



Weekly Market Report 11-03-17

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News:



Feeder cattle futures continue to show strength moving above \$160/cwt. for the first time in over a year. Good beef demand and strong prices for 600+ pound calves have given the fuel to push prices higher. After breaking through resistance near \$155/cwt., producers should watch closely for a pull-back. Live cattle futures have also traded into a new contract high closing above \$125/cwt. Now is a great time for cow/calf producers who are selling stocker cattle. Producers purchasing cattle or retaining ownership of raised calves have some decisions to make regarding the marketing of those animals. While prices could remain high, budgets are profitable and some producers will take the opportunity to price cattle. March feeder cattle are trading near \$158/cwt. and a March \$156/cwt. put option will cost \$6.00/cwt. In that scenario, a producer can establish a floor at \$150/cwt. that is \$10/cwt. above support in the futures market. All while leaving upside potential open. Determine breakeven prices and work to protect profitable budgets. Cattle could provide the cash flow required to operate farm businesses as grain prices struggle.

Commodity	Board/Cash/Basis	Current Price	Last Report
Cattle	Live Cattle LEZ7	\$127.300/cwt.	\$120.825/cwt.
	Feeder Cattle GFX7	\$160.875/cwt.	\$156.475/cwt.
	Replacement Bred Cows	\$700.00-\$1100.00	\$800.00-\$1175.00
	Slaughter Cows Boners	\$52.50-\$55.00/cwt.	\$55.00-\$58.00/cwt.
	Slaughter Cows Lean	\$50.00-55.00/cwt.	\$53.25-\$57.00/cwt.
Wheat	Board KEZ7	\$4.26'6	\$4.25'2
	Cash	\$2.75-\$3.67	\$2.73-\$3.60
	Basis	-152 to -60cents	-152 to -65 cents
Canola	Board RSX7	\$518.40	\$510.20
	Cash	\$6.59-\$6.95	\$6.56-\$6.91
	Basis		
Corn	Board ZCZ7	\$3.48'2	\$3.48'6
	Cash	\$2.93-\$3.56	\$2.94-\$3.57
	Basis	-55 to 8 cents	-55 to 8 cents
Milo	Board ZCZ7	\$3.48'2	\$3.48'6
	Cash	\$2.67-\$3.08	\$2.69-\$3.04
	Basis	-81 to -40 cents	-80 to -45 cents
Soybeans	Board ZSQ7	\$9.77'0	\$9.75'2
	Cash	\$8.67-\$8.87	\$8.65-\$8.86
	Basis	-110 to -90 cents	-110 to -89 cents
Cotton	Board CTZ7	68.72 cents	68.20 cents
	Cash	67.75	67.75
Hay	Alfalfa/Large Squares	\$60.00-\$130.00	\$60.00-\$130.00
	Fair- Alfalfa/small squares*	\$10.00-\$12.00	\$10.00-\$12.00
	Supreme Bermuda/5x6 bale	\$45.00-\$70.00	\$45.00-\$70.00
	Quality Mix Cow Hay/5X6 bale	\$35.00-\$45.00	\$35.00-\$45.00
	Wheat Hay/ton	\$80.00	\$80.00
	Good Bluestem/5X6*	\$60.00	\$60.00
	*No New Wheat Straw/5X6	\$40.00-\$45.00	\$40.00-\$45.00
Observation	Bermuda/small squares	\$4.00-\$6.00	\$4.00-\$6.00

Futures date symbols:

F=Jan, G=Feb, H=Mar, J=April, K=May, M=June, N=July, Q=Aug, U=Sept, V=Oct, X=Nov, Z=Dec

Let me know if you have any questions or suggestions!

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