

MARKET WATCH CATTLE

CULL CATTLE REPORT

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Dairy slaughter for the week ending Oct. 17 was 56,600 head, which is a 2,300-head decrease from the previous week's total and a 900-head increase from the same week last year. Year-to-date, dairy slaughter is 2.298 million head, 92,300 head greater than the same time period last year. In the Oct. 20 Milk Production report, the USDA reported U.S. dairy herd size for September 2015 at 9.310 million head, which is 5,000 head less than August. Year-to-date, the U.S. dairy herd has grown by 6,000 head.

The U.S. average price for dairy cows in September was \$104 per hundredweight, down \$6 per

hundredweight from August and down \$14 per hundredweight from September 2014. The seasonal pattern calls for prices to remain firm to lower for the next month before bottoming and trending higher into the end of the year.

On the Oct. 22 USDA Cold Storage report, September total beef stocks increased roughly 6 percent from August and were up 31 percent from the year prior. On Oct. 23, the USDA Cattle on Feed report put Oct. 1 inventory at 10.218 million head. This is up 2.3 percent from September and up 2 percent from October 2014. The report also put September feedlot placements at 1.931 million head. This

is up 18 percent from August but down 4 percent from September 2014. Finally, cattle marketed in September totaled 1.642 million head, which is down 3 percent from August and down 2 percent from September 2014.

Both live cattle and feeder cattle futures trended lower from roughly June through early October. Most contracts put in a yearly low around the date of Oct. 1 but have rebounded higher ever since. Selling pressure came back into the market near the end of October, however, attributed in part to a report by the World Health Organization (WHO). The report classified processed meat among substances considered

“carcinogenic” and classified red meat as “probably carcinogenic.”

It is uncertain as to the long-term impact on demand that this report will have, but it could keep a negative sentiment on cattle futures in the near term. Consumption of meat and overall demand will be at the forefront of cattle fundamentals for months to come.

If consumption of meat does slow down over the next few months, it will negatively affect U.S. demand numbers which could, in turn, keep pressure on cattle prices. Producers should consider having a plan in place to protect their cull prices now in case the market does continue to weaken. **PD**

