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## Weekly Cattle Market Update

For the Week Ending November 10, 2017

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.
Nov. 10/2017	Average	\$276.70	\$252.82	\$228.93	\$216.53	\$211.36	\$202.88	\$188.33
Nov. 10/2017	Range	265-289	241-271	220-243	211-225	205-219	195-207	181-194
week/week	Change	-\$6.55	-\$0.85	-\$4.18	-\$5.47	-\$1.64	\$3.05	\$2.83
Nov. 3/2017	Average	\$283.25	\$253.67	\$233.11	\$222.00	\$213.00	\$199.83	\$185.50
Feeder Heifers		300-400	400-500	500-600	600-700	700-800	800+ lb.	
Nov. 10/2017	Average	\$229.72	\$212.15	\$199.44	\$193.17	\$187.74	\$182.75	
Nov. 10/2017	Range	218-242	201-226	193-211	186-200	182-194	177-187	
week/week	Change	-\$2.28	-\$0.70	-\$6.39	-\$3.83	-\$3.64	\$0.25	
Nov. 3/2017	Average	\$232.00	\$212.85	\$205.83	\$197.00	\$191.38	\$182.50	

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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.

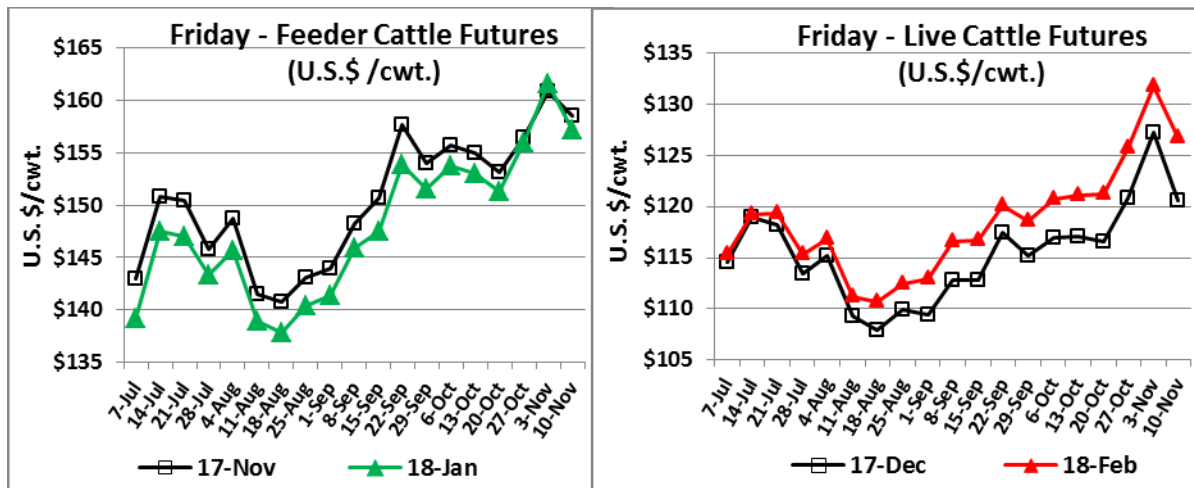
Canfax reported that a total of 53,665 head of cattle were sold in Saskatchewan this week, down from 55,086 head sold the previous week, but up from 37,874 head the same week a year ago.

Saskatchewan feeder steer prices were primarily lower in all weight categories over the week except the heavier weight steers. Saskatchewan feeder steer prices ranged between \$6.55 per cwt lower to \$3.05 per cwt higher over the week. The biggest price gains were in the 800-900 lb. feeder steer weight category; while the largest losses in the 300-400 lb. feeder steer weight category. The 500-600 lb. feeder steer price declined \$4.18 per cwt to average \$228.93 per cwt.

