

2012 MARKETING YEAR

Having knowledge of accurate and current marketing information can assist beef cattle producers in making management decisions in their operations. The USDA Market News Service, St. Joseph, MO, provides numerous reports for various markets throughout the US. One report, "5 Area Weekly Weighted Average Direct Slaughter Cattle," reports marketings, weights, and prices of feedlot cattle from Texas/Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, and Iowa/Minnesota. The report covers steers and heifers that were marketed on a live or dressed basis. The report is updated weekly and covers the previous week's marketings. A summary is provided showing the most recent week, last week, and year ago data.

The information used for this web page utilizes the summary data. Charts are provided for number head marketed, live and dressed weights, and prices. Charts begin for the week ending January 1, 2012 (final week for 2011) and are updated on a weekly basis. The numerical data used in the charts is also available in table form.

The weekly USDA report contains detailed information relating to percentage of choice grade cattle, numbers, weights, and prices. For the detailed report, go to http://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/lm_ct150.txt.

Other reports which are available include:

"5 Area Weekly Weighted Average Direct Slaughter Cattle - Premiums and Discounts" at http://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/lm_ct169.txt

"National Weekly Direct Slaughter Cattle - Premiums and Discounts" at http://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/lm_ct155.txt

"Eastern Cornbelt Direct Feeder Cattle Summary" at http://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/gx_LS161.txt.

Many more reports can be accessed from the USDA Agricultural Marketing Service's Livestock and Grain Market News web site at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/> (click on "Market News")

Charts for previous marketing years are available at:

2011 <http://www.ansc.purdue.edu/beef/Market2011.pdf>

2010 <http://www.ansc.purdue.edu/beef/Market2010.pdf>

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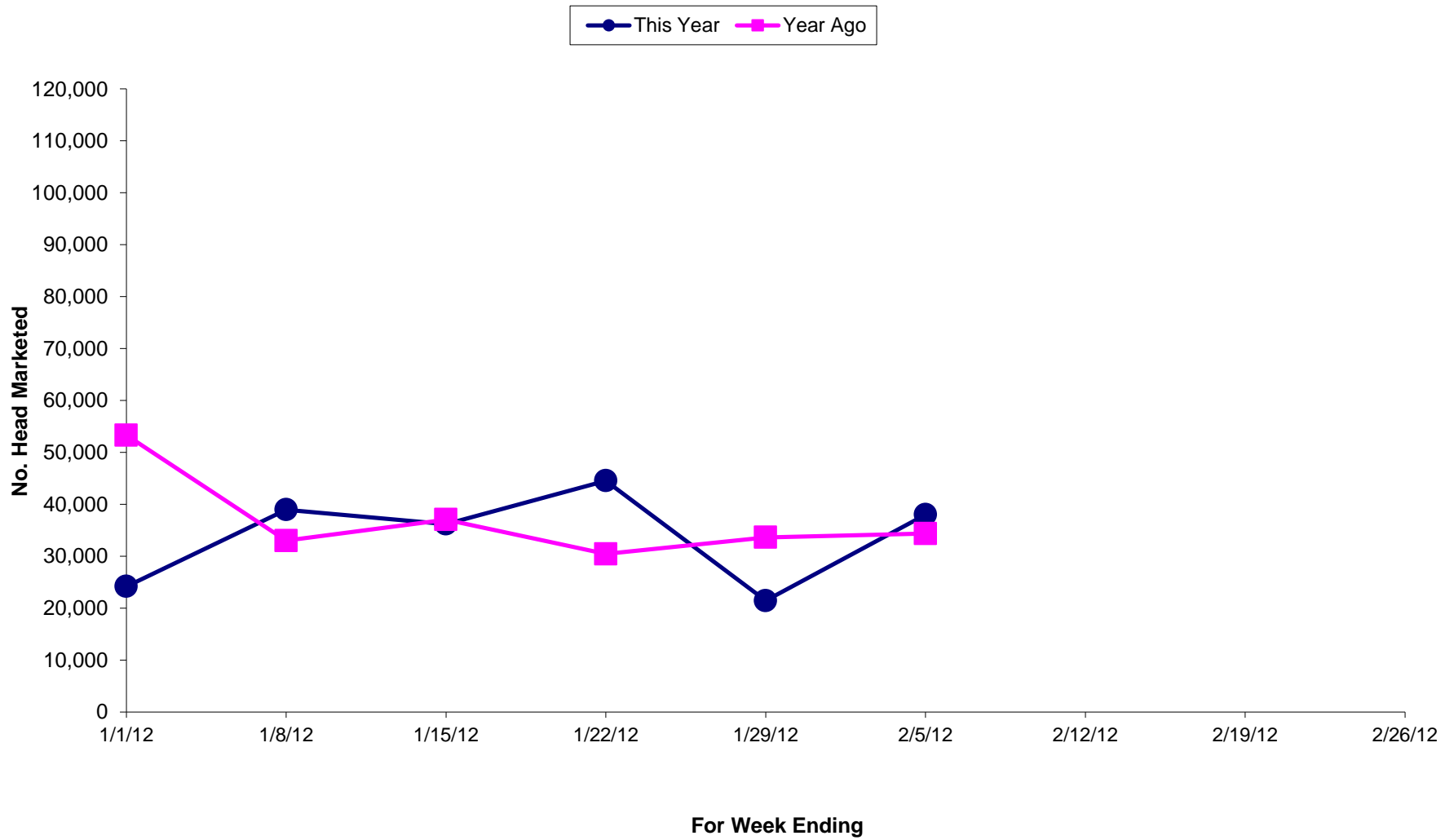
2007 <http://www.ansc.purdue.edu/beef/Market2007.pdf>

