



# TEXAS CATTLE FEEDERS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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## **TCFA Launches NWS Resource Website Alongside State Coalition**

The Screwworm Coalition of Texas, a coalition of 13 Texas landowners, livestock, equine and wildlife groups, launched a new website to deliver reliable information about the New World Screwworm (NWS).

The site compiles information from lead agencies, including the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Texas Animal Health Commission and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

The new online resource offers the public and media easy access to factual information. It also serves as a platform to dispel rumors and correct misinformation regarding the status, planning, preparedness, prevention and response to NWS in Texas.

Texans can visit [screwwormtx.org](http://screwwormtx.org) for the latest updates, resources and educational materials on the New World Screwworm.

## **Agriculture Groups Send Letter to USDA and Congress Supporting Domestic Sterile Fly Facility**

On Friday, 175 groups [sent a letter](#) to Secretary of Agriculture Brooke Rollins and the U.S. House and Senate in support of building a sterile fly facility in the U.S.

"We are grateful for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) recent announcement at Moore Air Base regarding USDA's five-pronged plan for NWS Domestic Readiness and Response Initiative. The establishment of a sterile fly dispersal facility in partnership with the Panama-United States Commission for the Eradication and Prevention of Screwworm (COPEG) is a critical step forward in rebuilding our domestic defense against this devastating pest. However, much work remains. The U.S. still lacks a domestic sterile fly production facility, the foundation of any long-term eradication and response strategy," stated the letter.

"Therefore, the undersigned organizations urge the Administration to immediately secure full federal funding and begin construction of a domestic sterile fly production facility. The Animal Health Protection Act was enacted to provide the Secretary with the necessary resources to protect our country and swiftly respond to animal disease and pest threats like NWS. We urge the USDA to use the powers granted under this act or any other avenue to fully fund this facility."

## **Senator Cornyn Raises Alarm on NWS Threat**

U.S. Senator John Cornyn (R-TX) [called attention](#) to the growing threat of the New World Screwworm to not only the Texas agriculture industry but cattle production nationwide, previewed an amendment he plans to offer during the appropriations process, and called for additional federal resources to combat the destructive parasite.

"Texas ranks first in the nation in cattle production, coming in at 12 million head a year, representing nearly 15 percent of the total production in the United States, and generating more than \$1 billion in revenue," stated Senator Cornyn.

"An outbreak of the New World Screwworm in the State of Texas is estimated to cost U.S. livestock producers approximately \$1 billion and cost the general economy \$3.7 billion."

"I'll be offering an amendment during the appropriations process on the floor to ensure the United States is prepared to combat the threat of this parasite."

## **President Trump Increases Tariff Rates for Multiple Countries**

Thursday night, President Donald Trump [issued an order](#) to modify the reciprocal tariff rates ahead of the Aug. 1 deadline. While many countries made significant progress, there are many others that did not reach an acceptable status with U.S. trade negotiators. The updated list of reciprocal tariffs can be found [here](#).

Countries not listed will still face a 10 percent tariff rate in addition to other tariffs on steel, aluminum, etc.

Additionally, the President issued an order to increase fentanyl-related tariffs on Canada to 35 percent. These tariffs do not apply to goods covered in the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement; therefore, beef and cattle are exempt. The 25 percent tariff on Mexico has been delayed for 90 days.

All tariff rate increases will be implemented on Aug. 7.

### 2025 Junior Fed Beef Challenge



On Friday, July 25, TCFA hosted the 2025 Junior Fed Beef Challenge at West Texas A&M University. Fifty-eight contestants fed pens of steers and compiled record books prior to the contest, took written exams and gave speeches or participated in interviews.

Top awards, sponsored by 2025 TCFA sponsors, were handed out to contestants who excelled in the various categories including junior presentation, senior interview, junior and senior written exam, junior and senior top pen of steers, junior and senior top carcass, top junior and senior division rookies and overall champions of both divisions.

Winners Include:

#### Juniors

- Overall Champion – Crockett Guenther
- Top Individual Carcass – Bailen and Marley Kocurek
- Top Pen of Steers – Wade Hoffman and Gage Smrkovsky
- Best Written Exam – Crockett Guenther
- Best Presentation – Haven Creel and True Creel
- Top Rookie – Buck Eubanks

#### Senior

- Overall Champion – Logan Kainer
- Top Individual Carcass – Logan Kainer
- Top Pen of Steers – Logan Kainer
- Best Written Exam – Logan Kainer
- Best Interview – Ryan Janek
- Top Rookie – Maddox Sewell

A full list of results can be found on the TCFA [website](#).