MARKETWATCH November 9, 2015	Top Springer	Top Average	Medium Holstein Springer	Shortbreds	Open Heifers Light	Open Heifers Heavy	Heifer Calves	Bull Calves	Breeding Bulls
Empire Livestock – Burton Market Vernon, NY (800) 257-1819 (sale 11/5/15)	\$2,000 NC	\$1,600 NC	\$1,400 NC	\$1,500 NC	\$700 NC	\$900 NC	\$250 \$20 ▲	\$270 \$20 ▲	\$1,800 \$800 ▲
Mammoth Cave Dairy Auction, Inc. Smiths Grove, KY (800) 563-2131 (sale 11/3/15)	\$2,125 \$25 ▲	\$1,825 \$25 ▲	\$1,500 \$25 ▲	\$1,600 \$200 ▲	\$675 \$25 ▼	\$1,375 \$425 ▲	\$340 \$20 ▲	\$360 NC	N/T
New Holland Sales Stables New Holland, PA (717) 354-4341 (sale 11/4/15)	\$2,150 \$150 ▲	\$1,950 \$75 ▲	\$1,600 \$50 ▼	\$1,550 \$125 ▼	\$950 \$125 ▲	\$1,185 \$35 ▲	N/T	N/T	\$1,500 \$175 ▼
Mid-Georgia Livestock Auction Jackson, GA (770) 775-7314 (sale 10/28/15)	\$1,825 \$550 ▼	\$1,750 \$375 ▼	\$1,650 \$125 ▼	N/T	\$850 \$100 ▲	\$850 \$575 ▼	\$230 NC	\$170 \$45 ▲	\$820
Central Livestock Association Zumbrota, MN (877) 732-7305 (sale 10/28/15)	\$2,060 \$110 ▲	\$1,925 \$50 ▲	\$1,800 \$60 ▼	N/T	\$820 \$115 ▼	\$1,110 \$25 ▲	N/T	N/T	\$1,600 \$200 ▼
Equity Co-op Livestock Stratford, WI (715) 687-4101 Rocky Olsen (608) 434-4037 (sale 11/3/15)	\$2,250 \$475 ▼	\$2,000 \$250 ▲	\$1,800 \$50 ▲	\$1,650 \$125 ▼	\$900 \$250 ▲	\$1,300 \$45 ▲	\$425 \$30 ▲	\$460 \$5 ▼	\$1,850
Lake Odessa Livestock/Ravenna Auction LLC Lake Odessa, MI (616) 374-8213 (sale 11/3/15)	\$2,350 \$250 ▲	\$2,000 NC	\$1,800 \$100 ▼	\$1,700 \$200 ▼	\$900 \$100 ▼	\$1,200 \$100 ▼	\$800 \$100 ▲	\$500 \$100 ▲	\$2,100 \$400 ▲
Norwood Dairy Cattle Auction Norwood, MO (417) 746-4242 (sale 10/9/15)	\$2,000 NC	\$1,850 \$135 ▼	\$1,500 \$25 ▼	\$1,650 \$25 ▲	\$850 \$50 ▲	\$950 \$350 ▼	\$370 \$30 ▼	\$290 \$160 ▼	N/T
Pipestone Livestock Auction Market Pipestone, MN (507) 825-3306 (sale 10/15/15)	\$2,300 \$90 ▲	\$2,225 \$130 ▲	\$2,140 \$75 ▲	\$2,000	\$248/cwt \$31/cwt ▲	\$140/cwt \$39/cwt ▼	N/T	N/T	N/T
Springfield Livestock Marketing Center Springfield, MO (417) 869-9500 Doug Thomas (417) 840-9316 (sale 10/28/15)	\$2,175 \$25 ▲	\$1,750 \$50 ▼	\$1,325 \$75 ▼	\$1,550 \$285 ▼	\$790 \$10 ▼	\$1,160 \$150 ▼	\$410 NC	\$380 NC	N/T
Topeka Livestock Auction Topeka, IN (206) 593-2522 (sale 11/3/15)	\$2,350 \$225 ▲	\$1,860 \$284 ▲	N/T	N/T	\$195/cwt \$35/cwt ▲	\$131/cwt \$9/cwt ▼	\$400 \$20 ▲	N/T	\$1,650 \$400 ▲
Tri-State Livestock Sioux Center, IA (712) 722-0681 Mike Koedam (712) 470-0198 (sale 10/21/15)	\$2,300 \$325 ▼	\$2,190 \$5 ▼	\$2,115 \$30 ▲	N/T	N/T	N/T	N/T	N/T	N/T
United Producers, Inc. Marion, MI (517) 294-3484 (sale 9/18/15)	\$2,350 \$200 ▼	\$2,100 \$100 ▼	\$1,700 \$100 ▼	\$1,600 NC	\$700 \$200 ▼	\$1,275 \$25 ▼	\$400 NC	N/T	\$1,400 \$100 ▲
Brush Livestock of Colorado Brush, CO (970) 842-2801 (sale 11/5/15)	\$2,475 \$75 ▲	\$2,450 \$100 ▲	\$2,230 \$30 ▲	\$2,125 \$715 ▲	N/T	N/T	N/T	N/T	N/T
Chehalis Livestock Market Chehalis, WA (360) 748-3191 (sale 10/16/15)	\$1,800	N/T	\$1,400 \$100 ▼	N/T	\$130/cwt \$30/cwt ▼	\$110/cwt \$10/cwt ▼	N/T	N/T	N/T
Producers Livestock Jerome, ID (208) 324-4345 (sale 10/28/15)	\$2,575 \$175 ▲	\$2,430 \$90 ▲	\$2,190 \$20 ▲	\$1,585 \$40 ▼	N/T	\$145/cwt	N/T	N/T	N/T
Smithfield Livestock Auction Smithfield, UT (435) 563-3259 (sale 10/1/15)	\$2,360 \$185 ▲	\$2,300 \$300 ▲	\$2,200 \$400 ▲	\$1,800	N/T	N/T	N/T	N/T	N/T
Toppenish Dairy Replacement Sales Toppenish, WA (509) 865-2820 (sale 11/9/15)	\$1,900 \$325 ▼	\$1,700 \$370 ▼	\$1,700 \$130 ▼	\$1,500 \$200 ▼	\$180/cwt NC	\$150/cwt NC	N/T	\$200 NC	\$1,400
Sulphur Springs Livestock & Dairy Auction Sulphur Springs, TX (903) 885-7739 (sale 10/15/15)	\$1,900 \$25 ▲	\$1,750 \$150 ▲	\$1,600 \$25 ▲	N/T	\$1,000 \$200 ▲	\$1,100 \$175 ▼	\$200 \$130 ▼	\$280 \$70 ▼	N/T
Farmers Livestock Market Oakdale, CA (209) 847-1033 (sale 11/5/15)	\$2,250 NC	\$1,875 \$25 ▲	\$1,500 NC	\$1,750 \$150 ▲	\$185/cwt \$65/cwt ▼	\$140/cwt \$32/cwt ▼	\$325 \$150 ▲	\$210 \$60 ▲	\$1,500 NC

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