

## Lamb Market Prices Follow No Trend

Lamb prices came in all across the board over the last week, with San Angelo slaughter lambs selling firm to \$5 higher to with instances \$10 higher, feeder lambs steady. Hamilton lambs sold \$10 lower. Goldthwaite wool lambs were \$5 lower, Dorper and Barbado lambs steady to \$5 lower. Fredericksburg lambs sold steady.

Lamb and mutton meat production for the week ending December 1 totaled 2.8 million pounds on a slaughter count of 42,000 head compared with the previous week's totals of 1.9 million pounds and 29,000 head.

Imported lamb and mutton for the week ending November 25 totaled 1343 metric tons or approximately 2.96 million pounds, equal to 156 percent of domestic production for the same period.

Lamb carcass values all went unreported yet again due to confidentiality.

San Angelo's feeder lamb market had medium and large 1-2 lambs weighing 60-70 pounds at \$208-216, 70-80 pounds \$178-182, and 87 pounds \$170. Fredericksburg No. 1 wool lambs weighing 40-60 pounds were \$170-250 and 60-80 pounds \$130-250. Hamilton Dorper and Dorper cross lambs weighing 20-40 pounds sold for \$160-270.

There was no reported direct trade on feeder lambs last week.

San Angelo choice 2-3 slaughter lambs weighing 100-160 pounds brought \$130-140, good and choice 2 100-140 pounds \$104-110, choice and prime 1-2 40-60 pounds \$246-268, 60-70 pounds \$220-240, 70-80 pounds \$192-210, 80-90 pounds \$180-200, 90-110 pounds \$166-174, choice 1-2 40-60 pounds \$218-240, 60-70 pounds \$180-220, 70-80 pounds \$170-185, 80-90 pounds \$160-178, 90-110 pounds \$140-160, and good 1 70-80 pounds \$140-150. Goldthwaite wool lambs weighing 50-70 pounds made \$175-250, 70-90 pounds \$150-210, 90-110 pounds \$130-175, Dorper and Dorper cross lambs 40-60 pounds \$225-285, 60-75 pounds \$175-250, 75-90 pounds \$150-220, Barbado and Barbado cross lambs 35-50 pounds \$210-260, 50-70 pounds \$175-250, and 70-90 pounds \$130-210. Hamilton Dorper and Dorper cross lambs weighing 40-70 pounds sold for \$150-260, over 70 pounds \$130-200, wool lambs over 70 pounds \$110-130, and Barbado lambs \$180-240. Fredericksburg slaughter lambs weighing 45-80 pounds were \$160-272, 90-140 pounds \$105-180, Barbado lambs 40-60 pounds \$120-240, Dorper cross lambs 40-60 pounds \$180-272, and 60-80 pounds \$160-272.

Slaughter lambs selling direct included 5800 head weighing 133-175 pounds that brought \$119.50-163.16.

San Angelo utility and good 1-3 slaughter ewes made \$80-96, utility 1-2 \$73-78, cull and utility 1-2 \$50-64, and cull 1 \$40-50. Hamilton slaughter ewes sold for \$60-95. Goldthwaite ewes were \$60-115. Fredericksburg ewes brought \$30-110.



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## Range Sales

Cattle For Sale By David, San Angelo, sold out of the Groesbeck, Texas area to a Marfa buyer 70 babytooth Angus and Angus Plus heavy bred cows at \$1275.

Collins Cattle Company, Olton, sold half a load of large framed red and black five year-old spring calving English cows to a Lubbock buyer at \$1200.

## Plains Fed Cattle Quiet; Packer Bids Steady But Feedlots Holding

Panhandle fed cattle trade was typically quiet at mid-week, packer bids coming in at \$117 and feedlots asking \$121, steady with last week's going rate and off a dollar from the week before.

Wednesday's Fed Cattle Exchange offered five lots totaling 653 head. Packers rejected starting prices of \$118 and \$120, and consignors rejected bids of \$117.25 and \$117.50. Nothing sold.

The Texas Cattle Feeders Association counted 10,614 head on area showlists, 16 head more than last week. Formulas were up 2869 head at 49,305.

Direct trade was quiet elsewhere as well, DTN reporting bids of \$118 live in Nebraska and Colorado and dressed bids of \$188; asking prices were \$121 live and \$192-195 dressed. Midwest fed cattle auctions paid in a broad range of \$100 to \$120, strictly choice to \$122.50.

Stocker and feeder cattle price trends were generally steady to lower in early-week trade, heavier weights getting the short end of the deal.

At Joplin, Mo., 7830 head were steady to \$3 lower on steer calves, \$4-8 lower on heifer calves, and \$2-5 lower on yearlings. La Junta, Colo.

USDA reports 5900 head of feeder cattle selling direct off Colorado range, including 240 medium and large No. 1 steers to weigh 800 pounds at \$145 f.o.b. for February delivery; for December, all delivered basis, 609 similar steers to weigh 800-820 at \$154-159.60, 236 steers to weigh 850 at \$161.25,

and 183 heifers to weigh 825 at \$151; for current delivery, all delivered basis, 830 steers weighing 550 at \$162.55, 226 steers weighing 682-685 at \$163.50-176, 136 steers weighing 725-739 at \$159.50-163, 700 steers weighing 750-760 at \$160-163, 766 steers weighing 800-830 at \$152-171, 587 steers weighing 850-875 at \$150-157, 219 heifers weighing 610-620 at \$158.50-160.60, 585 heifers weighing 760-775 at \$157-159, and 200 heifers weighing 825 at \$149.

