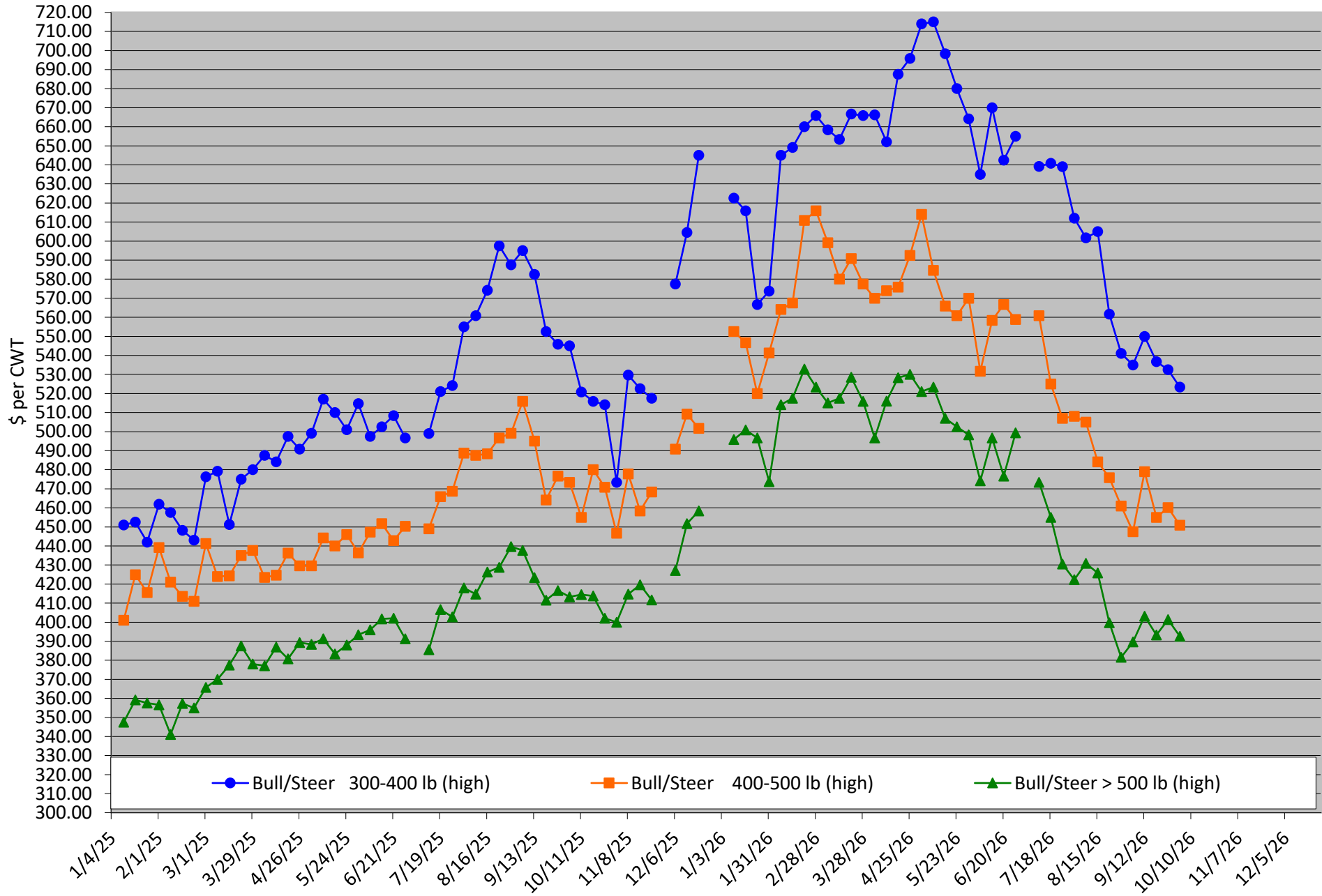


Calf Price Trends

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

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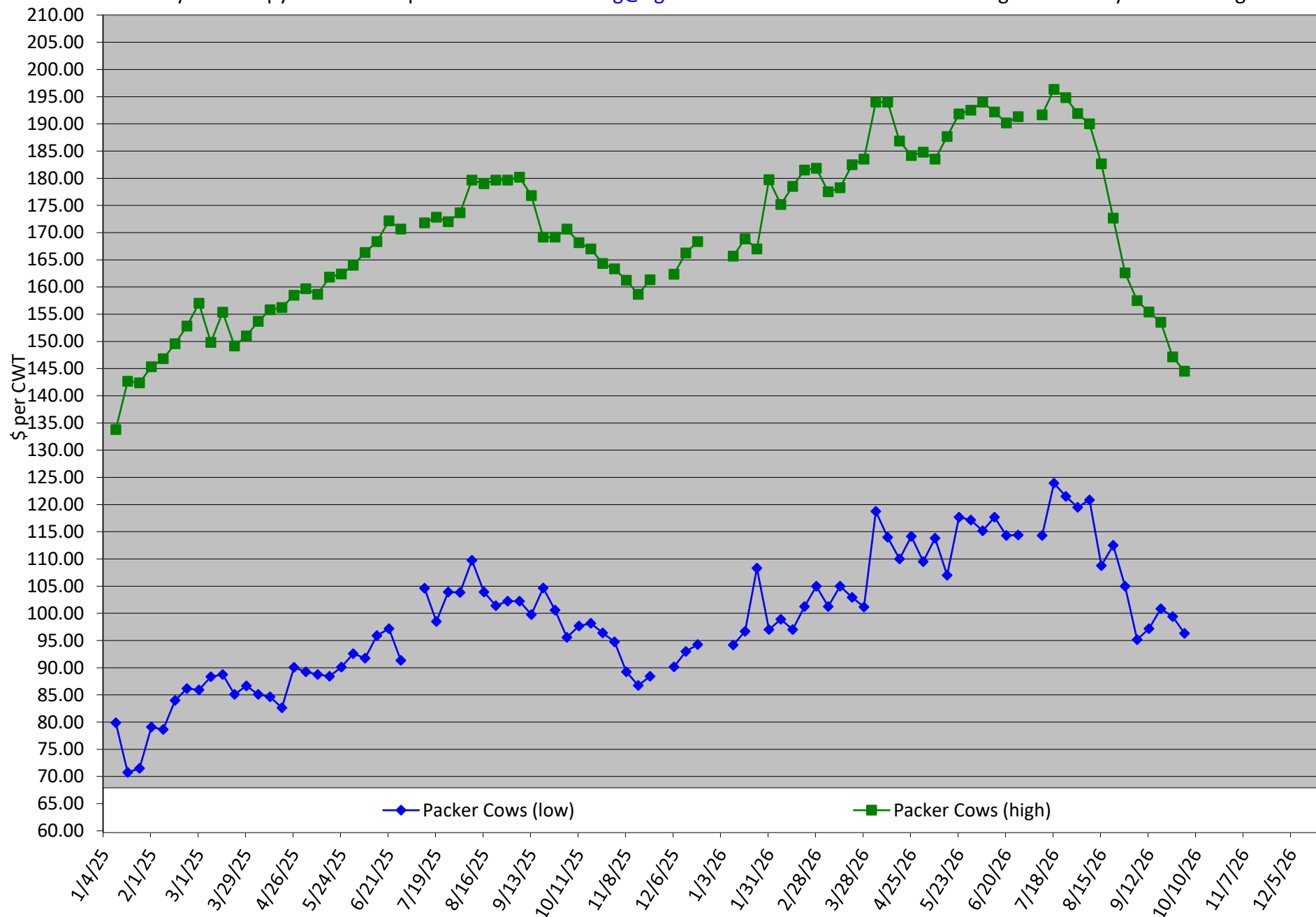


Packer Cow PriceTrends

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

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Overton Fall Pesticide CEU Program

Thursday, November 12, 2026

Zoom Virtual Program

5 Pesticide CEUs Available
1 laws, 1 IPM, and 3 general
course #1009052



Program hosted by: Dr. Vanessa Corriher-Olson and Dr. Jason Banta

Registration fee: \$35 per person (5 CEUs)

Register online at: <https://agriliferegister.tamu.edu/ansc-ev-122>

Registration deadline: Wednesday, November 11 at 4:00 PM



Morning Session (8:30 – 11:30 AM)

- Respiratory protection in pesticide application
- Laws and regulations of pesticide use
- Using stocking rates to reduce weed and brush pressure

Afternoon Session (1:00 – 3:00 PM)

- Structural pests – identification and management
- Effective weed control in pastures and hayfields