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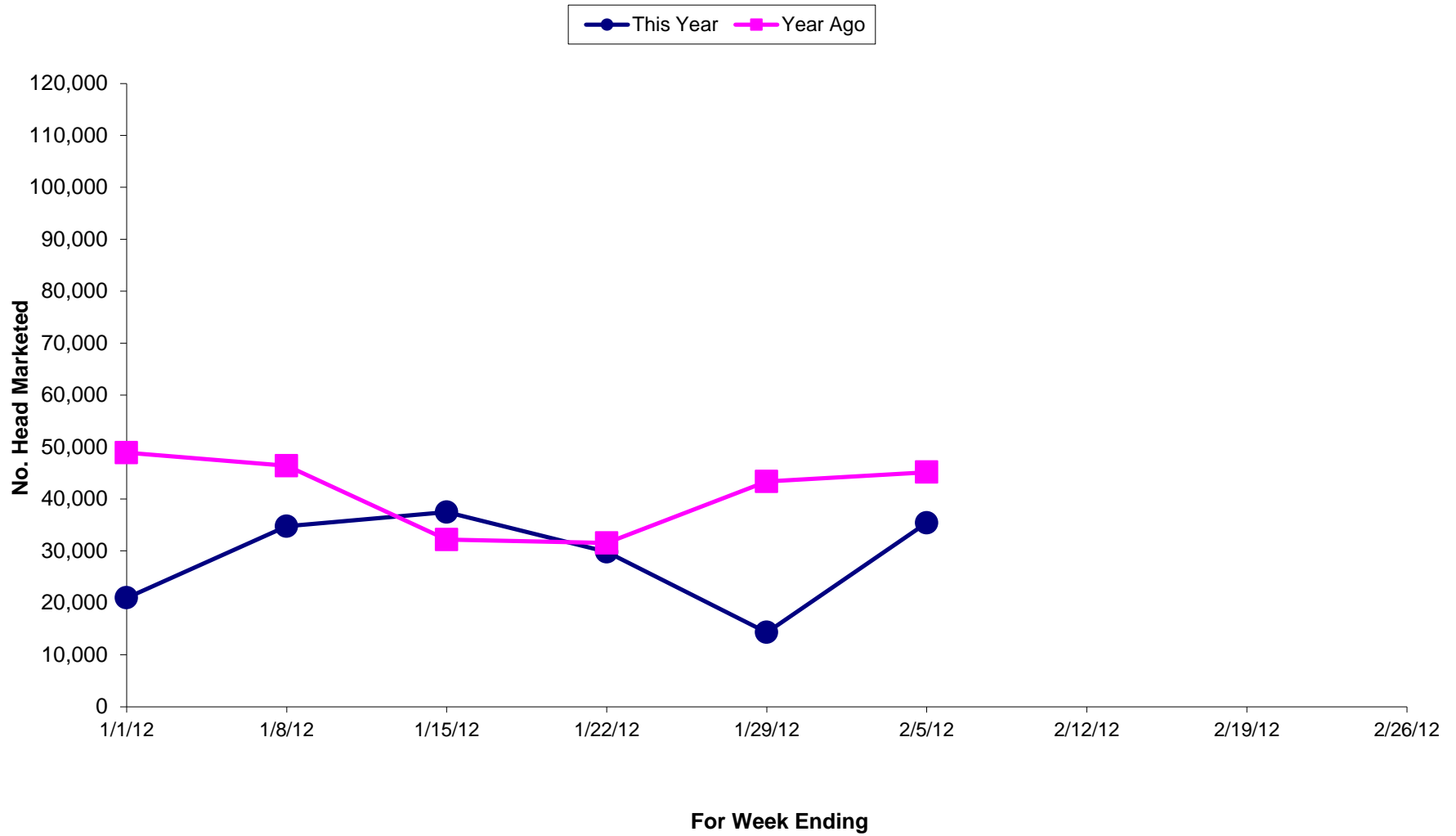
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Number Head Marketed Steers, Live FOB