### 2025 TCFA Annual Convention: Market Update by Randy Blach



The always insightful cattle market expert, Randy Blach, is back on the program during the 2025 TCFA Annual Convention in Fort Worth, Oct. 12-14. Blach will kick off the Monday afternoon general session.

Blach came to CattleFax in 1981 and served as Director of Market Analysis for 15 years. He was promoted to CEO in January of 2001, a role that he continues to serve today. During his tenure, the company has enjoyed significant growth and has continued to lead the industry with timely market information, in-depth analysis and forecasts on cattle, protein, and grain markets in the United States and globally. Blach has been a keynote speaker at thousands of cattle, beef and related business meetings, seminars, and conventions.

Blach, along with a number of other great speakers, are just a few reasons for you to plan to attend this year's Annual Convention. The event will take place at the [Omni Fort Worth Hotel](#). Registration and hotel reservations can be made by visiting the [TCFA website](#).

### Attend the Stockmanship and Stewardship Event in Canyon

The Canyon Stockmanship and Stewardship event is right around the corner on Aug. 13-14. The first day begins at 12:30 p.m. with registration followed by classroom sessions for both English and Spanish speaking attendees. Day two will be hosted at a feedyard and begins at 8:00 a.m. with registration.

To wrap up day two of the Stockmanship and Stewardship event, the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) will present on the importance of developing Secure Beef Supply (SBS) plans. Following TAHC, feedyard management will present their SBS plan and attendees will participate in a tour of the feedyard.

To register for the event, click [here](#).

### Month in Review: TCFA Leadership and Staff Working for You

July was another engaging and productive month for TCFA as leadership and staff members met with various groups and represented cattle feeders' interests at several meetings, events and seminars. If you have any questions about the following events or TCFA initiatives, please contact Ben Weinheimer at [ben@tcfa.org](mailto:ben@tcfa.org) or (806) 358-3681.

- Participated in Cattle Industry Summer Business Meeting
- Testified before the Texas House Agriculture Committee during a hearing on New World Screwworm
- Awarded \$6,300 to 9 Masters, DVM and Ph.D. students through the TCFA Education Foundation
- Received Junior Fed Beef Challenge cattle at the Lonestar Stockyards and hosted 58 contestants at West Texas A&M University
- Participated in the annual meeting of the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory Advisory Committee
- Discussed border and trade issues during a virtual meeting of U.S.-Mexico Bi-National Committee
- Received updates from the Texas Water Development Board during a virtual meeting of the regional water planning group chairs
- Represented TCFA members at the Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association Annual Convention
- Discussed [cattle feeding profit margins](#) and [fed cattle prices](#) with James Hunt
- Participated in the USDA-APHIS Cattle Sector Meeting
- TCFA Feedyard Services visits: 30 Environmental visits; 28 Employee safety visits; 12 BQA audits





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### Industry Events

**Texas A&M Beef Cattle Short Course**, Aug. 4-6, in College Station. Find more information [here](#).

**Grain Grading Workshop**, Aug. 13 OR 14, in Amarillo. Find more information [here](#).

**Stockmanship & Stewardship**, Aug. 13-14, in Canyon. Find more information [here](#).

**B4K Golf Tournament**, Aug. 25, in Amarillo at La Paloma Golf Course. Find more information [here](#).

**TCFA Beef Showcase**, Sept. 11, in Canyon. Find more information [here](#).

**Texas Animal Manure Management Issues Conference**, Sept. 16-17, in Fort Worth. Find more information [here](#).

**Panhandle Regional Emergency Preparedness Conference**, Sept. 17-18, in Amarillo. Find more information [here](#).

**USDA Fed Cattle and Carcass Training and Grading**, Sept. 18, in Canyon. Find more information [here](#).

**2025 TCFA Annual Convention**, Oct. 12-14, at the Omni Fort Worth Hotel. Find more information [here](#).

**Texas A&M Beef Sustainability Summit**, Dec. 8-9, Dallas. Find more information [here](#).

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# TCFA MARKET REPORT



August 1, 2025

AVERAGE PRICE		
	Steers	Heifers
This Week**	\$235.00	\$235.00
Last Week***	<u>\$231.59</u>	<u>\$231.82</u>
Net Change	+ \$ 3.41	+ \$ 3.18

