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NATIONAL FEEDER & STOCKER CATTLE SUMMARY - Week Ending 09/19/08

Receipts: This Week: 411,800 Last Week: 327,600 Last Year: 391,400

Compared to last week, all classes of feeder cattle sold 2.00-5.00 lower with instances as much as 7.00 lower on both calves and yearlings. Financial failures of well known Wall Street lien holders hit the news before the week opened, stirring uncertainty and fear. The Lehman Brothers bankruptcy and the federal bailout of AIG Insurance are just the latest results of our troubled economy. Higher cost of living expenses and lower home property values in the densely populated areas of the United States have caused major mortgage defaults. Many of these consumers bit off more than they could chew, but were allowed to do so by aggressive lenders. The sharp losses in the financial markets bled over into agricultural commodities as fund interests pulled their stakes to shore up their own portfolios. Cash fed cattle prices held steady this week from 98.00-99.00, but feeder demand turned light as buyers stepped back to wait for the dust to settle. Direct feeder cattle trading was very slow as the industry looked to the auction markets for direction, and the direction was south. Additional pressure came from the destruction of Hurricane Ike and flooding from its remnants that affected areas well inland. Some cowherds along the Texas and Louisiana coastlines suffered losses and many others in the area will have to be sold as the inundation of salt water ruined their pastures. Some feeder outlets were closed from the heavy rains spurned by the huge storm, and corn harvest was suspended on many fields along the southern edge of the Corn Belt. However, Southern Plains farmers will nearly always welcome a good rain as winter wheat drilling is in full swing and most producers won't have to dust the crop in this year. More wheat could be available for grazing this fall, despite the handsome 7.00/bu, as many wheat farmers forewent last winter's grazing dollars only to lose their entire crop to severe drought in the spring. Cattle-on-feed numbers continue to shrink as Friday's USDA report came in at 97 percent of last year's total, which was less than the average guess of industry analysts. August feeder cattle placements were quite a bit less than expectations, also at 97 percent which depicts our tight supply of feeders and the only true bullish support that the cattle industry currently enjoys. August marketings were only 91 percent of 2007, but this figure was well within the range of estimates. This week's reported auction volume included 52 percent over 600 lbs and 43 percent heifers.

http://www.cme.com/trading/dta/hist/daily_settle_prices.html?type=com

Friday

CHICAGO MERCANTILE EXCHANGE LIVESTOCK FUTURES SETTLEMENT

Live Cattle		Change	Feeder Cattle		Change
Oct	101.55	1.05	Sep	108.25	0.95
Dec	103.25	1.52	Oct	105.85	1.67
Feb	103.17	1.47	Nov	105.30	1.47

<http://www.cbot.com/cbot/pub/page/0,3181,958,00.html>

Friday

CHICAGO BOARD OF TRADE GRAIN FUTURES SETTLEMENT

Corn		Change	Soybeans		Change
Dec	5.42 1/4	15	Nov	11.43 1/2	27 1/2
Mar	5.59	15 3/4	Jan	11.59 1/4	29 1/2
May	5.69 1/2	17	Mar	11.73	30 3/4

http://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/sj_gr710.txt

Wheat **Change**

Dec	7.56 1/2	22 1/4
Mar	7.50 1/2	21 3/4
May	7.87 1/2	20 3/4

http://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/lm_ct100.txt

Friday

5 AREA WKLY ACCUMULATED WTD AVG SLAUGHTER CATTLE PRICE

	Head Count	Avg Weight	Avg Price
Live Steer	40,535	1,328	98.24
Live Heifer	37,984	1,199	98.37
Dressed Steer	28,553	881	150.72
Dressed Heifer	14,176	790	151.08

http://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/lm_xb403.txt

Friday

DAILY ESTIMATED BOXED BEEF CUTOUT VALUES

Choice	Select	Choice Cuts	105	Loads
600-900#	600-900#	Select Cuts	103	Loads
159.80	153.08	Trimming	19	Loads
(0.97)	(1.25)	Grinds	31	Loads

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ESTD DAILY CATTLE SLAUGHTER

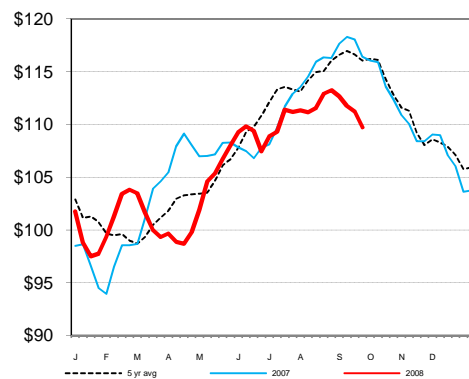
Fri-Sat (est)	121,000	58,000
Week Ago (est)	111,000	36,000
Year Ago (act)	119,000	23,000
Wk to date (est)	628,000	686,000
Last Week (est)	621,000	657,000
Last Year (act)	624,000	647,000

SLAUGHTER COW MARKET

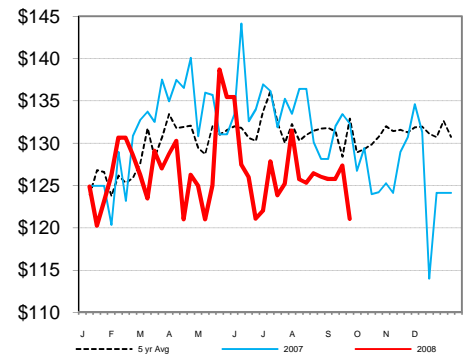
New Holland Sales Stables		
Thursday	Pct Lean	Price
Breaking	70-80	61.00-64.00
Boning	80-85	58.00-61.00
Lean	85-90	54.00-58.00

Thursday		
Previous Day Estimated:	Steer and Heifer	101,000
	Cow and Bull	25,000

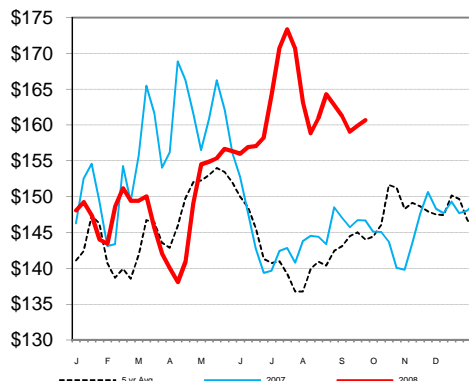
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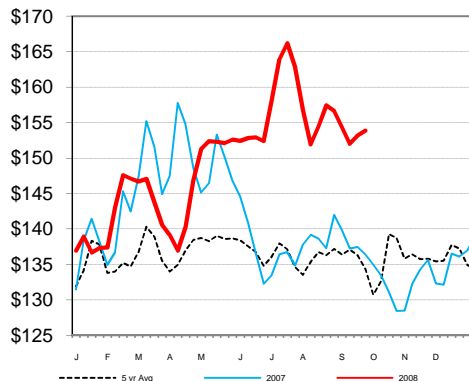
Oklahoma City 400-500 lb Steer Price



Weekly Choice Cutout



Weekly Select Cutout



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