

Cortez Area Commodity Prices

Feeder Cattle: ↑	\$202.075/hundred	Pinto Beans: →	\$ 40/hundredweight
Live Cattle: ↑	\$172.350/hundred	Wheat: →	\$ 13 /hundredweight
Oil: ↑	\$81.46/barrel	Grass Hay, Per Ton→	\$300-400/T, DOQ
Natural Gas: ↑	\$2.22/million BTUs	Alfalfa, Per Ton →	\$220-\$350/T, DOQ

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

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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For more information contact
The Cortez Workforce Center
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JOB FAIR

Win Cortez Cash!

Cortez Recreation Center
Friday, April 21 • 12-2pm
Saturday, April 22 • 10am-12pm

Want a free lunch and an awesome job!
Come have pizza and find out about some amazing local job opportunities!

Cortez Parks and Recreation is hiring for dozens of seasonal jobs for the spring and summer!

JOB OPENINGS

Jobs include parks, golf course, lifeguards, camp counselors, and more. Parks and Recreation provides a fun and welcoming work environment while fulfilling important needs in our community.

These flexible jobs also offer great work experience and resume-building opportunities.

Check out our website for open positions:
cortezco.gov/jobs

Cortez Retail Enhancement Association works to bring you all kinds of opportunities to shop local in the community of Cortez. They sponsor advertising and assist in marketing great events and activities that bring more people to town – which adds to the vibrancy and vigor of the business community.



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Cortez Coffee Break

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AG EXPO!!!

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Ski Resorts (as of 4-11-2023)

Gas Prices (as of 4-11-2023)

Wolf Creek: Closed.
Purgatory: 83"-87" base, 0" new.
Telluride: Closed.
Snowpack: 183% of median

Lowest: \$3.73⁹ - \$4.09⁹ Cortez. Most stations \$3.68⁹-\$4.09⁹ in Durango. Info from ColoradoGasPrices.com (Trend ↑). Some higher-priced options have eliminated ethanol additives for better mileage. Colorado State Average \$3.41⁹/gal. Price last year in Cortez was \$4.21⁹. Lowest in CO: \$2.78⁹ in Longmont; Highest in CO: \$4.99⁹ in Grand Lake. US Average \$3.58⁹.

April 14-15
Four States Ag Expo
Sat, April 15 Veterans get in free!

Fiesta Theatre is OPEN!
Watch **Super Mario Brothers Movie:** 2:30, 4:45, 7:00, 9:15 pm. **The Pope's Exorcist:** 2:25, 4:50, 7:10 & 9:30 pm. Eat at your favorite local hometown restaurant, then go see the movie! It's a date!

April 22-23
Cortez Gun & Sportsman Show
lkgalexander@gmail.com for info

Learn, Adapt, Evolve, Thrive – SW
Colorado Small Business Conference, Wed, May 3, 8 am to 5 pm, \$75/person. Register by March 15 for Early Bird Rate. Essential info for your success! <https://sbdcofortlewis.org/> to register

Third Thursdays – Hold the Dates!
June 15, July 20, August 17,
September 21, 5-8 pm, Great music, food, vendors!

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AG EXPO!

Four Corners
Youth Beef Show
Ice Cream Eating Contest (ages 5-12)
Win and Catch-A-Chicken
Cross-cut Branding
Fitting and showmanship class
Lots of vendors and food wagons
Veterans get in free with ID on Saturday
April 14-15, Montezuma County
Fairgrounds



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Come see us:
Home & Garden
Show
March 31 & April 1

Erin Johnson, Attorney at Law
303-588-2695 or erin@fone.net
It is far better to foresee even without
certainty than not to foresee at all.
Foresee a good estate plan.



May 17-21
**Ute Mountain Mesa Verde
Birding Festival**
2023 Keynote Speaker is Ted Floyd,
Editor of Birding Magazine

Check the website for schedule of
events and for registration:
[https://cortezculturalcenter.org/
events/birding-festival](https://cortezculturalcenter.org/events/birding-festival)



Southwest Colorado Small Business Development Center

Start-Up Essentials
Online April 19, 2023. 2-5 pm. Hear
from an expert everything you need to
know to get your new business started,
from selecting your business entity to
paying the right taxes and fees. Learn
about liability protection and forms to
complete. Do the seminar, then work
directly with a counselor at Small
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Main Ave., Suite 225 (second floor),
Durango. FREE. Counseling also
available in the SBDC's Cortez office.
<https://sbdcfortlewis.org/>, then click
the yellow tab under Upcoming
Workshops.

**SBDCs are funded by the US
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Administration and your local
colleges.**

Now is a great time to start a
small business, even if it is "on
the side" and not intended to set
the world on fire. It could grow
into something terrific, if you do
some planning and get great
advice from the Small Business
Development Center. Make it
your resolution!

