Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico Beef Industry Economic Pulse
August 2026

Economic Components	August 2026	July 2026	August 2025
Texas Cattle Feeders Association area - TX, OK, NM			
Feeder cattle - steer, $/cwt	--	--	--
Price of a southern region 6- to 7-cwt	362.49	389.94	380.04
TCFA average price for an 8-cwt	335.18	351.08	343.13
Area basis	(1.85)	0.18	(5.92)
Fed cattle - steers & heifers, $/cwt	--	--	--
TCFA area cash price	227.57	240.85	237.61
All cattle weighted avg. comprehensive	238.47	259.31	239.42
Area basis	3.16	9.31	1.45
Corn - FOB elevator	--	--	--
North Plains price, $/cwt	10.30 - 10.53	9.61 - 9.82	8.66 - 8.90
South Plains price, $/cwt	10.67 - 10.94	10.01 - 10.31	9.20 - 9.50
North Plains basis, $/bu	1.02 - 1.15	0.97 - 1.09	0.95 - 1.08
South Plains basis, $/bu	1.23 - 1.38	1.19 - 1.36	1.25 - 1.42
Regional meat production	--	--	--
Slaughter in region 6, hd/day	72,200	70,300	73,700
Steer and heifer avg. live weight, lbs/hd	1,444	1,441	1,419
Steers, dressed weight, lbs/hd	967	964	949
Heifers, dressed weight, lbs/hd	876	877	860
National data	--	--	--
Choice carcass cutout, $/cwt	372.89	375.29	385.88
Select carcass cutout, $/cwt	353.02	357.96	362.96
Carcass cutout spread, $/cwt	19.87	17.33	22.92
Hide and offal value, $/cwt	14.52	14.10	11.88
Export value, $/hd	NA	421.07	372.10
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TX, OK, NM (Avg. of All Lots - In Wts., All Cattle, All Wts.) - Please Contact Elanco Knowledge Solutions at 888-399-5637 for Questions			
Steers, no. of lots	790	831	783
Steers, no. of hd	103,490	114,799	109,385
Steers - weighted average of all lots	--	--	--
In weight, lbs	708	721	675
Out weight, lbs	1,516	1,512	1,439
Days on feed, no.	264	260	263
Feed intake, lbs of DM/hd/day	20.66	20.72	19.50
Average daily gain, lbs/hd/day	2.99	2.98	2.89
Feed:gain, lbs of DM/lb of gain	6.97	7.03	6.82
Deads, % of placed cattle	3.62	3.12	3.22
Average day of expiration, no. of days	116	105	101
Veterinary medical expenses, $/hd	26.75	26.34	24.35
Feed cost of gain, $/lb of gain	1.10	1.09	1.14
Total cost of gain, $/lb of gain	1.13	1.13	1.17
Heifers, no. of lots	538	610	585
Heifers, no. of hd	66,695	86,210	91,873
Heifers - weighted average of all lots	--	--	--
In weight, lbs	684	667	687
Out weight, lbs	1,339	1,332	1,303
Days on feed, no.	248	253	240
Feed intake, lbs of DM/hd/day	19.45	19.40	18.94
Average daily gain, lbs/hd/day	2.57	2.56	2.55
Feed:gain, lbs of DM/lb of gain	7.68	7.69	7.50
Deads, % of placed cattle	3.82	3.57	2.30
Average day of expiration, no. of days	114	111	114
Veterinary medical expenses, $/hd	26.43	27.74	21.22
Feed cost of gain, $/lb of gain	1.24	1.21	1.28
Total cost of gain, $/lb of gain	1.28	1.26	1.32

