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Weekly Cattle Market Update

For the Week Ending March 9, 2018

All prices are quoted in Canadian dollars per hundredweight (\$/cwt) unless otherwise stated.

Saskatchewan Feeder Steer and Feeder Heifer Prices (\$/cwt)								
Feeder Steers		300-400	400-500	500-600	600-700	700-800	800-900	900+ lb.
March 9/2018	Average	\$250.50	\$255.50	\$236.83	\$213.63	\$189.63	\$175.38	\$165.08
March 9/2018	Range	240-269	250-268	228-252	207-224	183-203	171-181	163-168
week/week	Change	-\$9.20	-\$0.60	\$2.03	\$0.21	-\$1.29	-\$1.83	-\$3.59
March 2/2018	Average	\$259.70	\$256.10	\$234.80	\$213.42	\$190.92	\$177.21	\$168.67
Feeder Heifers		300-400	400-500	500-600	600-700	700-800	800+ lb.	
March 9/2018	Average	\$214.25	\$206.38	\$201.75	\$186.17	\$171.17	\$159.08	
March 9/2018	Range	201-224	195-221	191-213	177-195	163-179	156-165	
week/week	Change	-\$11.00	-\$8.12	-\$0.50	\$1.47	-\$1.14	-\$2.09	
March 2/2018	Average	\$225.25	\$214.50	\$202.25	\$184.70	\$172.31	\$161.17	

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Note: Prices are determined from Saskatchewan auction marts' reports of sale results from Thursday of the previous week to Wednesday the current week. N.A. means not available due to lack of sufficient data.

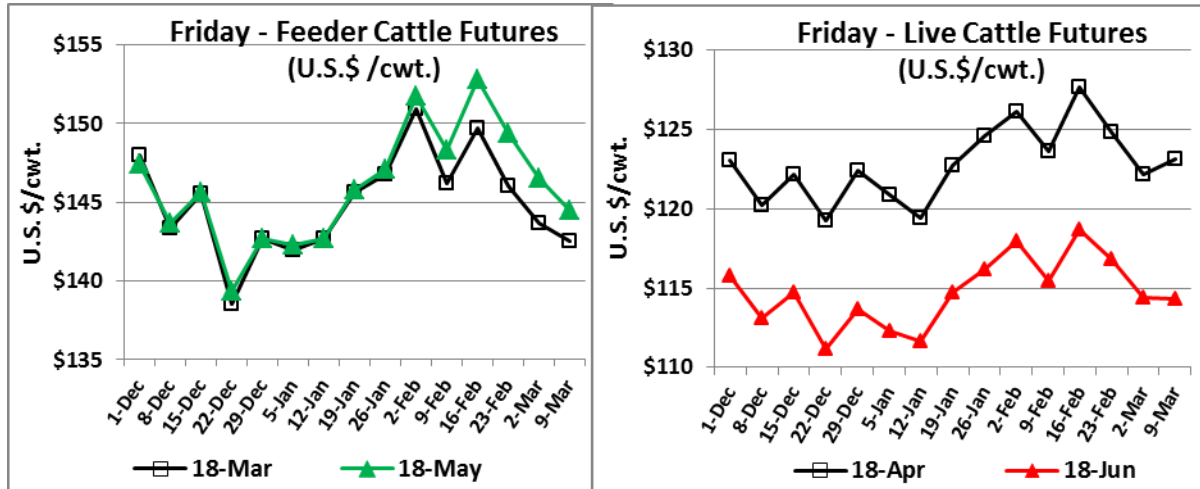
Canfax reported that a total of 6,423 head of cattle were sold in Saskatchewan this week, down from 16,663 head the previous week, and down from 10,906 head the same week a year ago.

Saskatchewan feeder steer prices were overall lower over the week in the different weight categories. Saskatchewan feeder steer prices ranged between \$9.20 per cwt lower to \$2.03 per cwt higher over the week. The largest price decline was in the 300-400 lb. feeder steer weight category; while the biggest price gains in the 400-500 lb. weight category. On average; Saskatchewan feeder steer prices declined by \$2 per cwt over the week.

