

Considerations for building cow inventories at current prices

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Calf prices are encouraging cow-calf producers to increase cow inventories to have more calves to sell. Consider the following points when evaluating whether to grow the cow herd.

Contribution to margin

Is the operation fully stocked on owned land or on land leased by the acre? What are the current overhead costs, including labor and equipment associated with owned and leased acres? If more cows can be added to the ranch to make it "fully stocked," what is the additional "contribution to margin" that comes from adding a cow? For example, if the ranch land is owned and could run 500 cows, but is currently stocked at 450 cows, adding 50 cows will not be expected to result in a significant increase in overhead costs for labor, equipment and land.

Adding 50 cows will, however, result in additional direct costs. Direct costs are those that increase whenever a cow is added to the herd. Examples of direct costs include vaccine, ear tags, salt and mineral, protein supplement, etc.

The revenue projected to be left after direct costs and cow depreciation are

subtracted from the value of calves sold provides an estimate of added revenue. If this revenue is positive, the operation can then use it to help cover overhead costs and increase net returns. If it is negative, it indicates added expense to the operation.

Marketing of large groups or load lots

Selling calves in large groups or load lots, either off the ranch or through the auction market, can add significantly to market prices. Would the purchase of additional cows push the number of calves produced to a threshold level that would result in marketing opportunities that would command a higher total market price for all calves produced? What is the projected value of this?

Building a cow herd for the calf check is tempting when prices are high, but it's important to look at all the costs before making an investment.

Say we use a 90% calving rate, selling 550-pound calves at \$2.25 per lb. with a \$0.05-per-lb. premium for the additional numbers where 20% of calves are retained as replacement heifers. The 450 cows would wean 405 calves, of which 315 would be sold and 90 heifers retained. If 50 cows are added to the herd, then 500 cows would wean 450 calves. Of these calves, 100 heifers would

be retained, and 350 calves sold. If the increased size of the marketing group resulted in the suggested \$0.05 per pound premium, this would result in \$9,625 of added income above the \$43,312 of revenue from the additional 35 calves sold by increasing the herd by 50 cows.

Cow depreciation

What is the expected depreciation on the bred female that is purchased or retained in the herd at current market prices? Weigh-up cow prices are high now but will likely begin to fall once cattle inventories climb. Young cows purchased or retained now will likely be sold in the future as weigh-up cows at lower market prices. Will expected calf prices and cow productivity cover other cow costs plus this depreciation?

Taxes

Cows are classified as a "capital asset" and therefore they can be depreciated just like a piece of equipment or a building. The purchase of breeding stock can be used as a tool to manage tax liability. Would the purchase of cows provide tax benefits to the operation in 2024 and 2025? Visit with your tax professional when evaluating the costs and benefits of purchasing cows and using the depreciation to offset tax liability.

Cash or borrowed money

The opportunity interest on working capital or the actual interest on borrowed money is significantly higher than it was just two years ago. If using working capital or borrowed money for cow herd

expansion, what will the interest cost be? Assuming a lending rate of 6% interest two years ago and the current rate of 10% for a three-year note, the annual payment on a \$1,000 note grew from \$374.69 to \$403.10. Total interest paid over the life of the loan swelled from \$124 to \$209! That is \$85 more in total interest per \$1,000 borrowed! The market price for bred cows has appreciated by approximately \$1,000 per head since the spring of 2022, as well. Higher cow prices and higher interest rates have significantly increased the total amount of interest in the cost to produce a calf.

Business stage and plans

What is the position of the business currently? What are your plans and goals for the future? Is

the operation in a growth mode, or is it in a place of maturity and maintenance? Are there plans to exit the cow-calf enterprise in the next three to five years? Prices for all classes of cattle look to be strong for the next couple of years barring a "black swan" event. For producers who are considering getting out of the cow-calf business in the near future, now may not be the time to retain bred heifers or buy breeding stock to expand. Rather, it may be time to begin the exiting process. This may include strategically selling breeding stock. For more information on the potential financial benefits of selling raised breeding stock at high market prices, see the article "Will You Capitalize on Increasing Cow Value?"



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Kansas Hay Market Report

Compared to the last report, demand remains low for all hay and prices are soft for all regions. Warm, windy and dry conditions in the western two-thirds of the state, continues to affect both the wheat crop and alfalfa crop, which are going backwards. There still is not much interest in purchasing old crop grinder hay, let alone new crop, as most buyers are still working through what's left of last year's inventory. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor for April 16th, the southern High Plains are in the grips of rapidly drying conditions, leading to degradations across Kansas, with conditions bleeding into eastern Colorado and southern Nebraska. Western Kansas has not seen precipitation in over two weeks, providing no relief to the rapidly drying soils and low stream flows. Conditions in Kansas into Oklahoma are seeing rapid deterioration and short-term dryness indicating flash drought conditions. The categorical percent area for abnormally dry conditions (D0) decreased to 44%, moderate drought (D1) increased to near 46%, severe drought (D2) increased to 7%, and no extreme drought (D3) or exceptional drought (D4) was recorded.

