

## What You'll Find in the NCF Cattle Report:

The University of Florida IFAS Extension is designed to provide the latest, unbiased, scientifically sound educational materials to the client. To keep up-to-date with what is going on in the beef cattle industry, Extension Agents read a lot of material everyday from scientific journals to industry/magazine articles. The North Central Florida Cattle Report was designed to provide some of this information to you in a format that allows you to quickly decide if you want to continue reading. According to Jim Rohn, "Time is more valuable than money. You can get more money, but you cannot get more time". This report is designed to help you with both. Not only will you find interesting articles, you will also find a market summary specifically for North Central Florida Cattlemen and additional internet links that you may want to browse.

### July 4<sup>th</sup> Picnic less than \$6 per person

The American Farm Bureau survey results found that Americans probably paid a bit more for their Independence Day picnic this year. Farm Bureau's data showed that the average cost for a summer picnic for 10 people is \$58.72, or \$5.87 per person. Farm Bureau data shows that's about a 5% increase compared to last year. However, it's not only meat prices that have increased, watermelon, mustard, and milk have also increased.

[\(American Farm Bureau\)](#)

### Replacement Heifer Selection and Development

Many producers across the southeast are in the process of selecting replacement heifers. Some may purchase them, but at current cattle prices, others may choose to raise them. Selecting replacement heifers from a calf crop may seem tricky, but can be made easier by following a few simple suggestions.

[\(UF/IFAS Bradford County Extension Farm Notes Issue #10\)](#)

### How Much Meat to Expect from a Carcass

Live animal weight is different from the amount of meat you'll put into your freezer. If you are planning on filling your freezer with enough meat to last for an extended period of time by purchasing and having an animal processed, you should be familiar with "dressing percent". This document will help you understand "what you should expect receive" when you pick your meat up.

[\(University of Kentucky, College of Agriculture, ASC-179\)](#)

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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	\$367.00	\$825.75	\$283.20	\$637.20
250-300	275	\$321.67	\$884.58	\$267.00	\$734.25
300-350	325	\$304.17	\$988.54	\$266.60	\$866.45
350-400	375	\$274.67	\$1,030.00	\$247.80	\$929.25
400-450	425	\$245.33	\$1,042.67	\$239.80	\$1,019.15
450-500	475	\$230.00	\$1,092.50	\$225.40	\$1,070.65
500-550	525	\$217.67	\$1,142.75	\$212.20	\$1,114.05
550-600	575	\$208.00	\$1,196.00	\$205.60	\$1,182.20
600-650	625	\$203.83	\$1,273.96	\$199.00	\$1,243.75
650-700	675	\$198.50	\$1,339.88	\$180.20	\$1,216.35

\*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	\$102.33	\$921.00	\$109.33	\$984.00
1000-1200	1100	\$106.00	\$1,166.00	\$113.00	\$1,243.00
1200-1400	1300	\$108.00	\$1,404.00	\$116.17	\$1,510.17
1400-1600	1500	\$111.50	\$1,672.50	\$120.17	\$1,802.50
1600-1800	1700			\$124.17	\$2,110.83
1800-2000	1900			\$124.00	\$2,356.00

\*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](#)