

What You'll Find in the NCF Cattle Report:

The University of Florida IFAS Extension program provides the latest, unbiased, scientifically sound, educational materials to the clientele. The North Central Florida Cattle Report was developed to provide a peak at some interesting articles related to your industry in a format that allows you to quickly decide if you want to continue reading. Not only will you find up-to-date articles, you will also find internet links to excellent resources and a market summary for the North Central Florida Cattleman.

2014 Across-Breed EPD Adjustment Factors Released

When using EPDs, bulls from one breed cannot be compared to another unless an adjustment factor is used. Since 1993, scientist from the U.S. Meat Animal Research Center in Clay Center, Nebraska have released adjustment factors for growth traits and maternal milk traits for across-breed expected progeny difference (AB-EPDs). The 2014 table includes factors for eighteen breeds and was released at the Beef Improvement Federation (BIF) Annual Meeting in Lincoln, NE in late June. For more information, click here: [Beef Magazine, June 30, 2014](#).

Animal Feed vs. Human Food

- The world population is expected to grow from 7 billion in 2011 to 9 billion by 2050 (28.6% increase).
- The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) predicts the demand for food, fuel and fiber will increase by 60% by 2050.
- This in part is due to the improving economies of China and India. As per capita income increases, the demand for animal source foods such as milk, meat and eggs also increases.
- Many of the feedstuff fed to cattle are suitable for human consumption.

For more information, click here: [Council for Agriculture Science and Technology, Issue Paper Number 53, September 2013](#).

Hot Cattle Market Brings Producers Tough Decisions

I have heard several questions concerning 1.) Should I sell my calves at weaning?, And 2.) What is the most economical alternative for replacement females? Dr. Curt Lacy, Extension Economist/Livestock with the University of Georgia has developed a Marketing Alternative Calculator that producers can use to evaluate up to four different marketing alternatives. This spreadsheet can forecast feeding costs, and market prices. For more information, click here [Southeast Cattle Advisor, July 15, 2014](#).

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Feeder Calves ML #1 & #2		Steers		Heifers	
Wt. Range (lbs.)	Avg. Calf Wt. (lbs.)	Avg. Price \$/cwt.	Market Price \$/head	Avg. Price \$/cwt.	Market Price \$/head
200-250	225	\$410.00	\$922.50	\$317.50	\$714.38
250-300	275	\$385.00	\$1,058.75	\$292.83	\$805.29
300-350	325	\$354.17	\$1,151.04	\$279.17	\$907.29
350-400	375	\$280.00	\$1,050.00	\$262.50	\$984.38
400-450	425	\$252.17	\$1,071.71	\$244.17	\$1,037.71
450-500	475	\$241.33	\$1,146.33	\$235.83	\$1,120.21
500-550	525	\$220.83	\$1,159.38	\$215.50	\$1,131.38
550-600	575	\$206.50	\$1,187.38	\$202.83	\$1,166.29
600-650	625	\$196.83	\$1,230.21	\$192.83	\$1,205.21
650-700	675	\$190.33	\$1,284.75	\$185.83	\$1,254.38

*Calf prices reflect Medium-Large Frame #1 & #2 Muscle Score Calves

Slaughter Animals		Cows		Bulls	
Wt. Range (lbs.)	Avg. Weight (lbs.)	Avg. Price \$/cwt.	Market Price \$/head	Avg. Price \$/cwt.	Market Price \$/head
800-1000	900	\$105.83	\$952.50	\$116.17	\$1,045.50
1000-1200	1100	\$109.33	\$1,202.67	\$119.00	\$1,309.00
1200-1400	1300	\$113.17	\$1,471.17	\$123.50	\$1,605.50
1400-1600	1500	\$114.83	\$1,722.50	\$125.50	\$1,882.50
1600-1800	1700			\$128.33	\$2,181.67
1800-2000	1900			\$130.33	\$2,476.33

*Cow prices reflect Boner and Breaking Utility Class Cows. Bull prices reflect Yield Grade 1-2 Bulls.

Data Sources: Ocala Stockyard, Columbia Livestock Market, and North Florida Livestock Market.

Internet Sites of Interest

[Southeast Cattle Advisor](#)

[Florida Cattle Market Price Watch](#)

[USDA ERS Cattle & Beef](#)