Beginning of November: $227.48  
End of November: $231.43  
Price Change: + $3.95
August 2015 Low: $208.90  
August 2015 High: $235.88  
Price Change: + $26.98

The August 2015 Feeder Cattle futures price made a $3.95/cwt. improvement during November. Based on this futures price increase, August feeder cattle revenues increased by approximately $29.63/hd. ($2.80/cwt. * 7.5 cwt.) on a 750-pound feeder steer or $1,975 per truckload (50,000 lbs.). The August Feeder Cattle Futures contract low, contract high, and total price change since September 2014 are $208.90, $235.88, and $26.98/cwt., respectively. The total price change of $26.98/cwt. on a 750-pound feeder steer amounts to $202.31/hd. and $13,487.50 per truckload.

$/cwt.

Figure 1. August 2015 Feeder Cattle Futures Prices (CME)

$140  $150  $160  $170  $180  $190  $200  $210  $220  $230  $240
1-Sep  1-Oct  1-Nov  1-Dec  1-Jan  1-Feb  1-Mar  1-Apr  1-May  1-Jun  1-Jul  1-Aug
3-Year Average  2014  2015

Figure 2. Expected Cash Price for August 2015, 525# Feeder Calves, Med. & Lg., #1 & #2, Florida, Based on August 2015 Feeder Cattle Futures Prices (CME)

$/cwt.

Breakeven Price¹  Price Objective²  Expected Cash Price³


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.).