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# Beef-Cattle Industry Outlook Overview

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## Overarching Economic Outlook

#### Supplies

- "Certain" Cattle Supplies (hd)
- Less Certain Beef Supplies (lbs); role of beta-agonists

#### Demand

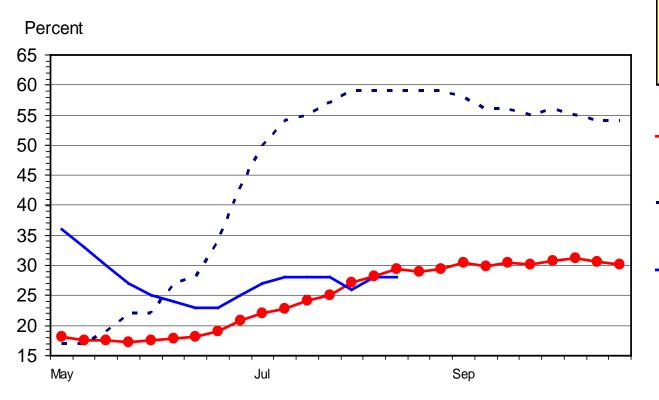
- Confusing, Recently positive, Work ongoing

#### "Misc"

- Limited excess capacity resolution to-date
- Ongoing political and regulatory uncertainty drivers...
- Nationally pasture and feedstuffs situation has improved

#### US RANGE AND PASTURE CONDITION

Percent Poor and Very Poor, Weekly



Beef Cows in states							
with 40% F	Poor to V	ery Poor					
Last year	Cows	% of Total					
08/05/12	23006	76.50%					
08/12/12	23305	77.49%					
08/19/12	23205	77.16%					
This Year							
08/04/13	9195	31.47%					
08/11/13	7867	26.92%					
08/18/13	7867	26.92%					

Avg. 2007-11

- - · 2012

2013

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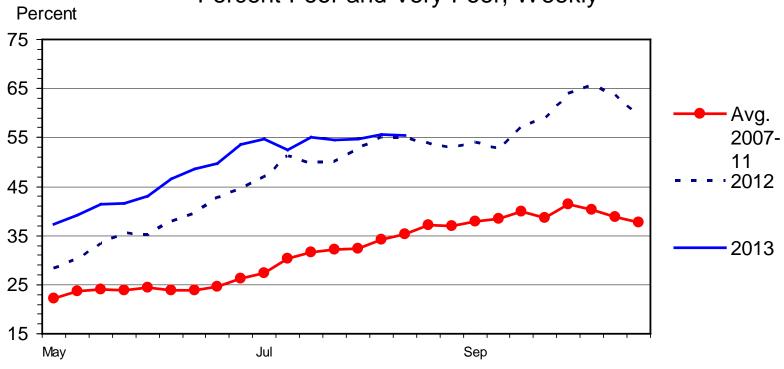
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(AZ, CA, ID, NV, NM, OR, UT, WA) 10.2% of Cows

## WESTERN REGION RANGE AND PASTURE CONDITION

Percent Poor and Very Poor, Weekly



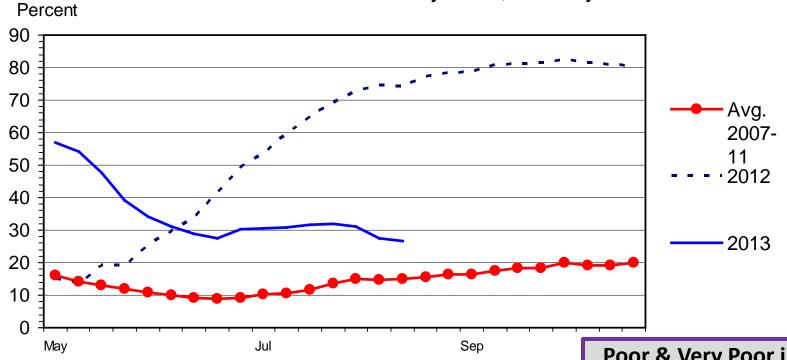
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(CO, KS, MT, NE, ND, SD, WY) 29.6% of Cows

#### **GREAT PLAINS REGION** RANGE AND PASTURE CONDITION

Percent Poor and Very Poor, Weekly



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G-NP-32 08/19/13 **Poor & Very Poor in KS:** 

