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COWNTY CATTLE & DROUGHT REPORT · WEEK ENDING NOV 19, 2026

Calf prices mixed across Panhandle barns; drought eases in 10 counties

Steer calves weighing 500–599 lb averaged $408.51 to $437.51 per hundredweight across six USDA-reported area sales held Nov 17–19, a spread of $29.00; the top average was at Beaver. Compared with each barn's previous sale, the 5-weight steer average was higher at 4 barns and lower at 2. The six sales reported 14,928 head in total.

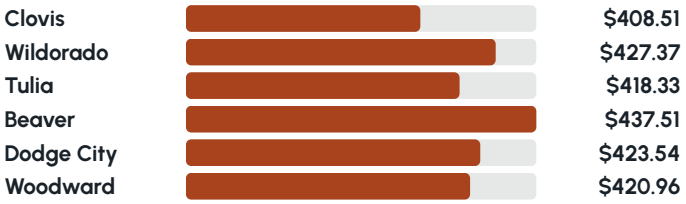
No USDA report this week: Dalhart.

On the U.S. Drought Monitor map dated Nov 17, 16 of the region's 49 counties had some severe drought (D2) or worse, and 6 had it across most of the county. Severe-or-worse coverage shrank by at least 5 points in 10 counties, including Roberts (TX), Hemphill (TX), Carson (TX), Gray (TX) and 6 more, and grew that much in none.

All 49 region counties are on FSA's 2026 Livestock Forage Disaster Program list. Applications for 2026 losses are due March 1, 2027; FSA decides each operation's eligibility.

The nearest active New World screwworm zone in Texas (TAHC) is roughly 187 miles from Amarillo in a straight line. Animals leaving an infested zone need TAHC inspection and treatment.

STEERS 500–599 LB · LATEST SALE · $/CWT



Barns in a fixed order (west to east), not ranked. Bars start at $350 so differences show. Head-weighted USDA averages.

DROUGHT BY AREA · MAP OF NOV 17

AREA	COUNTIES	ANY D2+	MOST D2+	ON 2026 LFP LIST
Texas Panhandle	26	10	3	26
Oklahoma Panhandle	3	0	0	3
Western Oklahoma	5	5	3	5
Southwest Kansas	10	1	0	10
Northeast New Mexico	2	0	0	2
Eastern New Mexico	3	0	0	3

BARN BY BARN · HEAD-WEIGHTED AVERAGES OF USDA-REPORTED LOTS, $/CWT

BARN	SALE	STEERS 500–599	VS LAST SALE	STEERS 700–799	HEIFERS 500–599	RECEIPTS
Wildorado	Nov 17	$427.37	+$28.86	$343.75	$368.96	731
Tulia	Nov 19	$418.33	+$12.11	$335.20	$372.41	989
Woodward	Nov 19	$420.96	+$8.08	$340.65	$373.62	1,522
Beaver	Nov 17	$437.51	–$2.72	$350.54	$361.39	5,307
Clovis	Nov 18	$408.51	+$8.27	$314.32	$370.39	3,043
Dodge City	Nov 18	$423.54	–$13.03	$353.60	$374.25	3,336
OKC benchmark	Nov 16	$440.53	+$20.45	$342.13	$371.03	5,100
Joplin benchmark	Nov 16	$401.67	+$15.59	$331.82	$359.00	7,500

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COWNTY 5-WT INDEX (INDEX_V1)

$425.88/cwt +$0.21 vs last week · 6 barns, 1,604 head

60-SECOND RADIO SCRIPT · 131 WORDS

"This is your Cownty cattle and drought report. Prices are past sales, not a quote. Five-weight steer calves brought about 409 to 438 dollars a hundred this week, topping out at Beaver, higher than the last sale at 4 of six area barns. The Cownty five-weight index, all six barns averaged by head, came in at 426 dollars a hundred, about even with last week. On the drought map, severe drought eased in 10 of our 49 counties and grew in none. All 49 of our counties are on this year's Livestock Forage Disaster Program list, and applications are due March first at your county FSA office. Texas's nearest New World screwworm zone is about 187 miles from Amarillo. Barn-by-barn prices and county drought maps are free at cownty dot com."

Source: Cownty (cownty.com), from USDA AMS Market News and the U.S. Drought Monitor. Prices are head-weighted averages of USDA-reported lots ($/cwt), past sales, not quotes. Information only; FSA decides eligibility. Not affiliated with USDA. Barns: Wildorado, Tulia, Woodward, Beaver, Clovis, Dodge City, OKC, Joplin (USDA AMS report ids on each barn page). Drought: U.S. Drought Monitor. LFP: FSA eligible-county file dated Nov 5, 2026. Screwworm zones: TAHC.