CARCASS CUTOUP					
Date	Ch. 1-3 600-900	Se. 1-3 600-900	Fab Loads	Trmg Loads	Total
Thurs. 07/31	361.32	341.37	81	28	109
Wed. 07/30	361.99	340.91	145	23	168
Tues. 07/29	364.19	342.48	95	23	118
Mon. 07/28	367.73	346.85	81	10	91
Fri. 07/25	366.68	344.87	88	17	105

LIVE CARCASS - RETAIL PRICES				
	This Week	Last Week	Month Ago	Year Ago
	<u>08/01/25</u>	<u>07/25/25</u>	<u>07/04/25</u>	<u>08/02/24</u>
Live, \$/cwt.	235.00	231.59	224.00	187.97
Carcass Price Index	356.58	359.56	363.00	298.87

**Estimated Hide and Offal Value** from an average 1,400-lb. slaughter steer this week was \$11.91 per cwt. live weight, compared to \$11.73 last week and \$11.40 last year.

GRAIN SALES				
North Plains		Price per cwt.		Basis per bu.
	Corn	\$8.73	- \$9.00	+ 0.95 to + 1.10
	Milo	\$7.71	- \$7.89	+ 0.38 to + 0.48
South Plains				
	Corn	\$9.36	- \$9.71	+ 1.30 to + 1.50
	Milo	\$7.71	- \$7.89	+ 0.38 to + 0.48
U.S. Exports		Sales	Shipments	
		Million Bushels		
	Corn	13.4M	58.6M	
	Milo	0.0M	1.3M	

Cash prices per cwt. f.o.b. elevator:  
Basis -- CBOT September Futures  
Thursday close

SALES						
	This Week**			Last Week***		
	Steers	Heifers	Total	Steers	Heifers	Total
Cash	2,040	2,382	4,422	1,257	2,679	3,936
Formula	<u>28,305</u>	<u>21,967</u>	<u>50,272</u>	<u>29,712</u>	<u>17,892</u>	<u>47,604</u>
Total	30,345	24,349	54,694	30,969	20,571	51,540

Year Ago	Steers	Heifers	Total	** Preliminary
	35,304	22,261	57,565	***Final

**TCFA AREA SALES** \*Convert to Formula  
Steer & heifer average weights 1200-1350 lbs. All 65-80% Choice

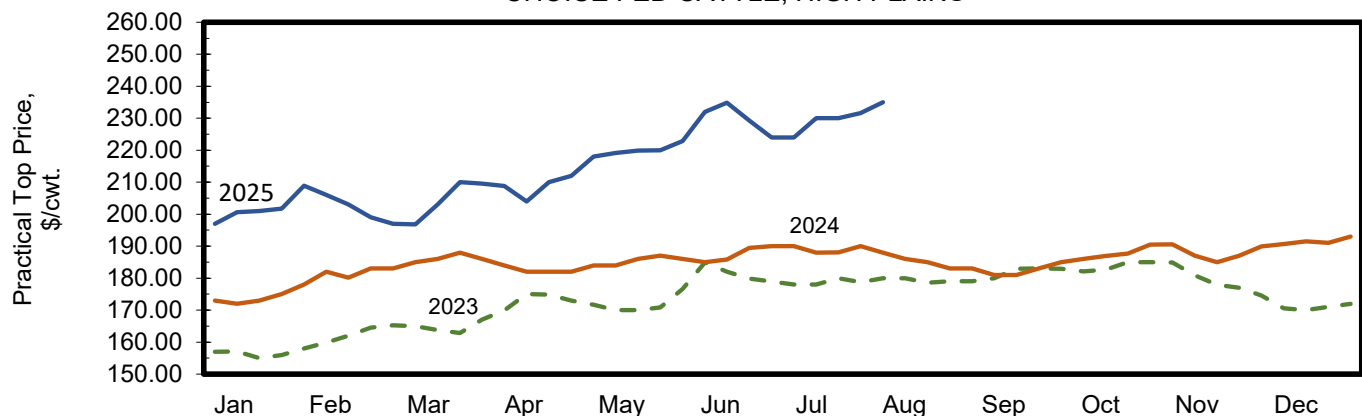
Steers		Heifers	
686	235.00	899	235.00
77	*CTF	1,483	Grid
111	237.00 Grid		
1,166	Grid		