8/18/13: 35%

6/16/13: 44%

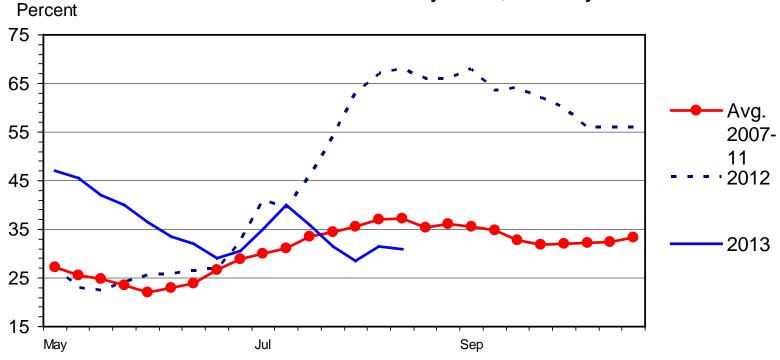
8/19/12: 92%

6/17/12: 48%

(OK, TX) 19.7% of Cows

## SOUTHERN PLAINS REGION RANGE AND PASTURE CONDITION

Percent Poor and Very Poor, Weekly



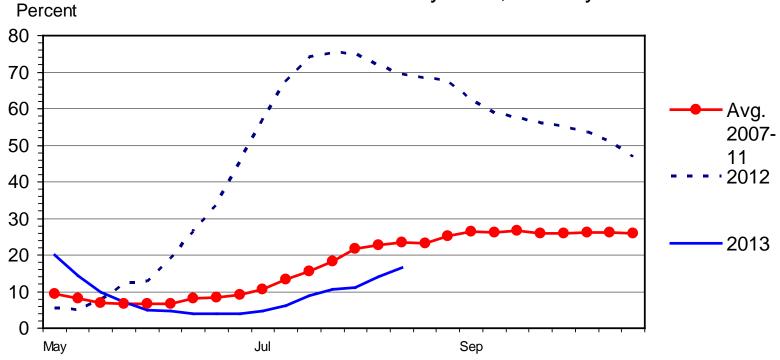
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(IL, IN, IA, MI, MN, MO, OH, WI)
14.6% of Cows

## CORNBELT REGION RANGE AND PASTURE CONDITION

Percent Poor and Very Poor, Weekly



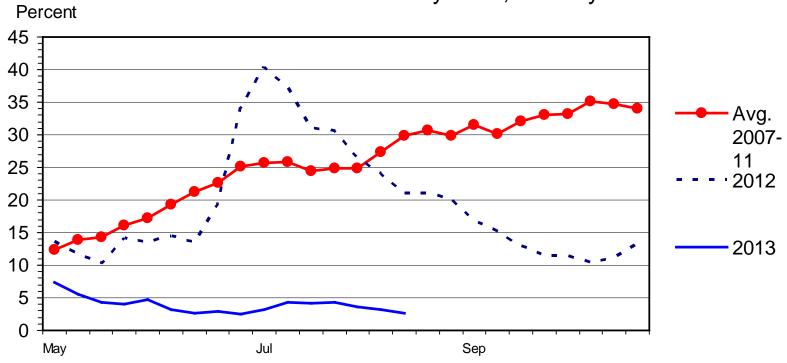
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(AL, AR, FL, GA, KY, LA, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV) 24.7% of Cows

## SOUTHEAST REGION RANGE AND PASTURE CONDITION

Percent Poor and Very Poor, Weekly



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# Economic Outlook Overview: Cow-Calf

 Improving pastures (nationally), lower forage prices + higher calf prices...

- Are "current improvements" sufficient to trigger expansion?
  - To-date I'd say expansion has <u>NOT</u> been initiated
    - Wait for Jan. 2014 Cattle Inventory Report ...
      - -Ad hoc consensus of LMIC members on July 15<sup>th</sup>

1994 2004 State / Region 1994 2004 2010 2013 (% of US) (% of US) TX 980 740 760 600 15.4% 13.4%

285

340

240

150

NE	260	280	320	350	4.1%
MO	370	280	280	270	5.8%
OK	345	370	405	280	5.4%

290

420

230

160

Originally posted in February 4, 2013 In The Cattle Markets article.

Table 2. Heifers for Beef Cow Replacement (1,000 hd)

280

355

280

205

SD

MT

KS

KY

IA	160	125	130	150	2.5%	2.3%	2.4%	2.8%
ND	190	156	165	207	3.0%	2.8%	3.0%	3.9%
US	6,364	5,508	5,451	5,361				
Great Plains	1,715	1,631	1,615	1,838	26.9%	29.6%	29.6%	34.3%
Southeast	1,596	1,266	1,223	1,140	25.1%	23.0%	22.4%	21.3%
Southern Plains	1,325	1,110	1,165	880	20.8%	20.2%	21.4%	16.4%
Cornbelt	873	777	752	779	13.7%	14.1%	13.8%	14.5%
West	749	630	599	603	11.8%	11.4%	11.0%	11.3%

315

435

230

150

4.4%

5.6%

4.4%

3.2%

2010

(% of US)

13.9%

5.9%

5.1%

7.4%

5.2%

6.2%

4.4%

2.8%

5.1%

5.1%

6.7%

5.3%

7.6%

4.2%

2.9%

2013

(% of US)