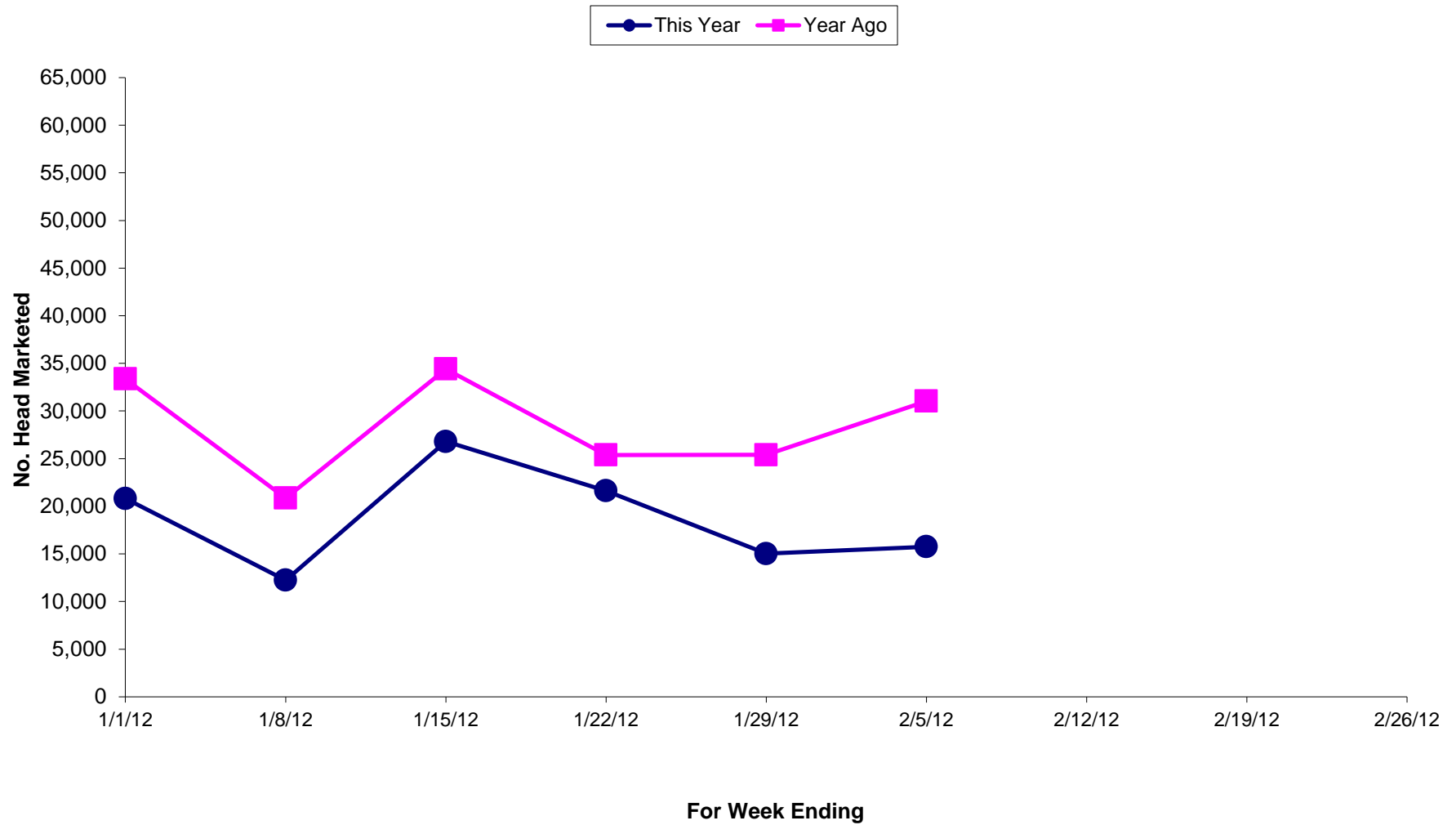
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Number Head Marketed Heifers, Live FOB