WEEKLY BEEF EXPORTS (Metric Tons)			
	07/24/25	07/17/25	07/25/24
Weekly Exports	12,300	12,500	16,200
Weekly Net Sales	8,500	16,700	17,700

TCFA Live Cattle Basis (Cash Minus Futures)	LIVE	08/01/25	Wkly Chg	07/25/25	08/02/24	5-Yr Avg
	Spot	4.88	-0.24	5.12	3.87	-0.89
	Aug-25	4.88	-0.24	5.12	3.87	-0.89
	Oct-25	11.33	2.89	8.44	5.90	-3.79
	Dec-25	10.58	2.46	8.12	5.77	-7.67
	Feb-26	9.95	2.18	7.77	4.65	-11.15
	Apr-26	10.18	2.69	7.49	3.54	-13.51
	Jun-26	17.90	3.28	14.62	9.79	-7.41

TCFA Feeder Cattle Basis (Cash Minus Futures)	FEEDER	07/25/25	Wkly Chg	07/18/25	07/26/24	5-Yr Avg
	Spot	-4.51	-3.54	-0.97	-8.25	-8.38
	Aug-25	-4.51	-3.54	-0.97	-8.25	-8.38
	Sep-25	-5.34	-4.17	-1.17	-8.15	-10.66
	Oct-25	-4.14	-4.90	0.73	-6.85	-11.78
	Nov-25	-1.59	-5.10	3.51	-5.75	-12.36
	Jan-26	5.24	-5.14	10.38	-3.28	-11.08
	Mar-26	10.19	-4.77	14.96	-3.70	-11.33
	Apr-26	12.43	-4.37	16.80	-6.05	-13.29

## CHOICE FED CATTLE, HIGH PLAINS



**MEAT PRODUCTION****Slaughter (head)**

	<u>08/02/25</u>	<u>07/26/25</u>	<u>08/03/24</u>
Cattle	535,000	549,000	593,000
Hogs	2,336,000	2,328,000	2,443,000

**Production (million lbs.)**

	<u>08/02/25</u>	<u>07/26/25</u>	<u>08/03/24</u>
Beef	462.0	474.2	500.2
Total Meat	957.3	968.3	1015.9

**Average Weights**

	<b>This Week</b>		<b>Last Week</b>		<b>Year Ago</b>	
	<u>08/02/25</u>		<u>07/26/25</u>		<u>08/03/24</u>	
	Live	Dressed	Live	Dressed	Live	Dressed
Cattle	1410	865	1410	866	1385	846
Hogs	283	211	283	211	282	210

**Total F.I. Meat Production** for the week ending August 2, 2025 is 1.1% lower than last week and 5.8% lower than a year ago.

**FUTURES**

	<b>August</b>			<b>October</b>			<b>December</b>			<b>February</b>		
<b>Live Cattle</b>	<u>High</u>	<u>Low</u>	<u>Close</u>	<u>High</u>	<u>Low</u>	<u>Close</u>	<u>High</u>	<u>Low</u>	<u>Close</u>	<u>High</u>	<u>Low</u>	<u>Close</u>
Mon.	228.85	226.43	227.88	225.58	222.98	224.78	225.95	223.65	225.35	226.20	223.98	225.68
Tues.	229.90	226.90	229.73	226.60	223.58	226.45	226.90	224.25	226.75	227.18	224.60	227.05
Wed.	233.75	229.70	233.08	230.43	226.25	229.73	230.43	226.60	229.90	229.93	226.83	229.55
Thurs.	233.40	226.98	227.78	229.85	222.48	223.15	230.00	222.65	223.93	229.83	223.15	224.30
Fri.	230.88	228.30	230.13	225.08	222.48	223.68	225.73	223.05	224.43	226.00	223.40	225.05
Weekly	233.75	226.43	230.13	230.43	222.48	223.68	230.43	222.65	224.43	229.93	223.15	225.05

