

**SUMMARY OF CHANGES FOR THE  
LIVESTOCK GROSS MARGIN FOR CATTLE  
COMMODITY EXCHANGE ENDORSEMENT  
(Released April 2026)**

- Throughout –
  - Calculations for actual prices are clarified and examples are updated.
  - Updated Table 1 column numbering and headings.



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
Federal Crop Insurance Corporation  
LIVESTOCK GROSS MARGIN FOR CATTLE  
COMMODITY EXCHANGE ENDORSEMENT**

In return for your payment of premium, this Livestock Gross Margin for Cattle, Commodity Exchange Endorsement will be attached to and made part of the Livestock Gross Margin (LGM) for Cattle Insurance Policy, Basic Provisions subject to the terms and conditions described in your policy.

This endorsement contains an explanation of the manner in which the data from CME Group are used to set expected and actual prices for Livestock Gross Margin (LGM) for Cattle.

**Pricing Months**

For yearling finishing operations:

- (i) The feeder cattle pricing month is the fifth month preceding the insurance month. For example, if target marketings are declared for March 2027, then the feeder cattle pricing month will be October 2026.
- (ii) Corn pricing month is the second month preceding the insurance month. For example, if target marketings are declared for March 2027, then the corn pricing month will be January 2027.

For calf finishing operations:

- (i) The feeder cattle pricing month is the eighth month preceding the insurance month. For example, if target marketings are declared for March 2027, then the feeder cattle pricing month will be July 2026.
- (ii) Corn pricing month is the fourth month preceding the insurance month. For example, if target marketings are declared for March 2027, then the feeder cattle pricing month will be December 2026.

**Expected Prices**

Expected prices are calculated as described below.

(a) Cattle

- (i) For insurance months February, April, June, August, October, and December:
  - Preliminary CME live cattle futures daily settlement prices for the contract month that is equal to the insurance month, observed on the effective date.
- (ii) For insurance month of January:
  - Preliminary CME live cattle futures daily settlement prices for the contract month of February, observed on the effective date.
- (iii) For insurance month of March:
  - Preliminary CME live cattle futures daily settlement prices for the contract month of April, observed on the effective date.
- (iv) For insurance month of May:
  - Preliminary CME live cattle futures daily settlement prices for the contract month of June, observed on the effective date.
- (v) For insurance month of July:
  - Preliminary CME live cattle futures daily settlement prices for the contract month of August, observed on the effective date.
- (vi) For insurance month of September:
  - Preliminary CME live cattle futures daily settlement prices for the contract month of October, observed on the effective date.
- (vii) For insurance month of November:
  - Preliminary CME live cattle futures daily settlement prices for the contract month of December, observed on the effective date.

(b) Feeder Cattle

- (i) For pricing months January, March, April, May, August, September, October, and November:
  - Preliminary CME feeder cattle futures daily settlement prices for the contract month that is equal to the pricing month, observed on the effective date.
- (ii) For pricing month of February:

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- Preliminary CME feeder cattle futures daily settlement prices for the contract month of March, observed on the effective date.
  - (iii) For pricing months of June and July:
    - Preliminary CME feeder cattle futures daily settlement prices for the contract month of August, observed on the effective date.
  - (iv) For pricing month of December:
    - Preliminary CME feeder cattle futures daily settlement prices for the contract month of January of the following year, observed on the effective date.
- (c) Corn
- (i) For pricing months March, May, July, September, and December:
    - Preliminary CME corn futures daily settlement prices for the contract month that is equal to the pricing month, observed on the effective date.
  - (ii) For pricing months of January and February:
    - Preliminary CME corn futures daily settlement prices for the contract month of March, observed on the effective date.
  - (iii) For pricing month of April:
    - Preliminary CME corn futures daily settlement prices for the contract month of May, observed on the effective date.
  - (iv) For pricing month of June:
    - Preliminary CME corn futures daily settlement prices for the contract month of July, observed on the effective date.
  - (v) For pricing month of August:
    - Preliminary CME corn futures daily settlement prices for the contract month of September, observed on the effective date.
  - (vi) For pricing months of October and November:
    - Preliminary CME corn futures daily settlement prices for the contract month of December, observed on the effective date.

### Actual Prices

Actual prices are calculated as described below.

