

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.

Beefs on my plate!

The National Cattlemen's Beef Association President, Philip Ellis has a goal for 1,000 photos to be shared on social media with the hashtag #BeefsOnMyPlate, and be directed to the Secretaries of the US Department of Agriculture and Health and Human Services. Red meat is being threatened by the Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee, suggesting removing red meat from the center of the plate. To learn more about this media buzz, click here: AGWeb.com; April 11, 2015.

Locating an approved pesticide for external parasites on cattle in Florida

Locating an approved pesticide for Florida can take time; unless you know where to look. Dr. Phil Kaufman, UF/IFAS Veterinary Entomologist has teamed-up with colleagues to develop an interactive web link that can be used to get the latest information related to pesticides that are available to Florida residents. To learn more about this, click here: UF/IFAS Bradford County Fact Sheet.

Ever see the acronym EPD and think "I wish I knew how to use that"?

Beef producers have an amazing amount of information they must understand and utilize in order to remain in business. As technology progresses, these producers have to determine if or how that technology will play a role in their operation. Expected Progeny Differences (EPDs) have been around for a long time, but many producers may have a hard time understanding what they mean and how they are used. To learn more about this, click here: University of Arkansas Extension FSA 3068.

A civil conversation about the future of food (commentary)

Genetically modified organisms (GMO's), are you familiar with the science behind how they are developed and how they are used? Can you differentiate between someone's opinion and what is proven by science? This article discusses comments made by Dr. Kevin Folta, University of Florida's Horticultural Science Department Chair and expert on GMO. To learn more on this subject, click here: feedstuffsfoodlink.com; April 1, 2015.

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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	\$370.83	\$834.38	\$335.00	\$753.75
250-300	275	\$357.00	\$981.75	\$331.17	\$910.71
300-350	325	\$334.50	\$1,087.13	\$318.17	\$1,034.04
350-400	375	\$309.17	\$1,159.38	\$297.83	\$1,116.88
400-450	425	\$291.33	\$1,238.17	\$260.50	\$1,107.13
450-500	475	\$262.00	\$1,244.50	\$247.17	\$1,174.04
500-550	525	\$241.00	\$1,265.25	\$234.17	\$1,229.38
550-600	575	\$216.33	\$1,243.92	\$211.00	\$1,213.25
600-650	625	\$198.83	\$1,242.71	\$196.67	\$1,229.17
650-700	675	\$183.50	\$1,238.63	\$183.33	\$1,237.50

*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	\$104.00	\$936.00	\$121.67	\$1,095.00
1000-1200	1100	\$107.20	\$1,179.20	\$123.83	\$1,362.17
1200-1400	1300	\$110.80	\$1,440.40	\$126.33	\$1,642.33
1400-1600	1500	\$113.40	\$1,701.00	\$128.83	\$1,932.50
1600-1800	1700			\$130.50	\$2,218.50
1800-2000	1900			\$132.58	\$2,519.08

**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](#)