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## National Beef Grid Definitions:

**Cattle Scheduling:** Cattle will be turned into National Beef by noon Tuesday week prior to slaughter. National Beef scheduler will work with feedyard manager on cattle scheduling.

**Cattle Payment:** cattle will be paid at 85% of value upon slaughter with the balance paid (if eligible) as soon as possible the week following slaughter.

**Grid Usage:** NBP has the discretion to allow or not allow cattle to participate on the grid.

**Carcass Damage Discounts:** seller will be responsible for any carcass damage discounts incurred. Condemned cattle have \$0.00 value.

**Steer Premium:** Paid on a per lot basis with a maximum variance of 5.0% or 2 head, whichever is greater. Premium is \$3.00 per head.

**Non-Conforming Cattle:** seller agrees and understand that all rejected cattle are subject to a \$200.00 handling fee, that will be deducted from their check.

**Base Live Price:** week prior to slaughter weighted average KTO steer and heifer price plus \$0.25.

**Base Hot Yield Threshold:** average dressing percentage on live weight cattle from KTO week of slaughter in both KS plants, capped at 64.20%.

**Choice-Select Spread:** 4 weeks prior to slaughter rolling average, USDA Weekly Weighted Average of the USDA Heavy Choice Beef Cutout minus the USDA Heavy Select Beef Cutout.

**Premiums/Discounts:** paid on weight which exceeds or fails to reach the KTO non-grid live weight purchased cattle Liberal and Dodge City plant averages combined, unless otherwise stated. Choice and higher threshold KTO average minus 5.0%. Prime and CAB premiums are calculated using Weekly USDA reports minus \$.0075/lb. The Prime and CAB premiums are 4 week rolling averages with \$8.00/cwt. and \$3.00/cwt. floors respectively. Certified Hereford Beef premium is fixed at \$2.00/cwt. Seller stands all lights, heavies, hardbones, darkcutters, and over 30 months of age cattle. Over 30 month cattle determined by dentition at slaughter.

<u>Category</u>	<u>Threshold</u>	<u>+ / -</u>
Prime	4-week plant average	Blend of Prime/Choice spread and \$8/cwt floor – premium only
Choice or Higher	plant average less 5%	USDA Choice/Select Spread
CAB	plant average	Blend of CAB/Choice spread and \$3/cwt floor – premium only
CHB	none	Fixed at \$2.00
No Roll	plant average	(\$8.00) (all cattle not grading Select or greater)
Hard Bone / Darkcutter	none	(\$25.00) – Stand All
Yield Grade 1	4-week plant average	\$5.00
Yield Grade 2	4-week plant average	\$3.00
Yield Grade 3	4-week plant average	even
Yield Grade 4	4-week plant average	(\$12.00)
Yield Grade 5	4-week plant average	(\$20.00)
575/down	none	(\$15.00) – Stand All
1050/up	none	(\$20.00) – Stand All
Over 30 months of age	none	(\$12.00) – Stand All
Freight credit of up to 50 cents/cwt.		

All Yield Grade and Quality Grade calls at NBP are made using USDA instrument grading under plant supervision. All other grades are determined in-house. National Beef Packing Co. LP maintains live cattle purchasing specifications and requirements on file at each processing facility or at [www.nationalbeef.com](http://www.nationalbeef.com).