- (a) Cattle
- (i) For insurance months February, April, June, August, October, and December:
    - Simple average of final CME live cattle futures daily settlement prices for the contract month that is equal to the insurance month, observed over three trading days prior to the contract first notice date.
    - For example, for August 2026, the first notice date is August 10, 2026. The actual price is the simple average of daily settlement prices for August 5, 6, and 7, 2026.
  - (ii) For insurance month of January:
    - Simple average of final CME live cattle futures daily settlement prices for the contract month of February, observed over three trading days prior to January 31.
    - For example, for January 2027, February 2027 live cattle futures, simple average of daily settlement prices for January 27, 28, and 29, 2027.
  - (iii) For insurance month of March:
    - Simple average of final CME live cattle futures daily settlement prices for the contract month of April, observed over three trading days prior to March 31.
    - For example, for March 2027, April 2027 live cattle futures, simple average of daily settlement prices for March 25, 29, and 30, 2027.
  - (iv) For insurance month of May:
    - Simple average of final CME live cattle futures daily settlement prices for the contract month of June, observed over three trading days prior to May 31.
    - For example, for May 2027, June 2027 live cattle futures, simple average of daily settlement prices for May 26, 27, and 28, 2027.
  - (v) For insurance month of July:
    - Simple average of final CME live cattle futures daily settlement prices for the contract month of August, observed over three trading days prior to July 31.
    - For example, for July 2027, August 2027 live cattle futures, simple average of daily settlement prices for July 28, 29, and 30, 2027.

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- (vi) For insurance month of September:
  - Simple average of final CME live cattle futures daily settlement prices for the contract month of October, observed over three trading days prior to September 30.
  - For example, for September 2026, October 2026 live cattle futures, simple average of daily settlement prices for September 25, 28, and 29, 2026.
- (vii) For insurance month of November:
  - Simple average of final CME live cattle futures daily settlement prices for the contract month of December, observed over three trading days prior to November 30.
  - For example, for November 2026, December 2026 live cattle futures, simple average of daily settlement prices for November 24, 25, and 27, 2026.
- (b) Feeder Cattle
  - (i) For pricing months January, March, April, May, August, September, October, and November:
    - Simple average of final CME feeder cattle futures daily settlement prices for the contract month that is equal to the pricing month, observed over three trading days prior to the contract expiration date.
    - For example, for January 2027, the expiration date is January 28, 2027. The actual price is the simple average of daily settlement prices for January 25, 26, and 27, 2025.
  - (ii) For pricing month of February:
    - Simple average of final CME feeder cattle futures daily settlement prices for the contract month of March, observed over three trading days prior to February 1.
    - For example, for February 2027, March 2027 feeder cattle futures, simple average of daily settlement prices for January 27, 28, and 29, 2027.
  - (iii) For pricing month of June:
    - Simple average of final CME feeder cattle futures daily settlement prices for the contract month of August, observed over three trading days prior to June 1.
    - For example, for June 2026, August 2026 feeder cattle futures, simple average of daily settlement prices for May 27, 28, and 29, 2026.
  - (iv) For pricing month of July:
    - Simple average of final CME feeder cattle futures daily settlement prices for the contract month of August, observed over three trading days prior to July 1.
    - For example, for July 2026, August 2026 feeder cattle futures, simple average of daily settlement prices for June 26, 29, and 30, 2026.
  - (v) For pricing month of December:
    - Simple average of final CME feeder cattle futures daily settlement prices for the contract month of January of the following year, observed over three trading days prior to December 1<sup>st</sup>.
    - For example, for December 2026, January 2027 feeder cattle futures, simple average of daily settlement prices for November 25, 27, and 30, 2026.
- (c) Corn
  - (i) For pricing months March, May, July, September, and December:
    - Simple average of final CME corn futures daily settlement prices for the contract month that is equal to the insurance month, observed over three trading days prior to the contract first notice date.
    - For example, for July 2026, the first notice date is June 30, 2026. The actual price is the simple average of daily settlement prices for June 25, 26, and 29, 2026.
  - (ii) For pricing month of January:
    - Simple average of final CME corn futures daily settlement prices for the contract month of March, observed over three trading days prior to January 1.
    - For example, for January 2027, March 2027 corn futures, simple average of daily settlement prices for December 29, 30, and 31, 2026.
  - (iii) For pricing month of February:
    - Simple average of final CME corn futures daily settlement prices for the contract month of March, observed over three trading days prior to February 1.
    - For example, for February 2027, March 2027 corn futures, simple average of daily settlement prices for January 27, 28, and 29, 2027.
  - (iv) For pricing month of April:
    - Simple average of final CME corn futures daily settlement prices for the contract month of May, observed over three trading days prior to April 1.
    - For example, for April 2027, May 2027 corn futures, simple average of daily settlement prices for March 29, 30, and 31, 2027.
  - (v) For pricing month of June:

