

The Amarillo Economy

AUGUST 2023



**Amarillo
National
Bank**

Awesome Service

No BS.

Amarillo Economic Analysis

Higher wages help offset flat employment in Amarillo's economy during this inflationary time. The Household Survey shows an increase of just under 1,000 jobs. The Employers Survey shows an increase of 1,800 jobs. Wages are up 1.9% from 12 months ago.

The Hotel/Motel tax is down 8% for the year. There are 300 new rooms along I-40, so lower rates mean lower tax collections. Airline Boardings continue strong, up 5% from last year.

Amarillo's sales tax was down 22% last month due to a non-recurring state audit. The YTD is flat with last year's, accurately reflecting retail sales being down on an inflation adjusted basis.

The Wall Street Journal says the average monthly payment on a new \$41,000 car monthly is north of \$750. The average payment on a used car is around \$550 a month.

30-year mortgage rates are at 7.25%. With the average sold house price at \$267,000, the average monthly payment is \$1,705. There were 25 new housing starts in Amarillo last month compared to 54 a year ago. Year to Date starts are 311 vs. 416 this time a year ago. While residential sales are down 17%, the median sales price is up 2.2% and the average is flat. There are about 30 residential sales (of existing homes) for every new Housing Start.

The May rains were not very beneficial to area farmers. Randall County had 12,000 acres of cotton last year and this year will have 600. Most of these acres will be replanted with Sorghum. Cotton prices are down 14% from a year ago. Corn prices are down 22%, but the heat in July and August made watering the crop very expensive to finish out. Wheat had a horrible year due to the drought that began in 2022. Prices are down 22% and area yields averaged 7 bushels per acre for dryland and 18 bushels per acre for irrigated in much of our area.

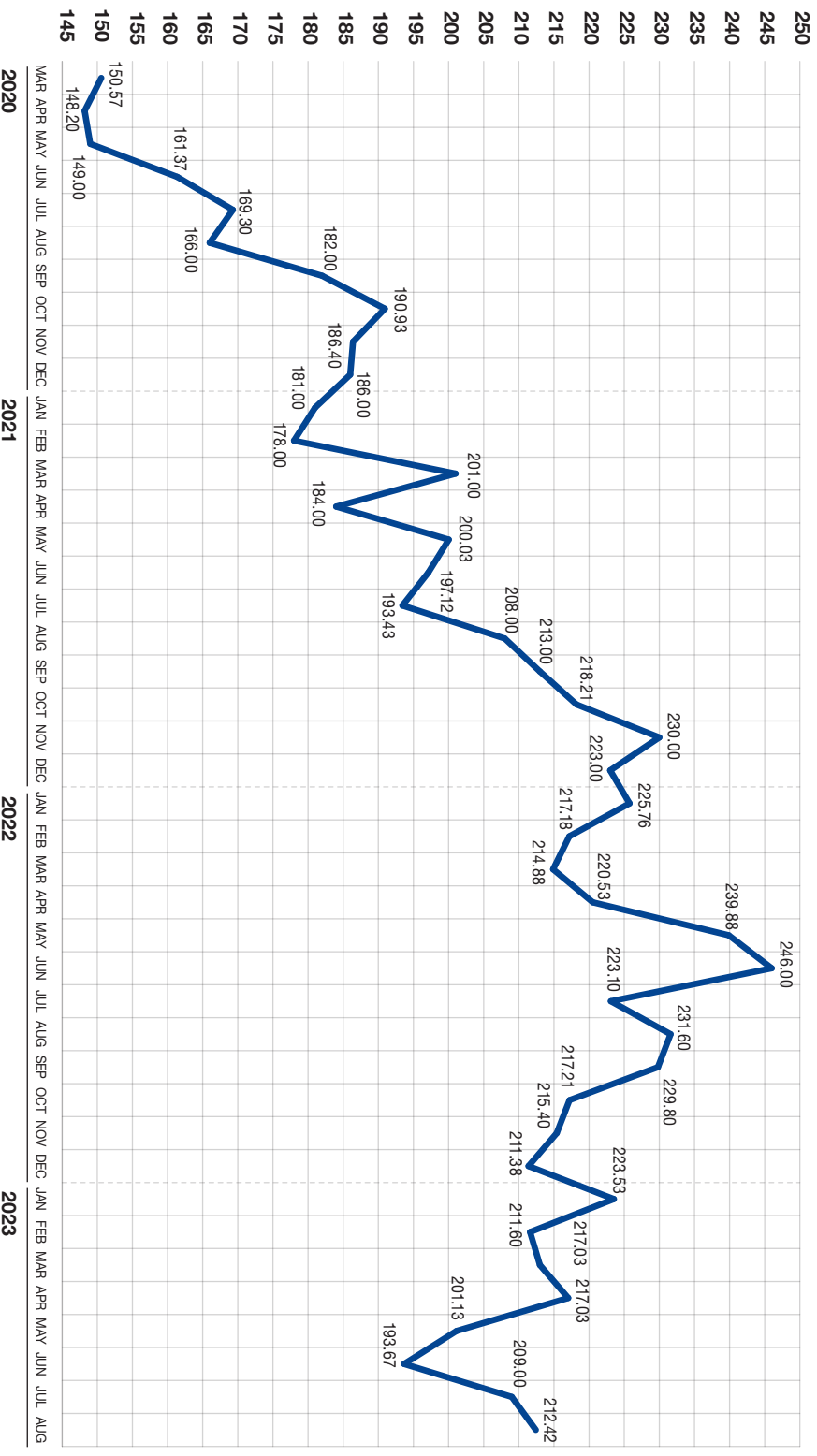
Cattle continue to have a good Summer. Cattle coming out of the feedyard are seeing profits of \$150 per head. Prices are up 33%. Dairies on the other hand, continue to operate at or under breakeven. Milk prices are down 14% from a year ago at \$17.31.

