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Cattle prices continue dipping, pressure on markets

By Ashley Davenport, Farm Journal Broadcast— September 2016

Cattle markets continue to feel pressure, especially after October live cattle futures dipped below the dollar mark at CME.

The price is down roughly \$10 over the past 3 weeks.

Cattle feeders are feeling the pain. Cash-fed cattle prices are dropping on the large increase in slaughter numbers.

Total daily harvest numbers in August were nearly 16 percent higher than last year. Steer slaughter is up 13 percent, while heifer numbers are 22 percent higher.

According to analysts, these cattle markets are struggling to find the bottom.

“We’re getting awfully cheap here into some multi-month, multi-year lows in some instances,” said Joe Vaclavik of CME. “Picking a bottom in the bear market is always difficult business.”

On the retail side, markets are still trying to evaluate how much beef hit the grill over the Labor Day weekend.

There’s hope tailgating at the start of football season could also help move beef stocks.

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**Nacogdoches Beef &
Forage Committee**

2016 Nacogdoches County Hay Show

Meal Sponsored by Heritage Land Bank



Presentation Presented by Dale Corley

**What you need to know about Fertilizing your Hay Field
4-C Feed & Fertilizer**

1 CEU Credits

Evening Meal

Pick up hay sample Results

Date: October 18, 2016

Time: 6:00 p.m.

**Location: Nacogdoches Expo
3805 NW Stallings Drive
Nacogdoches, Texas 75964**

Cost: \$10.00

RSVP by October 13, 2016

To RSVP ...call (936) 560-7711

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**Hay Samples taken until
September 30th**



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East Texas Agriculture Expo CEU Recertification



For pesticide applicators licensed by the Texas Department of Agriculture.

November 09, 2016 **Registration: 8:00 am**
Course will be conducted: 9:00 am-3:40 pm
Cost: Preregistration-\$30.00 At the door-\$35.00
BBQ Lunch will be provided.
Please RSVP with payment by Nov 04, 2016

Speakers & Topics to be discussed:

“Weed ID and Herbicide Recommendation”
John Roach Dow Agro Sciences Rep.
Range & Pasture Specialist

“Herbicide- Application, Equipment and Calibrations”
Barron S. Rector PhD.
Associate Professor and Extension Range Specialist
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service

“Minimizing Drift or Practices to Control Drift”
Mark A. Matocha, PhD.
Assistant Professor and Extension Specialist
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service

“Pesticide Laws and Regulations Up-Date”
Mark A. Matocha, PhD.
Assistant Professor and Extension Specialist
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“Beef Cattle Internal & External Parasite Control”
Jason Cleere PhD.
Associate Professor and Ext. Beef Cattle Specialist
Texas AgriLife Extension Program Specialist

Five (5) CEU Credits

- 1—Integrated Pest Management
- 1—Drift Minimization
- 1—Laws & Regulations
- 2—General

Location

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Make checks payable to : Nacogdoches Agriculture and Nature Resources

Return Registration Form and Fee to: **Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service
Pesticide Recertification, Annex Bldg.
203 W. Main St.**

Purple Premium Sale
November 12, 2016
Stephen F. Austin State University



Dear Friend,

We are excited to provide you with information on our third Purple Premium Sale here at Stephen F. Austin State University. Our first two sales were a success and the students responsible for the sale did an amazing job. Our students have already geared up and are working on putting the third sale together. This year's sale will be held on November 12 at the Walter C. Todd Agriculture Research Center. The students involved in hosting the sale are enrolled in the Advanced Beef Cattle course this fall. This is a great opportunity for the students to be involved in managing and preparing for a production sale.

The sale will include registered and commercial cattle. There will be 50-60 lots to include Beefmasters, Angus, Charolais, Hereford and commercial cattle. The university will consign lots to include bulls, pairs, open and bred heifers. We invite you to consign in any of the following categories: bulls, pairs, bred heifers, open heifers or commercial cattle.

