

## 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.

### First 21 Days after Conception Important for Livestock Development

Have you ever wondered why calves that are full siblings have drastically different average daily gains? Why do calves with similar genetics differ so much at weaning? Purdue University Animal Scientist, Dr. Ron Lemenager, addresses these questions and says the answer may be traced back to what happens during the development of the embryo, more specifically during what he calls "fetal programming". To learn more about this fetal programming, why its important and what you should know, click here: [Farm Progress; December 25, 2014](#).

### Grass Tetany in Cattle

Did you plant small grain or ryegrass pastures this year? If so, you should be familiar with a serious animal health problem for beef cattle called Grass Tetany (otherwise known as grass staggers or hypomagnesemia). This condition is usually confined to lactating cows and is associated with a mineral imbalance resulting in reduced magnesium levels. Grass tetany is more severe when cattle graze young forages in the winter months; as forages mature the chances of this problem occurring is reduced. For more information on grass tetany and how to identify and prevent it from occurring in your herd, click here: [UF/IFAS EDIS SS-AGR64](#).

### Beef Cow Preg Checks Can Mean More Profit

Ranching is a business and in business your goal is to make money, or to at least break-even. Anything else is a hobby. Florida is a cow-calf state, which means we market calves intended for the beef chain. Failure to produce a calf results in failure to market that calf and results in less potential revenue for your operation. In this article, Dr. George Perry, South Dakota State University Extension Beef Specialist explains why early pregnancy detection is important to your bottom line and the future success of your operation. To learn more about how beef cattle reproductive management, click here: [Farm Progress; January 2, 2015](#).

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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	\$416.67	\$937.50	\$368.33	\$828.75
250-300	275	\$376.67	\$1,035.83	\$323.33	\$889.17
300-350	325	\$346.67	\$1,126.67	\$304.33	\$989.08
350-400	375	\$314.33	\$1,178.75	\$287.67	\$1,078.75
400-450	425	\$285.33	\$1,212.67	\$264.33	\$1,123.42
450-500	475	\$268.33	\$1,274.58	\$256.00	\$1,216.00
500-550	525	\$244.67	\$1,284.50	\$237.33	\$1,246.00
550-600	575	\$228.33	\$1,312.92	\$223.67	\$1,286.08
600-650	625	\$213.33	\$1,333.33	\$212.00	\$1,325.00
650-700	675	\$202.67	\$1,368.00	\$200.33	\$1,352.25

\*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	\$98.33	\$885.00	\$109.67	\$987.00
1000-1200	1100	\$105.33	\$1,158.67	\$113.67	\$1,250.33
1200-1400	1300	\$110.33	\$1,434.33	\$117.67	\$1,529.67
1400-1600	1500	\$113.33	\$1,700.00	\$123.33	\$1,850.00
1600-1800	1700			\$126.83	\$2,156.17
1800-2000	1900			\$133.33	\$2,533.33

\*\*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](#)

[Florida Cattle Identification Rules](#)