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MARKET NEWS

THE CALF MARKET WAS 3.00 TO 5.00 LOWER. PARTLY DUE TO THE FALL WEATHER. WARM DAYS AND COOL NIGHTS. EVEN THOUGH IT IS SO COMFORTABLE FOR US IT IS HARD ON THESE WEANING CALVES. MORE HEALTH PROBLEMS MEANS MORE EXPENSE IN TIME, MANPOWER, AND MEDICINE.

THIS ALONG WITH THE HIGHER COST OF KEEPING CALVES ON FEED UNTIL THEY ARE WEANED AND OVER THE HEALTH RISK WHICH IS 30 TO 45 DAYS, MAKES RECEIVING CALVES THIS TIME OF YEAR MORE COSTLY. STOCKER OPERATORS ARE ALSO WAITING FOR WHEAT TO BE UP ENOUGH TO GRAZE TO KEEP FROM BUYING HIGH –PRICE RECEIVING RATIONS.

FEEDERS ARE CHEAPER DUE TO HIGHER CORN AND LOWER FED CATTLE PRICES THAN WERE EXPECTED GOING INTO OCTOBER.

PACKER COWS ARE SHOWING UP EVERYWHERE AND ALL OF THE PACKING HOUSES ARE BEHIND AND HAVE 3 TO 4 DAYS KILL STANDING. MEAT MOVEMENT IS TEMPORARILY AT A STAND STILL. THIS PUTS PRESSURE ON THE PACKER COW MARKET.

THE ONE BRIGHT SPOT IF YOU ARE SELLING IS THE BRED COW AND PAIR MARKET ON YOUNGER REPLACEMENT QUALITY COWS. THERE IS A SHORTAGE OF GOOD REPLACEMENT COWS AND THAT IS KEEPING THE PRICE STRONG.