

Cattle Futures and Options



Manage the risk inherent in cattle production and processing with CME Group’s benchmark Cattle futures and options, including Live Cattle and Feeder Cattle

Overview

The U.S. cattle and beef industry is a big and risky business. Any number of factors, including weather and disease, can lead to an increase or decrease of supply and demand for livestock. Live Cattle and Feeder Cattle futures and options serve commodity producers and users seeking risk management and hedging tools, alongside funds and other traders looking to capitalize on the extraordinary opportunities these markets offer.

Contracts

Live Cattle and Feeder Cattle futures and options trade electronically on the CME Globex electronic trading platform. Cattle options are also available available via open outcry on the trading floor. Live Cattle are physically delivered contracts, while Feeder Cattle are cash-settled contracts.

Benefits

- Facilitate price discovery and manage price risk related to the purchase or sale of cattle
- Arbitrage and spread opportunities with other commodities such as grains
- Calendar Spread Options on Live Cattle futures
- Transparent, deep liquid markets
- Financial integrity of CME Clearing
- Live Cattle: Physically delivered, Feeder Cattle: Cash-settled

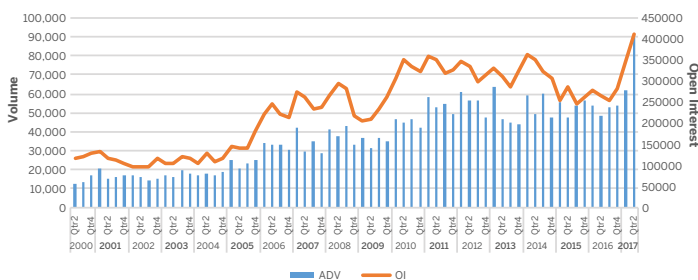
Trading Tools

Get access to real-time quotes at: cmegroup.com/equotes.

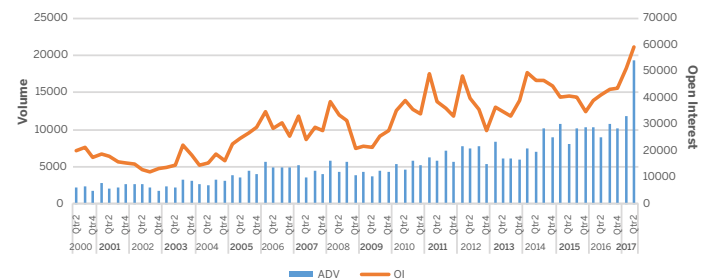
Livestock option pricing and analysis at: cmegroup.com/quikstrike.

Market commentary on market drivers at: cmegroup.com/marketcommentary or dailylivestockreport.com.

CME Live Cattle – New Record Volume & Open Interest



CME Feeder Cattle Futures – New Record Volume & Open Interest



Contract Specifications

	Live Cattle Futures	Feeder Cattle Futures
Trade Unit	40,000 pounds	50,000 pounds
Point Descriptions	1 point = \$0.0001 per pound = \$4.00	1 point = \$0.0001 per pound = \$5.00
Tick Size	Regular: 0.00025/lb = \$10.00	Regular: 0.00025/lb = \$12.50
Limits	\$0.030/lb, expand to \$0.045/lb	\$0.045/lb, expand to \$0.0675/lb
Contract Listing	Nine months in the even monthly cycle: Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct and Dec	Jan, Mar, Apr, May, Aug, Sep, Oct and Nov Eight months listed at a time
Last Trading Day	Last business day of the contract month	Last Thursday of the contract month
Trading Hours	CME Globex Monday - Friday: 8:30 a.m. 1:05 p.m. CT	Monday - Friday: 8:30 a.m. 1:05 p.m. CT
Product Code	Clearing = 48 CME Globex = LE	Clearing = 62 CME Globex = GF
	Live Cattle Options	Feeder Cattle Options
Trade Unit	One Live Cattle futures contract	One Feeder Cattle futures contract
Point Descriptions	1 point = \$0.0001 per pound = \$4.00	1 point = \$0.0001 per pound = \$5.00
Tick Size	Regular: 0.00025/lb = \$10.00	Regular: 0.00025/lb = \$12.50 Cab: 0.000125/lb = \$6.25
Limits	N/A	N/A
Strike Price Interval	\$0.02/lb for all months plus \$0.01/lb for front three months	\$0.02/lb for all months plus \$0.01/lb for front three months \$0.005/lb for spot month
Contract Listing	Nine months in the even monthly cycle: Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct and Dec, plus serial months	Jan, Mar, Apr, May, Aug, Sep, Oct, Nov
Last Trading Day	Standard and Serial options: First Friday of the contract month	Last Thursday of the contract month
Exercise	American-style. Options buyers may exercise an options contract on any business day prior to expiration by giving notice to CME Clearing by 6:00 p.m. CT. Exercised options are randomly assigned to options sellers. Options in-the-money after the close on the last trading day are automatically exercised.	
Expiration	Unexercised futures options shall expire at 7:00 p.m. CT on the last day of trading.	
Trading Hours	CME Globex Monday – Friday: 8:30 a.m. 1:05 p.m. CT	Monday – Friday: 8:30 a.m. – 1:05 p.m. CT
	Open Outcry 8:30 a.m. – 1:02 p.m. CT	8:30 a.m. – 1:02 p.m. CT
Product Code	Clearing = 48 Open Outcry Puts/Calls = PK/CK CME Globex = LE	Clearing = 62 Open Outcry Puts/Calls = JF/KF

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