The Amarillo Economy

MAY 2023





Amarillo Economic Analysis

Amarillo's economy has slowed down with stalling retail sales, less visitors, and flat construction.

Employment is still flat, with the Household Survey adding about 1,000 jobs and the Employers survey up 2,000 jobs. Wages are up 4%.

Retail sales for Amarillo were up 2.9% from a year ago, which is below the inflation rate. Year to date sales are up 5%, which is about where we think overall inflation is today.

Car sales are mixed, with new up 24% and used flat. Higher interest rates and more inventory coming to dealers will hurt used cars for the next few months.

Hotel/Motel tax collections are down 7% from a year ago, even with airline boardings up 12%.

Housing starts are flat with a year ago at 52. Year to Date Starts are just below last year. House prices are flat, and 30-year mortgage rates are still over 6%.

There are 6 drilling rigs in the Panhandle, and natural gas prices are low at \$2.44. Last year at this time they were \$7.95. Oil is down 39% from a year ago to \$70.

Area Feedyards are profitable, with profits between \$100 and \$300 per head. Cattle prices are up 24%.

Dairies are at breakeven, with milk prices 24% lower than a year ago with inputs costs, which includes labor, higher.

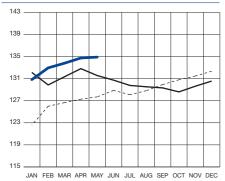
Recent rains hopefully mean the drought has broken. Corn prices are down 25%. And with little wheat to cut in the next month, the price is down 40%.

Amarillo Economic Pulse

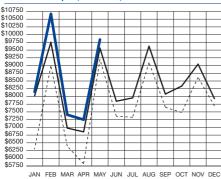
Economic Components	Current Month		Last Month		One Year Ago	
Index (Base Jan. 88 @ 100)		201.13		217.03		239.88
Sales Tax Collections	\$	9,842,000	\$	7,249,621	\$	9,565,157
Sales Tax Collections - Year to Date	\$	43,319,123	\$	33,477,123	\$	41,163,658
New Vehicle Sales		523		768		421
Used Vehicle Sales		1,130		1,938		1,138
Airline Boardings		31,333		33,139		27,922
Hotel/Motel Receipt Tax		846,160	\$	842,484	\$	914,145
Population		201,106		201,106		199,747
Employment – CLF*		138,784		139,037		137,381
Unemployment Rate*	%	2.80	%	3.10	%	2.70
Total Workers Employed* (Household Survey)		134,899		134,739		133,732
Total Workers Employed* (Employer Survey)		128,300		127,530		126,118
Average Weekly Wages	\$	980.00	\$	980.00	\$	936.50
Gas Meters		69,134		70,600		69,355
Interest Rates (30 year mortgage rates)	%	6.500	%	6.375	%	5.500
Building Permits (Dollar Amount)	\$	12,739,459	\$	11,779,126	\$	19,066,135
Year to Date Permits (Dollar Amount)	\$	20,550,637	\$	39,915,389	\$	72,601,466
Residential Starts		53		71		52
Year to Date Starts		216		163		240
Median House Sold Price	\$	249,000	\$	239,438	\$	247,500
Drilling Rigs in Panhandle		6		4		6
Oil Per Barrel	\$	70.04	\$	74.69	\$	114.20
Natural Gas	\$	2.44	\$	2.17	\$	7.95
Wheat Per Bushel	\$	7.02	\$	7.52	\$	11.78
Fed Cattle Per CWT	\$	174.00	\$	175.00	\$	140.00
Corn	\$	5.97	\$	6.64	\$	8.01
Cotton (Cents Per Pound)	\$	80.30	\$	79.80	\$	102.00
Milk	\$	18.25	\$	18.10	\$	24.00

Economic Pulse Charts

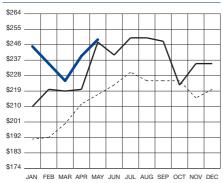
Workers Employed (In Thousands) - Household Survey



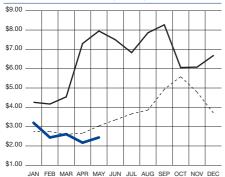
Sales Tax Receipts (In Thousands)



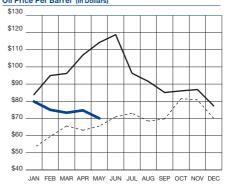
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Natural Gas Price Per Mmbtu (In Dollars)

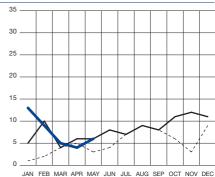


Oil Price Per Barrel (In Dollars)

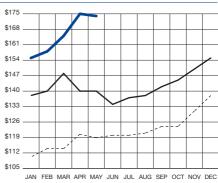


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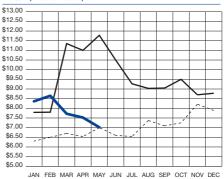
Active Drilling Rigs In Panhandle



Fed Cattle Per Hundred Weight (In Dollars)

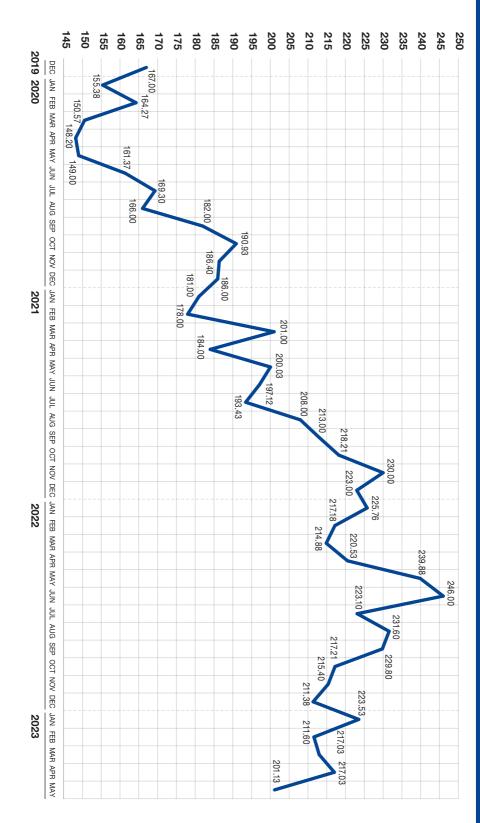


Wheat (Price Per Bushel)



Amarillo Economic Pulse





Awesome Customer Service!

(Some would say Legendary since 1892!)