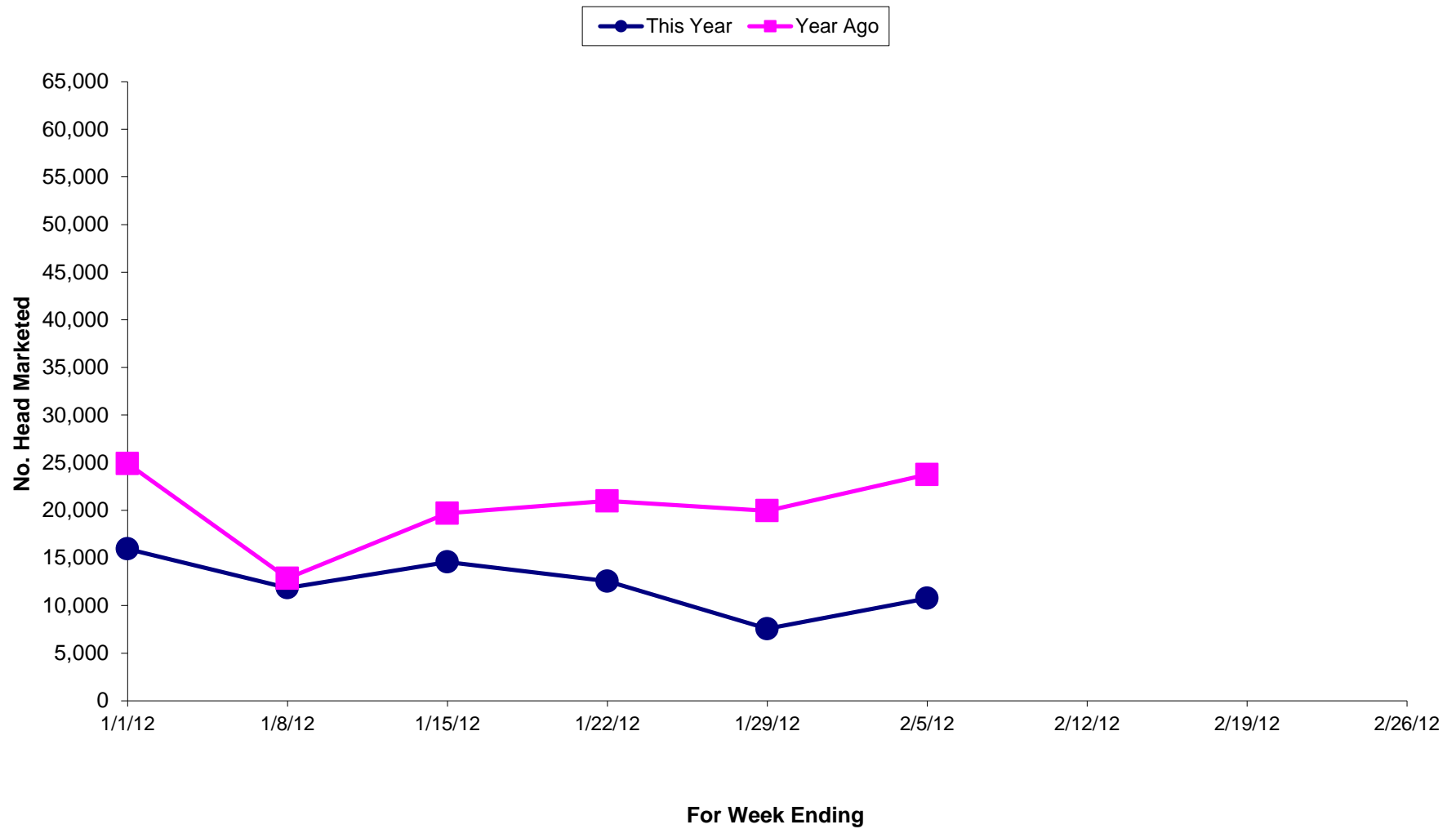
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Number Head Marketed Steers, Dressed Delivered



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Number Head Marketed Heifers, Dressed Delivered



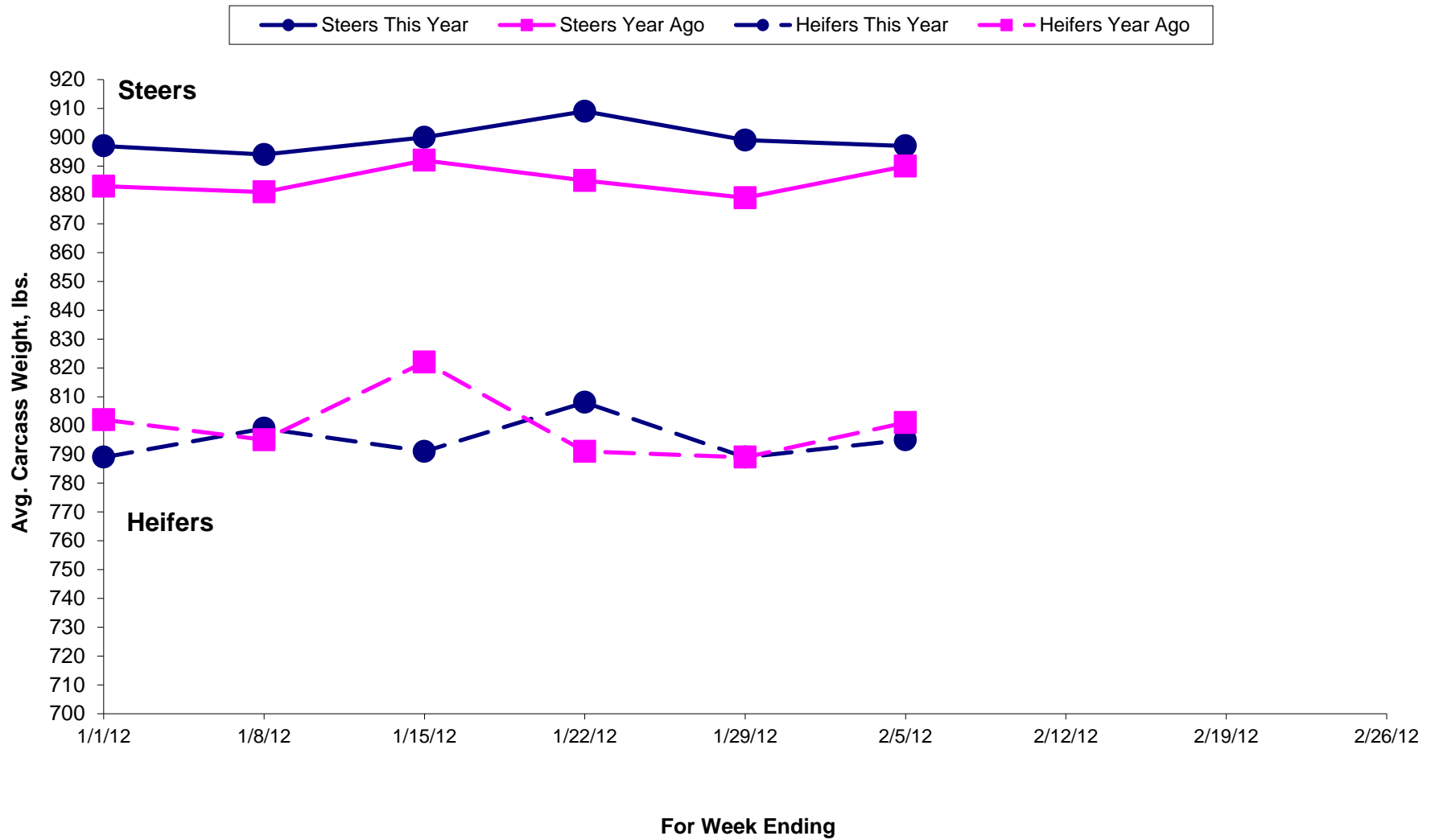
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Average Live Weight FOB