Southwest Kansas

Demand low. Trade activity is slow. Dairy alfalfa prices are steady. Grinding alfalfa, and Ground and delivered alfalfa price steady. Alfalfa: Dairy, \$1.35-\$1.45/point RFV. Good, Stock or Dry Cow none reported. Fair/good grinding alfalfa, large rounds \$115.00-\$125.00, large square 3x4's and 4x4's \$115.00-\$125.00. Ground and delivered locally to feed lots and dairies \$180.00-\$190.00. Teff: small

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South Central Kansas

Demand low. Trade activity is slow. Dairy alfalfa prices steady. Grinding alfalfa \$5.00 lower. Ground and delivered and Alfalfa pellet price steady. Alfalfa: Dairy \$1.30-\$1.40/point RFV. Good, Stock cow, \$190.00-\$200.00. Fair/good grinding alfalfa, large rounds \$135.00-\$145.00 delivered, 3x4 and 4x4's \$135.00-\$145.00 delivered. Alfalfa ground and delivered \$190.00-\$200.00. Alfalfa pellets: Sun cured 15 pct protein \$280.00-\$285.00, 17 pct protein \$280.00-\$285. Dehydrated 17 pct protein: \$385.00-\$400.00. Grass hay: Bluestem, small squares \$200.00, large rounds and large squares none reported. The week of 4/14-4/20, 4,723T of grinding alfalfa and 175T of dairy alfalfa was reported bought or sold.

Southeast Kansas

Demand low. Trade activity is slow. Dairy alfalfa price is steady, Bluestem and Brome hay price steady. Alfalfa: horse or goat, none reported. Dairy \$1.35-\$1.45/point RFV. Good, stock cow none reported. Fair/good grinding alfalfa, large rounds none reported, large square 3x4's none reported. Grass hay: Bluestem, small squares \$200.00-\$205.00, large round \$140.00-\$150.00, large square 3x4 and 4x4's \$165.00-\$175.00. Brome, small squares \$200.00-\$205.00, large rounds none reported, large square 3x4 and 4x4's \$180.00-\$200.00. Corn stalks: large rounds \$55.00-\$65.00. The week 4/14-4/20, 959T of grass hay was reported bought or sold.

Northwest Kansas

Demand low. Trade activity is slow. Dairy alfalfa, grinding alfalfa prices are steady. Alfalfa: horse, small squares \$13.25/bale. Dairy, Premium/Supreme \$1.35-\$1.45/point RFV. Stock cow, good, none reported, Alfalfa Good 3x3's \$180, Premium 3x3's \$225.00, Fair/good grinding alfalfa: none reported; Sudan large rounds \$60.00-\$70.00.

North Central-Northeast Kansas

Demand low. Trade activity is slow. Dairy alfalfa, Grinding alfalfa, Ground and delivered steady. Grass hay mostly steady. Alfalfa: Dairy \$1.30-\$1.40/point RFV; Horse hay, premium small squares 13.00/bale; Stock Cow 3x4's none reported; Fair/good, grinding alfalfa, large rounds \$150.00-\$170.00, large square 3x4's \$165.00-\$175.00. Alfalfa ground

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MU Extension offers spring lambing guidance

The benefits of spring lambing and management tips are part of a new University of Missouri Extension publication for sheep producers.

"Spring lambing has been found to be more profitable than fall and winter lambing," said David Brown, MU Extension small-ruminant specialist. "The abundance of spring forage lowers feed costs associated with processed feeds, and conception rates are much higher in spring because breeding coincides with the natural mating and lambing seasons of sheep."

March through May is the spring lambing season. Weaned lambs remain on pasture through the summer and graze with dams until they reach market weight.

"Research has shown that lambs gain about 0.15 pounds more per day when left with the ewe through late August versus weaning in July and grazing ewes and lambs separately," said Brown.

Brown's publication, "Spring Lamb Management Tips," offers

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"Developing an effective internal parasite control program is very important," said Brown. "In addition to that, predator control, grazing management systems and effective lamb marketing strategies will help producers to maximize the benefits of a spring-lamb program."

Brown said lamb prices generally drop in late summer and early fall, so producers should take advantage of nontraditional markets to get higher prices. Opportunity also exists among new producers interested in purchasing feeder lambs.

Brown says there is no perfect time for a lamb production program; it's entirely up to producers to decide when to lamb, taking into consideration their production system and intended market.

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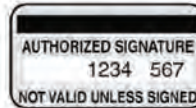
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"Early season fly control for cattle goes a long way in keeping populations under control all season long," says Elizabeth Belew, Ph.D., cattle nutritionist with Purina Animal Nutrition.

USDA says cow-to-cow transmission a factor in avian flu spread

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has said that cow-to-cow transmission is a factor in the spread of avian flu in dairy herds, but it still does not know exactly how the virus is being moved around.

Farmers and veterinarians have been waiting for confirmation on how the virus is transmitted to better control its spread. Dairy herds in eight states tested positive over the past month, along with one dairy worker in Texas.

"Those of us that have worked with influenza for a long time were fairly quickly saying, 'Yep, it moves cow to cow,'" Jim Lowe, an associate dean at the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine, said recently. "You can't explain the epidemiology any other way."

Wild migratory birds are believed to be the original source of the virus. But the USDA said its investigation into cow infections "includes some cases where the virus spread was associated with cattle movements between herds." There is also evidence the virus spread from dairy cattle premises "back into nearby poultry premises through an unknown route," the department said.

The USDA said cows shed the virus in milk at high concentrations, so anything that comes in contact with unpasteurized milk may spread the disease. Respiratory transmission is not considered a primary way for the virus to spread in cattle, the department added.

Infected cattle appear to recover, while bird flu is usually lethal for poultry.

The USDA said it expects that minimizing cattle movement and testing those that must be shipped, along with safety and cleaning practices on farms, should avoid the need for regulatory restrictions.

Officials reported last month that bird flu primarily affected older cows, though additional data now indicates younger cattle have been affected, the USDA said.

