

Cortez Area Commodity Prices

Feeder Cattle: ↓	\$133.075/hundred	Pinto Beans: →	\$ 25/hundredweight
Live Cattle: ↓	\$112.700/hundred	Wheat: →	\$ 6.50/hundredweight
Oil: ↑	\$53.26/barrel	Grass Hay, Per Ton→	\$160-320/T, DOQ
Natural Gas: ↑	\$2.74/million BTUs	Alfalfa, Per Ton: →	\$160-200/T, DOQ

DOQ = Depending on Quality; Arrows indicate trend from last week. Hay prices from Danny Decker, Bean and Wheat prices from Midland Bean. Crop Prices are Local Quotes, to the Grower.

All commodities listed are produced in Montezuma County and other parts of Southwest Colorado. Prices reflect national markets. Cattle prices from DTN Markets. Petroleum prices from CNN Financial Markets web site.

Montezuma County COVID - 19 Update

This site is updated every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. We appreciate your patience.

As of January 11:

Confirmed Positives: 1,409

Active Cases: 911

Recovered: 480

(At least 14 days have passed since the date of symptom onset; excludes people currently hospitalized for COVID - 19)

Negative Tests: 10,827

(This may not include all tests performed in Montezuma County)

Deaths: 11

**Deaths COVID positive, but
not cause of death: 7**



This is a REMINDER to

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Let's review:

COVID is nasty stuff, more than the flu, way more. People who get it may not know it, but those who do know what it feels like. Shortness of breath, upper respiratory congestion, fever, chills, loss of taste and smell, you know the list. With **early intervention**, the treatments can be effective. Putting it off and trying to tough it out makes it so much more difficult for you to recover, if ever.

COVID is passed by droplets when carriers talk, sing, or cough. So **wear a mask** to protect yourself or others. Just wear it. Bits of fabric protect you in other ways, so if you need to have a certain amount of skin bare, just don't wear socks or pants. **Wash your hands.** Stay six feet away from others, at a minimum. **25 feet is better. Wash your hands. Get the vaccine.** Quit acting like you can do without it. You are just afraid of needles.

FREE! Take a . . .

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on checks!

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Ski Resorts (as of 1-12-2021)

Wolf Creek: 64-70" base, 2" new. Open
Purgatory: 28-33" base, 0" new. Open
Telluride: 22-31" base, 0" new. Open
Hesperus Closed
Snowpack 64% of median, Dolores River Basin

Gas Prices (as of 1-12-21)

Lowest: \$2.17⁹ Conoco 110 N Bdw, \$2.29⁹ Maverik (2). \$2.06⁹ - \$2.29⁹ most stations in Durango. Info from ColoradoGasPrices.com (Trend →). Some higher-priced options have eliminated ethanol additives for better mileage. Colorado State Average \$2.28⁹/gal. Average price last year in Cortez was \$2.64⁹. Lowest in CO: \$1.94⁹ in Front Range; Highest in CO: \$2.99⁹ in Montrose and I-70 ski resorts.

Re-1 School District Needs Substitute Teachers!

Long-term and short-term substitute teachers and other essential personnel are needed for the current school year.

Check in at

<https://tswco.tedk12.com/hire/index.aspx?JobID=602>

to see how you can best fit in and help our local school district. Teaching and related jobs throughout southwest Colorado are also listed.

Time to step up and help out!

Shop Small – All Season Long!

Small businesses are counting on all of us – let's show them how much they mean to our communities. Small Business Saturday continues to be an annual holiday shopping tradition – just one part of the larger Shop Small Movement that supports small businesses every day and everywhere.

Small Business Saturday was November 28th last year, but **continue to shop local throughout the season.**

Take a look at the businesses and organizations participating! You can also see how much spending locally has an impact on the community.

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Erin Johnson, Attorney at Law
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Monday Night Bar Trivia Blondie's
Trophy Room 7 pm, \$1 beer night.