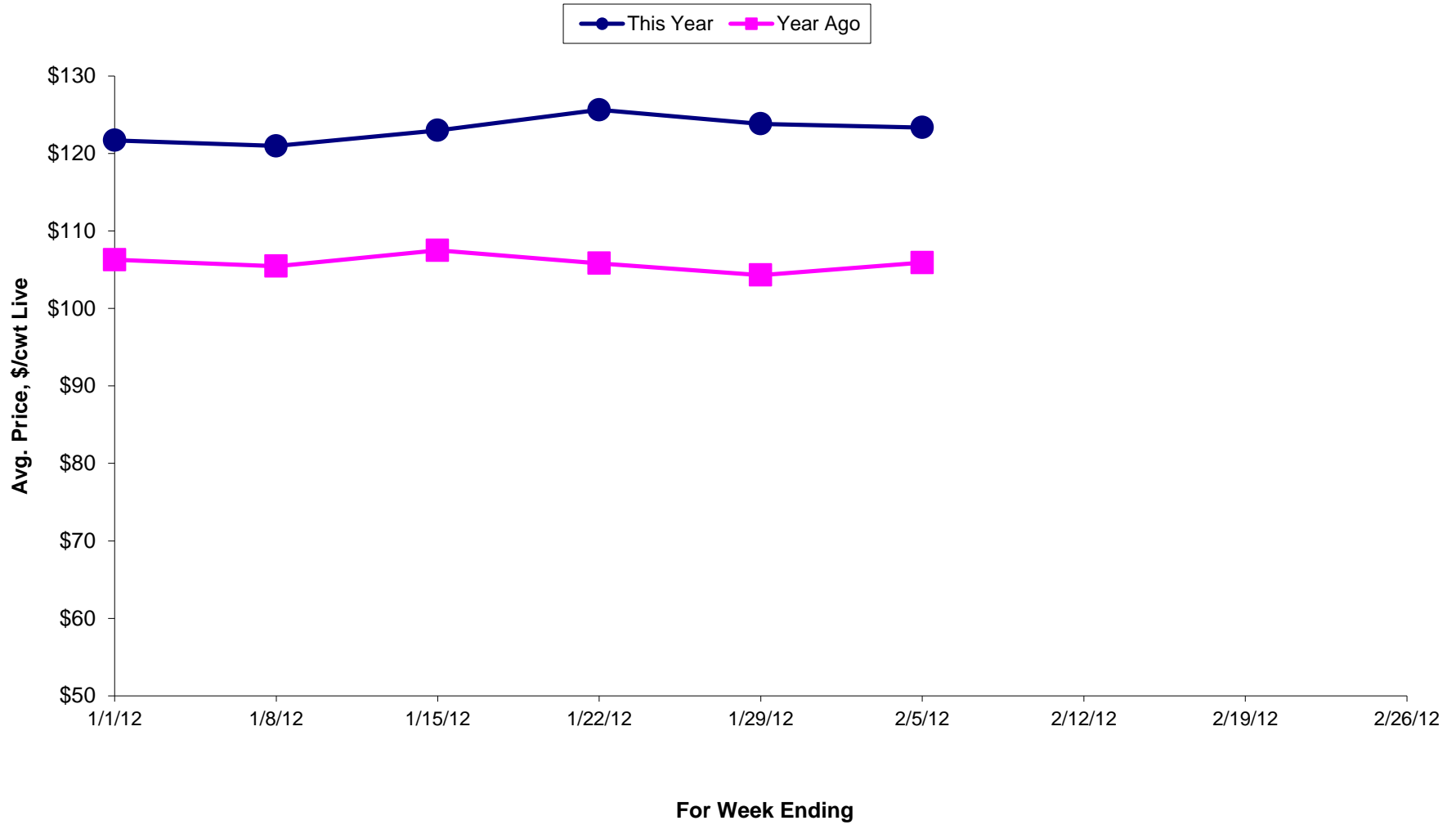
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Average Carcass Weight Dressed