11.2%

6.5%

5.0%

5.2%

5.9%

8.1%

4.3%

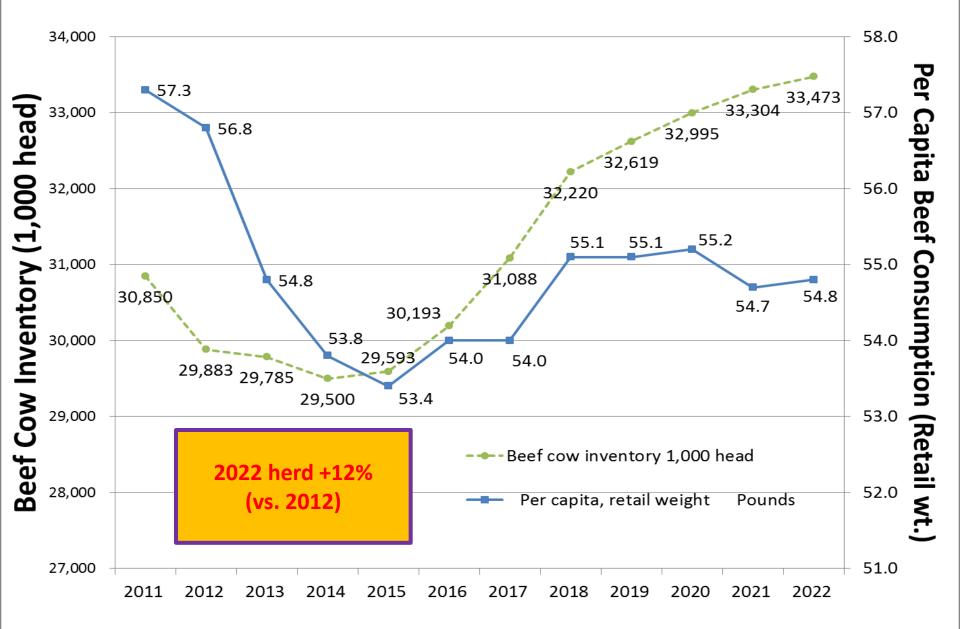
2.8%

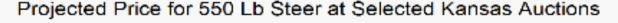
2.2%

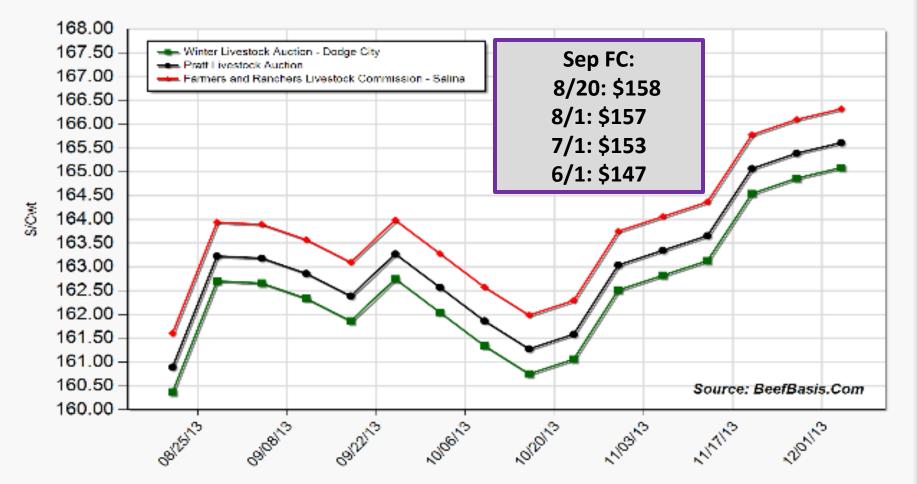
11.4% 11.0% **VV** est 603 11.8% 749 **b**30 599 Northeast 107 94 97 120 1.7% 1.7% 1.8% Source: USDA data, compiled by LMIC, modified for presentation by Glynn Tonsor. Regions defined as: Great Plains (CO, KS, MT, NE, ND, SD, WY), Southeast (AL, AR, FL, GA, KY, LA, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV), Southern Plains (OK, TX), Cornbelt (IL, IN, IA, MI, MN, MO, OH, WI), and West (AK, AZ, CA, HI, ID, NV, NM, OR, UT, WA).

2021 Projection 1.1 million less than Feb. 12'

http://www.usda.gov/oce/commodity/projections/index.htm





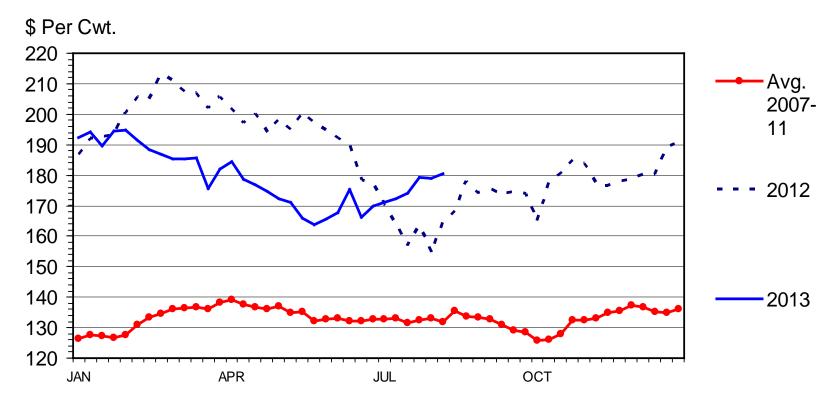






#### MED. & LRG. #1 STEER CALF PRICES

400-500 Pounds, Southern Plains, Weekly



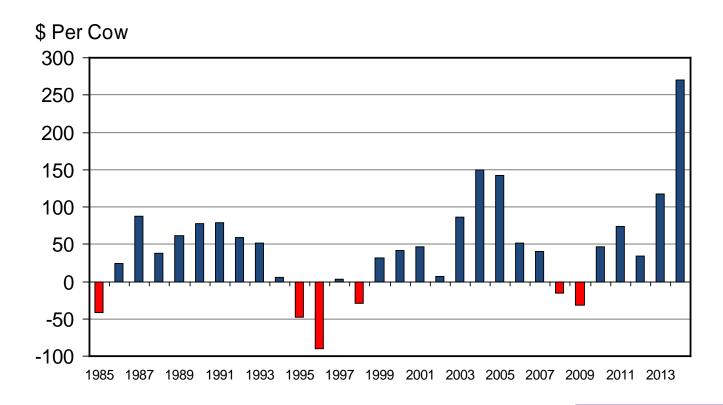
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#### **ESTIMATED AVERAGE COW CALF RETURNS**