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- Simple average of final CME corn futures daily settlement prices for the contract month of July, observed over three trading days prior to June 1.
  - For example, for June 2027, July 2027 corn futures, simple average of daily settlement prices for May 27, 28, and 31, 2027.
- (vi) For pricing month of August:
- Simple average of final CME corn futures daily settlement prices for the contract month of September, observed over three trading days prior to August 1.
  - For example, for August 2026, September 2026 corn futures, simple average of daily settlement prices for July 29, 30, and 31, 2026.
- (vii) For pricing month of October:
- Simple average of final CME corn futures daily settlement prices for the contract month of December, observed over three trading days prior to October 1.
  - For example, for October 2026, December 2026 corn futures, simple average of daily settlement prices for September 28, 29, and 30, 2026.
- (viii) For pricing month of November:
- Simple average of final CME corn futures daily settlement prices for the contract month of December, observed over three trading days prior to November 1.
  - For example, for November 2026, December 2026 corn futures, simple average of daily settlement prices for October 28, 29, and 30, 2026.

### **Offer Availability**

Available insurance months are determined by the closing month of the policy. The closing month is determined by the month of the first day of the sales period. For example, if LGM for Cattle has sales periods that begin on January 7, 14, 21, and 28, the closing month of all of these sales periods is January. Table 1 presents the information on insurable months based on the closing month (in Column 1). The closing month determines the insurance period (in Column 2). Within each insurance period, the insurance months are shown in Column 3, and the relevant cattle and feed pricing months are shown in Columns 4-7 (Columns 4-5 for yearling finishing operations, Columns 6-7 for calf finishing operations). All cattle prices are expressed in dollars per hundredweight; all corn prices are expressed in dollars per bushel.

The sales period begins on the Thursday of the week when the coverage prices and rates are posted on the RMA website and ends at 8:25 AM Central Time of the following calendar day. Sales will not be available for purchase if the Thursday of the sales period is a CME holiday. If the expected gross margins are not available on the RMA website by 4:30 PM Central Time on the effective date, LGM for Cattle may not be offered for sale for that effective date.

| Column 1            | Column 2          | Column 3                    | Column 4                    | Column 5           | Column 6                    | Column 7           |           |          |
|---------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|-----------|----------|
| Sales Closing Month | Insurance Period  | Live Cattle Insurance Month | Yearling Finishing          |                    | Calf Finishing              |                    |           |          |
|                     |                   |                             | Feeder Cattle Pricing Month | Corn Pricing Month | Feeder Cattle Pricing Month | Corn Pricing Month |           |          |
| January             | February-December | March                       | October                     | January            | July                        | November           |           |          |
|                     |                   | April                       | November                    | February           | August                      | December           |           |          |
|                     |                   | May                         | December                    | March              | September                   | January            |           |          |
|                     |                   | June                        | January                     | April              | October                     | February           |           |          |
|                     |                   | July                        | February                    | May                | November                    | March              |           |          |
|                     |                   | August                      | March                       | June               | December                    | April              |           |          |
|                     |                   | September                   | April                       | July               | January                     | May                |           |          |
|                     |                   | October                     | May                         | August             | February                    | June               |           |          |
|                     |                   | November                    | June                        | September          | March                       | July               |           |          |
|                     |                   | December                    | July                        | October            | April                       | August             |           |          |
|                     |                   | February                    | March-January               | April              | November                    | February           | August    | December |
|                     |                   |                             |                             | May                | December                    | March              | September | January  |
| June                | January           |                             |                             | April              | October                     | February           |           |          |
| July                | February          |                             |                             | May                | November                    | March              |           |          |
| August              | March             |                             |                             | June               | December                    | April              |           |          |
| September           | April             |                             |                             | July               | January                     | May                |           |          |
| October             | May               |                             |                             | August             | February                    | June               |           |          |
| November            | June              |                             |                             | September          | March                       | July               |           |          |
| December            | July              |                             |                             | October            | April                       | August             |           |          |
| January             | August            |                             |                             | November           | May                         | September          |           |          |
| March               | April-February    |                             |                             | May                | December                    | March              | September | January  |
|                     |                   |                             |                             | June               | January                     | April              | October   | February |
|                     |                   | July                        | February                    | May                | November                    | March              |           |          |
|                     |                   | August                      | March                       | June               | December                    | April              |           |          |
|                     |                   | September                   | April                       | July               | January                     | May                |           |          |
|                     |                   | October                     | May                         | August             | February                    | June               |           |          |
|                     |                   | November                    | June                        | September          | March                       | July               |           |          |
|                     |                   | December                    | July                        | October            | April                       | August             |           |          |
|                     |                   | January                     | August                      | November           | May                         | September          |           |          |
|                     |                   | February                    | September                   | December           | June                        | October            |           |          |

