

## 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.

### Implications of cow body condition score on productivity

Body condition score (BCS) indicates how much fat a cow has on its body, which is an important factor in cow health and reproductive capacity. Growers can use BCS to understand and manage the health of a herd and maintain a profitable operation. This 6-page fact sheet explains how BCS is measured, what different scores mean, the economic impact of various scores, and how changing cow nutrition can move BCS in a desired direction. To learn more about this subject written by Matt Hersom, Todd Thrift, and Joel Yelich, and published by the UF Department of Animal Sciences, click here: [UF/IFAS Extension EDIS Publication AN319](#)

### Implants for cow-calf and stocker beef cattle

Getting cattle to put on a lot of muscle quickly is a crucial part of a beef cattle operation's profitability. Growth promoting implants are one of the most cost-effective ways of increasing lean tissue in cattle and work by releasing hormones into the cow's body that encourage muscle growth. This 4-page fact sheet explains implants' mechanisms of action, how implants are administered and used, and concerns associated with implants. To read more about this subject written by Matt Hersom and Todd Thrift, and published by the UF Department of Animal Sciences, click here: [UF/IFAS Extension EDIS Publication AN318](#)

### U.S. court places hold on clean water rule nationwide

Farmers nation-wide have been preparing to act in accordance to the recently implemented Federal Clean Water Rule (otherwise known as the Waters of the United States Rule (WOTUS)). On Friday October 9, 2015, the 6th Circuit of the U.S. Court of Appeals granted a nationwide stay against finalizing this rule. To read more about this news, click here: [Drovers, October 9, 2015 12:34PM](#)

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# North Central Florida Cattle Report

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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	\$280.00	\$630.00	\$246.60	\$554.85
250-300	275	\$265.60	\$730.40	\$229.00	\$629.75
300-350	325	\$253.20	\$822.90	\$210.20	\$683.15
350-400	375	\$241.00	\$903.75	\$199.20	\$747.00
400-450	425	\$226.60	\$963.05	\$187.20	\$795.60
450-500	475	\$215.40	\$1,023.15	\$180.40	\$856.90
500-550	525	\$194.60	\$1,021.65	\$172.00	\$903.00
550-600	575	\$175.60	\$1,009.70	\$166.80	\$959.10
600-650	625	\$166.40	\$1,040.00	\$159.40	\$996.25
650-700	675	\$159.80	\$1,078.65	\$152.80	\$1,031.40

\*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	\$78.80	\$709.20	\$102.20	\$919.80
1000-1200	1100	\$84.20	\$926.20	\$104.80	\$1,152.80
1200-1400	1300	\$89.20	\$1,159.60	\$108.00	\$1,404.00
1400-1600	1500	\$94.80	\$1,422.00	\$110.80	\$1,662.00
1600-1800	1700			\$113.40	\$1,927.80
1800-2000	1900			\$115.00	\$2,185.00

\*\*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](#)