

MARKET REPORT - DECATUR LIVESTOCK MARKET

Consignments from September 18, 2017, from 323 sellers were 2064 head including: 38 Bulls, 347 Cows, 31 Calves, 196 Longhorns, 429 Stocker Heifers, 521 Stocker Bulls/Steers, 198 Feeder Heifers, 304 Feeder Bulls/Steers. Average price = \$661. Last sale = \$729. A year ago = \$682. The regional USDA market summary called feeders steady to \$1 higher, lower undertone for calves with \$5 discount and little demand for unweaned calves. We had \$6-\$7 gains on high prices for steers while average prices were \$1-\$5 lower because of high ratio of milk fat, bawling calves. We probably sound like a broken record related to the advantage of conditioned, market ready calves. We know it is not feasible for many of our customers to wean your calves, but it would benefit our industry to follow a comprehensive vaccination program that includes IBR, BVD, BRD, PI3, BRSV – at least this would reduce the number of calves in the sick pens. Most of the bred cattle were heifers and 2 year olds, 2-4 months bred. The top end had good demand at \$1100-\$1390. The glut of cows and bulls hitting the packing plants because of floods and drought continue to negatively impact the market. The system is stretched beyond practical limits. It is not a human created situation such as the gasoline hysteria, rather real cattle with real capacity issues. The result was packer prices \$8-\$11 lower than last week.

NT = Not Tested

BEEF CATTLE					
STEERS:	Range	Wt. / Avg.	HEIFERS:	Range	Wt. / Avg.
200 - 299 lbs.	100-210	172.82	200 - 299 lbs.	98-190	151.04
300 - 399 lbs.	111-202.5	166.50	300 - 399 lbs.	91-182.5	141.10
400 - 499 lbs.	89-187.5	151.61	400 - 499 lbs.	89-150	132.26
500 - 599 lbs.	93-160	132.33	500 - 599 lbs.	90-144	124.50
600 - 699 lbs.	100-151	129.63	600 - 699 lbs.	91-139	127.00
700 - 799 lbs.	100-147.5	138.69	700 - 799 lbs.	99-136.5	121.63
800 - 899 lbs.	NT	NT	800 - 899 lbs.	101-132.5	124.20
900 - 999 lbs.	NT	NT	900 - 999 lbs.	NT	NT

HORN CATTLE					
STEERS:	Range	Wt. / Avg.	HEIFERS:	Range	Wt. / Avg.
200 - 299 lbs.	NT	NT	200 - 299 lbs.	NT	NT
300 - 399 lbs.	107-147.5	139.29	300 - 399 lbs.	330-480/hd	410.00/hd
400 - 499 lbs.	49-104	66.64	400 - 499 lbs.	320-465/hd	386.00/hd
500 - 599 lbs.	50-84	67.27	500 - 599 lbs.	280-370/hd	333.00/hd
600 - 699 lbs.	64-89	79.06	600 - 699 lbs.	NT	NT
700 - 799 lbs.	70-83	75.20	700 - 799 lbs.	NT	NT

PAIRS			PREG. TESTED		
	PRICE RG	LAST WK		PRICE RG	LAST WK
Young	NT	NT	Young	975-1390	1280-1400
Mid - Age	NT	1400-1630	Mid - Age	NT	NT

	Low/High Yielding	Average
Cows under 1100#'s	43-57	50.25
Cows over 1100#'s	49-65	52.96
Feeder Bulls	90-115	
High Yield Grade Bulls (1400 lbs +)	81-86	
Low Yield Grade Bulls (1400 lbs +)	71-82.5	
Baby Calves under 100 lbs.	NT	
Baby Calves 100-200 lbs.	NT	

Some of the Higher Selling Cattle

Renee Bullard, Springtown, 285# @ \$ 210.00	Renee Bullard, Springtown, 2 Hd Deal, 207# @ \$ 190.00
Darvin Brinkley, Krum, 300# @ \$ 202.50	Nine Bar Ranch, Decatur, 4 Hd Deal, 330# @ \$ 182.50
Eugene Grooms, Chico, 400# @ \$ 187.50	Steve Harris, Springtown, 415# @ \$ 150.00
Renee Bullard, Springtown, 500# @ \$ 160.00	Charles Wittmer, Bowie, 2 Hd Deal, 528# @ \$ 144.00
Kenneth Steel, Boyd, 2 Hd Deal, 635# @ \$ 151.00	David Hilscher, Paradise, 6 Hd Deal, 680# @ \$ 139.00
JB Land Co, Wichita Falls, 16 Hd Deal, 718# @ \$ 147.50	Ramey Keeth, Springtown, 11 Hd Deal, 710# @ \$ 136.50
	Ramey Keeth, Springtown, 17 Hd Deal, 806# @ \$ 132.50

Thank you for your business!