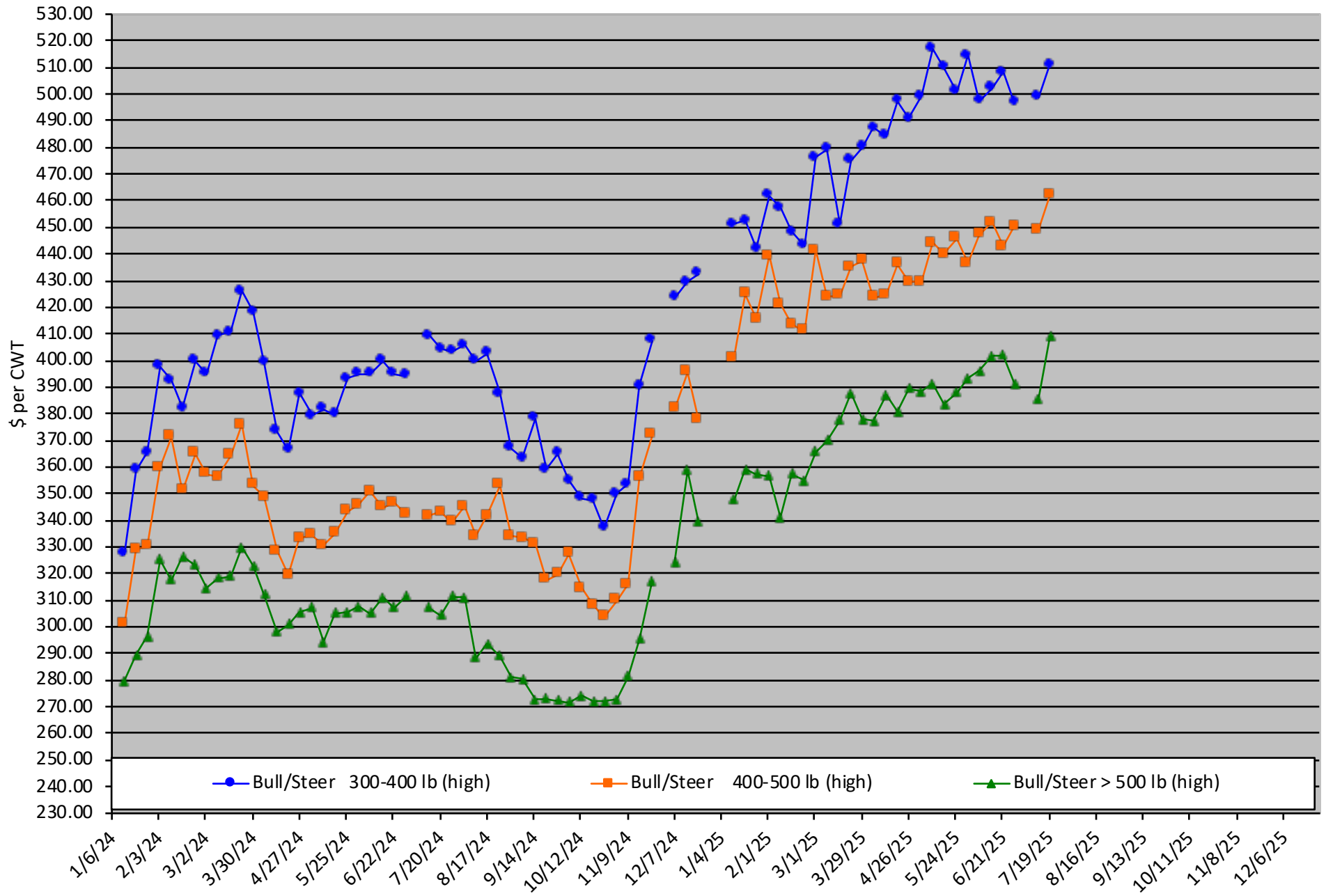


Calf Price Trends

Trend of the Highest Price Reported for Various Weight Calves, Average of 6 East & Central Texas Livestock Auctions

