

## **SUMMARY OF LIVE CATTLE DELIVERY SPECIFICATION CHANGES**

November 1964 Began trading Nov. 30, 1964

25,000 lbs of Choice Steers (variance ±5%)

Par weights: 1,000 to 1,150 lbs with a 61% yield

1,151 to 1,300 lbs with a 62% yield

Par delivery in Chicago, IL

Delivery in Omaha, NE at a \$0.75/cwt discount

Last trading day 20th calendar day or last business day prior to 20th

Daily Price Limit of \$1.50 per cwt

**February 1966** New par weights:

Average 1,050 to 1,150 lbs with a 61% yield

Average 1,151 to 1,250 lbs with a 62% yield

August 1966 Delivery point changes:

Added Kansas City, MO at \$1/cwt discount

**August 1969** Par weight of delivery unit increased to 40,000 lbs (variance still ±5%)

Daily Price Limit of \$1 per cwt

August 1971 Delivery point changes:



Omaha, NE deliverable at par

Chicago, IL deliverable at \$0.50/cwt premium

Added Peoria, IL at \$0.50/cwt premium

Added Guymon, OK at \$1/cwt discount

Dropped Kansas City, MO

**April 1972** Delivery point changes:

Added Sioux City, IA at par

Dropped Chicago, IL

June 1973 Peoria, IL deliverable at par

**December 1974** Delivery point changes:

Added Guymon, OK at \$0.75/cwt discount

Added Joliet, IL at par

Daily price Limit of \$1.50 per cwt

**April 1976** New par weights:

Average 1,050 to 1,125.5 lbs with a 62% yield

Average 1,125.6 to 1,200 lbs with a 63% yield

No individual animal below 950 lbs or above 1,300 lbs

Added Yield Grade requirements – Yield Grades 1 through 4 deliverable

**February 1977** Guymon, OK deliverable at \$0.50/cwt discount



**January 1977** Guymon, OK deliverable at par (all points at par from this date forward)

August 1981 Delivery point changes:

Added Greeley, CO

**June 1985** Delivery point changes:

Dropped Guymon, OK

Added Dodge City, KS

Added Amarillo, TX

**February 1990** Dropped Joliet, IL as delivery point

October 1990 Dropped Peoria, IL as delivery point

**February 1991** Last trading day changed to the business day immediately preceding the last 5

business days of the contract month

October 1993 New par weights:

Average 1,050 to 1,125.5 lbs with a 62% yield

Average 1,125.6 to 1,250 lbs with a 63% yield

No individual animal below 950 lbs or above 1,300 lbs

June 1995 Par delivery unit 40,000 lbs of 55% Choice, 45% Select steers,

Yield Grade 3; variations from par linked to market-based premiums &

discounts



New par Live Weights:

Average 1,050 to 1,250 lbs with a 63% yield

No individual animal below 1,000 lbs or above 1,300 lbs

New par Carcass Weights: (for new carcass delivery option)

600 to 900 lbs with a 63% yield

Below 600 lbs or above 900 lbs deliverable at 20% discount

Delivery point changes:

Added Norfolk NE

Added North Platte, NE

Added Ogallala, NE

Added Pratt, KS

Added Guymon, OK

Added Clovis, NM

Dropped Greeley, CO

June 1998

Last trading day changed to last business day of the contract month

New par Live Weights:

Average 1,100 to 1,300 lbs with a 63% yield

No individual animal below 1,050 lbs or above 1,350 lbs

New Carcass Weights:

600 to 900 lbs with a 63% yield

550-600 and 900-950 lbs deliverable at discount tied to USDA

premium and discount report

Below 550 lbs or above 950 lbs deliverable at 20% discount



**November 1999** Delivery point changes:

Dropped Omaha, NE

Added Columbus, NE

**February 2001** Delivery point changes:

Added Syracuse, KS

Added Tulia, TX

**April 2002** Delivery point changes:

Dropped Sioux City, IA

October 2002 Delivery point changes:

Dropped Guymon, OK

March 2003 Serial futures listed (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep and Nov)

June 2003 New par Live Weights:

Average 1,100 to 1,325 lbs with a 63% yield

No individual animal below 1,050 lbs or above 1,375 lbs

October 2003 Daily Price Limits expandable from \$1.50 to \$3 and then \$5 per cwt.

