pound steers there is a total seasonal fluctuation of 13-14 percent while the total variation for 600-700 pound steers is 8 percent if the 12 year period is used, and 12 percent during the 1980-1983 period.

Analysis of the data on a weekly basis during the major marketing period for 400-500 pound steers, July-September, indicates that on the average prices are about 3-4 percent higher early in each month than late in the month. Review of the major marketing period for 600-700 pound steers, March-May, reveals that a price decline of about 4-6 percent takes place after the second week of April and lasts until the third week of May. Caution must be exercised in use of these findings since they are averages, and in some years the patterns do not hold.

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