

## MARKET REPORT - DECATUR LIVESTOCK MARKET

**Consignments** from August 14, 2017, from 175 sellers were 896 head including: 36 Bulls, 240 Cows, 49 Calves, 75 Longhorns, 137 Stocker Heifers, 168 Stocker Bulls/Steers, 64 Feeder Heifers, 127 Feeder Bulls/Steers. Average price = \$717. Last sale = \$801. A year ago = \$799. USDA quoted the regional market on feeder cattle \$4-\$6 lower, long weaned calves steady and unweaned calves up to \$10 lower as compared to last week. With few exceptions, your local market followed the same trend, partially because of less selection since several producers were rained out. Several strings of 3-4 weight dried out steer and heifer calves pushed the average price \$8-\$10 higher and the demand for roping calves pushed 2 weights average \$16 higher. Packer prices backed down from last week's high. Bred cows were \$25-\$75 higher. We get many questions about why the market is so unpredictable...over the past 3-5 years, the impact of international unrest and financial struggles became greater as we expanded our export markets. Until recently, it was an at arm's length issue – the protests, riots and financial collapse were “over there”, now it is “over here”. Our country is facing the potential of a nuclear attack and anarchy is rampant in our streets. Our elected officials have put their own agendas ahead of what is in the best interest of our country and respect for the law of the land has vanquished. Maybe this gives us a clue as to why things are unsettled.

*NT = Not Tested*

<b>BEEF CATTLE</b>						
<b>STEERS:</b>	<b>Range</b>	<b>Wt. / Avg.</b>	<b>HEIFERS:</b>	<b>Range</b>	<b>Wt. / Avg.</b>	
200 - 299 lbs.	98-202.5	181.43	200 - 299 lbs.	115-216	162.68	
300 - 399 lbs.	112-192.5	171.17	300 - 399 lbs.	105-155	138.71	
400 - 499 lbs.	91-185	150.17	400 - 499 lbs.	100-152.5	139.22	
500 - 599 lbs.	95-154	138.36	500 - 599 lbs.	89-144	132.63	
600 - 699 lbs.	98-149	133.83	600 - 699 lbs.	90-143	131.81	
700 - 799 lbs.	105-141	131.32	700 - 799 lbs.	109-129	124.50	
800 - 899 lbs.	NT	NT	800 - 899 lbs.	NT	NT	
900 - 999 lbs.	NT	NT	900 - 999 lbs.	NT	NT	

<b>HORN CATTLE</b>						
<b>STEERS:</b>	<b>Range</b>	<b>Wt. / Avg.</b>	<b>HEIFERS:</b>	<b>Range</b>	<b>Wt. / Avg.</b>	
200 - 299 lbs.	NT	NT	200 - 299 lbs.	NT	NT	
300 - 399 lbs.	100-120	106.60	300 - 399 lbs.	92.5-125	113.83	
400 - 499 lbs.	81-110	89.62	400 - 499 lbs.	80-118	93.70	
500 - 599 lbs.	72-94	79.37	500 - 599 lbs.	NT	NT	
600 - 699 lbs.	61-85	77.25	600 - 699 lbs.	NT	NT	
700 - 799 lbs.	NT	NT	700 - 799 lbs.	NT	NT	

<b>PAIRS</b>			<b>PREG. TESTED</b>		
	<b>PRICE RG</b>	<b>LAST WK</b>		<b>PRICE RG</b>	<b>LAST WK</b>
<b>Young</b>	NT	NT	<b>Young</b>	NT	NT
<b>Mid – Age</b>	NT	NT	<b>Mid - Age</b>	1130-1375	1125-1300

	<b>Low/High Yielding</b>	<b>Average</b>
<b>Cows under 1100#'s</b>	60-73	65.10
<b>Cows over 1100#'s</b>	66-81.25	69.77
<b>Feeder Bulls</b>	120-129	
<b>High Yield Grade Bulls (1400 lbs +)</b>	93-98.5	
<b>Low Yield Grade Bulls (1400 lbs +)</b>	86-92	
<b>Baby Calves under 100 lbs.</b>	NT	
<b>Baby Calves 100-200 lbs.</b>	230-460	

### Some of the Higher Selling Cattle

<b>Dennis Smock, Bridgeport, 275# @ \$ 202.50</b>	<b>MTS Cattle, Aledo, 2 Hd Deal, 200# @ \$ 210.00</b>
<b>MTS Cattle, Aledo, 335# @ \$ 187.50</b>	<b>Bill Shanklin, Boyd, 395# @ \$ 150.00</b>
<b>Jim Butler, Sanger, 420# @ \$ 170.00</b>	<b>Jayson Berndt, Sanger, 400# @ \$ 152.50</b>
<b>Scaling Bros, Henrietta, 7 Hd Deal, 541# @ \$ 154.00</b>	<b>Scaling Bros, Henrietta, 11 Hd Deal, 565# @ \$ 144.00</b>
<b>Lynn Long, Decatur, 3 Hd Deal, 627# @ \$ 149.50</b>	<b>Lynn Long, Decatur, 3 Hd Deal, 625# @ \$ 143.00</b>
<b>Lonny Barrett, Bellevue, 4 Hd Deal, 709# @ \$ 141.00</b>	<b>MCB Cutting, Millsap, 8 Hd Deal, 738# @ \$ 129.00</b>

Thank you for your business!