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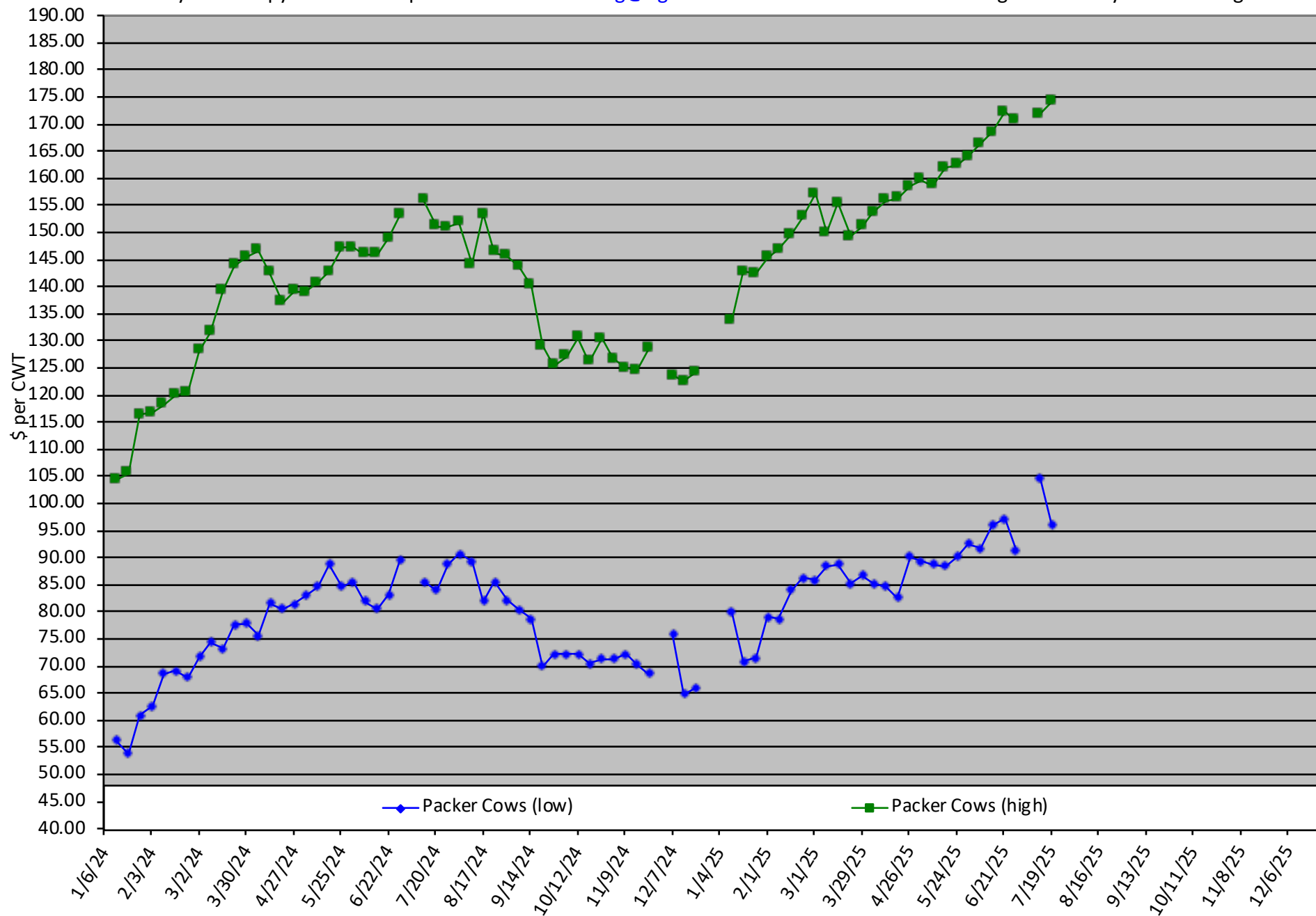


Packer Cow PriceTrends

Trend of High and Low Prices Reported for Packer Cows, Average of 6 East & Central Texas Livestock Auctions

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Reduce Winter Feeding with Stockpiled Forage and Winter Pasture

Friday, August 22, 2025

Online Program: Watch from Home

Would you prefer to feed hay for 60 days? 100 days? or 150 days?
 Here's an opportunity to learn how to significantly reduce your hay feeding needs.

Stockpiled forages and winter pasture can be excellent options to significantly reduce winter feeding costs and develop replacement heifers.

Program presented by:

Drs. Vanessa Corriher-Olson and Jason Banta

Topics include:

- Stockpiled forage: management and utilization
- Acres needed per cow for stockpiled forage and winter pasture
- Cool-season forages and variety selection
- Establishment and fertilization
- Monthly and seasonal forage production potential
- Appropriate mineral supplementation
- Estimated costs



Register by August 21st at 3:00 PM: \$45/person

- Electronic copies of slides and other program materials will be available prior to the program
- All sessions will be recorded and available for later viewing for those that register

The program will be divided into 3 sessions to allow attendees to have a break between sessions

8:30 – 10:30 AM Part 1
 12:00 – 2:00 PM Part 2
 3:30 – 5:30 PM Part 3

Register online at: <https://agriliferegister.tamu.edu/ansc-ev-081>
 or go agriliferegister.tamu.edu and search by location "Overton"

For more information on this program please contact Michelle Sensing @ 903-847-0611.

Fall is approaching, and the majority of beef cattle producers will be weaning calves in the next few months. The goal of weaning programs is to minimize stress on calves and prepare them to perform as stockers, feeders and replacement heifers.

Generally, weaning occurs at 6 to 8 months old. However, the best time to wean may vary. If cows are starting to drop below a body condition score of 4, it would be beneficial to go ahead and wean calves a month or two earlier to allow them more time to regain condition before calving again. However, if cows are in great shape, and there is plenty of grass, weaning could be delayed a month or two.