Saskatchewan feeder heifer prices were also primarily lower over the week except the 800+ lb. weight category which had a small increase. Prices over the week ranged between \$6.39 per cwt lower to \$0.25 per cwt higher. The largest price decline was in the 500-600 lb. weight category. Saskatchewan feeder cattle prices are provided by Canfax (#403-275-5110) or ([www.canfax.ca](http://www.canfax.ca)) and cannot be redistributed without permission.

The Saskatchewan 750 lb. feeder steer basis compared to the Nov. 9, 2017, U.S. feeder cattle index at US\$159.38 per cwt was calculated at (+\$8.87) per cwt (\$211.36 - US\$159.38/0.7885, a basis weakening of \$0.90 per cwt from the basis of (+\$9.77) per cwt from the previous week.

Feeder cattle daily futures prices were mixed but primarily lower over the week with big losses Wednesday to help push prices lower, week-over-week. The November feeder cattle contract declined US\$2.400 per cwt to settle Friday at US\$158.475 per cwt; while the January 2018 feeder cattle futures contract declined US\$4.35 per cwt to settle Friday at US\$157.175 per cwt.



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Live daily cattle futures prices were lower over the week to push prices noticeably lower, week-over-week. The nearby December contract declined US\$6.725 per cwt to settle Friday at US\$120.575 per cwt; while the February contract declined US\$5.000 per cwt to settle Friday at US\$126.750 per cwt.

Iowa cash corn prices settled Friday at US\$2.96 per bushel, down six cents from US\$3.02 per bushel the previous Friday. Daily corn futures were mixed over the week with big losses on Thursday to push prices lower, week-over-week. The December corn contract declined just under five cents to settle Friday at US\$3.43 ½ per bushel. The March 2018 corn contract declined just over five cents to settle Friday at US\$3.56 ¾ per bushel.

### ***Fed and Non-fed Cattle***

	November 10, 2017	November 3, 2017	Week over Week
<b><u>Steers (Alberta)</u></b>			
Live	\$149.24	\$148.15	+\$1.09
Rail	\$247.75 to \$248.50	\$244.00 to \$248.50	+\$3.75 to+\$0
<b><u>Cows (Alberta)</u></b>			
D1,2 Live	\$87.38	\$87.64	-\$0.26
D3 Live	\$78.36	\$78.33	+\$0.03
Rail	\$168-173	\$170-175	-\$2.00

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

Prices for liveweight, non-fed cattle in Alberta were mixed over the week. The price of D1,2 slaughter cows declined \$0.26 per cwt to average \$87.38 per cwt; while the price of D3 slaughter cows increased slightly (\$0.03 per cwt) to average \$78.36 per cwt. Fed cattle prices for Alberta fed steers averaged \$149.24 per cwt over the week, an increase of \$1.09 per cwt from \$148.15

per cwt the previous week. Western Canadian slaughter cattle prices are provided by Canfax and cannot be redistributed without their permission. ([www.canfax.ca](http://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\$123.05 per cwt, down US\$0.48 per cwt or 0.4 per cent from US\$123.53 per cwt the previous week; but up 18.7 per cent from US\$103.70 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\$192.06 per cwt, up slightly from US\$191.99 per cwt the previous week, and up 18.4 per cent from US\$162.15 per cwt the same week a year ago.

Beef production for the week was estimated at 513.9 million lb., down 2.8 per cent from 528.5 million lb. the previous week, and down 0.6 per cent from 516.9 million lb. the same week a year ago. Cattle slaughtered over the week were estimated at 623,000 head, down 3.0 per cent from 642,000 head the previous week, but up 1.6 per cent from 613,000 head the same week a year ago.

