

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.

2016 US Beef Cattle Market Outlook

US cattle markets have experienced a roller coaster ride over the last several years. Cattle prices have been supported by a declining US beef cow herd and strong beef demand. The record-setting droughts in 2011 and 2012 forced US beef cow herd liquidation, leading to lower supplies of beef. US beef demand has enjoyed moderate growth despite a slow US economic recovery. To learn more about projections for the 2016 US Beef Cattle Market Outlook written by [Chris Prevatt](#), UF/IFAS Regional Specialized Agent, Livestock and Forage Economics, click here: [UF/IFAS Extension EDIS Publication FE987](#).

Heifer Selection and Development

Many producers across the southeast are in the process of selecting replacement heifers. Some may purchase them, but at current cattle prices, others may choose to raise them. Selecting replacement heifers from a calf crop may seem tricky, but can be made easier by following a few simple suggestions. To read more about this article on selecting and developing replacement heifers, written by [Tim Wilson](#) and [Dr. Cindy Sanders](#), click here: [UF/IFAS Bradford County Extension Fact Sheet](#).

UF/IFAS offers Heifer Development Program for Cattle Producers

In an effort to meet this need in the Southeast, County Agents along with State Specialists at the North Florida Research and Education Center in Marianna, are collaborating to offer the Florida Heifer Development Program. This program is designed to receive weaned heifers at the NFREC in the fall, where the Beef Unit staff will develop them and expose them to artificial insemination, followed up with natural service bull breeding, with the ultimate goal of sending pregnant heifers back to the producer in the spring. To read more about this program contact [Kayln Waters](#) or click here: [UF/IFAS Extension - Panhandle Ag e-News](#)

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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	\$172.00	\$387.00	\$163.50	\$367.88
250-300	275	\$157.25	\$432.44	\$153.00	\$420.75
300-350	325	\$152.25	\$494.81	\$144.00	\$468.00
350-400	375	\$145.50	\$545.63	\$136.00	\$510.00
400-450	425	\$142.00	\$603.50	\$132.25	\$562.06
450-500	475	\$133.50	\$634.13	\$127.25	\$604.44
500-550	525	\$129.25	\$678.56	\$123.50	\$648.38
550-600	575	\$120.50	\$692.88	\$115.75	\$665.56
600-650	625	\$116.00	\$725.00	\$110.75	\$692.19
650-700	675	\$108.50	\$732.38	\$103.00	\$695.25

*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	\$70.50	\$634.50	\$90.25	\$812.25
1000-1200	1100	\$73.25	\$805.75	\$92.50	\$1,017.50
1200-1400	1300	\$76.25	\$991.25	\$94.25	\$1,225.25
1400-1600	1500	\$79.75	\$1,196.25	\$96.50	\$1,447.50
1600-1800	1700			\$99.00	\$1,683.00
1800-2000	1900			\$101.25	\$1,923.75

**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](#)