Returns Over Cash Cost (Includes Pasture Rent), Annual



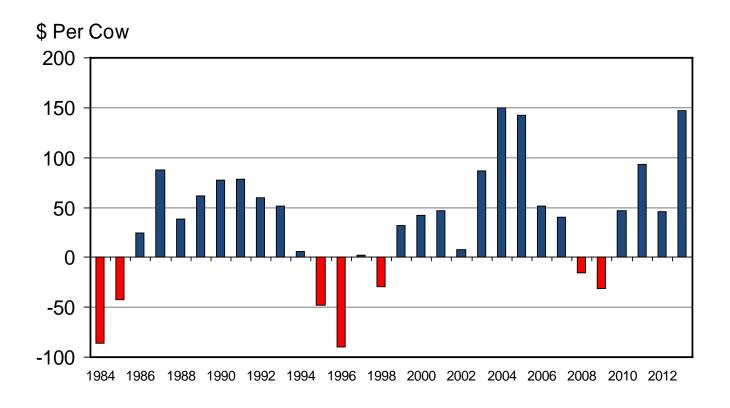
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#### **ESTIMATED AVERAGE COW CALF RETURNS**

Returns Over Cash Cost (Includes Pasture Rent), Annual



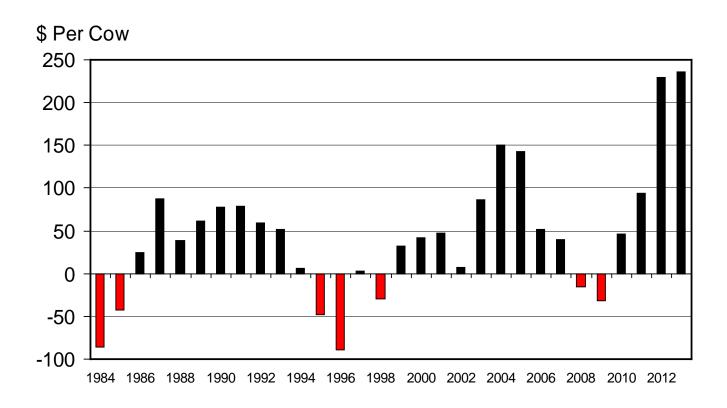
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#### **ESTIMATED AVERAGE COW CALF RETURNS**

Returns Over Cash Cost (Includes Pasture Rent), Annual



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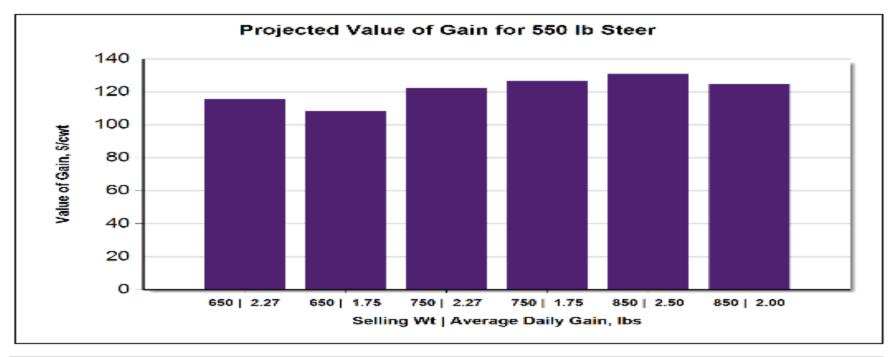
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# Economic Outlook Overview : Stockers

- Attractive Values of Gain (VOG) vs. COG
  - For those in many stocker/backgrounding areas ...

- Salina, KS 8/20/13 situation:
  - Buy 550 lb steer on 10/16/13 (\$165.30)
  - Sell 750 lb steer on 1/15/14 (\$154.34) {2.17 ADG}
    - VOG: \$124.21/cwt
      - http://www.beefbasis.com/ForecastingTools/ValueofGain/tabid/1132/Default.aspx



Projected Value of Gain							
Begining Weight, Ibs	Ending Weight, Ibs	Value of Gain, \$/cwt					
550	650	10/04/2013	100	2.27	\$115.78		
550	650	10/17/2013	100	1.75	\$108.11		
550	750	11/17/2013	200	2.27	\$122.47		
550	750	12/13/2013	200	1.75	\$126.74		
550	850	12/19/2013	300	2.50	\$131.12		
550	850	01/18/2014	300	2.00	\$124.66		
Note: Projections dervied for the Salina, KS market using BeefBasis.com							

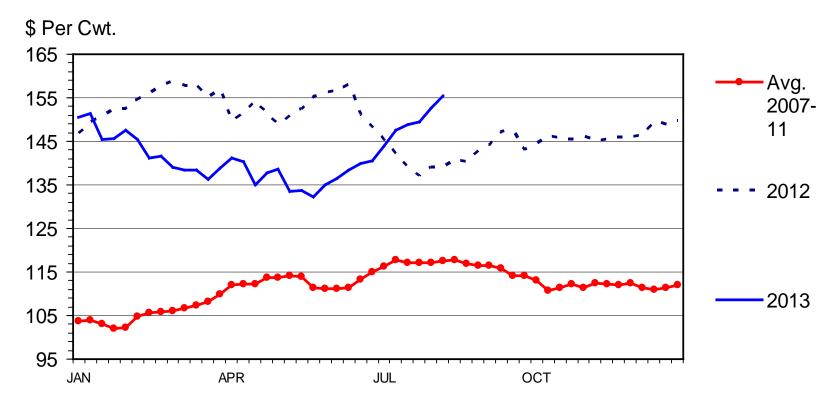




Related information is available at: Beef Basis.com

#### MED. & LRG. #1 FEEDER STEER PRICES

700-800 Pounds, Southern Plains, Weekly



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# Economic Outlook Overview : Feedlots