This year the SFA students are offering a service to take care of the consigned sale cattle when they arrive at the sale site. The funds generated from care of the cattle will be used as a fundraiser for their trip to a Kansas feedyard where university cattle are being fed and to also visit a slaughter plant. Information to sign up for this service will be sent out prior to the sale.

We look forward to working with you and hope that you will consign to the Stephen F. Austin State University Purple Premium Sale. Should you have questions, please let me know.

I am looking forward to seeing your consignments,

Erin Brown
Associate Professor of Animal Science
Department of Agriculture

**Stephen F. Austin State University
Department of Agriculture
Heifer Development Program**



Stephen F. Austin State University Department of Agriculture is pleased to announce that we will host our annual heifer development program again this fall. Weaned heifers weighing between 400-700 lb will be accepted into the program beginning mid-October. Enroll heifers in the program by October 1 by completing the attached entry form. Heifers may be delivered on October 8, 14 and 15. Heifers will be developed on a forage-based diet. Information on the program along with the signup sheet is attached. Acceptance into the program will be based on a first come, first serve basis.

About the program:

Stephen F. Austin State University is preparing for its Heifer Development Program. The program is designed to assist producers in selecting and managing for replacement heifers. It offers producers relief from providing additional facilities, labor, and feed to retain young heifers. The program is designed for heifers ranging in weight from 400-700 lbs. Heifers are entered into the program in mid-October and fed through May. Producers are issued a monthly report on the performance of each heifer in the program with information including BW, ADG, REA, RF, and IMF. Additionally, heifers can be entered into the breeding program and be artificially inseminated at the conclusion of the feeding period. Heifers should gain 1-3 lbs per day in the program.

**Stephen F. Austin State University
Department of Agriculture
Bull Development Program**



About the program:

Stephen F. Austin State University is preparing for its Bull Development Program. The program is designed to assist producers in selecting and managing bulls. It offers producers relief from providing additional facilities, labor, and feed to retain young bulls. The program is designed for bulls born January 1, 2016 to May 31, 2016. Bulls are entered into the program are fed through mid-October. At the end of the development program, bulls may be consigned to the Purple Premium Sale scheduled for November 11, 2017. Producers are issued a monthly report on the performance of each bull in the program with information including BW, ADG, and carcass ultrasound traits. The bulls are developed for 120 days on a grain-based diet and finished on forage with supplementation (depending on forage conditions).

For more information contact Chris Koffskey or Dr. Erin Brown
(979)224-8178 or (936)468-6948



Understanding the Veterinary-Client-Patient Relationship

By now, livestock producers are becoming aware of soon-to-be-implemented changes in how feed grade antibiotics are used, in the form of expanded use of the Veterinary Feed Directive (VFD). Producers using feed grade medications such as chlortetracycline and tylosin will need to obtain a prescription-like VFD form from a veterinarian before they're able to purchase and feed those medications.

The implications that go along with these regulations have been subjects of much discussion. One implication that will affect some producers more than others is the stipulation that the VFD forms be obtained through a veterinarian — and not just any veterinarian. The veterinarian writing the VFD form must have what's termed a “veterinary client patient relationship” or VCPR with the producer.

The Bottom Line

Producers who have not had veterinarians visit their operation, or have not used veterinarians at all, will have a harder time adjusting to the VCPR requirement when it comes to obtaining VFD forms. It is not too late to start greasing those skids, though. Schedule a visit with a veterinarian to go over your current uses of feed grade medications and determine whether you will need to obtain VFDs for them. Then discuss what constitutes a VCPR in terms of your operation and the veterinary practice. Coordinating this information with your consulting nutritionist is a good idea. In this manner, you'll **be ready for the changes that will occur on January 1, 2017.**

Conscientious livestock producers will look at the VCPR requirement not as an opportunity to seek loopholes in the system, rather they will consider it an opportunity for animal health and profitability improvement through veterinary involvement in their animal's well-being.

Source: Russ Daly, DVM, DACVPM, SDSU Extension