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| Column 1            | Column 2         | Column 3                    | Column 4                    | Column 5           | Column 6                    | Column 7           |          |       |
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| Sales Closing Month | Insurance Period | Live Cattle Insurance Month | Yearling Finishing          |                    | Calf Finishing              |                    |          |       |
|                     |                  |                             | Feeder Cattle Pricing Month | Corn Pricing Month | Feeder Cattle Pricing Month | Corn Pricing Month |          |       |
| April               | May-March        | June                        | January                     | April              | October                     | February           |          |       |
|                     |                  | July                        | February                    | May                | November                    | March              |          |       |
|                     |                  | August                      | March                       | June               | December                    | April              |          |       |
|                     |                  | September                   | April                       | July               | January                     | May                |          |       |
|                     |                  | October                     | May                         | August             | February                    | June               |          |       |
|                     |                  | November                    | June                        | September          | March                       | July               |          |       |
|                     |                  | December                    | July                        | October            | April                       | August             |          |       |
|                     |                  | January                     | August                      | November           | May                         | September          |          |       |
|                     |                  | February                    | September                   | December           | June                        | October            |          |       |
|                     |                  | March                       | October                     | January            | July                        | November           |          |       |
|                     |                  | May                         | June-April                  | July               | February                    | May                | November | March |
|                     |                  |                             |                             | August             | March                       | June               | December | April |
| September           | April            |                             |                             | July               | January                     | May                |          |       |
| October             | May              |                             |                             | August             | February                    | June               |          |       |
| November            | June             |                             |                             | September          | March                       | July               |          |       |
| December            | July             |                             |                             | October            | April                       | August             |          |       |
| January             | August           |                             |                             | November           | May                         | September          |          |       |
| February            | September        |                             |                             | December           | June                        | October            |          |       |
| March               | October          |                             |                             | January            | July                        | November           |          |       |
| April               | November         |                             |                             | February           | August                      | December           |          |       |
| June                | July-May         |                             |                             | August             | March                       | June               | December | April |
|                     |                  |                             |                             | September          | April                       | July               | January  | May   |
|                     |                  | October                     | May                         | August             | February                    | June               |          |       |
|                     |                  | November                    | June                        | September          | March                       | July               |          |       |
|                     |                  | December                    | July                        | October            | April                       | August             |          |       |
|                     |                  | January                     | August                      | November           | May                         | September          |          |       |
|                     |                  | February                    | September                   | December           | June                        | October            |          |       |
|                     |                  | March                       | October                     | January            | July                        | November           |          |       |
|                     |                  | April                       | November                    | February           | August                      | December           |          |       |
|                     |                  | May                         | December                    | March              | September                   | January            |          |       |