Northwest direct feeder cattle trade as confirmed by USDA totaled 630 head, all delivered basis for current delivery, 110 medium and large No. 1 steers weighing 890 pounds at \$160, 150 medium and large 1-2 steers weighing 620-625 at \$156-158, and 120 similar steers weighing 865 at \$152.

USDA reports 2089 head of feeder cattle selling direct in Oklahoma, all f.o.b., including 550 medium and large No. 1 feeder steers to weigh 800 pounds at \$150.87 for December delivery; for current delivery 221 similar steers weighing 650-684 at \$160.60-161.07, 180 steers weighing 800-825 at \$156.41, 230 steers weighing 850 at \$153.55, and 130 heifers weighing 775 at \$153.55.

Oklahoma City feeder weights were \$1-5 lower on 8938 head, 600-650 pounds \$1-5 higher, steer calves steady to \$5 lower, lightweight heifer calves steady to \$3 lower, and 500-700 pounds \$2-7 lower. Best 300-400 pound steer calves brought \$193-205; 400-500 pounds \$175-191; 500-600 pounds \$160-181; 600-700 pounds \$153.50-171; 700-800 pounds \$149-164.25; 800-900 pounds \$149-159; and 900-1000 pounds \$136.50-149.50.

## Slaughter Meat Goat Prices Mixed In Most Recent Trade

Slaughter meat goat prices were mixed in most recent trading. San Angelo was \$5-10 higher, New Holland, Pennsylvania mostly steady, Goldthwaite steady to \$5 lower, Fredericksburg steady on heavyweights but \$10 lower on lightweights, and Hamilton \$15 lower.

Goat slaughter under federal inspection the week ending November 18 totaled 10,346 head. Goat meat imports for the week ending November 25 totaled 214 metric tons, 197 from Australia, 10 from Mexico and seven from New Zealand.

At Goldthwaite on Thursday, selection 1 kids weighing 30-45 pounds brought \$250-325, 45-60 pounds \$235-275 and 60-70 pounds \$210-255. Lightweight nannies were \$110-170, heavy \$100-135 and thin \$60-105, lightweight billies \$175-225 and heavy \$170-210.

New Holland, Penn., selling by the head Monday, quoted selection 1 kids of 60-80 pounds \$160-190 and 80-100 pounds \$175-220, selection 2 40-60 pounds \$120-150, 60-80 pounds \$150-185 and 80-100 pounds \$150-195. Selection 2 nannies 80-130 pounds brought \$140-185, selection 3 80-130 pounds \$90-145, selection 2 billies 80-100 pounds \$175-195 and 100-150 pounds \$190-260, selection 3 100-150 pounds \$160-200, selection 1 wethers 100-150 pounds \$240-270, selection 2 80-100 pounds \$190-225.

Also on Monday, Hamilton kids weighing 20-40 pounds earned \$180-290, 40-70 pounds \$180-240 and over 70 pounds \$180-220. Thin nannies were \$50-70 per head, medium \$80-100 and fleshy \$125-200, billies \$140-210.

Fredericksburg on Tuesday reported selection 1 20-40 pound kids at \$180-385, 40-60 pounds \$200-310 and 60-80 pounds \$185-270, muttons \$200-270. Nannies were \$60-140 and billies \$140-225.

At San Angelo Tuesday, selection 1 kids weighing 40-60 pounds brought \$264-300, a few \$310, and 60-80 pounds \$246-264, selection 1-2 40-60 pounds \$240-264, 60-80 pounds \$228-240 and 80-100 pounds \$202-218. Selection 1-2 nannies 80-130 pounds made \$110-128, a few \$130, 130-160 pounds \$112-132 and thin 70-120 pounds \$90-110, selection 1-2 billies 70-100 pounds \$170-200, a few \$204-212, 100-150 pounds \$165-204, yearlings \$200-214 and 150-250 pounds \$174-200.

## FUTURES TRADE

CHICAGO — (CME) — Beef futures trading on the Chicago Board of Trade at the close on Tuesday and at press time on Wednesday.

Live Cattle		
	Wed.	Tue.
Dec.	116.20	116.50
Feb.	119.80	120.58
Apr.	120.85	121.70
June	113.58	114.58
Aug.	110.88	112.03
Oct.	110.90	112.03
Dec.	112.63	113.70
Feb.	113.50	114.30
April	113.45	114.00
Feeder Cattle		
Jan.	146.20	147.86
Mar.	143.90	145.83
Apr.	144.20	146.43
May	143.83	146.10
Aug.	145.68	147.80
Sept.	145.38	148.00
Oct.	146.83	148.08
Nov.	146.13	147.50

The Livestock Weekly will suspend publication for the weeks of December 28 and January 4. The last issue for 2017 will be dated December 21. Publication will resume with the issue dated January 11, 2018. All of us at the Livestock Weekly want to wish you and yours a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.