Compared to last week, steers and heifers sold 2.00 to 6.00 higher with some markets being up to 9.00 higher on individual weight ranges. Cattle feeders are anxious to refill pens after selling cattle at 125.00 this week; 14.00 higher than just two short weeks ago. Old timers will recall fed cattle moving by leaps and bounds back in the fall of 2003 and they all remember that what goes up usually comes down. Some feedyards are reporting that pens are filling up with those freshly weaned calves from auctions, however there have been some yearlings still out there in the marketplace. In McCook NE on Monday, three loads of 869 lb steers with all the bells and whistles sold at 181.25. Then on Wednesday in Aberdeen SD at Hub City Livestock, a little over two large loads of 932 lb steers sold at a whopping 170.40. Both of those transactions dollarayed up to just shy of $1600/head and optimism is abound with cheaper feed than in recent years in feedyards. Some reports of difficulty finding cattle trucks have crept into conversations this week as calf marketings are in full swing now. After last week’s sharp drop in temperatures in the mid-section of the country, high winds were being talked about over the weekend ...

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