

June 10, 2022

Sale Schedule for next week (all sales start at 10:00 AM Central):

- **Tuesday, June 14**
- **Wednesday, June 15**
- **Thursday, June 16**

In what some might call a surprise, this week physical Live Cattle traded \$1.00 higher in the South, with the South trading at mostly \$136 and the North trading mostly steady with last week at \$141 - \$143 live and \$228 dressed. Trade occurred again across most weekdays, with most trade completed by Thursday.

This week's Fed Cattle Exchange saw an active bidding week with more than 4,700 head listed and 338 head sold.

Recent fed steer and heifer harvest figures have been high. This week's steer and heifer kill is expected to be at 530,000 head. This is 71,000 larger than last week's holiday-shortened kill and 32,000 larger than two weeks ago. Non-fed harvest totals also continue to be above recent levels. The market continues to pull cattle ahead as indicated by placements. The front end of the market is current.

Construction of proposed packing facilities continue to be a large part of the news this week. These investments in packing capacity will take years to come online and have a definitive market impact.

The Labor Department on Friday said that the consumer-price index (CPI) increased 8.6% in May from the same month a year ago, marking its fastest pace since December 1981. That was also up from April's CPI reading, which was slightly below the previous 40-year high reached in March.

Digging into the report, May's increase was driven in part by sharp rises in the prices for energy, which rose 34.6% from a year earlier, and groceries, which jumped 11.9% on the year, the biggest increase since 1979.

With fuel prices increasing costs to cattle producers and inflation causing consumers to limit discretionary expenses, cattle producers are caught in the middle. And, unfortunately, time is the only solution to solve this problem.

Brief Product Update

Last week Central Stockyards released new features which are available to feedyards who sell cattle on the Central Stockyards platform. The features are designed to give sellers additional control over the selling process.

We invite all feedyards to list cattle with us and experience selling cattle with Central Stockyards. Listings are viewed by and bid on by all major packers as well as regional packers. If you are interested in transparent price discovery, we have a great tool for feedyards to use.

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