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Southwest Artists League
meets every Tuesday at 10 AM in the Annex Building, 107 N. Chestnut, Cortez. The league invites artists to paint and draw with them in the Senior Center side of the Annex. For information contact:
Frances 720-448-0418

No Trivia for a while. Be safe!
Mancos Brewing Company, Trivia
Wednesday. Limited seating, reservations recommended.

Many Local Restaurants are open during Orange Code. MASKS ARE REQUIRED! Orders to go and for curbside pickup are also available.

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Coffee Break Horoscope

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23 – Dec 21) Celebrate your accomplishments. You survived a lot and have plans for the future. Live it! Lucky numbers: 04-07-14-21-28-36	GEMINI (May 22 – Jun 21) You are radiant with energy. You exude excitement. Now get out of bed and activate all that! Lucky numbers: 01-06-19-20-25-26
CAPRICORN (Dec 22 – Jan 20) Don't just believe something because you want to. Believe because it is true. Then act on that. Lucky numbers: 02-06-18-23-28-35	CANCER (Jun 22 – Jul 23) Nothing you do or say can change how things were. But you can change how things will be in the future. Lucky numbers: 10-13-15-19-29-33
AQUARIUS (Jan 21 – Feb 19) You have experienced turmoil. More than 3,000 miles have passed. Time to change your turmoil! Lucky numbers: 16-24-25-31-33-35	LEO (Jul 24 – Aug 23) Half-measures won't work nearly as well as full ones. Get a new set of measuring cups and spoons! Lucky numbers: 03-11-13-26-32-38
PISCES (Feb 20 – Mar 20) Clear your mind. Get rid of troubling conflicts. Find new friends. Experience new perspectives. Lucky numbers: 04-09-15-19-29-30	VIRGO (Aug 24 – Sep 23) Get your rest now, while you can. You will need a reserve to handle the events of the week. Sleep. Lucky numbers: 04-07-13-28-33-34
ARIES (Mar 21 – Apr 20) Take a stand but leave the musicians alone. They need those to prop up their music notes! Lucky numbers: 09-10-17-21-23-40	LIBRA (Sep 24 – Oct 23) Get new shoes. You will be doing a lot of walking soon. Your feet will thank you. Get socks, too. Lucky numbers: 03-10-13-19-35-38
TAURUS (Apr 21 – May 21) Always obey the signs. "Stop." "Yield." "Shop Local." "Please Pay Cashier." "Tip Your Waitstaff." Lucky numbers: 08-19-20-26-36-37	SCORPIO (Oct 24 – Nov 22) Call the 100 th contact in your phone. If it is a winery, order TWO bottles! If a taxi, take a ride. Lucky numbers: 01-07-09-17-38-39
WEST SLOPE LIQUOR Unit 1, Cortez CO. 970-565-7364. *** Some businesses are still closed during the Safer-At-Home period. Consider Gift Certificates. It helps with the business cash flow! ***** Traditional Charm Antique Mall IS NOW CLOSED. *** This space available to advertise your business. Contact Cortez Coffee Break at 970-739-0077 for details! *** Yellow Car Country Wines A tasting Flight of Five is \$1 1345 S. Broadway, Cortez. 970-560-5752 Call ahead for appointment!	Cortez Public Library Curbside You can still order materials, check out books, use laptops. Curbside Hours: 10 am to 4 pm, Monday to Friday Please call 970-565-8117 ***  TODAY'S HITS & YESTERDAY'S FAVORITES REAL...LOCAL...RADIO www.krtzradio.com Cortez Cultural Center Christmas Bird Count Was a success. They counted more species than in years past. Next, they will count animals. Plans to count insects are still on the drawing boards to divide them into "Flying Buggers" and "Creepy Crawlers". Stay tuned for developments.

LOCAL OBITUARIES

Neely, Dee Renay, Cortez. Services Thu, Jan 14, 2021.
Oliver, Henrietta Ann, Grand Junction. Services Thu, Jan 14, 2021.
Valle, Doris Francine, Cortez and Cedar Mesa, UT. Services are private.
Hatch, Pat Leroy, Cortez area. No services scheduled.
Gallegos, Tiffany Marie, Cortez. Services Fri, Jan 15, 2021.
Johnston, Audrie Jean, Cortez. Services Sat, Jan 23, 2021.
Jones, Myron, Red Mesa, UT. Services Mon, Jan 11, 2021.
Biard, Cleo Marie, Cortez. Services are private
Fish, Hilda Jane, Grand Junction. Services Sun, Jan 17, 2021.
Details at <http://ertelfuneralhome.com>.

