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September, 2022 MONTH END MARKET REPORT

THE FIGURES BELOW REPRESENT BOTH THE HIGH AND LOW MONTHLY AVERAGES

SLAUGHTER COWS.

CANNERS..... \$ 67.75 TO \$ 74.50
BONING/UTILITY..... \$75.50 TO \$ 82.00
CUTTERS..... \$ 83.00 TO \$ 90.00

SLAUGHTER BULLS..... \$ 87.25 TO \$108.25

REPLACEMENT COWS

BRED COWS \$ 610.00 TO \$1700.00

COW/CALF PAIRS \$810.00 TO \$1625.00

FEEDER CALVES

**FEEDER STEERS/BULLS.
LARGE FRAME #1**

WT CLASS AVG.

200 TO 300 LBS.... \$1.52 TO \$2.36 1.73
300 TO 400 LBS.... \$1.41 TO \$2.30 1.82
400 TO 500 LBS.... \$1.36 TO \$2.20 1.69
500 TO 600 LBS.... \$1.34 TO \$1.84 1.58
600 TO 800 LBS.... \$1.21 TO \$1.73 1.51

**FEEDER HEIFERS
LARGE FRAME #1**

WT CLASS AVG

\$1.39 TO \$2.16 \$1.45
\$1.34 TO \$2.13 \$1.61
\$1.27 TO \$1.90 \$1.59
\$1.20 TO \$1.73 \$1.55
\$1.12 TO \$1.63 \$1.48

MONTHLY SUMMARY

The market demand continued to remain strong throughout September with the retail beef prices still trending upwards along with the continuing demand setting new records in prices due to the tighter supplies and strengthening dollar in the global meat sales. The global markets this year continue to witness record high prices with the major importers being Japan, S. Korea and China. China alone has increased its imported volumes by 33% from a year ago. The US beef exports keep topping the \$1 billion month after month. Analysts feel however this will level off as the drought driven reduction of the US cow herd will limit the availability of feeder calves starting this next year.

The recent rains in both Texas and the Southwest that were received gave temporary relief but once again most states are in a drought mode with Texas being the worst. Moisture on the Southern Plains continues to be inadequate to support any major scale of winter grazing cattle. The optimism for more moisture from August is beginning to turn into pessimism as the feeders are beginning to take a hard look at what to buy and where to place them. As it stands the corn production has been readjusted as the USDA crop review forecast less acreage planted and less yield per acre.

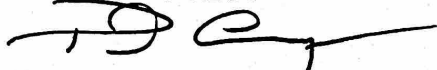
Corn alone has risen from \$6.77/bushel a year ago to \$8.67/bushel as of the end of September. This increase corn cost is taken the cost of gain from \$1.27/lb to \$1.33/lb in the feedlots. As of this report the feeders are losing from \$175.00 to \$200.00 per head. Throughout the rest of 2022 the feedlots should be struggling to fill their empty pens space with more competitive bidding which should push the pendulum in the cow/calf producers favor. Shorter supplies along with feed cost will have a direct affect on the feeder calf prices.

The beef cow slaughter continues its record breaking pace. Beef cow numbers continue to decline sharply as 2.7 million cows have been slaughtered as of the end of September which is 14% over a year ago and the highest slaughter rates since 1984.

Weather will continue to be a major driving factor in the future cattle prices. The September USDA Cattle on Feed Report showed a larger placement figure than initially projected but a closer look once again showed it was due to a abnormal amount of Texas feeder calves that prematurely moved again due to drought reasons. Market analysts feel this will be the the last major placement figure for some time to come. Less beef cows producing less available feeder calves should no doubt force higher prices. Strong overseas demand plus a strong domestic demand should be the driving factor of higher feeder calve prices as we head into this Fall but a true noticeable increase could be last this year.

From our view we have experienced some cooler weather. Scattered rains have allowed us to produce more hay putting us in a better position for winter. Calf prices on comparison with last month showed the September averages were from \$4 to \$7 higher than those comparable classes in August.

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