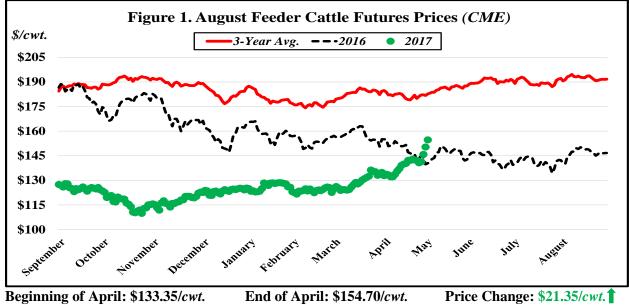
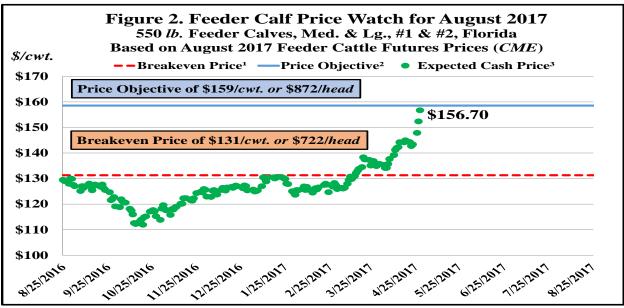
## FLORIDA CATTLE MARKET PRICE WAT

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August 2017 High: \$154.70/*cwt*. August 2017 Low: \$109.90/*cwt*. Price Range: \$44.80/*cwt*. The August 2017 Feeder Cattle futures contract increased by \$21.35/*cwt*. during April. Based on this futures price increase, August Feeder Cattle revenues increased by approximately \$160.13/*head* (\$21.35/*cwt*. \* 7.5 *cwt*.) on a 750-pound feeder steer which amounts to \$10,675.00/*truckload* (50,000 *lbs*.). The August 2017 Feeder Cattle futures contract low, and price range since September 2016 are \$154.70, \$109.90, and \$44.80/*cwt*., respectively. The price range of \$44.80/*cwt*. on a 750-pound feeder steer totals \$336.00/*head* and \$22,400.00/*truckload*.



<sup>1</sup>The breakeven price was estimated to be \$722.10/*hd*. or \$131.29/*cwt*. (\$722.10/*hd*. divided by 5.50 *cwt*.). The breakeven price includes production costs of \$705/*hd*. and death loss of \$17.10/*hd*.

<sup>2</sup>The price objective was estimated to be \$872.10/*hd*. or \$158.56/*cwt*. (\$872.10/*hd*. divided by 5.50 *cwt*.). The price objective includes production costs of \$705/*hd*., death loss (\$17.10/*hd*.), family living withdrawal (\$100/*hd*.), and growth capital/retirement (\$50/*hd*.).

<sup>3</sup>The expected cash price is equal to the daily August 2017 Feeder Cattle futures closing price plus an expected August 2017 South Florida 550 *lb*. Feeder Calf Basis of \$2/*cwt*.