Amarillo Economic Pulse

Economic Components	Current Month	Last Month	One Year Ago
Index (Base Jan. 88 @ 100)	212.42	209.00	231.60
Sales Tax Collections	\$ 7,458,233	\$ 8,081,623	\$ 9,627,079
Sales Tax Collections – Year to Date	\$ 66,582,784	\$ 59,124,551	\$ 66,590,280
New Vehicle Sales	708	717	612
Used Vehicle Sales	1,479	1,423	1,636
Airline Boardings	38,219	37,523	36,425
Hotel/Motel Receipt Tax	\$ 996,389	\$ 1,044,043	\$ 1,079,136
Population	201,106	201,106	199,747
Employment – CLF*	137,347	136,146	135,648
Unemployment Rate*	% 3.60	% 3.30	% 3.10
Total Workers Employed* (Household Survey)	132,433	131,658	131,442
Total Workers Employed* (Employer Survey)	126,400	126,526	124,630
Average Weekly Wages	\$ 1,109.50	\$ 980.00	\$ 1,088.50
Gas Meters	69,616	69,204	69,603
Interest Rates (30 year mortgage rates)	% 7.250	% 6.875	% 6.125
Building Permits (Dollar Amount)	\$ 46,795,777	\$ 54,400,062	\$ 20,670,003
Year to Date Permits (Dollar Amount)	\$ 152,247,957	\$ 105,005,573	\$ 176,378,661
Residential Starts	25	36	54
Year to Date Starts	311	286	416
Median House Sold Price	\$ 250,000	\$ 240,000	\$ 250,000
Drilling Rigs in Panhandle	3	2	9
Oil Per Barrel	\$ 82.47	\$ 75.32	\$ 91.55
Natural Gas	\$ 2.79	\$ 2.53	\$ 7.86
Wheat Per Bushel	\$ 7.07	\$ 7.13	\$ 9.03
Fed Cattle Per CWT	\$ 183.06	\$ 179.00	\$ 138.00
Corn	\$ 4.76	\$ 5.00	\$ 6.11
Cotton (Cents Per Pound)	\$ 75.00	\$ 85.30	\$ 93.70
Milk	\$ 17.31	\$ 16.40	\$ 20.25

Amarillo Economic Pulse

AUGUST 2023



New Website Coming Soon!

Clean, Simple, Secure.

New Login Location



**Amarillo
National
Bank**

Awesome Service

No BS.