

## Cattle prices climb as drought pressures forage

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Kansas cattle prices are on the rise, according to the Kansas Department of Agriculture.

Demand was good to very good, with steers and heifers selling \$10 to \$20 higher than the week before. Slaughter cows and bulls sold steady to \$3 higher. Kansas negotiated fed cattle sold \$10 higher at \$256.

Drought conditions continue across many areas of the state, increasing demand in the hay market and raising concerns about future forage needs. Alfalfa conditions have declined as ongoing dryness and insect pressure have affected new crop development.

According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, the High Plains Region was mostly dry, with isolated rainfall in southeast Nebraska, northern and southeast Kansas, and small areas of Colorado and North Dakota.

Feeder cattle, medium to large, sold for an average of \$652.49. Fancy, thin-fleshed cattle averaged \$627.50, and unweaned cattle averaged \$587.50. Large steers in the 1,002- to 1,087-pound range averaged \$323.05.

Medium and large fancy heifers sold from \$341.50 to \$695. Thin-fleshed heifers sold from \$460 to \$660. Unweaned heifers brought \$320 to \$525. Spayed heifers sold from \$332 to \$570, while replacement cattle brought \$356.50 to \$368. Large heifers weighing



A Black Angus bull stands in a pen. Photo by Karen Knauer

1,002 to 1,212 pounds sold from \$257 to \$305.

Medium to large thin-fleshed bulls averaged \$522.50. Unweaned bulls averaged \$487. Large bulls sold for \$240.

In slaughter cattle, premium white cows weighing 2,110 to 2,135 pounds sold for \$159. Breaker cows weighing 1,080

to 1,945 pounds averaged \$177.22. Boner cows weighing 865 to 1,515 pounds averaged \$177.12. Lean cows weighing 1,020 to 1,995 pounds averaged \$154.98, with \$105 at the low end. Bulls averaging 1,789 pounds sold for \$218.15.

Replacement stock cows, medium to large, sold from \$250.83 to \$265.09. Medium

to large bred cows weighing an average of 995 to 1,304 pounds ranged from \$2,350 to \$3,468.61. Broken-mouth cows sold from \$2,489.76 to \$2,775. Medium to large bred heifers brought \$2,699.02 to \$3,950.

Cow-calf pairs ranged from \$3,558.33 to \$5,033.33, with calves weighing 150 to 300

pounds. Heifer pairs with calves averaging 150 pounds brought \$5,556.52.

Patsy Rethke said Black Angus cattle often bring stronger interest.

"In our experience, Black Angus sells better than red," Rethke said. "When we sell them, we make sure they are in separate show pens."

## Court filings outline release terms in child abuse case

BY ALEX BARTA  
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Additional court filings in the child abuse cases against former Cheyenne County dispatcher Jamie Keeney and co-defendant Maxim Quimby outline the conditions both defendants must follow after being released on reduced bonds earlier this month.

Keeney, 49, of St. Francis, is charged in Cheyenne



Maxim Quimby F& Jamie Keeney. High Plains News archive

County District Court with two counts of abuse of a child and two counts of aggravated endangering a child following an investigation by the Kansas Bureau of Investigation.

Quimby faces related charges in Cheyenne County District Court case No. CN-2026-CR-000020.

At a May 13 hearing, District Magistrate

Judge Justin Gardner approved an agreement between prosecutors and defense attorneys reducing Keeney's bond from \$250,000 to \$25,000 cash or surety. Court records show Keeney posted bond May 14.

Under a supervised bond release agreement filed May 15, Keeney is prohibited from having any contact with alleged victims or Quimby, including direct or indirect communication through phone calls, text messages, social media or third parties.

Quimby's supervised release agreement similarly bars him from contacting alleged victims or witnesses, including minors identified in the case.

Court filings show Keeney must remain in Cheyenne County unless granted permission to travel, while Quimby must remain in Sherman County unless authorized otherwise.

Both defendants are required to submit to random drug and alcohol testing, refrain from alcohol and illegal drug use, maintain contact with court services and comply with supervision conditions set by the court.

Keeney also is prohibited from possessing firearms or other weapons.

Separate filings indicate both Keeney and Quimby signed waivers of extradition, agreeing not to contest being returned to Kansas if found outside the state or country while under supervision.

Earlier filings in Keeney's case show defense attorneys are seeking extensive discovery materials, including police communications, physical evidence, Department for Children and Families records, and juvenile court records connected to the investigation.

The charges stem from allegations of abuse involving minors in Cheyenne County between May 2023 and September 2025.

All defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty in court.

### Specialty Clinic June Schedule

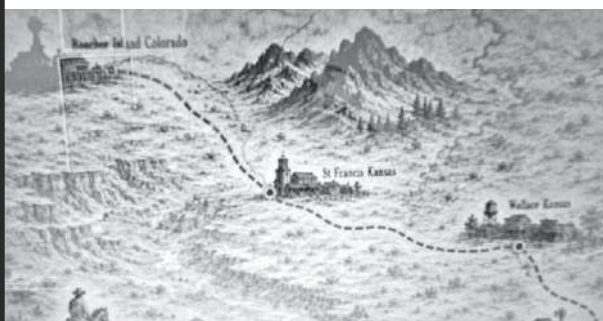
- June 1 - Dr. McArthur (Audiologist) Nuc Med
- June 4 - Dr. Charles Frankum, General Surgeon
- June 9 - Dr. Sean Denney, Cardiologist, Kearney
- June 10 - Sleep Studies
- June 11 - Sleep Studies
- June 12 - Sleep Studies
- June 13 - Sleep Studies
- June 15 - Pain Management
- June 16 - Pain Management
- June 18 - Dr. Charles Frankum, General Surgeon
- June 23 - Dr. Sean Denney, Cardiologist, Kearney
- June 24 - Dr. Matthew Uyemura, Ophthalmologist (surgery)

MRI: Every Friday  
Speech Therapy: Crystal Schultz  
Diabetic Educator: Janette Burbach  
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Journey begins in St. Francis, Kansas, with activities Friday night and Saturday. Sunday, June 7th, stagecoach takes off for a four-day trip through the Arikaree Breaks, ending at Beecher Island on June 10th

Look for more details about this historic event on the Hardt Gallery Facebook page and at [www.2020onwashington.com](http://www.2020onwashington.com)

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