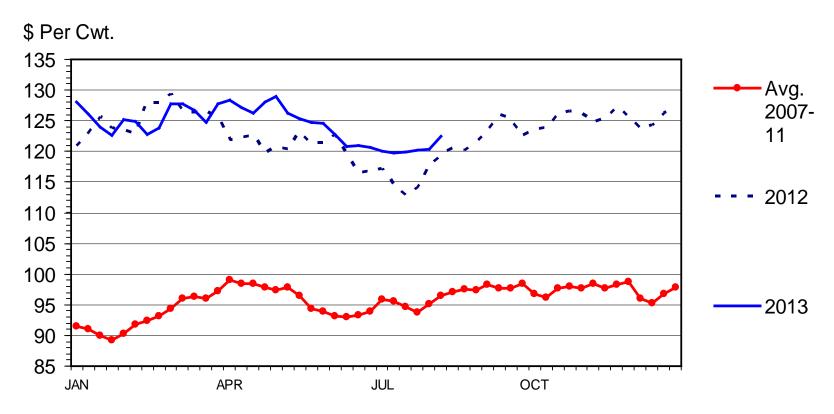
- Excess capacity concerns continue to grow:
  - Heifer Retention (?), MCOOL, Zilmax<sup>®</sup> use
  - Feb. 13' ERS projection: 12% herd growth by 2022

Closeouts have been at historically high losses...

Temporary "light at end of the tunnel" ???

#### **SLAUGHTER STEER PRICES**

5 Market Weighted Average, Weekly



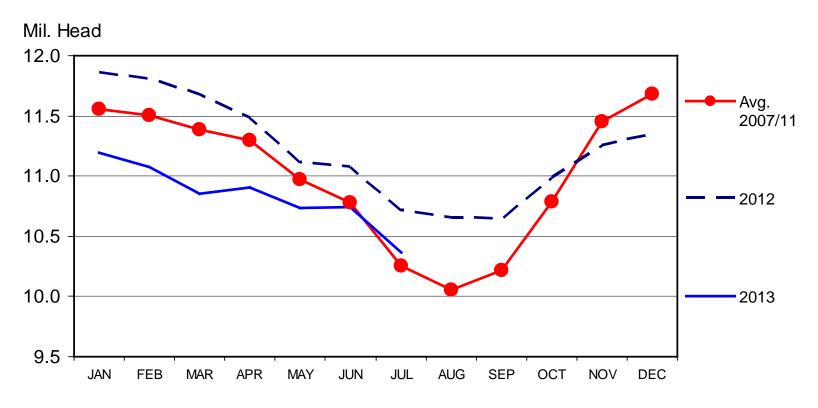
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Pre- 8/23 COF Report Estimates:
On Feed Aug 1 (down 4.2%) {-5.6% to -1.8%}

#### CATTLE ON FEED

US Total, Monthly



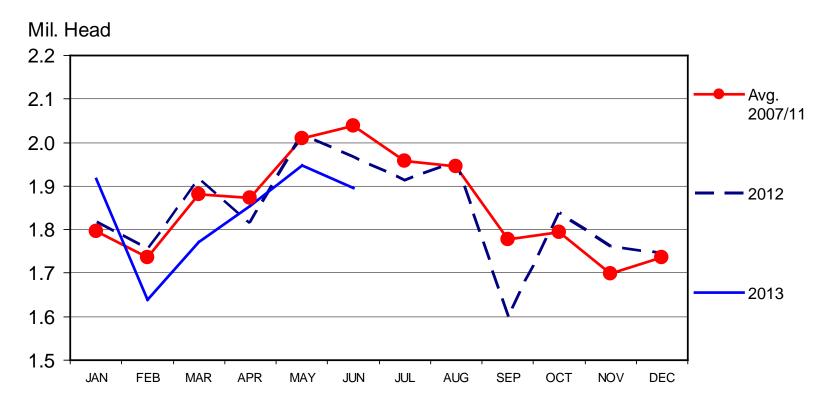
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C-N-10 07/19/13 Pre- 8/23 COF Report Estimates:
Marketed in July (up 4.4%) {+2.5% to +6.1%}

#### FED CATTLE MARKETINGS

US Total, Monthly



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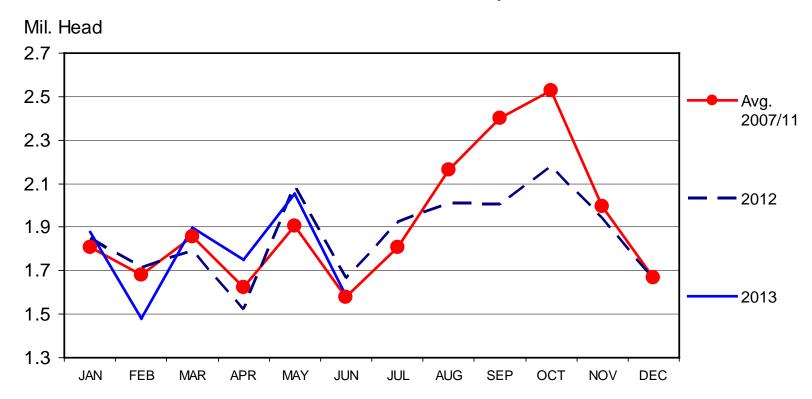
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# Pre- 8/23 COF Report Estimates: Placed in July (down 2.5%) {-7.1% to +11.6%}