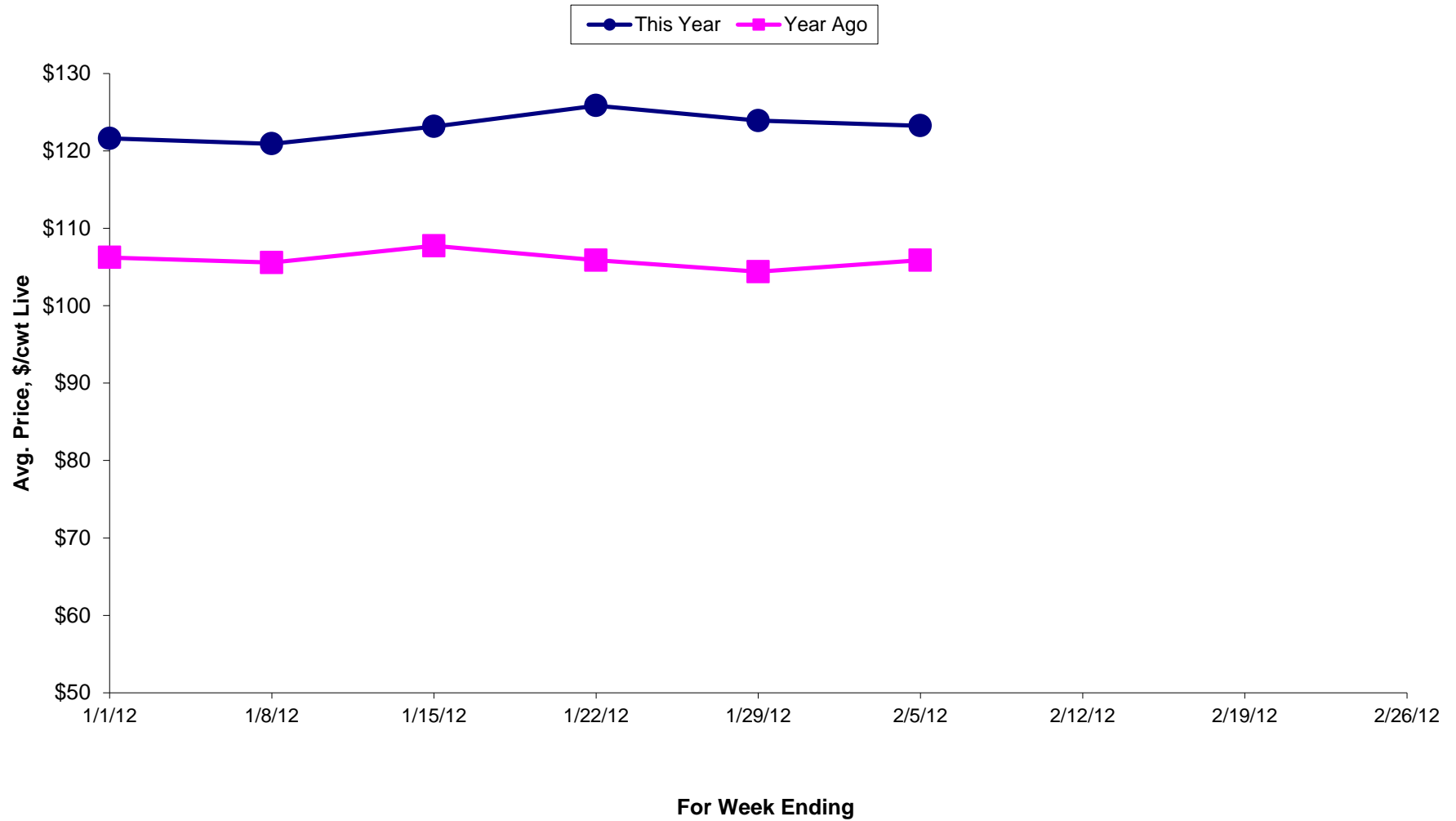
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Average Price \$/cwt Steers, Live FOB