THE FOUR CORNERS CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER
PRESENTS

**LIP SYNC
Battle**

APRIL 22ND, 2023

CORTEZ ELKS LODGE

DOORS OPEN 5 P.M.
DINNER 6 P.M.
SHOW 7 P.M.

TICKETS GO ON SALE APRIL 3RD @ 9 A.M.

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COACHES NEEDED
For Southwest Colorado Youth
Softball and Baseball

Coaches
needed for ALL
age groups

Coach Meeting: March 29th
At First National Bank - 7:00PM
Skills Day: March 30th-April 1st
Draft Day: April 2nd
Coach Clinic: April 15th-16th

More info to come and all dates are
subject to change

Follow the QR code to
<https://forms.gle/dNpE6TG2qvcJiU8>
to fill out the coach application

Contact Miranda Elliott with questions: 970-570-5107

Renew Inc. Presents:

APRIL 15 2023

NEW FILMS BY AND ABOUT WOMEN

DOORS OPEN AT 5:30PM
AND SHOW STARTS 6:30PM
DESTINATION GRILL-
CORTEZ CONFERENCE ROOM
2121 E MAIN ST, CORTEZ, CO
TICKETS: \$20 IN ADVANCE/
\$25 AT THE DOOR

LUNA FEST 2023

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Coffee Break Horoscope

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23 – Dec 12) Go ahead, count your chickens now. No need to wait. You can't stand the suspense. Lucky numbers: 07-35-36-38-40-42	GEMINI (May 22 – Jun 21) Something will arrive delivered by an agent of the Federal government. Check your mailbox. Lucky numbers: 04-05-07-26-29-36
CAPRICORN (Dec 22 – Jan 20) Take a friend to the airport. Call first to make sure they want to be there when you do. Lucky numbers: 02-07-18-20-38-41	CANCER (Jun 22 – Jul 23) Volunteer to do something good for your community. It needs you and your help. Lucky numbers: 11-21-22-25-28-36
AQUARIUS (Jan 21 – Feb 19) Decide on something important today. Beef or chicken? Salad or soup? Gravity or "round-Earth"? Lucky numbers: 09-17-20-24-36-39	LEO (Jul 24 – Aug 23) Update your family on your events. If you don't have events, then go do something. Lucky numbers: 10-11-20-25-27-33
PISCES (Feb 20 – Mar 20) Get a haircut this week. It is way past time for you. And those nasty toenails have to go! Lucky numbers: 01-16-22-30-31-32	VIRGO (Aug 24 – Sep 23) Today is your day for a tuna sandwich. Add raisins, cranberries, almonds, spinach. Wowza! Lucky numbers: 03-17-18-26-27-34
ARIES (Mar 21 – Apr 20) Your bike needs a tune-up before you start making good on that New Year Resolution. Lucky numbers: 11-14-18-20-29-37	LIBRA (Sep 24 – Oct 23) Watch a movie this weekend. Make it an adventure. Dress up as one of the characters. Lucky numbers: 12-14-20-21-32-37
TAURUS (Apr 21 – May 21) Until your life is perfect, stop trying to improve everyone else's lives. Practice on yourself. Lucky numbers: 03-19-22-23-26-28	SCORPIO (Oct 24 – Nov 22) You watched a movie dressed as one of the characters. Now lose twenty pounds. Lucky numbers: 03-19-20-22-30-37

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 and Cortez Farmers Market in the summer.

Featuring 6-8 vendors offering locally grown
 and produced foods & products.

Market Dates:

April 1, April 15, April 29, May 13
 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM
 in the Cliffrose Garden Center Parking Lot
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LOCAL OBITUARIES

House, Loma Root, Towaoc. Services were Mon, Apr 10, 2023.
Gogatz-Samuels, Arlene, Cortez. No services announced.
Hernandez, Andres A. "Tony," Dolores. Services Fri, Apr 14, 2023.
Tibbits, Evelyn Fern, Dolores. Services to be held in summer, 2023.
Jones, Jerry Edward, Cortez. No services announced.
Nidiffer, Mark J., formerly of Cortez. Service to be held later.
 Details at <http://ertelfuneralhome.com>.