Definitions

Texas Cattle Feeders Association - TX, OK, NM

Feeder cattle - steer, $/cwt	
Price of a southern region 6- to 7-cwt	Price of 6- to 7-cwt feeder steers of M/L & L frame size and all muscle scores sold in TX, OK, and NM, as reported by USDA AMS, expressed in $ per cwt
TCFA average price for an 8-cwt	Price of 8-cwt feeder cattle calculated as the weighted monthly average for cattle sold in TX, OK, and NM as reported by CME, expressed in $ per cwt
Area basis	Feeder cattle area basis - Feeder basis are derived from TCFA feeder basis calculations
Fed cattle - steers & heifers, $/cwt	
TCFA area cash price	Fed cattle TCFA area price, cash - Fed cattle price derived from cattle that sold in TX, OK & NM and collected by TCFA
All cattle weighted average	Fed cattle price all cattle wtd. avg comp. - USDA comprehensive breakdown for TX, OK & NM. Class includes steer, heifer, mixed steer/heifer and dairy breed steer/heifer
Area basis	Fed cattle area basis - TCFA average price minus spot month future price - Fed basis are derived from TCFA area basis calculations
Corn - FOB elevator	
North Plains price, $/cwt	FOB elevator price of corn in the North Plains TCFA region, expressed in $ per cwt, as presented in the TCFA weekly newsletter
South Plains price, $/cwt	FOB elevator price of corn in the South Plains TCFA region, expressed in $ per cwt, as presented in the TCFA weekly newsletter
North Plains basis, $/bu	Calculated difference between the North Plains corn price and the value of the nearest CME corn futures contract, expressed in $ per bu, as presented in the TCFA weekly newsletter
South Plains basis, $/bu	Calculated difference between the South Plains corn price and the value of the nearest CME corn futures contract, expressed in $ per bu, as presented in the TCFA weekly newsletter
Regional meat production	
Slaughter in region 6, hd/day	Average daily number of steers and heifers slaughtered under federal inspection in region 6, which includes AR, LA, NM, OK, and TX, expressed in hd per day, as reported by USDA AMS
Steer and heifer avg. live weight, lbs/hd	Average live weight of steers and heifers slaughtered under federal inspection in region 6, which includes AR, LA, NM, OK, and TX , expressed in lbs per hd, as reported by USDA AMS
Steers, dressed weight, lbs/hd	Dressed weight of steer carcasses harvested under federal inspection in region 6, which includes AR, LA, NM, OK, and TX, expressed in lbs per hd, as reported by USDA AMS
Heifers, dressed weight, lbs/hd	Dressed weight of heifer carcasses harvested under federal inspection in region 6, which includes AR, LA, NM, OK, and TX, expressed in lbs per hd, as reported by USDA AMS
National data	
Choice carcass cutout, $/cwt	Gross weighted national average value of a choice beef carcass determined by prices paid for its beef components, expressed in $ per cwt, as reported by USDA AMS
Select carcass cutout, $/cwt	Gross weighted national average value of a select beef carcass determined by prices paid for its beef components, expressed in $ per cwt, as reported by USDA AMS
Carcass cutout spread, $/cwt	National carcass cutout spread - Weekly average from USDA
Hide and offal value, $/cwt	Market value of byproducts, including hides, fat, bones, and both edible and inedible offal from a 1,375-lb steer, expressed in $ per cwt, as reported by USDA AMS
Export value, $/hd	Contribution of exported muscle cuts and variety meats to fed cattle value, expressed in $ per hd, as reported by the U.S. Meat Export Federation

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Steers, no. of lots	Total number of steer lots contained in the dataset for the respective month
Steers, no. of hd	Total number of steers reported in the dataset for the respective month
Steers - weighted average of all lots	Designates that the steer data reflects the weighted average closeout values for all lots of steers contained in the database on a deads-in basis
In weight, lbs	Initial weight of steers upon arrival to the feedyard, expressed in lbs
Out weight, lbs	Final weight of steers upon departure from the feedyard, expressed in lbs
Days on feed, no.	Total number of days the steers were fed
Feed intake, lbs of DM/hd/day	Average daily amount of feed consumed, expressed in lbs of dry matter per hd per day
Average daily gain, lbs/hd/day	Average daily amount of weight gained per day, expressed in lbs per hd per day
Feed:gain, lbs of DM/lb of gain	Amount of feed consumed by the animal to produce one lb of body weight gain, expressed in lbs of feed dry matter per lb of weight gain
Deads, % of placed cattle	Percentage of placed cattle that died during the feeding period
Average day of expiration, no. of days	Average number of days on feed that death loss occurred
Veterinary medical expenses, $/hd	Total cost of veterinary medical expenses, expressed in $ per head
Feed cost of gain, $/lb of gain	Cost of feed to produce one lb of body weight gain, expressed in $ per lb of gain
Total cost of gain, $/lb of gain	Combined total costs of feed, veterinary medical, yardage not accounted for in feed costs, and other expenses to produce one lb of body weight gain, expressed in $ per lb of gain
Heifers, no. of lots	Total number of heifer lots contained in the dataset for the respective month
Heifers, no. of hd	Total number of heifers reported in the dataset for the respective month
Heifers - weighted average of all lots	Designates that the heifer data reflects the weighted average closeout values for all lots of heifers contained in the database on a deads-in basis
In weight, lbs	Initial weight of heifers upon arrival to the feedyard, expressed in lbs
Out weight, lbs	Final weight of heifers upon departure from the feedyard, expressed in lbs
Days on feed, no.	Total number of days the heifers were fed
Feed intake, lbs of DM/hd/day	Average daily amount of feed consumed, expressed in lbs of dry matter per hd per day
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