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"Ensure cattle are consuming mineral at target levels," says Belew. "Appropriate mineral intake ensures cattle get the targeted level of IGR, which helps them receive full horn fly control."

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usually two to four months after application. Using fly tags with stocker cattle can be viable because the grazing season falls within the efficacy period of the insecticide. Tags should be removed at the end of fly season.

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3. **Pour-ons and on-animal sprays**
"A great option for immediate fly relief is to use a pour-on or spray," says Belew.

These liquid substances are usually applied directly on an animal's backline. The chemical is absorbed and circulates through the animal's system.

Pour-ons and on-animal sprays control flies for up to 30 days before requiring another application. It will require several applications to provide control all season long. You can apply pour-ons and on-animal sprays while cattle are grazing, but it works better if they are confined to a smaller area during application, like a catch pen or alley.

"This method works best as a supplemental fly control method during spikes in fly numbers," says Belew.

4. **Dust bags, backrubs and oilers**

The most effective method for forced-use situations where cattle must frequently enter an area like a water or feeding site are dust bags, backrubs or oil-

ers. A powder or liquid substance is applied with hand shakers or self-treatment dust bags.

"Using this method of fly control does require frequent device checks to keep insecticide stocked," says Belew.

Free-choice implementation can take two to three weeks for cattle to adopt and might not provide equal protection throughout the herd, leaving some cattle more vulnerable. Dust bags, backrubs and oilers can better suit situations where cattle have less space to roam, such as an open lot or small grass traps.

"Other methods like baits, area and residual sprays are difficult to use in range settings and are best used in barns or a confinement setting," says Belew.

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Dry fields contribute to damage by alfalfa weevils, says K-State entomologist

By Pat Melgares,
K-State Research and
Extension news

Dry conditions in north central Kansas and other areas have contributed to the relative damage caused by alfalfa weevils in the state's crop, according to Kansas State University crop entomologist Jeff Whitworth.

"Usually this time of year, alfalfa stems are seven or eight inches long," Whitworth said. "But because of our dry conditions, they're only four or five. So, any defoliation by alfalfa weevils affects the plant that much more."

Whitworth routinely scouts Kansas fields for signs of pests, as well as the effectiveness of treatments.

"The fields that were treated (with insecticide) two weeks ago seem to be holding pretty well," he said. "One of the things we've urged producers to do this year is to make sure they cover



the foliage adequately. That's really important because the insecticides labeled for alfalfa weevils are contact insecticides, which means weevils need to come into contact with the insecticide to control them."

Whitworth said his current recommendation for applying insecticide is ten to fifteen gallons of carrier per acre.

In fields that haven't been treated, Whitworth estimated "another seven to ten days that those weevils will

be feeding" on plants, if temperatures continue to range between 40-70 degrees Fahrenheit. Those are ideal conditions for the weevil, he said.

Whitworth said the seven- to ten-day window is hopefully the producer's last need to use insecticide to control alfalfa weevils. Once they're done feeding on foliage, the larvae crawl down into the canopy or to the ground

and form a pupal case – which looks like small cotton balls. The pupal case protects them from insecticides and other liquids.

Adult alfalfa weevils are known to leave a field once temperatures reach 80-85 F, Whitworth said, then return the following fall to mate and lay eggs again.

Whitworth said producers should also be on the lookout for the pea aphid, which can affect such crops as pea, clover, alfalfa and broad bean. Persistent dry conditions also can contribute to growth in pea aphid populations, Whitworth said.

"They're sucking the juice out of the plant, so if they're competing with those plants for moisture, you may have to consider a pea aphid treatment," he said.

"However, it takes 50 or more (aphids) per stem before I would even consider a treatment."

Producers should also monitor their fields for beneficial insects, which generally do a good job controlling pea aphids. However, if the producer treated a field for alfalfa weevils, that insecticide may also have killed the beneficial insects.

Whitworth also said that army cutworms could be affecting some Kansas fields, though they are less likely to be found in alfalfa and more likely in wheat. The army cutworm develops into what is known as the miller moth, typically by the end of May, at which time it migrates to higher elevations.

"These moths may aggregate in large numbers, and thus be a se-

rious nuisance prior to migrating out of the state in late May," Whitworth said.

To look for army cutworms, producers can dig around the soil at the base of plants in several places throughout a field, especially where plants look stressed. According to Whitworth, they look like "half-grown little larvae, and they're kind of a dusty color." They feed above ground.

Whitworth said a good indication of whether an abundance of army cutworms is in a field is the presence of birds, skunks and turkeys, which are especially adept at hunting out and eating the insect.

More information on pest control in crop fields is available at local Extension offices in Kansas.

Kansas milk production down percent from 2023

Milk production in Kansas during March 2024 totaled 362 million pounds, down 3% from March 2023, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The average number of milk cows was 175,000 head, 5,000 head less than March 2023. Milk production per cow averaged 2,070 pounds.



Blackleg is a preventable disease

By Wendie Powell,
Wildcat Extension
District Livestock
Production Agent

Blackleg is a preventable, soil-borne disease of both cattle and sheep. Caused by an anaerobic, soil-borne bacterium, it's almost always lethal. It will infect sheep of any age, but it mainly affects cattle from six months to two years old, usually the fast-growing, high-performance animals.

Blackleg can kill within 12 hours of in-

fection and usually does so within 48 hours. So, unfortunately, the most common first sign is a deceased animal. Sometimes the animal will appear lame on the affected leg before any other sign is noticed. The rear leg muscles typically turn a darkened or black color, lending the name Blackleg. The disease affects both skeletal and heart muscles, but the thigh is most commonly affected. Fatalities exhibit swelling under the skin which "crackles" when compressed.

