 lbs 73.50-76.50

11/09/09 Cookeville- Graded Feeder Sale**Receipts: 892, Prices for Blk, Bwf and Char X only**

Steers: Med and Lg 1	Heifers: Med & Lg 1
300-395 lbs 102.00-103.00	300-395 lbs 81.00-85.00
400-475 lbs 95.50-100.00	400-475 lbs 78.00-83.00
480-550 lbs 91.50	480-550 lbs 74.50-79.00
555-625 lbs 83.00-90.00	555-625 lbs 72.25-74.50
630-700 lbs 80.00-82.60	630-700 lbs 71.75-73.50
705-775 lbs 79.60-81.25	705-775 lbs 72.00-73.00
780-850 lbs 82.25-82.50	780-850 lbs 69.50-75.50
855-950 lbs 81.25-84.50	700-850 lbs -----
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Steers: Med & Lg 2	Heifers: Med & Lg 2
300-395 lbs 96.00-103.00	300-395 lbs 74.00-80.00
400-475 lbs 95.00-96.50	400-475 lbs 79.00-83.50
480-550 lbs 82.50-85.00	480-550 lbs 75.00-83.00
555-625 lbs 77.50-82.50	555-625 lbs 70.00-80.00
630-700 lbs 77.25-79.50	630-700 lbs 65.00-73.00
705-775 lbs 76.25-79.00	705-775 lbs 75.00
780-850 lbs 80.00-83.50	780-850 lbs 69.00-70.00

South East TN Heifer Sale

November 6, 2009 (Athens Stockyard)

Receipts: 98 Head

Bred Heifers – Medium and Large 1

950-1150 lbs 8–9 Months Bred 900.00-1050.00/head

950-1150 lbs 6–7 Months Bred 650.00-1500.00

900-1100 lbs 4–5 Months Bred 625.00-900.00

900-1100 lbs 2–3 Months Bred 700.00-1075.00

Pairs-first calf heifers

14 pairs with baby calves 1025.00-1275.00/pair

Open Heifers – Medium and Large 1

700-850 425.00-750.00/head

Bulls – Registered

5 head 1100.00-1500.00/head

BLUEGRASS INTERNET SALE NOVEMBER 11, 2009

150 head steers, bbwf-chax, 660 lbs. \$94.60

75 head steers, mixed 1-2, 700 lbs. \$89.75

80 head heifers, mixed 1-2, 650 lbs. \$85.60

75 head heifers, mixed 1-2, 685 lbs. \$80.85

69 head steers, bbwf, 750 lbs. \$92.75

71 head heifers, mixed 1-2, 710 lbs. \$83.75

130 heifers, bbwf, 775 lbs. \$83.90

40 head steers, mixed, 725 lbs. \$91.75

35 head heifers, mixed, 725 lbs. \$85.75

62 head steers, bbwf, 800 lbs. \$86.00

62 head steers, bbwf-chax, 825 lbs. \$86.90

60 head steers, mixed 1-2, 825 lbs. \$84.00

59 head steers, bbwf 1-2, 850 lbs. \$84.50

58 head steers, mixed, 850 lbs. \$85.00

58 head steers, mixed 1-2, 860 lbs. \$78.50

56 head of steers, mixed 1-2, 885 lbs. \$81.00

Tennessee Weekly Summary for November 13, 2009

Bred Cows Medium and Large 1 Young

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
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4	900-1000	928	550.00-660.00	621.48 4-6 Months Bred
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1	1000-1100	1060	660.00	660.00 4-6 Months Bred
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Bred Cows Medium and Large 1 Middle Aged

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
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1	1200-1300	1245	770.00	770.00 4-6 Months Bred
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1	1300-1400	1350	560.00	560.00 4-6 Months Bred
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Bred Cows Medium and Large 1 Aged

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
1	1300-1400	1330	530.00	530.00	4-6 Months Bred

Bred Cows Small 1-2 Young

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
1	800-900	850	550.00	550.00	4-6 Months Bred

Bred Cows Small 1-2 Middle Aged

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
1	800-900	850	430.00	430.00	4-6 Months Bred