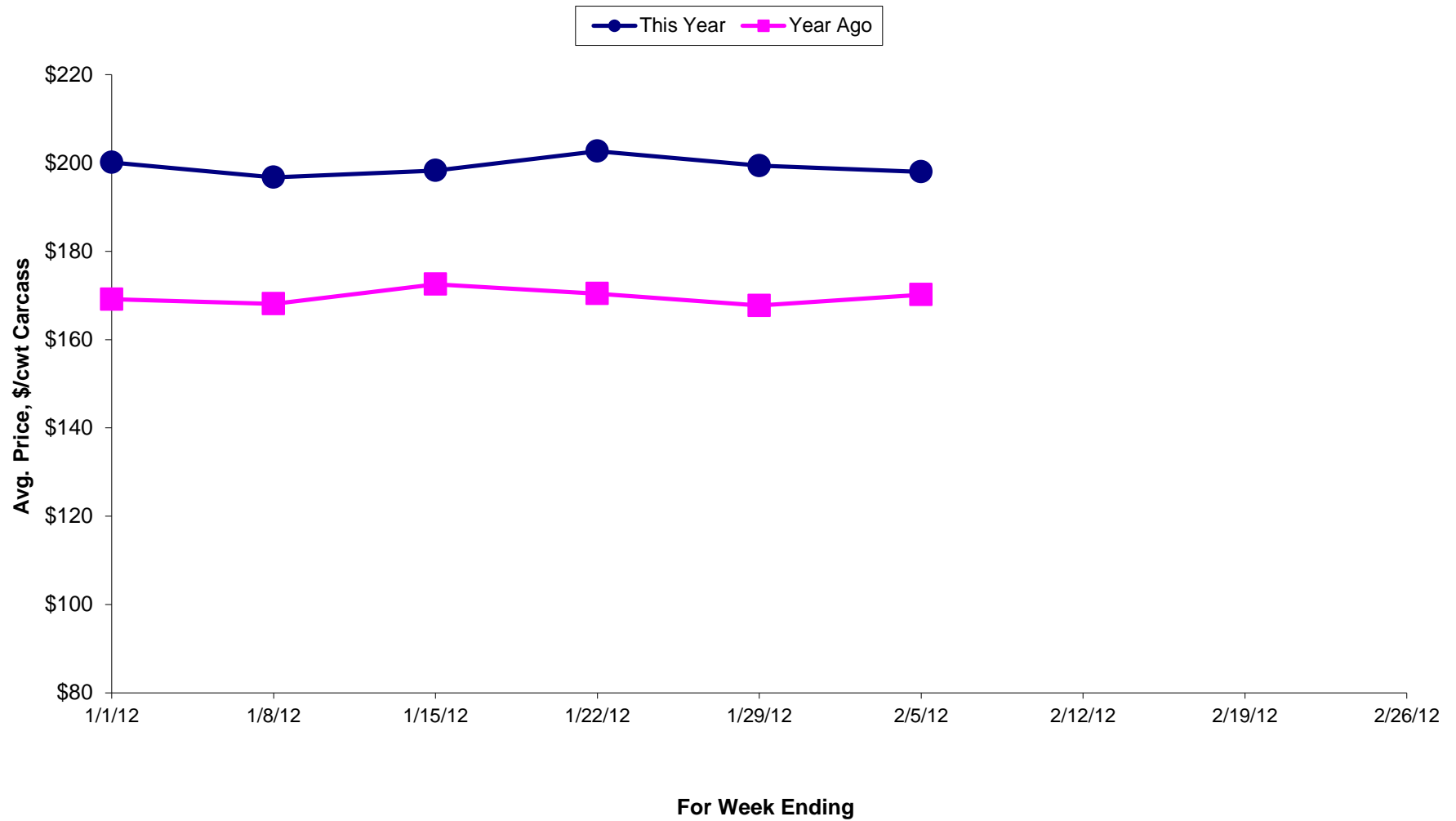
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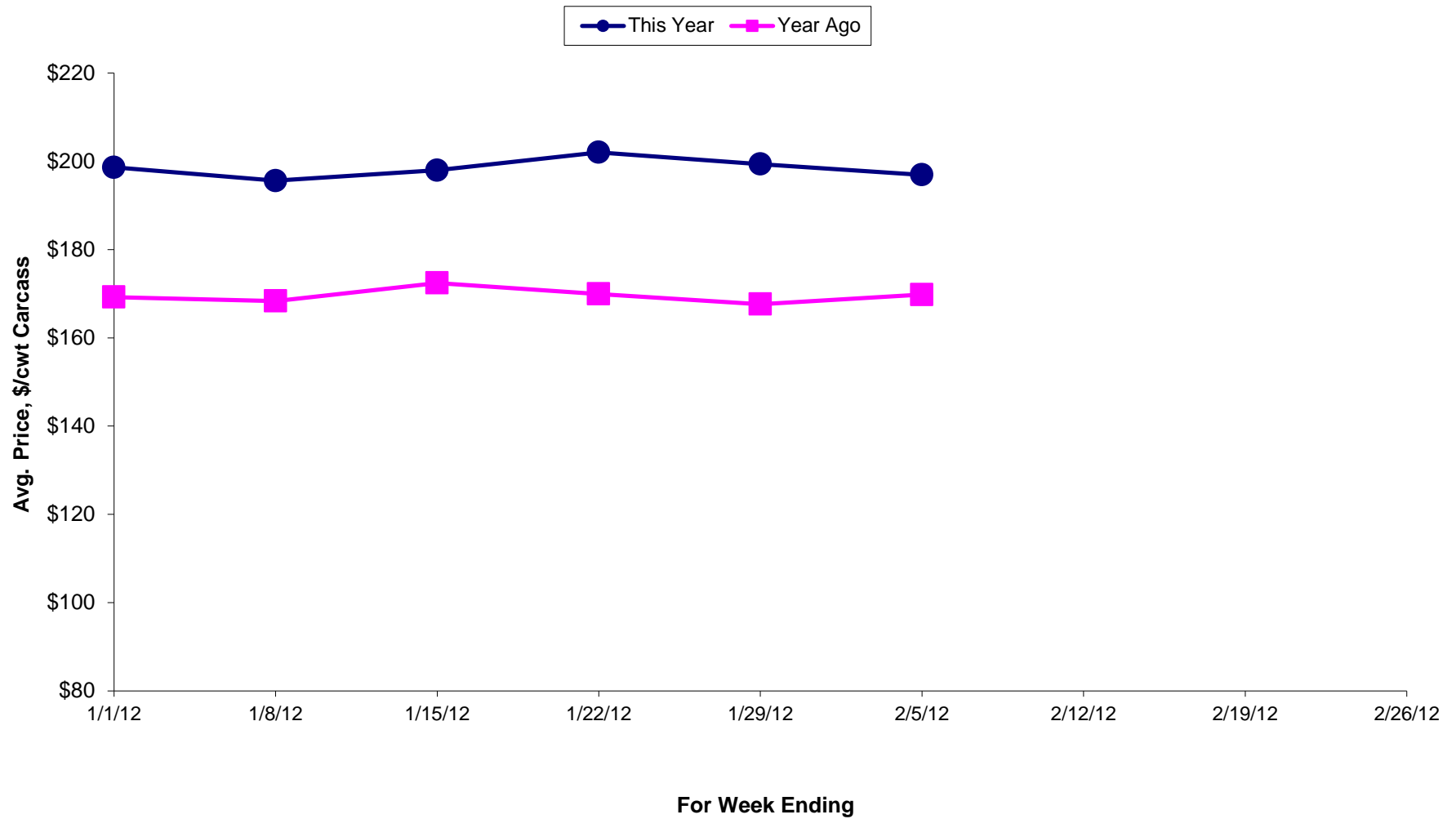
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Average Price \$/cwt Carcass Weight Basis Steers, Delivered