Blackleg is not contagious. The source for transmission is the clostridia bacterium spores waiting in the soil for the opportunity to come in contact with an open wound or be ingested by a grazing animal. Ingested bacteria will invade the body through a small puncture in the digestive

tract. Following ingestion, the organism may live in the gastrointestinal tract, spleen and liver without causing any problem.

Animals found alive can be given high doses of penicillin, but outcomes are poor, infections are very severe and of very short duration. Blackleg is a non-contagious but highly fatal disease, with nearly 100% death loss. Blackleg vaccines, usually seven- and eight-way products, are widely available, inexpensive and very effective at prevention. Producers should be sure to read the labels: most of these vaccines require a two-shot series. For example, for cattle, give the first vaccination at 60 to 90 days of age or when the calves are first processed. Then, administer a seven-way booster dose in four weeks or at weaning. Annual vaccination of adult cows will boost immune response and produce antibodies in colostrum, which can protect a calf for three to four months.

These bacteria can survive extreme environmental conditions by developing into highly resistant spores. As spores, the bacterium can live in soil for many years. If sheep or cattle have ever grazed the land you are currently pasturing, it is most likely you have blackleg spores. Certain environmental conditions may cause the disease to become accessible; tillage, erosion or flooding. In drought conditions, more soil is consumed, adhered to forage that goes into the mouth due to weakened root systems. Livestock frolicking on mounds from pond clean-outs will also consume soil.

Fatalities need to be handled immediately. The entire carcass is a breeding ground and large shedding source for the bacteria. Proper disposal is critical, to prevent spread by scavengers or rainfall.

For more information, contact Wendie Powell, Livestock Production Agent, (620) 784-5337, wendiepowell@ksu.edu.

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<p>STEERS</p> <p>7 383 339.00</p> <p>2 467 320.00</p> <p>10 550 308.00</p> <p>5 595 281.00</p> <p>6 648 267.00</p> <p>6 755 240.00</p> <p>20 895 218.00</p> <p>11 976 210.00</p> <p>HEIFERS</p> <p>4 457 297.00</p> <p>3 455 282.00</p> <p>7 501 280.00</p> <p>11 592 266.00</p>	<p>15 704 236.00</p> <p>3 741 220.00</p> <p>126 849 213.25</p> <p>8 911 211.00</p> <p>58 897 209.00</p> <p>TOP BUTCHER COW: \$132.00 @ 1,630 LBS.</p> <p>TOP BUTCHER BULL: \$152.00 @ 2,095 LBS.</p> <p>BRED COWS: \$1,100 - \$2,700</p> <p>PAIRS: \$1,800 - \$4,200</p>
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Report from April 23rd, 2024

<p>STEERS</p> <p>3 261 950.00H</p> <p>5 426 359.00</p> <p>8 485 335.00</p> <p>11 509 317.00</p> <p>4 537 316.00</p> <p>8 552 309.00</p> <p>12 590 300.00</p> <p>13 560 278.00</p> <p>3 693 274.00</p> <p>22 705 273.50</p> <p>2 800 234.00</p> <p>18 836 231.00</p> <p>HEIFERS</p> <p>4 298 920.00H</p> <p>6 397 308.00</p>	<p>11 479 293.50</p> <p>13 485 286.00</p> <p>4 536 279.00</p> <p>3 618 264.00</p> <p>4 626 257.00</p> <p>8 754 237.00</p> <p>6 829 211.00</p> <p>19 867 207.50</p> <p>TOP BUTCHER COW: \$134.00 @ 1,640 LBS.</p> <p>TOP BUTCHER BULL: \$159.00 @ 2,295 LBS.</p> <p>BRED COWS: \$1,400-\$2,400</p> <p>PAIRS: \$1,900-\$2,275</p>
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NEXT SHEEP & GOAT SALE: SATURDAY, MAY 4TH

Hay & Equipment - 9:00 A.M.
Sheep & Goats - 11:00 A.M.

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Can high cattle prices pay for mistakes?

With cattle prices at record high levels and many forecasts projecting relatively high prices for the next couple of years, some producers feel they can do no wrong. In times like these, even less-productive cows and mismanaged calves are likely to make a profit.

High prices are a welcome change for cattle producers, but it's important to remember that higher prices mean mistakes cost more than when prices are low, says University of Missouri Extension livestock specialist Eric Meusch.

Profit margins briefly increase during the high part of the cattle cycle, but this is also when a lot of money can be left on the table through poor management, Meusch said.

"Rather than becoming complacent and sloppy, it pays to refine your management

to capitalize on higher prices and ensure that more money ends up in your pocket," he said. "This means following the same approach you must follow during low cattle prices. Pay attention to the basics."

The Golden Rule. A beef cow should have a calf every year, on time, without exceptions. It is the producer's job to set the cows up to succeed by providing proper nutrition and health programs. If a cow can't do this job, she needs to go. Cows that need extra feed or care to keep up with the herd may pay for themselves when calf prices are high, but they won't in the long run. Luckily, cow prices have been high, so it's great to get rid of less productive cows and focus on the cows that produce, Meusch said.