#### FEEDLOT PLACEMENTS

US Total, Monthly



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Data Source: USDA-NASS

July Feeder Cattle Imports from Mexico: -54% Yr-o-Yr

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#### Historical and Projected Kansas Feedlot Net Returns

(as of 8/5/13')

(http://www.agmanager.info/livestock/marketing/outlook/newsletters/FinishingRet

Oct LC:

8/20: \$128.30

8/1: \$124.50

7/1: \$126.25

6/1: \$122.75

#### June 13': -\$211/steer

Table 1. Projected Values for Finishing Steers in Kansas Feedyards\*

Closeout Mo-Yr	Net Return	FCOG**	Fed Price	Feeder Price	Breakeven FCOG**	Breakeven Fed Price	Breakeven Feeder Price
Jul-13	-158.61	116.31	118.96	137.74	87.88	130.48	118.36
Aug-13	-45.54	119.27	126.30	133.26	110.66	129.55	128.03
Sep-13	-15.22	112.01	126.03	133.18	108.94	127.12	131.48
Oct-13	23.12	107.78	128.87	135.47	112.46	127.22	138.01
Nov-13	0.94	102.50	129.29	142.71	102.68	129.22	142.81
Dec-13	-11.93	97.45	129.41	148.59	95.29	130.25	147.21

#### **Representative Barometer for Trends in Profitability**

#### Zilmax® Use

- Beef production <u>direction</u> 'certain'
  - +/- 29 lbs on steer carcass; 23 lbs for heifers
    - Zilmax® adds 6-8 lbs more than Optaflexx®
- Magnitude of impact is very uncertain
  - Ultimately, how does % of fed cattle on Zilmax®, Optaflexx®, Neither change?
    - How long will these changes last???
- Feedlots options vary
  - Does this reinforce broader ongoing movements "north" in the feedlot industry?
- August 19, 2013 Daily Livestock Report (DLR w/ CME Group):
  - Approval and proper usage of products is "necessary but not sufficient"...

#### **Quarterly Forecasts** (LMIC: 08/12/13)

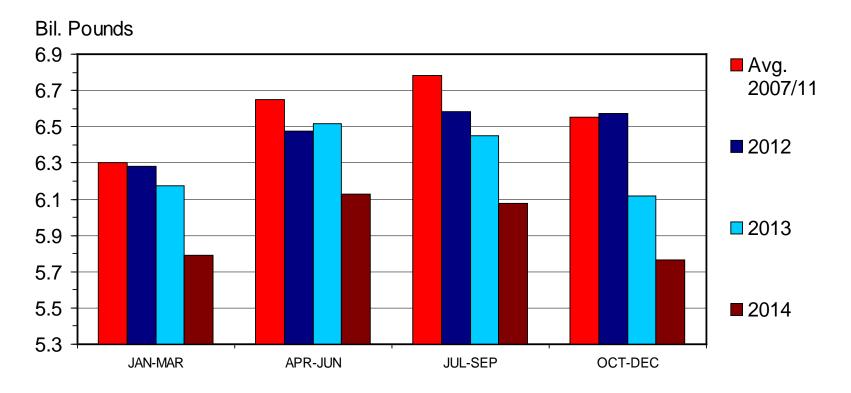
		% Chg.	Average	% Chg.	Comm'l	%Chg.
Year	Comm'l	from	Dressed	from	Beef	from
Quarter	Slaughter	Year Ago	Weight	Year Ago	<b>Production</b>	Year Ago
2012						
I	8,026	-3.5	782.7	1.5	6,282	-2.0
II	8,309	-3.8	779.0	2.6	6,473	-1.3
III	8,333	-4.6	790.3	2.5	6,586	-2.2
IV	8,283	-1.3	793.5	2.6	6,572	1.3
Year	32,951	-3.3	786.4	2.3	25,913	-1.1
2013						
I	7,779	-3.1	793.4	1.4	6,172	-1.7
II	8,325	0.2	782.8	0.5	6,517	0.7
III	8,112	-2.7	796.1	0.7	6,458	-1.9
IV	7,662	-7.5	798.7	0.7	6,120	-6.9
Year	31,878	-3.3	792.6	0.8	25,267	-2.5
2014						
I	7,221	-7.2	802.2	1.1	5,793	-6.1
II 🚤	7,749	-6.9	791.1	1.1	6,130	-5.9
III	7,520	-7.3	804.3	1.0	6,048	-6.3
IV	7,151	-6.7	805.9	0.9	5,763	-5.8
Year	29,641	-7.0	800.7	1.0	23,734	-6.1

#### **Quarterly Forecasts** (LMIC: 08/12/13)

	Live SItr.	%Chg.	Feeder Steer Price	
Year	Steer Price	from	Southern	Plains
Quarter	5-Mkt Avg	Year Ago	7-800#	5-600#
2012				
I	125.30	13.8	154.25	182.41
II	120.91	7.2	152.65	178.65
III	119.69	4.9	141.82	150.57
IV	125.54	2.9	146.50	161.42
Year	122.86	7.1	148.81	168.26
2013				
I	125.51	0.2	142.41	170.13
II	124.95	3.3	137.34	159.71
III	122-123	2.3	147-150	165-168
IV	127-130	2.4	145-149	163-168
Year	125-126	2.1	143-145	164-167
2014				
I	129-133	4.4	148-153	173-180
II	131-136	6.8	152-159	179-188
III	128-134	6.9	155-163	175-186
IV	130-137	3.9	153-162	171-184
Year	130-134	5.2	153-158	177-182

