

Weekly Market Report 12-1-17 Trent Milacek NW Area Ag Econ Specialist, OCES

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Feeder cattle prices have followed the anticipated price pattern that was detailed in previous reports. The final "shoulder" is formed, traced by the black curve, and prices are at support near \$150/cwt. Producers will be concerned with price movement through the week as the market determines if prices should be above or below this support line. As discussed previously, if the \$150/cwt. support fails, then prices could trade down to ~\$137/cwt., which is the next support level. It may take a few days for a trend to develop but opportunities to price protect are limited. Put option prices have increased with the decrease in futures prices, requiring producers to focus on discovering their breakeven price level. Purchasing options above breakeven will be expensive and those option prices could be prohibitive to securing a breakeven price floor. Futures are finding some support from strength in the stock market; it is possible that some spillover support will occur from that rally. Consider your options and contact your broker for assistance with positioning your operation for success in the current market.

Commodity	Board/Cash/Basis	Current Price	Last Report
Cattle	Live Cattle LEG7	\$121.975/cwt.	\$118.575/cwt.
	Feeder Cattle GFF7	\$150.325/cwt.	\$153.300/cwt.
	Replacement Bred Cows	\$700.00-\$1360.00	\$710.00-\$1425.00
	Slaughter Cows Boners	\$56.00-\$60.00/cwt.	\$55.00-\$58.50/cwt.
	Slaughter Cows Lean	\$54.00-58.00/cwt.	\$53.00-57.50/cwt.
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Wheat	Board KEH7	\$4.37'4	\$4.14'4
	Cash	\$2.98-\$3.68	\$2.93-\$3.55
	Basis	-140 to -70 cents	-122 to -60 cents
Canola	Board RSF7	\$506.10	\$511.00
	Cash	\$6.42-\$6.77	\$6.39-\$6.74
	Basis		
Corn	Board ZCH7	\$3.58'6	\$3.42'2
	Cash	\$3.00-\$3.59	\$2.87-\$3.50
	Basis	-59 to -0 cents	-55 to -8 cents
Milo	Board ZCH7	\$3.58'6	\$3.42'2
	Cash	\$2.70-\$3.15	\$2.62-\$3.02
	Basis	-89 to -44 cents	-80 to -40 cents
Soybeans	Board ZSF7	\$9.94'2	\$9.93'2
	Cash	\$8.84-\$9.04	\$8.73-\$9.02
	Basis	-110 to -90 cents	-120 to -91 cents
Cotton	Board CTZ7	75.43 cents	72.23 cents
	Cash	70.75	68.25
Hay	Alfalfa/Large Squares	\$60.00-\$135.00	\$60.00-\$130.00
Fair-	Alfalfa/small squares	\$10.00-\$12.50	\$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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