

Focus on Feedlots



Kansas Feedlot Performance and Feed Cost Summary*

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Sex	No	In Weight	Final Weight	Avg. Days on Feed	Avg. Daily Gain	Feed/Gain (Dry Basis)	% Death Loss	Avg. Cost of Gain/Cwt.	Projected Cost of Gain Current Month's Placed Cattle
Steers	27229	787	1409	167	3.66	6.12	1.44	\$76.49	\$76.00
				(146 - 189)	(3.37 - 3.95)	(5.75 - 6.51)		\$68.09 - \$85.70	\$76.00 - \$76.00
Heifers	12523	767	1308	158	3.37	6.44	1.62	\$82.05	\$79.00
				(128 - 180)	(2.92 - 3.79)	(5.91 - 6.80)		\$73.00 - \$91.11	\$79.00 - \$79.00

Current Feed Inventory Costs: Mid-February, 2018			Range	No. Yards
Corn		\$3.72 /bu	\$3.54-\$4.12	6
Ground Alfalfa Hay		\$144.36 /ton	\$123.20 - \$168.00	6

*Appreciation is expressed to these Kansas Feedyards: Brookover Ranch Feed Yard, Deseret Cattle Feeders, Hoxie Feedyard, HyPlains Feed Yard, Kearny County Feeders, Poky Feeders, Pratt Feeders, and Supreme Cattle Feeders.

**Closeout figures are the means of individual feedyard monthly averages and include feed, yardage, processing, medication, death loss and usually sold FOB the feedlot with a 4% pencil shrink. Interest charges normally are not included.

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