**December 2003** New par Live Weights:

Average 1,100 to 1,350 lbs with a 63% yield

No individual animal below 1,050 lbs or above 1,400 lbs



**New Carcass Weights:** 

950-1,000 lbs deliverable at discount tied to USDA national premium and discount report

Delivery point changes:

Added Guymon, OK

Added Texhoma, OK

February 2004 Daily price Limit of \$3 per cwt

October 2004 Premiums & discounts linked to new 5-Area USDA premium & discount report

June 2006 Serial futures delisted

**December 2007** New par Live Weights:

Average 1,100 to 1,425 lbs with a 63% yield

No individual animal below 1,050 lbs or above 1,475 lbs

**April 2008** Delivery point changes:

Dropped Guymon, OK

October 2008 New par Live Weights:

Eliminated average weight requirements

Individual animals between 1,050 lbs and 1,475 lbs deliverable at par

Individual animals between 1,475 lbs and 1,550 lbs deliverable at discount linked to 5-Area USDA premium & discount report



August 2009 Delivery point changes:

Added Wray, CO

Added Worthing, SD

October 2011 New par Live Weights:

Individual animals between 1,050 lbs and 1,500 lbs deliverable at par

Eliminated 1475-1550 lbs. discount linked to 5-Area USDA premium & discount report

Increase the distance from 150 miles to 200 miles for determining the corresponding CME-approved slaughter plants:

For each live-graded delivery point

and

For feedlots from which the cattle originate

August 2014 Par weight 1050-1500 with discount for 1500-1550 linked to 5-area report

August 2015 Heifers deliverable at 1050-1350 pounds

**December 2014** Expandable daily price limit of \$4.50/cwt (should either of the two front

contract settle at the initial limit of \$3.00/cwt)

**February 2016** Trading hours amended, ending trading daily at 1:05 p.m.

**November 2016** Delivery point changes:

Dropped Norfolk, NE



December 2016

US-origin only cattle are deliverable (following the repeal of beef being covered

under COOL which essentially also required US origin only)

June 2017 Delivery point changes:

Add Dalhart, TX

Add West Point, NE

**July 2017** Delivery point changes:

Add Lexington, NE

Add Kearney, NE

October 2017

\$1.50/cwt discount on deliveries tendered to Worthing in October contract month

Par quality grade of 60% choice and 40% select

## December 2017

- 1. Amend the last day on which a seller may tender a Certificate of Delivery ("Last Tender Date") to no later than noon on the Business Day following Last Trade Date ("LTD").
- 2. For Certificates of Delivery tendered to the Exchange on Last Tender Date, live-graded delivery may occur on Business Days eight through eleven of the succeeding calendar month, inclusive.
- 3. For Certificates of Delivery tendered to the Exchange on Last Tender Date, if the seller is unable to obtain clearance from an approved livestock yard for Business Days eight through eleven of the succeeding calendar month, or if a USDA grader is unavailable for grading at the designated livestock yard for Business Days eight through eleven of the succeeding calendar month, the Exchange may extend the delivery period up to an additional three Business Days (i.e., up to the 14th Business Day of the succeeding calendar month).
- 4. For Certificates of Delivery tendered to the Exchange on Last Tender Date, if the assigned buyer elects carcass-graded delivery, the slaughter shall take place



on a Business Day chosen by the buyer between the fourth Business Day and the eleventh Business Day, inclusive, of the succeeding calendar month.

- 5. For Certificates of Delivery tendered to the Exchange on Last Tender Date, if the seller was granted an extension by the Exchange to deliver past the eleventh Business Day of the succeeding calendar month (pursuant to Item 3 above), and if the assigned buyer elects carcass-graded delivery, the slaughter shall take place on a Business Day chosen by the buyer between the fourth Business Day of the succeeding calendar month and the Business Day for which the extension was granted, inclusive.
- 6. Amend timing deadlines associated with tender, demand, retender, reclaim, and assignment of Certificates of Delivery to the Clearing House to one and a half hours earlier.

## October 2018

Par quality grade of 65% choice and 35% select

Increase the penalty for failing to present a complete load of steers or heifers from \$0.015 to \$0.030 per pound each Business Day until proper delivery is made and amend the penalty language to clarify that a USDA grader can assess a penalty for slowing the live grading process by failing to properly sort a load prior to delivery and allow that grader to assess such sorting penalties without stopping the delivery process of the Live Cattle Futures contract.