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| Sales Closing Month | Insurance Period | Live Cattle Insurance Month | Yearling Finishing          |                    | Calf Finishing              |                    |          |        |
|                     |                  |                             | Feeder Cattle Pricing Month | Corn Pricing Month | Feeder Cattle Pricing Month | Corn Pricing Month |          |        |
| July                | August-June      | September                   | April                       | July               | January                     | May                |          |        |
|                     |                  | October                     | May                         | August             | February                    | June               |          |        |
|                     |                  | November                    | June                        | September          | March                       | July               |          |        |
|                     |                  | December                    | July                        | October            | April                       | August             |          |        |
|                     |                  | January                     | August                      | November           | May                         | September          |          |        |
|                     |                  | February                    | September                   | December           | June                        | October            |          |        |
|                     |                  | March                       | October                     | January            | July                        | November           |          |        |
|                     |                  | April                       | November                    | February           | August                      | December           |          |        |
|                     |                  | May                         | December                    | March              | September                   | January            |          |        |
|                     |                  | June                        | January                     | April              | October                     | February           |          |        |
|                     |                  | August                      | September-July              | October            | May                         | August             | February | June   |
|                     |                  |                             |                             | November           | June                        | September          | March    | July   |
| December            | July             |                             |                             | October            | April                       | August             |          |        |
| January             | August           |                             |                             | November           | May                         | September          |          |        |
| February            | September        |                             |                             | December           | June                        | October            |          |        |
| March               | October          |                             |                             | January            | July                        | November           |          |        |
| April               | November         |                             |                             | February           | August                      | December           |          |        |
| May                 | December         |                             |                             | March              | September                   | January            |          |        |
| June                | January          |                             |                             | April              | October                     | February           |          |        |
| July                | February         |                             |                             | May                | November                    | March              |          |        |
| September           | October-August   |                             |                             | November           | June                        | September          | March    | July   |
|                     |                  |                             |                             | December           | July                        | October            | April    | August |
|                     |                  | January                     | August                      | November           | May                         | September          |          |        |
|                     |                  | February                    | September                   | December           | June                        | October            |          |        |
|                     |                  | March                       | October                     | January            | July                        | November           |          |        |
|                     |                  | April                       | November                    | February           | August                      | December           |          |        |
|                     |                  | May                         | December                    | March              | September                   | January            |          |        |
|                     |                  | June                        | January                     | April              | October                     | February           |          |        |
|                     |                  | July                        | February                    | May                | November                    | March              |          |        |
|                     |                  | August                      | March                       | June               | December                    | April              |          |        |

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|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|------|-----------|
|                     |                    |                             | Yearling Finishing          |                    | Calf Finishing              |                    |      |           |
| Sales Closing Month | Insurance Period   | Live Cattle Insurance Month | Feeder Cattle Pricing Month | Corn Pricing Month | Feeder Cattle Pricing Month | Corn Pricing Month |      |           |
| October             | November-September | December                    | July                        | October            | April                       | August             |      |           |
|                     |                    | January                     | August                      | November           | May                         | September          |      |           |
|                     |                    | February                    | September                   | December           | June                        | October            |      |           |
|                     |                    | March                       | October                     | January            | July                        | November           |      |           |
|                     |                    | April                       | November                    | February           | August                      | December           |      |           |
|                     |                    | May                         | December                    | March              | September                   | January            |      |           |
|                     |                    | June                        | January                     | April              | October                     | February           |      |           |
|                     |                    | July                        | February                    | May                | November                    | March              |      |           |
|                     |                    | August                      | March                       | June               | December                    | April              |      |           |
|                     |                    | September                   | April                       | July               | January                     | May                |      |           |
|                     |                    | November                    | December-October            | January            | August                      | November           | May  | September |
|                     |                    |                             |                             | February           | September                   | December           | June | October   |
| March               | October            |                             |                             | January            | July                        | November           |      |           |
| April               | November           |                             |                             | February           | August                      | December           |      |           |
| May                 | December           |                             |                             | March              | September                   | January            |      |           |
| June                | January            |                             |                             | April              | October                     | February           |      |           |
| July                | February           |                             |                             | May                | November                    | March              |      |           |
| August              | March              |                             |                             | June               | December                    | April              |      |           |
| September           | April              |                             |                             | July               | January                     | May                |      |           |
| October             | May                |                             |                             | August             | February                    | June               |      |           |
| December            | January-November   |                             |                             | February           | September                   | December           | June | October   |
|                     |                    |                             |                             | March              | October                     | January            | July | November  |
|                     |                    | April                       | November                    | February           | August                      | December           |      |           |
|                     |                    | May                         | December                    | March              | September                   | January            |      |           |
|                     |                    | June                        | January                     | April              | October                     | February           |      |           |
|                     |                    | July                        | February                    | May                | November                    | March              |      |           |
|                     |                    | August                      | March                       | June               | December                    | April              |      |           |
|                     |                    | September                   | April                       | July               | January                     | May                |      |           |
|                     |                    | October                     | May                         | August             | February                    | June               |      |           |
|                     |                    | November                    | June                        | September          | March                       | July               |      |           |