## MARKET REPORT – DECATUR LIVESTOCK MARKET

**Consignments** from June 17, 2019, were 1048 head including: 27 Bulls, 328 Cows, 54 Calves, 97 Longhorns, 158 Stocker Heifers, 149 Stocker Bulls/Steers, 82 Feeder Heifers, 153 Feeder Steers. The market got caught in the crossfire of corn futures going through the roof, which typically drives cattle prices to lower levels. The projected cost of gain with higher corn prices only leaves red ink flowing from the feed lots. This situation limits buying criteria to quality and condition. The alternative is to buy the new calf crop, at prices where the cost of getting them market ready can be recovered. Add the coming heat stress and fat, juicy bull calves are a high risk investment at this time. The market reflects this fact. One of the best return on investment in our industry is to castrate bull calves – typically this adds \$5-\$8/cwt to the sale price for 500#+ calves. The packer prices on bulls were \$1 higher while cows were steady. Good demand for better kind of breds and pairs.

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NT = Not Tested	

BEEF CATTLE					
Steers/Bulls:	Range	Average	Heifers:	Range	Average
200 - 299 lbs.	NT	NT	200 - 299 lbs.	NT	NT
300 - 399 lbs.	72-207.5	160.32	300 - 399 lbs.	63-160	111.92
400 - 499 lbs.	60-155	133.77	400 - 499 lbs.	68-157	136.11
500 - 599 lbs	75-145	125.11	500 - 599 lbs.	60-143	128.87
600 - 699 lbs.	53-143	119.64	600 - 699 lbs.	70-127.5	119.62
700 - 799 lbs.	74-129	100.61	700 - 799 lbs.	73-118	109.59
800 - 899 lbs.	NT	NT	800 - 899 lbs.	NT	NT
900 - 999 lbs.	NT	NT	900 - 999 lbs.	NT	NT
	HORN CATTLE				
Steers/Bulls:	Range	Average	Heifers:	Range	Average
200 - 299 lbs.	NT	NT	200 - 299 lbs.	NT	NT
300 - 399 lbs.	NT	NT	300 - 399 lbs.	180-320/hd	240.00/hd
400 - 499 lbs.	35-74	49.65	400 - 499 lbs.	170-340/hd	245.00/hd
500 - 599 lbs	48-75	56.94	500 - 599 lbs.	300-310/hd	305.00/hd
600 - 699 lbs.	56-69	61.04	600 - 699 lbs.	NT	NT
700 - 799 lbs.	NT	NT	700 - 799 lbs.	NT	NT

I	PAIRS (price per p	air)	PREG	. TESTED (price)	per head)
	Range	Last Week		Range	Last Week
Young	1000-1410	1000-1400	Young	900-1145	900-1135
Mid – Age	1050-1375	1075-1375	Mid – Age	NT	825-1125

	Range
High Yield Cows	63-69.5
Low Yield Cows	49-61.5
Feeder Bulls	83-122
High Yield Grade Bulls (1400 lbs +)	88-95.5
Low Yield Grade Bulls (1400 lbs +)	78.5-87
Baby Calves under 100 lbs.	NT
Baby Calves 100-200 lbs.	NT

Some of the Higher Selling Cattle		
Jamie Miller, Aubrey, 4 Hd Deal, 324# @ \$ 207.50	Gerald Dyer, Sanger, 320# @ \$ 160.00	
Fred Holt, Tioga, 405# @ \$ 155.00	Gary Cocanougher, Decatur, 3 Hd Deal, 422# @ \$157.00	
Joe Dangelmayr, Muenster, 545# @ \$ 145.00	Gary Cocanougher, Decatur, 21 Hd Deal, 592# @ \$ 137.00	
Gary Cocanougher, Decatur, 625# @ \$ 143.00	Scott Bishop, Bowie, 5 Hd Deal, 623# @ \$ 127.50	
Roger Moore, Cleburne, 750# @ \$ 129.00	Tony Redwine, Decatur, 2 Hd Deal, 705# @ \$ 118.00	

Thank you for your business!