Wean and work calves! Buyers always want calves that are cas-

trated, vaccinated and weaned. These animals can make the transition to the backgrounder or feedlot the easiest. When calves aren't prepared to be stressed and commingled, they are more likely to become sick and are less profitable. Buyers are less willing to pay good prices for calves. They need to be more confident that they have been handled well. "Interestingly, when calf prices are high, a larger percentage are sold uncastrated, not vaccinated or fully weaned," Meusch said. These calves might still be "profitable," but a lot of money is left on the table when a producer thinks, "Why bother when calves are so high anyway?"

Watch your inputs. When cattle prices are high, the costs of production inputs increase as well. Feed, fertilizer, equipment, etc., all

increase in price and aren't likely to go down when cattle prices do. "When profit margins are high, we can afford to spend more on feed and fertilizer, but it's important to remember that these inputs may not pay for themselves in times with lower cattle prices," Meusch said. Hay is a good example. Hay has been expensive, but the high calf prices have been paying for it. When calf prices come down, hay prices may remain high, so producers need to remember to work on their pasture and grazing management to reduce their hay needs.

Invest in the future. When cattle prices are high, there seems to be a lot more new trucks, tractors and equipment around. "There is nothing wrong with these things, but it's also important to remember to make investments that can increase productiv-

ity in the future," Meusch said. That could include infrastructure, fertility and genetics. Facility improvements are always beneficial, but those that reduce labor are likely to be especially valuable in the future. Things like better fencing and cattle handling facilities, storage, etc., can make life easier no matter what cattle prices are doing. Soil fertility is always a good investment, and improving pastures can provide benefits for years to come. Good-quality genetics are also an investment in the future. Investing in a little better bull when calf prices are high is likely to continue to pay when prices drop and margins are tight.

"Everyone involved in the cattle business hopes that prices remain high and good times continue, but we know from experience that this won't always be the case," Meusch said. "It's important to make the most of the present profit opportunities and plan for a leaner time in the future. Being a good manager is just as important when prices are high as when they are not. Hopefully, this has you thinking about where you stand and how to capitalize on this part of the cattle cycle."

Contact Meusch with any questions or to request additional information at 573-729-3196 or meusche@missouri.edu.

April report shows fewer cattle but more in feedlots

By Derrell Peel - Oklahoma State University

The April cattle on feed report pegs feedlot inventories at 11.82 million head, up 1.49 percent from one year ago. Feedlot inventories continue to be stubbornly slow to drop despite declining cattle numbers. The latest report included the quarterly breakdown of feedlot inventories by gender. The number of steers on feed April 1 was 7.266 million head, up 1.7 percent year over year and the heifers on feed inventory was 4.555 million head, up 1.1 percent from last year. Heifers made up 38.5 percent of total feedlot inventories, down from 39.7 percent in January. While the heifer percentage in feedlots remains above the average of the past ten years, the decline from January to April is an encouraging sign that heifer feeding is perhaps slowing. During rapid herd expansion in 2015-2017, the heifer percentage of feedlot in-

ventories dropped below 34 percent and averaged below 33 percent for ten consecutive quarters, i.e. two and one-half years. Heifer feeding is expected to decrease significantly more in the coming months.

Feedlot placements in March were down 12.3 percent year over year, a larger decrease than expected. In fact, feedlot placements have been declining for many months in response to decreased feeder cattle supplies. Total placements in the last six months (October-March), which would account for the bulk of cattle currently in feedlots, is down 2.3 percent from the same period one year ago.

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Market Report for 4-25-24. Head Sold: 1068

BEEF:		Individual Report		PAIRS:	
300-400#	\$369.00-\$315.00	25 mix 398@367.00		BRED COWS:	
400-500#	\$349.00-\$305.00	13 mix 508@349.00		\$2450-\$1600	
500-600#	\$348.00-\$291.00	6 blk 555@332.00			
600-700#	\$306.00-\$287.00	37 mix 489@330.00		COWS-HIGH	
700-800#	\$255.00-\$246.00	13 mix 600@306.00		YIELDING:	
800-900#	NT	19 mix 736@255.00		\$137.50-\$124	
900-1,000#	NT				
HEIFERS		HEIFERS		COWS-LGT	
300-400#	\$352.00-\$304.00	39 mix 394@344.00		WT & LOW	
400-500#	\$340.00-\$286.00	3 red 430@333.00		YIELDING:	
500-600#	\$311.00-\$278.00	14 blk 437@320.00		\$118-\$88	
600-700#	\$284.00-\$266.00	16 blk 534@311.00			
700-800#	NT	2 red 592@295.00		BULLS:	
800-900#	NT			\$145-\$109	