Saskatchewan feeder heifer prices were primarily lower in the different weight categories over the week. Feeder heifer prices ranged between \$11.00 per cwt lower to \$1.47 per cwt higher. The largest price decline was in the 300-400 lb. feeder heifer weight category; while the only price gain was in the 600-700 lb. weight category. On average; Saskatchewan feeder steer prices declined by over \$3 per cwt over the week. Saskatchewan feeder cattle prices are provided by Canfax (#403-275-5110) or (www.canfax.ca) and cannot be redistributed without permission.

The Saskatchewan 750 lb. feeder steer basis compared to the March 8, 2018, U.S. feeder cattle index at US\$144.18 per cwt was calculated at (+\$4.50) per cwt (\$189.63 - US\$144.18/0.7788), a basis strengthening of \$1.84 per cwt from the basis of (+\$2.66) per cwt from March 1, 2018.

Feeder cattle daily futures prices were primarily lower over the week with the largest price declines on Thursday to push prices lower, week-over-week. The March 2018 feeder cattle futures contract declined US\$1.150 per cwt to settle Friday at US\$142.525 per cwt. The April contract declined US\$2.125 per cwt; while the May contract declined US\$2.025 per cwt to settle Friday at US\$144.500 per cwt.



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Live daily cattle futures prices were mixed over the week with prices ending the week mixed, week-over-week. The nearby April contract increased US\$0.950 per cwt over the week to settle Friday at US\$123.125 per cwt; while the June contract declined US\$0.100 per cwt to settle Friday at US\$114.300 per cwt.

Fed and Non-fed Cattle

	March 9, 2018	March 2, 2018	Week Over Week
<u>Steers (Alberta)</u>			
Live	\$164.58	\$165.91	-\$1.33
Rail	\$273.75-\$275.50	\$272.00-\$276.50	+\$1.75 to -\$1.00
<u>Cows (Alberta)</u>			
D1,2 Live	\$88.71	\$88.05	+\$0.66
D3 Live	\$78.79	\$78.63	+\$0.16
Rail	\$175-180	\$173-178	+\$2.00

Source: Canfax. (n/a = not available, n/c = no change)

Prices for liveweight, non-fed cattle in Alberta moved higher over the week. The price of D1,2 slaughter cows increased \$0.66 per cwt to average \$88.71 per cwt; while the price of D3 slaughter cows increased \$0.16 per cwt to average \$78.79 per cwt.

Fed cattle prices for Alberta fed steers were reported to average \$164.58 per cwt, down \$1.33 per cwt from \$165.91 per cwt the previous week. Western Canadian slaughter cattle prices are provided by Canfax and cannot be redistributed without their permission. www.canfax.ca

The live (FOB feedlot) weighted average 5-area (Texas/Oklahoma/New Mexico, Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado and Iowa/Minnesota) weekly fed steer price in the U.S. was reported at US\$126.79 per cwt, steady from US\$126.76 per cwt the previous week; and up 1.2 per cent from US\$125.23 per cwt the same week a year ago. The dressed (delivered basis) price for U.S. steers delivered to plants in the 5-area was reported at US\$203.88 per cwt, down US\$0.33 per cwt from US\$204.21 per cwt the previous week, but up 1.1 per cent from US\$201.56 per cwt the same week a year ago.

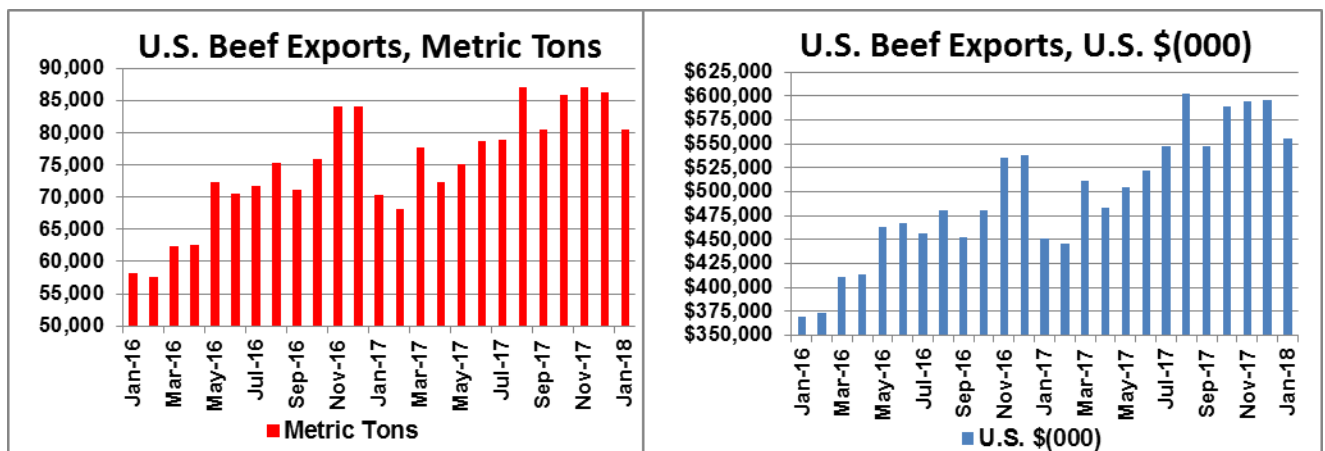
U.S. Beef production for the week ending March 10, 2018 was estimated at 490.7 million lb., down 2.0 per cent from 500.8 million lb. the previous week, but up 0.7 per cent from 487.1 million lb. the same week a year ago.