#### **COMMERCIAL BEEF PRODUCTION**

#### Quarterly



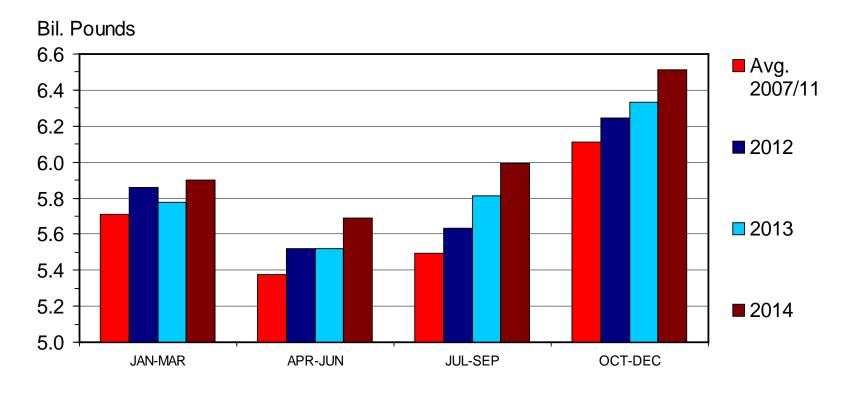
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#### **COMMERCIAL PORK PRODUCTION**

#### Quarterly



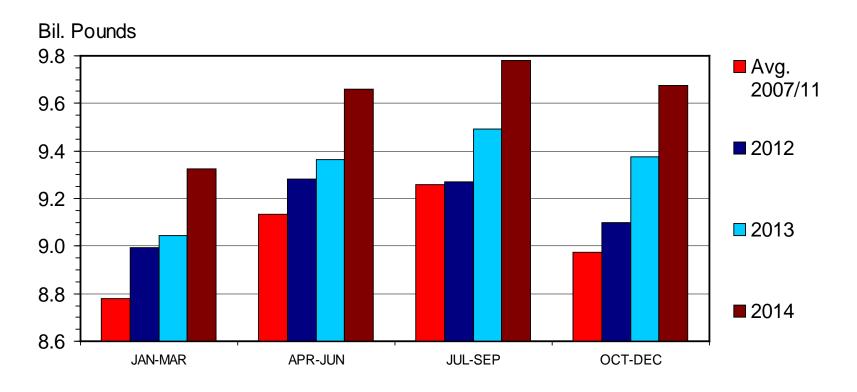
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#### RTC BROILER PRODUCTION

#### Quarterly



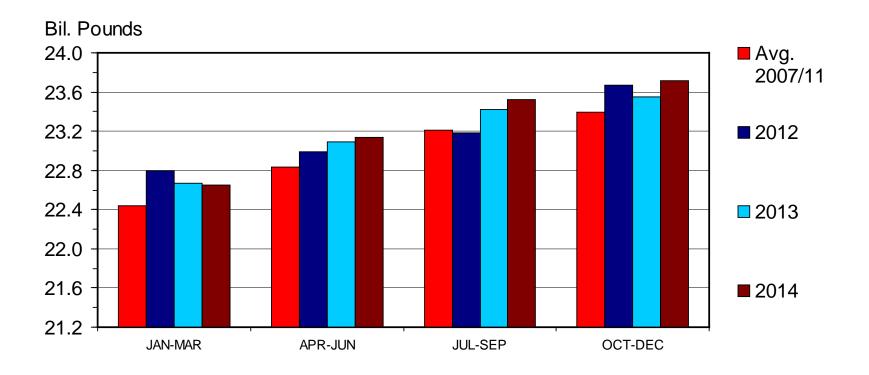
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#### TOTAL RED MEAT & POULTRY PRODUCTION

#### Quarterly

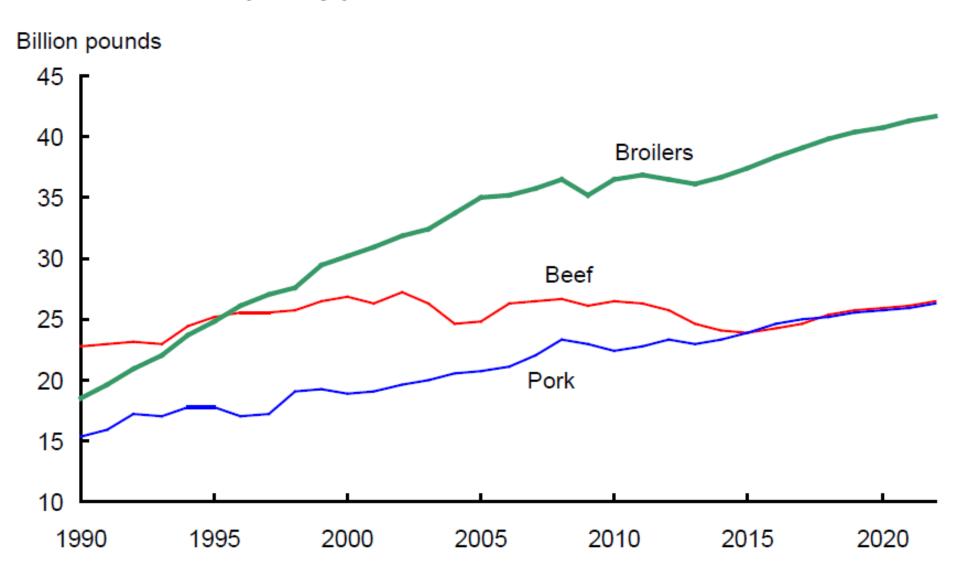


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#### Longer-term projections (as of Feb. 2013)