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STEERS		HEIFERS	
7 blk Topeka 248@402.50	13 blk red Mayetta 814@247.00	53 blk DeKalb,MO 852@240.00	
16 blk Osage City 421@398.00			
18 blk Corning 445@397.00	3 blk bwfOsage City 218@410.00	9 blk bwfOzawkie 336@383.00	
13 blk Topeka 320@380.00	12 blk Topeka 288@365.00	12 blk Topeka 383@355.00	
11 blk bwf Ozawkie 401@377.50	12 blk Topeka 383@355.00	7 red Corning 406@330.00	
16 blk bbf Topeka 430@372.50	10 blk bwf Osage City 493@328.00	10 blk bwf Ozawkie 428@322.00	
10 blk Atchison 474@367.00	15 blk char Topeka 407@322.00	6 blk bbf Onaga 494@321.00	
13 blk Easton 468@347.50	5 blk Atchison 560@320.00	17 blk bwf Perry 499@317.00	
31 blk Atchison 563@344.00	17 blk Atchison 549@317.00	12 blk bwf Topeka 490@316.00	
19 blk Osage City 540@343.00	11 blk Corning 450@306.00	24 blk bwf Easton 484@305.00	
10 red rwf Hiawatha 447@336.00	13 bwf rwf Mayetta 551@301.00	13 blk Ozawkie 524@295.00	
11 blk males Lawrence 488@335.00	14 blk bwf Admire 533@295.00	15 blk bwf Valley Falls 519@281.00	
10 blk Atchison 578@334.00	8 blk Silver Lake 590@274.00	7 blk bwf Sabetha 595@273.00	
12 blk Lancaster 528@330.00	9 blk Eftingham 626@251.00	13 blk bwf Mayetta 715@236.50	
10 blk Topeka 554@319.00	4 blk Eftingham 968@198.00		
16 red char Hiawatha 561@313.00			
16 blk Atchison 651@306.00			
6 blk bbf Goff 629@305.00			
11 blk Onaga 595@305.00			
13 blk bwf Mayetta 658@299.00			
11 blk bwf Sabetha 643@297.00			
12 blk Valley Falls 685@285.00			
17 blk Hiawatha 749@264.50			
21 blk red Holton 798@256.50			
60 blk Holton 854@249.25			

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Market Report - Sale Date 4-25-24. 1303 head.
 300-400 lb. steers, \$300-\$352.50; heifers, \$290-\$327; 400-500 lb. steers, \$324-\$371; heifers, \$275-\$331; 500-600 lb. steers, \$285-\$344; heifers, \$262-\$301; 600-700 lb. steers, \$255-\$299; heifers, \$228-\$277; 700-800 lb. steers, \$232.50-\$273; heifers, \$218-\$231.50; 800-900 lb. steers, \$213-\$242.50; heifers, \$201-\$218.50; 900-1,000 lb. heifers, \$165.50-\$205. **Trend on Calves:** \$8-\$10 higher on 4-600# calves. **Trend on Feeder Cattle:** Mostly \$2-\$7 higher. **Butcher Cows:** High dressing cows \$123-\$140; Avg. dressing cows \$110-\$122; Low dressing cows \$85-\$105. **Stock Cows:** Bred Cows: \$1700-\$2500; Cow/calf Pairs: \$2500-\$3100. **Butcher Bulls:** Avg. to high dressing bulls \$142-\$154. **Trend on Cows & Bulls:** Steady to slightly weaker.

Some Highlights Include:

HEIFERS		STEERS	
2 blk	335@327.00	3 blk	352@345.00
14 mix	425@331.00	4 mix	411@340.00
6 blk	493@303.00	8 blk	435@371.00
6 blk	554@281.00	7 mix	487@337.00
6 blk	629@269.00	8 blk	518@344.00
8 blk	716@231.50	7 blk	562@334.00
72 blk	814@218.50	9 blk	652@299.00
63 mix	876@209.50	4 blk	680@290.00
113 blk	899@212.00	69 mix	741@273.00
55 mix	984@195.50	63 mix	837@242.50
		44 mix	839@240.00

Next Sale: THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2024, 11 AM

- 36 Charolais cross steers & heifers, home raised, weaned 35 days, shots, 500-625lbs
- 1 load mostly black steers, 925-950lbs
- 3 loads of mostly black steers, 825-850lbs

THURSDAY, MAY 9, 2024, 11 AM

- 2 3.5 year old Hinkson Charolais bulls, trich & semen checked
- 20 4 - short/solid mouth black pairs with Angus sired calves. Home raised cows
- 17 4-8 year old Fall calving black cows bred to either CowCamp SimAngus or Hinkson Charolais bulls. Cows start calving August 15th for 75 days.
- 15 Red Angus cows 5-6 years old, bred to Angus or Herford bulls, Sept 1st calving for 70 days

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Cattle Sale Every Thursday 11:00 AM

American Farmland Trust and Anheuser-Busch support Kansas farmers through new U.S. Farmed Certification

Anheuser-Busch recently announced the national rollout of its newly-adopted U.S. Farmed certification and seal for several of its industry-leading beer brands, showing support for farmers in the U.S., including Kansas, where the state's farmers sold \$24B worth of agricultural products in 2022. Developed and verified by the American Farmland Trust (AFT), a national nonprofit that helps to keep American farmers on their land, the U.S. Farmed certification and packaging seal helps shoppers choose products that derive at least 95 percent of their agricultural ingredients from farms in the United States.

A proud supporter of American farmers, including its grower partners in Kansas whom the brewer purchases over \$2.5 million in corn from each year. Consumers in Kansas are empowered to purchase U.S. Farmed certified products to benefit U.S. farmers and invest in the future of domestic ingredient sourcing, helping to ensure a vibrant and thriving agricultural sector in America for generations to come. The U.S. Farmed seal will first appear on Anheuser-Busch's Busch Light this May, and Budweiser, Bud Light and Michelob ULTRA have also obtained U.S. Farmed certification.

Companies across the consumer-packaged goods (CPG) industry are encouraged to join the effort by obtaining U.S. Farmed certification for their domestically-sourced products. AFT will use funds raised through those certifications to expand programs and provide U.S. farmers across all 50 states with free resources and expert advisory services to help them access, protect, and maintain American farmland.

By harnessing the potential of U.S. sourced goods across the entire CPG industry, the U.S. Farmed certification aims to create a far greater impact for American agriculture than any one company could alone. This industry-wide effort will be supported by an Anheuser-Busch led campaign, "Choose Beer Grown Here," to encourage consumers to seek the U.S. Farmed certification and seal when shopping for products.

