

Cortez Area Commodity Prices

Feeder Cattle: ↓	\$141.600/hundred	Pinto Beans: ↓	\$ 28/hundredweight
Live Cattle: ↓	\$106.325/hundred	Wheat: →	\$ 6/hundredweight
Oil: ↑	\$39.55/barrel	Grass Hay, Per Ton→	\$160-320/T, DOQ
Natural Gas: ↓	\$1.84/million BTUs	Alfalfa, Per Ton: →	\$140-180/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.

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Cortez Coffee Break

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carefully

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Water Data (as of 09-22-2020)

Gas Prices (as of 09-22-2020)

McPhee Reservoir (Arrows indicate trend)

Active Capacity (AF) ↓ 33,978

Elevation (FT) ↓ 6,869.31

Dolores River Flow ↓ 147 cfs

Lowest: \$2.24⁹ to \$2.25⁹ at most stations in Cortez. \$2.26⁹ in Towaoc. \$2.29⁹ in Dolores; \$2.04⁹ - \$2.15⁹ most stations in Durango. Info from ColoradoGasPrices.com (Trend ↓). Some higher-priced options have eliminated ethanol additives for better mileage. Colorado State Average \$2.25⁹/gal. Average price last year in Cortez was \$2.69⁹. Lowest in CO: \$1.73⁹ in Commerce City; Highest in CO: \$3.49⁹ in Snowmass Village.

Area Events

The League Of Women Voters Of Montezuma County

presents an

On-line County Commission Candidate Forum, Sep 23, 7 pm.

To join click on:

<https://tinyurl.com/MoCoElectionForum>

District 3 candidates Rebecca Samulski and Joel Stevenson have been invited.

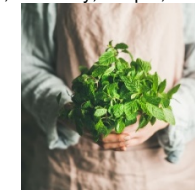
Local Entertainment

Farmers Markets

Cortez, Saturday 7:30 to 11am at County Courthouse parking lot.

Dolores, Wednesday, 4-6 pm, Flanders Park.

Mancos, Thursday, 4-7 pm, Grand Avenue.



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Coffee Break Horoscope

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23 – Dec 21) Take time out for your health. You need to be in shape for what is to come. Whatever that is. Lucky numbers: 04-13-17-20-24-29	GEMINI (May 22 – Jun 21) Say goodbye to someone who is starting a journey. By the time they return, you will be different. Lucky numbers: 02-03-15-17-21-35
CAPRICORN (Dec 22 – Jan 20) It is finally time to change the calendar page. We've all had enough of April for one year. Lucky numbers: 02-05-12-21-27-28	CANCER (Jun 22 – Jul 23) Plan for what you are going to do with the next lockdown. Make it a useful time. Counseling? Lucky numbers: 03-10-15-29-34-35
AQUARIUS (Jan 21 – Feb 19) Smell an orchid this week. Be enchanted by its delicate scent. Beware of bees. Lucky numbers: 11-15-21-24-31-40	LEO (Jul 24 – Aug 23) Try a new flavor of sausage. Just don't ask how it is made. Better to call Congress. Lucky numbers: 03-06-08-16-24-36
PISCES (Feb 20 – Mar 20) Get your flu shot this month. It is something you need to be prepared for this season. Lucky numbers: 03-04-07-10-18-24	VIRGO (Aug 24 – Sep 23) Make sure you are registered to vote and read your Blue Book about the issues. Prepare! Lucky numbers: 05-07-16-18-27-33
ARIES (Mar 21 – Apr 20) Autumn starts this week. Why don't you also start in some way. Start being a better person. Lucky numbers: 03-15-16-18-24-30	LIBRA (Sep 24 – Oct 23) Company is coming to your house. Dust with Pride! Or Pledge. Or Endust. Clean up! Lucky numbers: 07-18-20-25-36-39
TAURUS (Apr 21 – May 21) Orange is your color. Decorate your workspace with it. Incorporate it in your life. Lucky numbers: 03-08-10-11-35-36	SCORPIO (Oct 24 – Nov 22) Teach a young person something new. Don't limit yourself to ancient history. Lucky numbers: 01-08-15-19-24-39

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Bowers, Michael Bruce "Mike," Cortez. No services scheduled.

Rule, Clydie Dene "Clyde," Dolores. Services Fri, Sep 25, 2020.

Details at <http://ertelfuneralhome.com>.

September is Little League Month, National Blueberry Popsicle Month, National Courtesy Month (Thank you very much), National Mushroom Month, and National Piano Month. Sep 23 is Checkers' Day (aka dogs in Politics Day). Sep 24 is National Cherries Jubilee Day. Sep 25 is National Comic Book Day and Native American Day. Sep 26 is International Rabbit Day, Johnny Appleseed Day, and National Hunting and Fishing Day. Sep 27 is Crush a Can Day. Sep 28 is Ask a Stupid Question Day, National Good Neighbor Day, and National Public Lands Day. Sep 29 is Confucius Day.

Sudoku

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News From High Valley

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Checkup

Zeke Ebbins parked across from the High Valley Stallion Gas Station and Convenience Store and walked straight back to the East Side Patio, poured himself a big mug of coffee, doctored it with amaretto creamer and two yellow sugars, and plopped down in the end chair, failing to even notice, much less acknowledge any of the other people seated around the table. He just sat there and shook his head while he waited for his coffee to cool to a sippable temperature. He wasn't sure "sippable" was even a word, but that's what he waited for.

"Zeke, we haven't seen you at the table here for years! Where have you been keeping yourself?" asked Barb, who was the very definition of a regular at the East Side Patio nearly every morning for coffee. "Well, Barb, I've been thinking a lot lately and just needed a different outlook so I thought I'd come down here to The Patio to see if this is where I needed to be." Zeke hung his head and it bobbed side to side some more. He took that moment to blow some air on his coffee trying to get it to cool down faster.

Ann saw her moment and said, "That sounds like you've got something on your mind, Zeke. What's going on?"

"I don't really know if anything is going on. I've just been thinking about stuff and needed a change of scenery. Not that the scenery at my house is bad or anything. Just needed something different. It all started when I went to the doctor last week. I just went for the regular checkup and things went pretty well, for an old guy. I take some medications for a couple of conditions, like most of us. Everything is doing fine and I'm healthier than a lot of people in this town. But he told me it was time for me to get a colonoscopy."

"Well, that goes for everyone at about age 60 and you are a little past that," said Ann. "So that can't be the cause of you rethinking everything in your life. What else is going on?" Zeke looked at her and said "He also told me to update my vaccines so he got his nurse in there to give me a shingles shot, a flu shot, and a tetanus shot – so one in each arm and on in the hip. I walked funny for two days. Then he told me to go over to the ophthalmologist's office for a thorough exam there since it had been about five years since my last one. It took two hours to dilate my eyes and get about twenty pictures of the inside of my eyes and do the eye chart thing to figure out my new glasses prescription. That doc told me I have the very early beginnings of wet macular degeneration, which I don't know what that is but, and he said the treatment for that is a series of shots in my eyeballs. But I wouldn't feel anything because they would numb my eyes."

"Then I went to the dentist and he said I would need about six appointments to take care of some crowns and fillings. I guess twenty years is too long to avoid going to the dentist."

Carl was listening with rapt attention and sensed a pause. "Zeke, with getting a colonoscopy and vaccines and shots in your eye and all that dental work, are you nervous about any of that?"

"Nope, it's all modern now." said Zeke. "This is 2020! What could possibly go wrong?"

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**Not the whole page. Just this little box. Members of the club are always careful about their health and get regular checkups, which they recommend to everyone. But they try to space them out better than Zeke did.*



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