Bred Cows Small 1-2 Aged

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
1	800-900	870	365.00	365.00	1-3 Months Bred
1	900-1000	935	420.00	420.00	4-6 Months Bred
1	1000-1100	1070	420.00	420.00	7-9 Months Bred

Bred Cows Medium and Large 2 Young

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
1	900-1000	955	550.00	550.00	4-6 Months Bred
1	1200-1300	1230	520.00	520.00	4-6 Months Bred

Bred Cows Medium and Large 2 Middle Aged

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
1	900-1000	920	570.00	570.00	4-6 Months Bred
1	900-1000	920	465.00	465.00	1-3 Months Bred
1	1000-1100	1035	410.00	410.00	7-9 Months Bred
1	1100-1200	1110	570.00	570.00	4-6 Months Bred

Bred Cows Medium and Large 2 Aged

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
1	1000-1100	1090	395.00	395.00	4-6 Months Bred
1	1100-1200	1180	500.00	500.00	4-6 Months Bred

Bred Cows Medium and Large 3 Young

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
1	1100-1200	1180	400.00	400.00	4-6 Months Bred

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Grassley Not Convinced By Climate Change Alternatives (Brownfield, 11/10) -- A climate change bill (the Clean Energy Partnership Act) proposed by his fellow Iowan Tom Harkin and four other senators has the marginal support of Iowa Senator Chuck Grassley, "I would support that, but you've got to go way beyond that, I think, to give agriculture the credit that it ought to have."

Grassley says even if the ag offsets included in the Harkin measure are similar to the ag offset provisions in the House-passed climate change bill – it's not enough. Grassley told reporters that's why he's exploring 'other ideas,' he says, "At least one I can give you right now and that would be that we get more credit for what we're doing for minimum tillage and no tillage." Grassley says Republicans believe climate change legislation in general would be "very detrimental to the economy." While fellow Republican Lindsey Graham of South Carolina is working with Democrat Senator Kerry on compromise legislation, Grassley says he isn't sure he'd support it.

USDA To Purchase More Pork Products (National Pork Producers Council, 11/11) -- The National Pork Producers Council today commended U.S. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack for his decision to purchase up to \$50 million of pork products, which will be used for various federal food programs. The purchase should help struggling pork producers, who have been mired in a 2-year-long economic crisis.

“The action by USDA to buy additional pork will benefit America’s pork producers, the U.S. economy and the people who rely on government food programs,” said NPPC President Don Butler. “NPPC is extremely grateful to Secretary Vilsack for recognizing the plight of our producers and for taking action to help them. The pork purchase is an important step that will help our industry bring pork supply and demand back into balance and allow producers to continue providing consumers worldwide with economical, nutritious pork products.”

NCBA Urges EPA to Reject Regulation Based on Flawed Science (National Cattlemen’s Beef Assn., 11/10) -- The National Cattlemen’s Beef Association (NCBA) submitted comments to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in opposition to flawed science behind EPA’s review of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for Particulate Matter (PM). The comments were submitted in response to EPA’s 2nd Draft Integrated Science Assessment (ISA) that appears to lay the foundation to set the coarse PM (i.e. dust) standard at levels of 12-15 ug/m³—1/10th of the current standard.

“Under the 2nd draft ISA, dust would be regulated below naturally occurring levels in much of the West, including pristine national parks,” said Tamara Thies, NCBA chief environmental counsel. “EPA must fairly and carefully evaluate coarse PM health evidence before proceeding forward.”

USDA Announces National Pork Board Appointments (USDA, 11/9) -- Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today announced five appointments to the 15-member National Pork Board (Board). The five were chosen from among eight pork producers nominated by the National Pork Producers Delegate Body during its meeting in Dallas, Texas, in March. The newly appointed Board members are: Bradley S. Greenway, Mitchell, S.D.; Dale N. Norton, Bronson, Mich.; Lisa D. Colby, Newbury, Mass. The reappointed Board members are: Eugene C. Nemechek, Springdale, Ark.; and W. Randall Brown, Nevada, Ohio.

Senator Wants ‘Office of Humane Slaughter’ in FSIS (Meatingplace.com, 11/11) --Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.) said she plans to propose legislation that would, among other things, create an Office of Humane Slaughter within USDA’s Food Safety and Inspection Service. Feinstein said her planned legislative proposal would authorize new funding to hire additional FSIS inspectors and close any loopholes that allow the slaughter of downed calves. It would also direct USDA to develop standards for treating and transporting calves to be sold as bob veal.