April is National Frog Month, National Humor Month, National Kite Month, and National Pecan Month. This is Garden Week. Apr 12 is Big Wind Day, Grilled Cheese Sandwich Day, International Day of Human Space Flight/Cosmonaut Day (Russia), National Bookmobile Day, National Licorice Day, National Teach Children to Save Day, and Walk on Your Wild Side Day. Apr 13 is International Plant Appreciation Day, National Peach Cobbler Day, and Scrabble Day. Apr 14 is Ex-Spouse Day, International Moment of Laughter Day, Look Up at the Sky Day, National Dolphin Day, National Pecan Day, and Reach as High as You Can Day. Apr 15 is Income Taxes Due (most years), Husband Appreciation Day, Record Store Day, Rubber Eraser Day, Take a Wild Guess Day, That Sucks Day, Titanic Remembrance Day, World Art Day, and World Circus Day. Apr 16 is Mushroom Day, National Bean Counter Day, National Eggs Benedict Day, National Librarian Day, and Save the Elephant Day. Apr 17 is Bat Appreciation Day, Blah, Blah, Blah Day, Herbalist Day, International Haiku Poetry Day, National Cheeseball Day, National Stress Awareness Day, and Patriots Day. Apr 18 is International Jugglers' Day, Newspaper Columnists Day, and Pet Owners' Independence Day.

Sudoku

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	7			6			2
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FULFILLING OUR PROMISES
 TO THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO SERVED

Mon – Fri, 9 am – 3 pm

432 N. Broadway, Cortez – 565-4310

Vitalant Blood Drive

4-19-2023, 9:30 am – 1:30 pm, Pueblo
 Community College Bloodmobile, 33057 Hwy
 160, Mancos

4-20-2023, 2 – 5:30 pm, First United Methodist
 Church, 515 N. Park, Cortez

Urgent Blood Need for all types.
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 LEAD
 LINING
 MASS
 MOBILE

NEED
 NOSTRIL
 OPTICAL
 PINK
 PROPEL
 RAISE
 REBUFF
 REJECT
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 ROOM
 SCISSORS
 SCREEN
 SHIFT
 SMILING
 SORRY
 SPEAK
 STEP
 WINDOW

News From High Valley

High Valley is a completely fictional town. Any resemblance to anything real is purely in your own head.



Top Honors

The chicken tasted OK, but it was a tough thing to chew. It was rubbery, like chicken always is at these sorts of events. There were roasted potatoes and grilled green beans on the side, so that helped. And each place setting included a generous wedge of cherry pie. The occasion was the annual Citizen of the Year banquet.

There were several nominees, each worthy of being honored as the Citizen of the Year. Alan Wagner was one of them. Alan had served on the Town Council for eight years, following terms on the Boards of the Parks Department, the town library, the Chamber of Commerce, the Lions Club, the Rotary Club, and the School Board. After serving the community on all those boards of directors, Alan certainly deserved some sort of recognition. No one could remember exactly if Alan had ever accomplished anything, but he was good at serving on boards of directors, and High Valley had plenty of those.

Willis Bacon was another nominee. His record included raising money for the children's playground, raising money for the Community Center, raising money for the town's Concert Choir to compete at the State Choir-Off last year, and raising money to send the high school seniors from High Valley to Washington, D.C., to meet the president and watch Congress in action. Or Congress inaction. No one was sure what really happened there. Willis was good at twisting arms, but he always said it was more important to know which arms to twist, and not the actual twisting techniques. Willis knew a lot of people, so everyone just took his word for it.

Another candidate for the honor was Annabel White. She had been a teacher and librarian for 32 years in the Expectation County Consolidated School District and had lived in High Valley all that time. She was considered to be a tough teacher and an even tougher librarian, probably because of her legendary military service. Her reputation was set in stone the day she attended the school board meeting and heard a variety of parents complain about certain library materials being too risqué for young minds and demanding that those items be banned from the library. Annabel struck a blow for common sense when she defended the library over those books, which she declared to be classics and essential to understanding the world in the twenty-first century, and further, that if the parents wanted to live in some previous century, they should be welcome to pack up and go live there, but to stay out of this one! No one was willing to cross Annabel on the point and the protesting parents left the meeting.

Woody Danvers was the one candidate for Citizen of the Year who was not in a suit. They didn't make suits to fit his size. He was 6'4" high and 343 pounds of solid muscle, mostly in the chest and arms. He was a lumberjack during the day, alternating between running his sawmill north of town and doing tree-trimming in High Valley's neighborhoods. He was also a fireman for the High Valley All Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Dog Training Academy. In that capacity, he earned everyone's admiration for the many times he was able to reach up into the branches of elms and maples and birch to rescue a kitten or a small boy who had gotten himself into a little more trouble than he could handle. He had gone into the burning house owned by the Angstrom family and carried out their labradoodle puppy and their nine-year old daughter who had both taken refuge under the bed in her room.

Woody was the Citizen of the Year, of course. And no one disputed the fact. They all just congratulated him on the honor, toasted all the outstanding candidates, and ate their cherry pie.


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