Even if cows are in good condition, calves should be weaned at least 60 days before the cows are expected to start calving again. This time is needed to allow the mammary gland to recover and let the cow start producing colostrum for the next calf.

Marketing plans may also impact weaning dates. Many preconditioned calf sales require calves be weaned at least 45 days prior to the sale.

While there are numerous techniques to wean calves, many feel fenceline weaning is the best approach. With fenceline weaning, cows are put in one pasture, and calves are put in the next pasture with only a fence separating them. This allows for the cows and calves to see and hear each other, which reduces stress on both groups. If needed, a strand of electric fence can be attached to the permanent fence to prevent calves from crawling through.

A key to successful fenceline weaning is to separate the cows and calves with as little excitement as possible. The calmer the cows and calves stay during the sorting process, the better. If possible, only sort pairs on the day of weaning; vaccinate and deworm a couple of weeks prior to weaning.

An ideal weaning pasture should be about 5 to 30 acres in size. It should also have good shade along the fenceline; this is especially important on the side of the fence where the calves will be. If temperatures are cool, then shade is not important. Additionally, the water source should be within a few hundred yards of the fence.

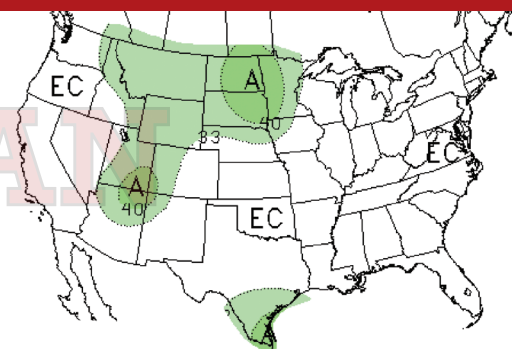
Don't forget to plan grazing and fertilization applications to ensure the weaning pasture contains plenty of high-quality forage at weaning.

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0-to-3-month precipitation outlook



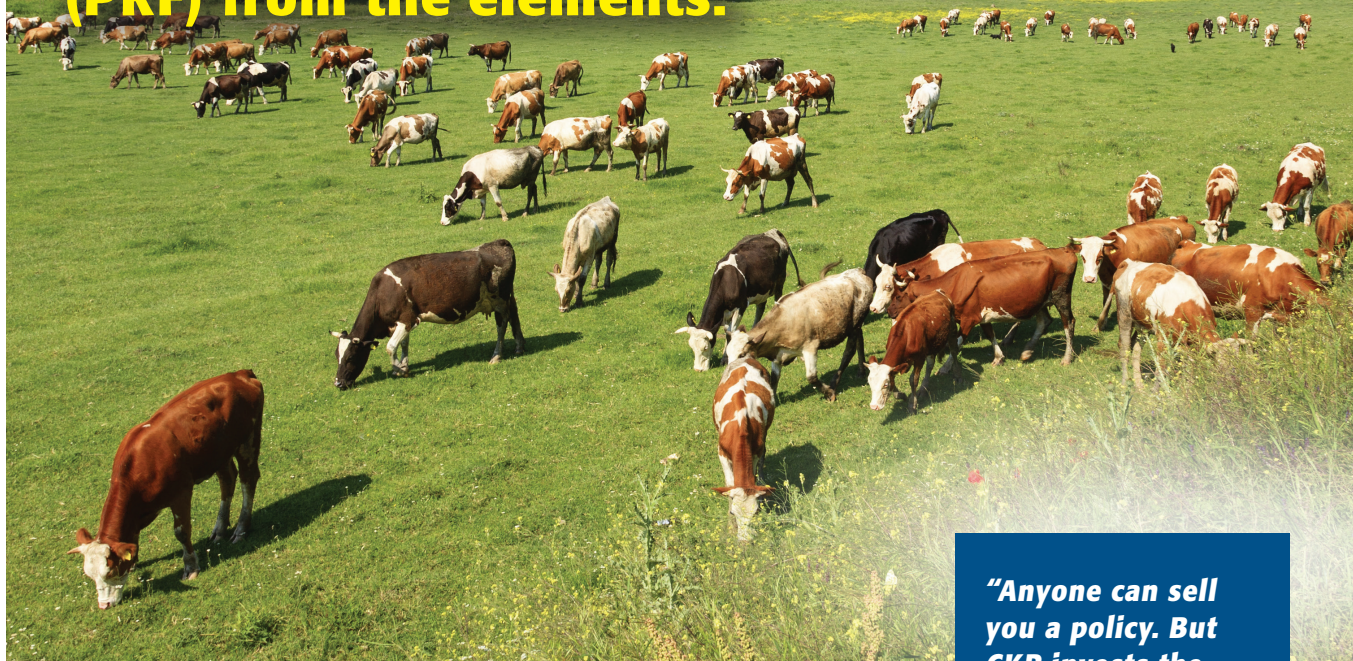
Chance of precipitation:

EC = Equal chance
A = Above normal
B = Below normal

Source: National Weather Service – Climate Prediction Center, www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov

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