Practice sessions will be offered the day before the program for those who want to check out the process of connecting and viewing the program with Zoom. You don't need to download Zoom on your device to view the program.

For more information on this program please contact Jason Banta @ 903-847-0589 or Vanessa Corriher-Olson @ 903-847-0591.

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**August 11: Dr. Vanessa Corriher-Olson
Winter Pasture Options**



**September 8: Dr. Jason Banta
Winter Feeding & Supplementation
Considerations**



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Brassica & Other Forbs**



***More Ag in the Evening Topics coming in
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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.

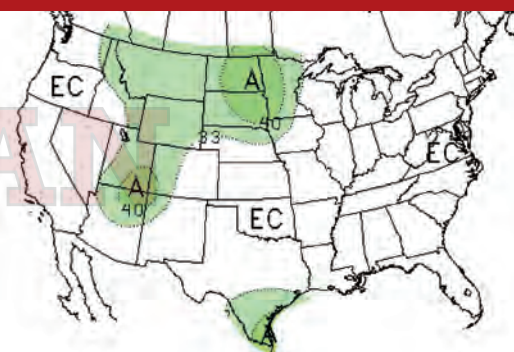
Don't forget to plan grazing and fertilization applications to ensure the weaning pasture contains plenty of high-quality forage at weaning.

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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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