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Week Ending	Number Head of Finished Cattle Marketed Live FOB or Dressed Delivered, by Week							
	Live FOB Steer		Live FOB Heifer		Dressed Del Steer		Dressed Del Heifer	
	<u>No. Head</u>		<u>No. Head</u>		<u>No. Head</u>		<u>No. Head</u>	
	This Year	Year Ago	This Year	Year Ago	This Year	Year Ago	This Year	Year Ago
1/1/2012	24,167	53,307	20,954	48,913	20,808	33,373	15,946	24,907
1/8/2012	38,959	32,999	34,750	46,398	12,238	20,853	11,856	12,851
1/15/2012	36,195	37,047	37,475	32,168	26,802	34,410	14,573	19,693
1/22/2012	44,521	30,434	29,818	31,522	21,629	25,378	12,556	20,982
1/29/2012	21,426	33,624	14,303	43,358	15,017	25,394	7,555	19,946
2/5/2012	38,010	34,361	35,406	45,164	15,748	31,034	10,759	23,751

Source: 5 Area Weekly Weighted Average Direct Slaughter Cattle (Texas/Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, Iowa/Minnesota feedlots), USDA Market News Service.

Average Weights for Finished Cattle Sold Live FOB or Dressed Delivered, by Week

Week Ending	Live FOB Steer		Live FOB Heifer		Dressed Del Steer		Dressed Del Heifer	
	<u>Avg Weight</u>		<u>Avg Weight</u>		<u>Avg Weight</u>		<u>Avg Weight</u>	
	This Year	Year Ago	This Year	Year Ago	This Year	Year Ago	This Year	Year Ago
1/1/2012	1,316	1,335	1,189	1,211	897	883	789	802
1/8/2012	1,354	1,359	1,216	1,225	894	881	799	795
1/15/2012	1,353	1,369	1,220	1,215	900	892	791	822
1/22/2012	1,367	1,358	1,207	1,213	909	885	808	791
1/29/2012	1,380	1,361	1,217	1,228	899	879	789	789
2/5/2012	1,371	1,352	1,224	1,239	897	890	795	801

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Average Prices Paid for Finished Cattle Sold Live FOB or Dressed Delivered, by Week

Week Ending	Live FOB Steer		Live FOB Heifer		Dressed Del Steer		Dressed Del Heifer	
	Avg Price		Avg Price		Avg Price		Avg Price	
	This Year	Year Ago	This Year	Year Ago	This Year	Year Ago	This Year	Year Ago
1/1/2012	\$121.70	\$106.28	\$121.61	\$106.23	\$200.16	\$169.15	\$198.63	\$169.25
1/8/2012	\$120.97	\$105.46	\$120.92	\$105.58	\$196.76	\$168.12	\$195.63	\$168.35
1/15/2012	\$122.99	\$107.50	\$123.16	\$107.74	\$198.30	\$172.54	\$197.99	\$172.43
1/22/2012	\$125.64	\$105.83	\$125.86	\$105.87	\$202.70	\$170.43	\$202.05	\$169.96
1/29/2012	\$123.82	\$104.30	\$123.91	\$104.40	\$199.41	\$167.72	\$199.38	\$167.65
2/5/2012	\$123.35	\$105.91	\$123.26	\$105.88	\$198.01	\$170.19	\$196.96	\$169.79

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