U.S. choice beef cutout prices (600-900 lb.) averaged US\$223.63 per cwt over the week, up US\$2.45 per cwt or 1.1 per cent from US\$221.18 per cwt the previous week, and up 4.4 per cent from US\$214.12 per cwt the same week a year ago.

United States Beef Exports

United States exported 80,495 metric tons of beef in January 2018, down 6.7 per cent from 86,285 metric tons in December 2017, but up 14.5 per cent from 70,278 metric tons in January 2017. U.S. beef exports by volume totals in January 2018 compared to January 2017 were notably higher to Hong Kong/China (+54%), Korea (+19%), and Japan (+8%).

By dollar amount U.S. beef exports in January 2018 were \$555.7 million dollars, down 6.7 per cent from December 2017, but up 23.1 per cent from \$451.5 million dollars in January 2017. U.S. beef export in 2017 had a very strong year increasing over 17 per cent by dollar value or \$953 million dollars from 2016; reaching almost \$6.4 billion in sales. U.S beef exports by quantity increased 12 per cent by volume or 102,413 metric tons to reach 948,030 metric tons.



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USDA World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates (WASDE)

On March 8, the USDA released the March World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates (WASDE). The March USDA WASDE report only made small revisions to the February 2018 WASDE Report.

United States red meat and poultry production for 2018 is projected to increase 3.8 per cent from 2017 to 103.926 billion lb. Production increases for 2018 are projected to come from beef (+5.8%), pork (+5.2%) and broilers (+2.2%); with a slight decline in turkey production from 2017. (Source: USDA WASDE)

Friday Price Information

Product	This Week (March 9, 2018)	Week of: (March 2, 2018)	Week of: (March 10, 2017)
Canadian Dollar (closing rate US\$)	.7788	.7757	.7428
U.S. Cash Cattle			
Thurs. Feeder Cattle (FC) Index (US\$ per cwt)	144.18	146.03	127.22
Seven-day Weighted Average FC Index Wt. (lb.)	800	797	801
Live Fed 5-area Steer Price (US\$ per cwt)	126.79	126.76	125.23
Feed Grains			
Barley			
Lethbridge (\$/tonne)	238.00	235.00	155.00
(\$ per bu.)	5.18	5.12	3.37
Corn			
Iowa State Average (CDN\$/tonne)*	174.40	173.07	169.07
(US\$ per bu.)	3.45	3.41	3.19
Omaha, NE (CDN\$/tonne)*	186.02	182.71	171.19
(US\$ per bu.)	3.68	3.60	3.32
Futures			
March Corn (US\$ per bu.)	3.83	3.77 ¼	3.58
May Corn (US\$ per bu.)	3.90	3.85 ¼	3.64 ¼
April Live Cattle (US\$ per cwt)	123.125	122.175	117.600
June Live Cattle (US\$ per cwt)	114.300	114.400	107.500
March Feeder Cattle (US\$ per cwt)	142.525	143.675	127.475
May Feeder Cattle (US\$ per cwt)	144.500	146.525	125.775

Sources: Bank of Canada, Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME), ICE Futures Canada and USDA Livestock & Grain Market News
* conversion to CDN\$ is based on Friday's CDN\$ closing rate.

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