"American farmers are the backbone of this country, and Anheuser-Busch has been deeply connected to the U.S. agricultural community and committed to sourcing high-quality ingredients from U.S. farmers for more than 165 years - that's who we are," said Anheuser-Busch CEO Brendan Whitworth. "We source nearly all the ingredients in our iconic American beers from hard-working U.S. farmers - many of whom we have worked with for generations. The U.S. Farmed certification takes our commitment to the next level, and we are proud to lead the industry in rallying behind American farmers to ensure the future of U.S. agriculture, which is crucial to our country's economy. We look forward to other companies joining us in seeking U.S. Farmed certification for their products so that together we can make an even greater impact and show our support for American farmers."

The U.S. Farmed certification comes at a critical moment for American agriculture. According to AFT, with-

in the next 15 years, ownership of over 30 percent of our nation's agricultural land could be in transition as the current generation of farmers prepares to retire. At the same time, farmland loss threatens the very foundation of our agricultural capacity, and new and beginning farmers are often challenged to secure the capital needed to enter agriculture. The U.S. Farmed certification will address this challenge head on by providing growers in Kansas and across the country with access to the direct support needed to pursue their options for maintaining and protecting their farmland, as well as innovative strategies for transitioning their land to the next generation of farmers.

"For over four decades, American Farmland Trust has worked tirelessly to ensure the land that sustains us remains in farming and its soils stay healthy and productive. Now, with the launch of the U.S. Farmed certification, we're taking a bold step to help secure the future of American agriculture and create both a movement and a market niche that celebrates and supports our nation's farmers," said Beth Sauerhaft, Ph.D., AFT acting president and CEO. "Each

U.S. Farmed certification has the potential to open new opportunities for farmers to receive assistance with succession planning, farmland protection tools for their operations, and other useful tactics to safeguard their land - our nation's food systems. We appreciate Anheuser-Busch's leadership in bringing the U.S. Farmed certification to some of the country's most iconic brands, while also making tangible impact for American farmers."

"This new U.S. Farmed program highlighting products in which the ingredients are domestically produced will give consumers a way to directly strengthen the agricultural economy in Kansas and across the country," said Rep. Ken Rahjes (R-Agra, KS), chairman of the Kansas House Agriculture committee.

For more information on the U.S. Farmed certification and seal, including resources for American Farmers and product certification, please visit <http://www.farmland.org/us-farmed>.

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Grass & Grain Weather Report

May 1, 2024

Seven Day Forecast	In-Depth Local Forecast	Today's Local Outlook																																
WEDNESDAY Scattered T-storms High: 77 Low: 54 THURSDAY Scattered T-storms High: 74 Low: 52 FRIDAY Partly Cloudy High: 72 Low: 48 SATURDAY Sunny High: 71 Low: 49 SUNDAY Mostly Cloudy High: 73 Low: 50 MONDAY Partly Cloudy High: 72 Low: 51 TUESDAY Mostly Sunny High: 68 Low: 44	Today we will see partly cloudy skies with a 40% chance of showers and thunderstorms, high temperature of 77°, humidity of 54%. East southeast wind 15 mph. The record high temperature for today is 89° set in 2001. Last Week's Almanac <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Date</th> <th>H/L</th> <th>Normals</th> <th>Precip</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td>4/19</td><td>61/37</td><td>68/43</td><td>0.00"</td></tr> <tr><td>4/20</td><td>54/31</td><td>68/43</td><td>0.00"</td></tr> <tr><td>4/21</td><td>65/37</td><td>68/43</td><td>0.00"</td></tr> <tr><td>4/22</td><td>74/46</td><td>69/43</td><td>0.00"</td></tr> <tr><td>4/23</td><td>76/47</td><td>69/44</td><td>0.00"</td></tr> <tr><td>4/24</td><td>73/40</td><td>69/44</td><td>0.00"</td></tr> <tr><td>4/25</td><td>63/55</td><td>70/44</td><td>2.56"</td></tr> </tbody> </table> Rainfall 2.56" Normal rainfall 0.75" Departure +1.81" Average temp 54.9° Average normal 56.1° Departure -1.2°	Date	H/L	Normals	Precip	4/19	61/37	68/43	0.00"	4/20	54/31	68/43	0.00"	4/21	65/37	68/43	0.00"	4/22	74/46	69/43	0.00"	4/23	76/47	69/44	0.00"	4/24	73/40	69/44	0.00"	4/25	63/55	70/44	2.56"	
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Local UV Index 0-2: Low, 3-5: Moderate, 6-7: High, 8-10: Very High, 11+: Extreme Exposure	Weather History May 1, 1989 - Thunderstorms produced heavy rain in the southeastern United States. Rainfall totals of 1.84 inches at Charlotte, N.C. and 2.86 inches at Atlanta were records for the date. Strong thunderstorm winds uprooted trees in Twiggs County, Ga.	Growing Degree Days <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Date</th> <th>Degree Days</th> <th>Date</th> <th>Degree Days</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td>4/19</td><td>0</td><td>4/23</td><td>11</td></tr> <tr><td>4/20</td><td>0</td><td>4/24</td><td>6</td></tr> <tr><td>4/21</td><td>1</td><td>4/25</td><td>9</td></tr> <tr><td>4/22</td><td>10</td><td></td><td></td></tr> </tbody> </table>	Date	Degree Days	Date	Degree Days	4/19	0	4/23	11	4/20	0	4/24	6	4/21	1	4/25	9	4/22	10														
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Sell At St. Marys

Sell Or Buy **Cattle** By Auction **STARTING TIME 10:30 AM** Tuesdays

We sold 1675 cattle April 23. We had a nice run of fall calves that were in good demand at steady to \$10.00 higher prices. Feeder steers and heifers were steady to \$5.00 higher. Cows and bulls were steady.