January is National Blood Donor Month, National Braille Literacy Month, and National Hobby Month. Jan 13 is International Skeptics Day (or is it?), Make Your Dream Come True Day, National Rubber Duckie Day, and National Take The Stairs Day. Jan 14 is Dress Up Your Pet Day. Jan 15 is National Bagel Day and National Hat Day. Jan 16 is Appreciate a Dragon Day and National Nothing Day. Jan 17 is Ditch New Years Resolutions Day. Jan 18 is Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday, Thesaurus Day, and Winnie the Pooh Day. Jan 19 is National Popcorn Day and National Tin Can Day. Jan 20 is National Buttercrunch Day, National Cheese Lover Day, and Penguin Awareness Day.

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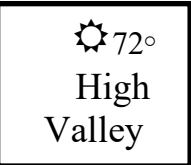
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News From High Valley

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Judgment

Judge Akers had a rough time of it last week. He presided over two trials, four hearings, and 84 traffic violation issues. He lives in High Valley, but his office is in the next big town over, across the street from the courthouse where all his cases are heard. First thing on Monday he had to handle the two arrests that happened over the weekend. Both involved alcohol and stupidity, where stupidity alone would have been enough. The first case was of a regular at the Wild Horse Saloon in High Valley. At midnight on Saturday, he left the Saloon and headed for his car to drive home. He apparently didn’t park in his regular spot because he got into Danny Boy’s Ford pickup and wondered why his Dodge key wouldn’t start the truck. Danny Boy owns the Wild Horse and when he had cleaned up for the night and locked the doors, he walked across the lot to his truck and found said regular asleep on the bench seat. He recognized the sleeper and though it would be best if the Marshal handled this one, given the regular’s past record of being loud and combative when awakened after a bender.

Marshal Marshall Marshall got there is about five minutes after getting the phone call from Danny. He opened the driver side door, and whispered “Oh, my God, Ricky! We’re gonna get caught!” Ricky, the regular, woke up with a start and turned to the Marshal. “Crap, Marshal! You sound just like Annie!”

“Well, Ricky, you better get out of Danny Boy’s pickup and crawl in the back of my SUV so you can sleep this off at the station,” Marshall said. “Thanks, Marshal, and I appreciate it if you don’t tell my wife about this,” begged Ricky. “Don’t worry. Annie won’t find out,” assured the Marshal. “Oh, I’m not worried about Annie. Just don’t tell my wife, Rita!” Ricky pleaded. All the other details were also included in the report.

Judge Akers read everything for the record and accepted Ricky’s plea of guilty to stupidity and whatever other charge the Marshal had noted. He paid a fine of \$145 and court costs and agreed to 40 hours of community service. The second case was something similar for a citizen in the next big town over, but that defendant wasn’t acquainted with Annie or Rita.

The Judge went to lunch at the sandwich shop next to the courthouse and reconvened for motions on some other court business. Tuesday was paperwork day, so he signed a lot of documents and dictated some orders of the court. He called it a day around 2 pm and went home.

On Wednesday he heard motions on a child custody case where the two parents were too young to be parents but they were anyway. He decided that the two young contestants would share custody and expenses of raising their baby boy and that the child would switch back and forth between living in the basement of the mother’s parents and the basement of the father’s parents. He took the additional unusual step of calling the parents’ parents into the courtroom for a lecture and an assignment to the four of them, along with their own offspring. All six were required to take a ten-week Sex Education course so they could all understand where babies come from and so the younger parents could fill in the gaps left by the older parents who apparently had left out a lot of details over the years.

The rest of the week just went by. The Judge spent a lot of that time dreaming of retirement and fishing.

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