	<b>August</b>			<b>September</b>			<b>October</b>			<b>November</b>		
<b>Feeder Cattle</b>	<u>High</u>	<u>Low</u>	<u>Close</u>	<u>High</u>	<u>Low</u>	<u>Close</u>	<u>High</u>	<u>Low</u>	<u>Close</u>	<u>High</u>	<u>Low</u>	<u>Close</u>
Mon.	335.98	331.20	333.53	336.60	332.35	334.55	335.15	331.30	333.35	332.38	328.78	331.03
Tues.	336.70	332.13	336.20	337.58	332.80	337.08	336.23	331.58	335.90	333.58	329.20	333.33
Wed.	339.70	336.00	338.95	340.60	336.33	339.75	339.50	334.98	338.55	337.20	332.53	336.15
Thurs.	340.63	330.63	331.38	341.05	330.55	331.55	339.75	329.30	330.18	337.40	326.95	327.95
Fri.	334.73	330.20	334.58	334.40	329.75	333.93	332.53	328.10	331.85	329.80	325.55	328.98
Weekly	340.63	330.20	334.58	341.05	329.75	333.93	339.75	328.10	331.85	337.40	325.55	328.98

**AUCTION REPORT**

	<u>Wildorado</u>	<u>Okla. City</u>	<u>San Angelo</u>	<u>Tulia</u>	<u>Dalhart</u>	<u>OKC West</u>	<u>Woodward</u>
Volume--	516	2,972	540	1,317	1,210	5,661	875

<b>Feeder Steers:</b>							
Med. 1 3/4	525.00-570.00	515.00	447.50-497.50	-----	515.00-527.50	520.00	440.00-525.00
4/5	-----	432.50-482.50	385.00-415.00	400.00-475.00	430.00	410.00-520.00	407.00-490.00
5/6	400.00-414.00	382.50-437.50	365.00-407.50	390.00-410.00	400.00	390.00-430.00	380.00-442.00
6/7	362.00	345.00-415.00	312.50-382.50	359.50-375.00	361.00	360.00-395.00	342.00-377.00
7/8	340.00-343.00	339.00-374.50	305.00-332.50	320.00-360.00	350.00-372.00	325.00-370.00	309.00-348.00
Med. 1 & 2 3/4	515.00	-----	-----	-----	465.00	460.00-570.00	-----
4/5	-----	417.50-455.00	370.00	430.00	-----	420.00-450.00	377.00
5/6	-----	362.50-403.00	320.00	350.00-357.00	367.50	340.00-360.00	322.00-342.00

<b>Feeder Heifers:</b>							
Med. 1 3/4	455.00-475.00	442.50-465.00	400.00	450.00	445.00-490.00	430.00-510.00	447.00-482.00
4/5	401.00	415.00-447.00	375.00-410.00	400.00-410.00	402.50	375.00-460.00	355.00-419.00
5/6	377.00-379.00	367.50-403.00	350.00-370.00	352.00-370.00	350.00	340.00-390.00	326.00-385.00
6/7	331.00-341.00	318.00-371.00	317.50-342.50	333.00-350.00	330.00-339.00	327.50-370.00	310.00-368.00
7/8	332.00	317.00-337.00	260.00-317.50	328.00-337.00	316.50-330.00	309.00-343.50	294.00-327.00
Med. 1 & 2 3/4	-----	415.00-429.00	-----	-----	-----	380.00-450.00	377.00-420.00
4/5	-----	369.00-395.00	-----	397.00	360.00	345.00-400.00	342.00-352.00

**Wildorado** – Feeder steers and heifers traded mostly \$5 - \$15 higher on limited comparable sales.

**Okla. City** – Feeder steers and steer calves \$8 \$13 higher with spots \$20 higher. Feeder heifers and heifer calves \$10 - \$20 higher.

**San Angelo** – Feeder cattle under 600 lbs. lightly tested so no trend comparison; offerings over 600 lbs. sold \$6 - \$12 lower.

**Tulia** – Not enough comparable sales on steers or heifers due to last weeks light test, but a higher undertone was noted.

**Dalhart** – There were no comparable sales on feeders to determine a trend but a definite higher undertone was noted.

**OKC West** – Feeder steers \$5 - \$10 higher up to \$15 higher. Feeder heifers \$6 - \$12 higher up to \$18 higher.

**Woodward** – Feeder steers \$3 - \$4 higher, instance of \$18 higher. Steers, 800-900 lbs. \$1 - \$2 lower. Feeder heifers \$3 - \$6 higher, instance to \$15 higher.