

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 the beef 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 3 North Central Florida livestock markets.

2017 U.S. Cattle Inventory Report

The National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) just released the semi-annual U.S. Cattle Inventory Report. This report along with the January 1 Cattle Inventory Report continued to confirm that U.S. cattle herd expansion is still active. This information is viewed as moderately bearish on cattle prices for the next couple of years. To read more about this article, written by [Chris Prevatt](#), UF/IFAS Beef Cattle and Forage Enterprise Budgeting & Marketing Agent, click here: [Panhandle Ag e-News July 28, 2017](#).

Potassium Deficiency in Hay Fields can Enhance Disease Issues

At the end of June, a Jackson County, FL rancher noticed something strange about his hay field. The field was gradually turning yellow and was not growing well. Typically plants turn yellow as the result of a nitrogen deficiency, but this field had been fertilized for hay production. Upon inspection, the leaves were yellow with dark brown spots, as in the photo below. There were also green clumps scattered across the field... This infection, however, was much different than Dollar Spot, so Dr. Ann Blount, UF/IFAS Forage Specialist, was contacted to set up a field visit. To read more about this article, written by [Doug Mayo](#), UF/IFAS Extension Jackson County Director and Livestock Agent, click here: [secattleadvisor.com - August 2, 2017](#).

Late Summer Temperatures Shorten Gestation Length of Fall-calvers

Each year in August, it is time for an important reminder. Fall-calving season is here. In fact, the start of the fall calving season often begins before some producers expect it. The target date for the beginning of fall calving very often is September 1. Most printed gestation tables predict that calving will take place 283 days (some 285 days) after artificial insemination or natural breeding. Cows and heifers that gestate in hot weather will often calve a few days earlier than expected. To read more about this article written by [Dr. Glenn Selk, Oklahoma State University](#), clicking here: [Drovers, August 8, 2017](#).

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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	\$213.24	\$479.79	\$182.97	\$411.68
250-300	275	\$195.73	\$538.26	\$175.25	\$481.95
300-350	325	\$176.06	\$572.21	\$155.88	\$506.62
350-400	375	\$157.29	\$589.83	\$148.21	\$555.78
400-450	425	\$151.23	\$642.71	\$139.19	\$591.58
450-500	475	\$144.42	\$686.01	\$133.28	\$633.09
500-550	525	\$138.06	\$724.82	\$128.71	\$675.75
550-600	575	\$127.82	\$734.97	\$124.04	\$713.21
600-650	625	\$122.06	\$762.90	\$119.90	\$749.36
650-700	675	\$114.34	\$771.77	\$112.42	\$758.85

*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	\$64.14	\$577.23	\$81.23	\$731.03
1000-1200	1100	\$68.78	\$756.56	\$84.57	\$930.23
1200-1400	1300	\$71.94	\$935.20	\$87.39	\$1,136.12
1400-1600	1500	\$75.20	\$1,128.06	\$90.22	\$1,353.26
1600-1800	1700			\$93.91	\$1,596.45
1800-2000	1900			\$97.39	\$1,850.44

*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](#)