http://www.usda.gov/oce/commodity/projections/index.htm

#### U.S. red meat and poultry production







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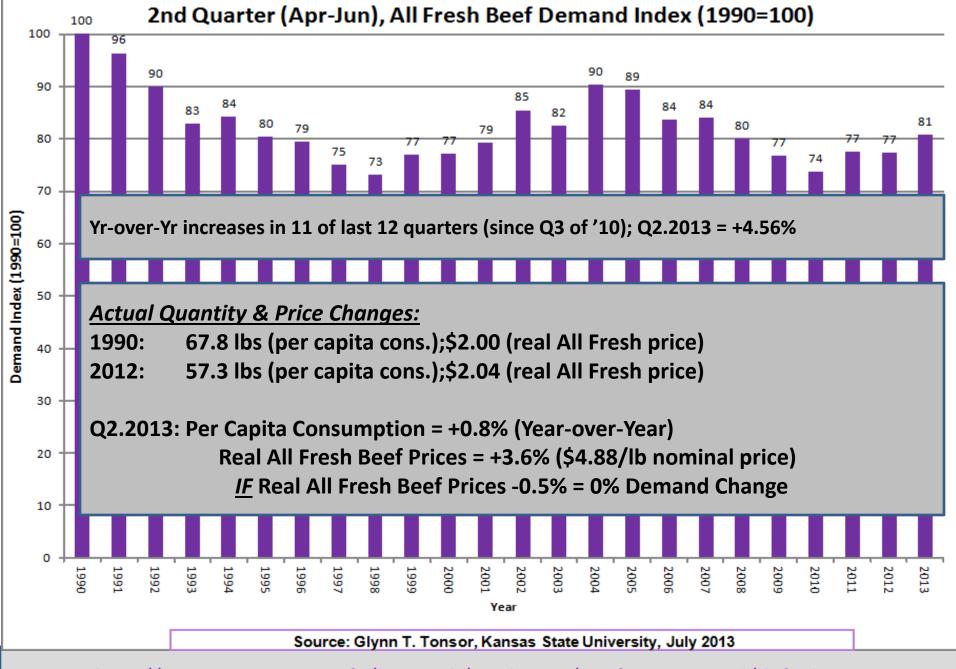


# Beef Demand: lecent Determinants and Future Drivers

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Research Project completed for the Cattlemen's Beef Board

http://www.beefboard.org/evaluation/130612 demanddeterminantstudy.asp



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## **Wrap-up Summary Thoughts**

- Opportunity exists in multiple venues
  - Herd expansion pending?
  - Value-added opportunities for sound management
  - Domestic demand strength warrants appreciation
  - Remain bullish on global demand going forward
- Current and Potential Threats also persist
  - Impact of Excess Capacity Resolution Lingers
  - Uncertainty on many fronts restricts investment
  - Several examples of "infighting" within the industry

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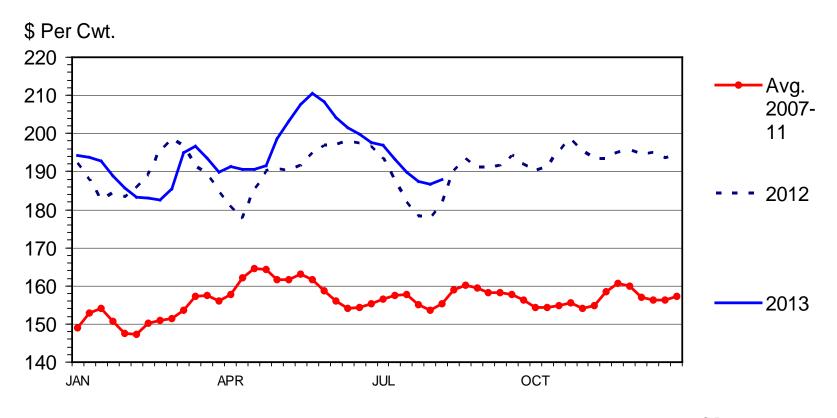
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#### **BOXED BEEF CUTOUT VALUE**

Choice 600-900 Lbs. Carcass, Weekly



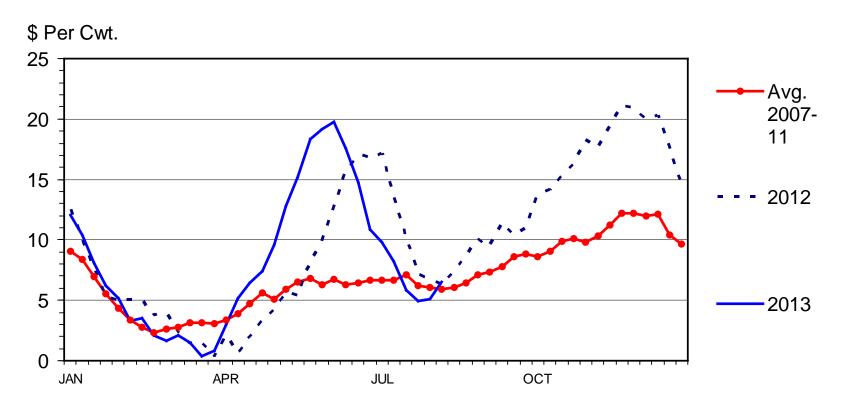
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#### CHOICE MINUS SELECT BEEF PRICES

Carcass Cutout Value 600-900 Lbs., Weekly



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