

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 our clientele. The North Central Florida Cattle Report was developed to provide a peek at 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.

Body condition scoring of beef cattle

Knowing the body condition of your cattle and adjusting their nutrition when necessary can have a positive impact on subsequent reproduction. This fact sheet prepared by Lyssa Seefeldt and Katie Pfeiffer, both from the University of Wisconsin Extension, is a useful tool that can help you understand body condition scoring more accurately. To access this fact sheet and learn more about BCS, click here: [UW-Extension, Body Condition Scoring of Beef Cattle](#).

Proper cow culling is important to your business

"Cull cows represent approximately 20% of the gross income of any commercial cow operation. Cull beef cows represent 10% of the beef that is consumed in the United States." In this article, Dr. Glen Selk, Oklahoma State University Beef Specialist, discusses what you should look for when making culling decisions. To read more, click here: [Drovers: CattleNetwork, September 2015](#).

Cool Season Forage Management Workshop

As the weather starts to cool down, many livestock managers start planning their cool season forage crop. On September 29th, a workshop will be held at the Bradford County Extension Office that provides the latest on cool season forage crops, farmscaping to assist with mole crickets and an introductory fertilization program. To read more about this workshop, click here: [UF/IFAS Bradford County Extension](#).

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Feeder Calves*		Steers		Heifers	
Wt. Range (lbs.)	Avg. Calf Wt. (lbs.)	Avg. Price \$/cwt.	Market Price \$/head	Avg. Price \$/cwt.	Market Price \$/head
200-250	225	\$352.00	\$792.00	\$314.00	\$706.50
250-300	275	\$324.00	\$891.00	\$284.80	\$783.20
300-350	325	\$286.00	\$929.50	\$265.60	\$863.20
350-400	375	\$266.00	\$997.50	\$238.80	\$895.50
400-450	425	\$248.40	\$1,055.70	\$228.60	\$971.55
450-500	475	\$228.40	\$1,084.90	\$219.60	\$1,043.10
500-550	525	\$212.40	\$1,115.10	\$206.00	\$1,081.50
550-600	575	\$199.00	\$1,144.25	\$187.60	\$1,078.70
600-650	625	\$187.20	\$1,170.00	\$176.40	\$1,102.50
650-700	675	\$177.50	\$1,198.13	\$170.00	\$1,147.50

*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	\$97.40	\$876.60	\$117.60	\$1,058.40
1000-1200	1100	\$102.60	\$1,128.60	\$120.80	\$1,328.80
1200-1400	1300	\$106.60	\$1,385.80	\$123.40	\$1,604.20
1400-1600	1500	\$111.40	\$1,671.00	\$125.00	\$1,875.00
1600-1800	1700			\$127.00	\$2,159.00
1800-2000	1900			\$128.80	\$2,447.20

**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](#)

[Florida Cattle Identification Rules](#)