Stabenow Works to Help Michigan Food Growers with Food Safety (Stabenow.Senate.gov, 11/10) — U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow, D-Mich. today introduced S. 2758, the Growing Safe Food Act, to help farmers and food processors ensure the safety of our nation’s food supply. The bill was introduced with six co-sponsors: Sens. Bingaman, Boxer, Gillibrand, Leahy, Merkley, and Sanders. The Senate is currently considering food safety reform proposals that would increase FDA food inspections and improve our food safety system. This bill will provide small and medium sized farmers, food processors, and wholesalers technical assistance and education to effectively implement these new reforms.

NE Governor, Ag Groups at Odds Over Checkoff Funds (Brownfield, 11/4) -- A proposal by Nebraska governor Dave Heineman to use commodity checkoff dollars to help solve the state’s budget crisis has agricultural and commodity groups up in arms. At issue is the governor’s plan to transfer money from the various checkoff boards into the state’s general fund. Ag and commodity groups have long contended that checkoff funds should only be spent on research and promotion of those ag products.

Texas Voters Approve Proposition 11 (Drovers, 11/4) -- Texas voters on Tuesday passed a proposition limiting the government’s eminent domain powers. The eminent domain amendment – supported by the Texas Farm Bureau, Gov. Rick Perry and Perry’s Republican rival, Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison – won overwhelming approval from voters. Proposition 11, the measure to limit eminent domain powers, will state in the Constitution that governments in Texas are prevented from seizing private property and giving it to a private developer to boost the tax base.

Russia to Increase Beef Production by 400% (Meat International, 11/5) -- First Deputy Prime Minister of Russia, Viktor Zubkov said the plan is to increase production up to 282,400 tonnes per year by 2012 compared to present 62,000 tonnes. Zubkov has criticized the Ministry of Agriculture of Russia for the delay in the implementation of sectoral programs of beef cattle development. He also added that the government currently is developing a set of measures in order to increase beef production in the coming years. According to estimates, the total amount of investments in the Russian cattle breeding industry this year will exceed 4.5 billion rubles (90 million Euro), including three billion in co-financing of regional development programs for beef production.

Federal Buyout Gives 74 Pork Producers \$10.5 Million to Leave (Better Farming, 11/10) -- The next round of tenders closes Dec. 9, later than planned, but on track to disperse more than \$10 million of the \$37.5 million-program that ends March 31, 2010. The need to clarify information continues to plague the \$75 million federal hog buyout, pushing back deadlines for tender

auctions and provoking a flurry of calls from frustrated producers, says a representative of the organization administering the program. Gary Stordy, a spokesman for the Canadian Pork Council, says the organization has received more than 800 phone calls since the program began from producers wanting more information.

CCIA Conducts Auction Market Research Project (Canadian Cattle Identification Agency, 10/26) -- The Canadian Cattle Identification Agency (CCIA) is pleased to announce its Auction Market Applied Research Project to evaluate multiple Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) systems at auction markets across Canada which will be supported by the federal government's Growing Forward program. The work that began on September 1, 2009 will result in a final report that details the cost/benefit to industry and government for implementation of RFID systems to enable traceability at the speed of commerce to the auction market industry. "In partnership with the Livestock Markets Association of Canada (LMAC), we are conducting research at 11 auction markets across four provinces and will be able to make some firm recommendations on the feasibility of traceability at the auction market level," says Donna Henuset, Project Manager for the CCIA. "We are really excited with the broad cross-section of markets in our project. This has enabled us to implement systems from multiple vendors, using numerous configurations, and install the systems in locations unique to each market that will support and validate the data collected," concluded Henuset.

Korean Firm Plans Beef Plant (Bismarck Tribune, 11/7) -- A South Korean company plans to open a beef processing plant in the Bismarck-Mandan area to produce meat for export and domestic sales. FK Corp. USA Inc., a North Dakota-incorporated subsidiary of a Korean company, is in the process of siting a plant that could eventually process 700 to 800 head of cattle a day and export 60 percent of its beef to South Korea. Executive Vice President Hank Imm said the company has been working with state officials to develop a plan for the business and settle on a location.

