

August 2017 High: \$160.10/cwt. August 2017 Low: \$109.90/cwt. Price Range: \$50.20/cwt. The August 2017 Feeder Cattle futures contract increased by \$0.08/cwt. during July. Based on this futures price increase, August Feeder Cattle revenues increased by approximately \$0.60/head (\$0.08/cwt. * 7.5 cwt.) on a 750-pound feeder steer which amounts to \$40.00/truckload (50,000 lbs.). The August Feeder Cattle futures contract high, contract low, and price range since September 2016 are \$160.10, \$109.90, and \$26.40/cwt., respectively. The price range of \$50.20/cwt. on a 750-pound feeder steer totals \$376.50/head and

\$25,100.00/truckload.

Figure 2. Feeder Calf Price Watch for August 2017 550 lb. Feeder Calves, Med. & Lg., #1 & #2, Florida **Based on August 2017 Feeder Cattle Futures Prices (CME)** \$/cwt. -Breakeven Price¹ -Price Objective² Expected Cash Price³ \$170 Price Objective of \$159/cwt. or \$872/head \$160 \$150 Breakeven Price of \$131/cwt. or \$722/head \$140 \$130 \$120 \$110 \$100

¹The 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.

²The 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.).

³The 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.