Beginning of March: $202.70
August 2015 Low: $196.88
Price Change: $15.58

End of March: $218.28
August 2015 High: $235.88
Price Range: $39.00

The August 2015 Feeder Cattle futures price made a $15.58/cwt. improvement during March. Based on this futures price increase, August feeder cattle revenues increased by approximately $116.85/hd. ($15.58/cwt. * 7.5 cwt.) on a 750-pound feeder steer which amount to $7,790 per truckload (50,000 lbs.). The August Feeder Cattle Futures contract low, contract high, and price range since September 2014 are $196.88, $235.88, and $39.00/cwt., respectively. The price range of $39.00/cwt. on a 750-pound feeder steer totals $292.50/hd. and $19,500.00 per truckload.

Breakeven Price¹
Price Objective²
Expected Cash Price³

Figures 1 & 2:

¹The breakeven price assumes $768.00/hd. or $146.29/cwt. ($768.00/hd. divided by 5.25 cwt.). The breakeven price includes production costs of $750/hd. and death loss of $18.00/hd.

²The price objective assumes $918.00/hd. or $174.86/cwt. ($918.00/hd. divided by 5.25 cwt.). The price objective includes production costs of $750/hd., death loss ($18.00/hd.), family living withdrawal ($100/hd.), and growth capital/retirement ($50/hd.).

³The expected cash price is equal to the daily August 2015 Feeder Cattle Futures closing price plus the expected August 2015 South Florida 525 lb. Feeder Calf Basis (-$2/cwt.).