

# Feeder Cattle Basis

**Table 1. St. Joseph, MO, 2006-2010**

(500-600 lb. No. 1 Steers, Dollar/cwt.)

Market Period	Contract For Basis	3-yr Avg Futures	2006 Basis	2007 Basis	2008 Basis	2009 Basis	2010 Basis	3-yr Avg* Basis	3-yr Std. Dev.
January	January	97.26	22.56	15.90	12.94	18.34	12.88	14.72	4.74
February	March	97.76	33.86	15.96	19.46	22.73	18.11	20.10	3.69
March	March	99.02	33.32	20.72	21.75	20.35	19.27	20.46	2.15
April	April	103.10	30.17	22.08	23.71	18.56	20.28	20.85	3.90
May	May	105.68	28.95	19.02	13.35	19.12		17.16	3.36
June	August	106.08	22.60	20.11	12.30	11.20		14.54	5.96
July	August	109.92	20.21	12.13	8.64	10.08		10.28	3.11
August	August	110.16	15.63	8.99	9.27	15.68		11.32	4.85
September	September	108.18	5.04	11.83	11.68	16.13		13.21	4.20
October	October	101.85	5.11	10.48	7.83	10.19		9.50	2.53
November	November	99.50	-0.02	15.31	10.74	11.04		12.36	4.02
December	January	95.89	5.64	8.20	14.21	12.91		11.77	3.77

(700-800 lb. No. 1 Steers, Dollar/cwt.)

Market Period	Contract For Basis	3-yr Avg Futures	2006 Basis	2007 Basis	2008 Basis	2009 Basis	2010 Basis	3-yr Avg* Basis	Std. Dev.
January	January	97.26	0.07	0.76	-2.10	0.87	-0.96	-0.73	2.10
February	March	97.76	1.96	-0.36	-0.87	4.79	2.16	2.03	4.55
March	March	99.02	2.87	2.01	0.51	3.44	2.60	2.18	1.94
April	April	103.10	6.46	3.26	2.69	5.12	4.37	4.06	2.16
May	May	105.68	7.59	4.28	1.87	3.77		3.31	3.07
June	August	106.08	3.15	4.36	-2.39	1.91		1.29	5.70
July	August	109.92	5.02	1.01	6.66	1.70		3.12	2.98
August	August	110.16	2.17	6.17	0.29	4.15		3.54	3.72
September	September	108.18	5.04	3.88	3.65	3.62		3.72	1.99
October	October	101.85	5.11	2.45	3.69	4.37		3.51	3.62
November	November	99.50	-0.02	1.21	1.64	1.71		1.52	5.89
December	January	95.89	-3.11	1.70	3.43	5.13		3.42	3.63

**Note:**

- Basis is calculated as cash - futures. Negative sign means that futures are greater than cash.
- 68% of the time the basis is expected to fall within plus or minus one standard deviation of the average basis.

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