Canadian Beef Packers Looking for Government Aid (Reuters, 11/4) -- Canadian beef packers are asking the federal government for an annual payment of C\$26 million (\$24.5 million) to cover the cost of disposing of risky cattle parts under stringent health rules aimed at preventing the spread of mad cow disease. Packers want C\$31.70 for each animal over the age of 30 months to cover the cost of disposing of specified risk materials (SRM), such as the brain, spinal cord, tonsils and other parts that are most likely to carry mad cow disease, a Canadian Meat Council official said on Wednesday.

Ag Credit Outlook Is Tenuous (Cow Calf Weekly, 11/6) -- The severity of problems in ag credit markets will depend primarily on three factors: How soon net farm income rebounds, what happens to land values, and how soon and how much interest rates increase. That's the learned opinion of Danny Klinefelter, AgriLife Extension ag economist. "Net farm income is forecast to be \$54 billion this year, \$33.1 billion lower than in 2008, he says. "Another year of net farm income below \$60 billion would make the ag credit situation markedly more difficult. Land price declines of less than 10% should be manageable and not have significant impacts on credit markets. A decline of 20% would cause some problems in specific areas while a decline of 30% or more would be a BIG deal because virtually all ag loans are secured by real estate." To see Klinefelter's presentation, go to accordent.powerstream.net

Working With Your Ag Lender (Drovers, 11/2) -- With credit markets tight and most agricultural enterprises less profitable than in recent years, farmers and ranchers face still challenges in securing financing. But all is not lost. Iowa State University Extension economist Robert Jolly offers these tips for preparing yourself for a successful trip to the bank. In this month's Growing Beef newsletter from the Iowa Beef Center, Jolly outlines steps that will make it easier for your lender to finance your operation. Read the full article for details on how to carry out these steps.

Issue 2 and Beyond (Animal Agriculture Alliance, 11/5) -- On November 3, Ohioans showed their overwhelming support for local farmers and food safety by voting in support of Issue 2. The proposed Livestock Care Standards Board passed with more than 63 percent of the vote thanks to an inspiring grassroots effort by farmers and ranchers, agriculture organizations, veterinarians, and consumers to protect Ohio's agriculture industry. While this may be a win for agriculture, the battle is far from over. The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) has already committed to bringing an initiative against modern farming practices to Ohio in 2010. By opposing a multi-disciplined board setting animal care standards and threatening their own ballot initiative to circumvent the board in the future, it's apparent that animal rights groups such as HSUS are more interested in the elimination of animal agriculture than improving animal care. Because Ohio's newly-approved farm animal welfare board does not fulfill their political agenda, these activists plan to return with a multi-million-dollar campaign designed to drive producers out of business.

Herreid Barn Owner Expects Good Audit (AgWeek, 11/9) -- Officials of a Herreid, S.D., livestock sale barn say their company is indeed solvent and that federal audits — when fully completed and analyzed — will prove that. The U.S. Department

of Agriculture's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration filed a complaint Oct. 9 and issued a press release on Oct. 15, saying there is "evidence" that Joe Varner of Pierz, Minn., and his Herreid (S.D.) Livestock Auction Inc., are insolvent because "current liabilities exceed their current assets."

Modern Day Outlaw Turns Himself in For Cattle Rustling (NewsWest9.com, 11/9) -- Roddy Dean Pippin is a professional cattle rustler who turned himself into Hardeman County authorities on November 8th. He's a 25-year-old who many call a western legend. He was wanted for spearheading a cattle rustling ring... In total slipping into Texas ranches at least 25 times, stealing more than 130 head of cattle. He turned himself in to authorities at the Hardeman County Courthouse in Quanah on Sunday afternoon.

Coharie Hog Farm Declares Bankruptcy (Fay Observer, 11/10) -- A hog farming company founded by former U.S. Sen. Lauch Faircloth in 1972 is in danger of going out of business amid the crisis in the pork industry. The company, Coharie Hog Farm, declared bankruptcy Friday. In court papers, the company says it will attempt to reorganize and continue operating. But if it can't obtain sufficient credit to continue operating, it will liquidate.

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