STEER & BULL CALVES	HEIFER CALVES	STOCKER & FEEDER STEERS	STOCKER & FEEDER HEIFERS	COWS & HEIFERETTES	BRED COWS	COW/CALF PAIRS	BULLS
10 blk str 383 @ 431.00	2 red/bwf hfrs 430 @ 370.00	5 blk/bwf str 575 @ 323.00	17 blk hfrs 554 @ 298.50	9 blk hfrs 1147 @ 189.00	2 blk/bwf cows @ 2225.00	1 blk cow/cf @ 2900.00	1 blk bull 1750 @ 156.00
4 blk bulls 380 @ 398.00	4 blk hfrs 369 @ 348.00	3 red str 562 @ 316.00	6 blk/bwf hfrs 563 @ 294.50	1 blk hfrt 1120 @ 187.00	4 blk cows @ 2085.00	1 red cow/cf @ 1875.00	1 blk bull 2000 @ 156.00
4 blk/bwf str 386 @ 395.00	4 blk hfrs 383 @ 347.50	4 blk/bwf str 555 @ 315.00	9 blk/bwf hfrs 583 @ 293.00	1 bwf hfrt 865 @ 169.00	13 blk/bwf cows @ 2035.00	2 blk cows/cvs @ 1825.00	1 blk bull 2025 @ 149.00
3 blk str 393 @ 392.50	4 blk hfrs 299 @ 345.00	3 red str 460 @ 345.00	3 blk/red hfrs 567 @ 289.50	1 blk hfrt 1155 @ 162.00	9 red cows @ 1925.00	1 blk cow/cf @ 1675.00	1 blk bull 1910 @ 147.00
8 blk str 416 @ 388.00	4 blk hfrs 340 @ 350.00	5 blk str 476 @ 353.00	7 blk hfrs 577 @ 288.00	1 blk hfrt 930 @ 161.00	6 char cows @ 1925.00		1 blk bull 2160 @ 145.00
5 blk/bwf str 457 @ 378.00	2 blk str 340 @ 350.00	2 blk str 476 @ 353.00	4 red hfrs 610 @ 279.50	1 red hfrt 1040 @ 160.00	3 sim cows @ 1900.00		1 blk bull 2150 @ 139.00
5 blk bulls 407 @ 365.00	3 x-bred str 368 @ 346.00	2 blk/red str 750 @ 261.00	10 blk/bwf hfrs 513 @ 308.00	1 blk cow 1040 @ 160.00	5 blk/bwf cows @ 1800.00		1 blk bull 1910 @ 147.00
4 blk str 471 @ 357.50	460 @ 345.00	4 blk str 476 @ 353.00	3 blk hfrs 518 @ 311.00	1 blk hfrt 1005 @ 158.00	1 wf cow @ 1725.00		1 wf bull 2160 @ 145.00
12 blk str 475 @ 355.50	11 blk/red str 486 @ 345.00	60 blk/bwf str 858 @ 240.00	10 blk/bwf hfrs 513 @ 308.00	1 wf cow 1275 @ 142.00	1 blk cow @ 1700.00		1 wf bull 2160 @ 145.00
2 blk str 458 @ 354.00	10 red str 458 @ 340.00	60 blk/char str 910 @ 238.60	3 blk hfrs 518 @ 311.00	1 char cow 850 @ 140.00	1 red cow @ 1650.00		1 blk bull 1550 @ 139.00
9 blk str 476 @ 353.00	5 blk str 480 @ 330.00	53 mix str 891 @ 237.75	3 blk/bwf hfrs 513 @ 308.00	1 blk cow 1510 @ 139.00	1 wf cow @ 1625.00		1 blk bull 1450 @ 138.00
2 blk str 340 @ 350.00	9 blk/bwf str 527 @ 326.50	12 blk/red str 797 @ 236.00	3 blk hfrs 518 @ 299.00	1 blk cow 1980 @ 138.00	1 blk cow @ 1585.00		1 wf bull 1840 @ 134.00
3 x-bred str 368 @ 346.00	4 blk str 545 @ 322.00	125 blk/bwf str 857 @ 232.00	3 blk/bwf hfrs 537 @ 291.00	1 blk cow 1475 @ 137.00			
2 red str 460 @ 345.00	14 red/blk str 537 @ 321.00	59 mix str 824 @ 246.75		2 char/bwf cows 1868 @ 136.50			
11 blk/red str 486 @ 345.00	4 blk str 535 @ 311.00	14 blk str 826 @ 244.00		1 blk cow 1430 @ 136.00			
10 red str 458 @ 340.00	6 blk str 518 @ 304.00	60 blk/bwf str 858 @ 240.00		2 sim/bwf cows 1525 @ 132.00			
5 blk str 480 @ 330.00	4 blk/bwf bulls 513 @ 287.00	60 blk/char str 910 @ 238.60		1 bwf cow 1260 @ 130.00			
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				2 blk/bwf cows 1063 @ 118.00			
				1 red cow 1110 @ 117.00			
				1 blk cow 1315 @ 116.00			
				1 sim cow 1035 @ 115.00			
				1 x-bred cow 1205 @ 114.00			
				2 red cows 1300 @ 113.00			

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