



Special Executive Report

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BOARD APPROVES CHANGE IN CME FEEDER CATTLE INDEX

The USDA has recently increased the number of direct trade reports for feeder cattle in Oklahoma by issuing an end-of-week report in addition to a mid-week report. The reports do not overlap in time and each are included when calculating the CME Feeder Cattle Index™. To properly describe when these reports are included in the Index, on October 6, 2004 the Board of Directors approved a recommendation that Rule 10203.A.1 be amended as follows (deletions bracketed and over-struck and additions underlined):

10203. SETTLEMENT PROCEDURES

A. Final Settlement

1. The Sample

The CME Feeder Cattle Index™ is based upon a sample of transactions from six weight/frame score categories: 700 to 749 pound Medium Frame #1 feeder steers, 750 to 799 pound Medium Frame #1 feeder steers, 800 to 849 pound Medium Frame #1 feeder steers, 700 to 749 pound Medium and Large Frame #1 feeder steers, and 750 to 799 pound Medium and Large Frame #1 feeder steers, and 800 to 849 Medium and Large Frame #1 feeder steers.

The sample consists of all feeder cattle auction, direct trade, video sale, and Internet sale transactions within the 12-state region of Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas and Wyoming for which the number of head, weighted average price and weighted average weight are reported by the Federal-State Market News Service on the USDA Wire.

All direct trade reports shall be considered to be Friday transactions except for the mid-week Oklahoma ~~[Range]~~ Direct Sales Report, which shall be considered to be ~~[Wednesday]~~ Tuesday transactions.

(Remainder of Rule is unchanged)

Under Exchange certification, the amended Rule will be effective for all contract months beginning on Tuesday, October 19, 2004.

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