### ***Friday Price Information***

<b>Product</b>	This Week (Nov. 10, 2017)	Week of: (Nov. 3, 2017)	Week of: (Nov. 11, 2016)
<b>Canadian Dollar</b> (closing rate US\$)	.7885	.7835	.7417
<b>U.S. Cash Cattle</b>			
Thurs. Feeder Cattle (FC) Index (US\$ per cwt)	159.38	159.23	125.66
Seven-day Weighted Average FC Index Wt. (lb.)	781	777	784
Live Fed 5-area Steer Price (US\$ per cwt)	123.05	123.53	103.70
<b>Feed Grains</b>			
<b>Barley</b>			
Lethbridge (\$/tonne)	213.00	212.00	172.00
(\$ per bu.)	4.64	4.62	3.74
<b>Corn</b>			
Iowa State Average (CDN\$/tonne)*	147.79	151.74	158.17
(US\$ per bu.)	2.96	3.02	2.98
Omaha, NE (CDN\$/tonne)*	151.78	158.78	157.11
(US\$ per bu.)	3.04	3.16	2.96
<b>Futures</b>			
December Corn (US\$ per bu.)	3.43 ½	3.48 ¼	3.40 ¼
March Corn (US\$ per bu.)	3.56 ¾	3.62	3.49
December Live Cattle (US\$ per cwt)	120.575	127.300	105.600
February Live Cattle (US\$ per cwt)	126.750	131.750	106.300
November Feeder Cattle (US\$ per cwt)	158.475	160.875	125.725
January Feeder Cattle (US\$ per cwt)	157.175	161.525	121.025

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.

U.S. choice beef cutout prices (600-900 lb.) averaged US\$212.59 per cwt over the week, up US\$5.76 per cwt or 2.8 per cent from US\$206.83 per cwt the previous week, and up 14.6 per cent from US\$185.47 per cwt the same week a year ago.

### USDA World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates (WASDE)

The November USDA WASDE report revised the 2017 United States Red Meat and Poultry production slightly lower to 100.430 billion lb. from the October estimates. United States meat production for 2017 are estimated to be 2.9 per cent higher compared to 2016. Leading the way in meat production increases in 2017 (by percent) are projected to come from beef (+4.7%), pork (+3.2%) and broilers (+2.1%). Beef production estimates for 2017 are estimated at 26.400 billion lb. in November, down 0.56 per cent from the October estimates. Beef production estimates were reduced from the previous month on a slower than expected marketing pace for fed cattle and lighter carcass weights in the fourth quarter.

### USDA November World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates

Quarter		Million Pounds				Total Red Meat & Poultry
		Beef	Pork	Broiler	Turkey	
2014	Annual	24,252	22,843	38,550	5,756	92,171
2015	Annual	23,698	24,501	40,048	5,627	94,630
2016	Annual	25,221	24,941	40,695	5,981	97,612
% Chg.	2015-2016	6.43%	1.80%	1.62%	6.29%	3.15%
2017	Oct. Proj.	26,549	25,826	41,440	6,008	100,586
2017	Nov. Proj.	26,400	25,740	41,540	5,997	100,430
% Chg.	Oct. to Nov.	-0.56%	-0.33%	0.24%	-0.18%	-0.16%
% Chg.	2016 to 2017	4.67%	3.20%	2.08%	0.27%	2.89%

Source: USDA November WASDE Report, November 9, 2017

U.S. Red Meat and Poultry production for 2018 is expected to further increase from the current 2017 projections by an estimated 3.2 billion lb. (+3 per cent) to reach 103.6 billion lb. of meat production. Beef production is projected to continue leading the way in 2018 with increases of 4.62 per cent, followed by pork (+4.60 per cent), and broilers (+1.77 per cent). (Source: USDA WASDE)

United States current crop projections for November have projected the harvested corn acreage at 83.1 million acres, down from 86.7 million acres the previous year, but the same from the October estimated acres. However, corn yields were estimated at 175.4 bushels/acre, up 3.6 bushels/acre from 171.8 bushels/acre in the October estimates. USDA corn production was estimated at 14.578 billion bushels, up 298 million bushels or 2.1 per cent from the October estimates, but down 570 million bushels or 3.8 per cent from the previous year. While domestic corn usage and exports numbers were increased; the ending corn stocks were estimated to increase to 2.487 billion bushels; compared to 2.340 billion bushels in the October estimates.

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