

A BEEF CLOCK · TRANCHE 2 · LEAN TRIM · PORTS OF ENTRY

Thursday, October 1, 2026, 12:01 a.m. local port time: Tranche 2 of the lean-trim quota opens.

One date. One bulletin. One class of meat. A grind window is a public clock. It is not a live-cattle sale, a herd, a grocery ad, or Legal Publication at checkout.

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THE ONLY CLOCK IN THIS PAPER

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2026

12:01 A.M. LOCAL PORT TIME

CBP QUOTA BULLETIN 26-231 · TRANCHE 2

100,000 METRIC TONS · LEAN BEEF TRIMMINGS · IN-QUOTA RATE

NOTICE NEARBY · A GRIND WINDOW IS NOT A HERD

Plate 1. The only clock in this paper. Thursday, October 1, 2026, 12:01 a.m. local port time.

WHAT	ON THE NOTICE	WHAT IT IS	WHAT IT IS NOT
When	Thursday, October 1, 2026, 12:01 a.m. local port time. Closes October 30.	The hour Tranche 2 opens.	A live-cattle auction. A Cattle on Feed release.
Where	U.S. ports of entry that take the quota entries. First come, first served.	The ports named by the bulletin.	Santa Teresa’s chute. A Superior video lot.
What is named	Lean beef trimmings under HTSUS 0201.30.5091, 0201.30.5097, 0202.30.5091, 0202.30.5097. 100,000 mt.	An extra in-quota quantity for grind.	Fed steers. Choice boxed beef. A heifer.
Who keeps the clock	Presidential Proclamation of August 26, 2026. CBP Quota Bulletin 26-231.	The instruments that opened the window.	This register. A grocery circular.



Plate 2. Live cattle at a southern livestock crossing. That gate is not this clock. Thursday's quota is lean trim at the ports that take the entries. A chute is not a HTSUS number.

What the bulletin names

On August 26, 2026, a presidential proclamation temporarily increased the in-quota quantity of lean beef trimmings by 300,000 metric tons for calendar year 2026. The extra quantity is administered in three 30-day tranches of 100,000 metric tons, first come, first served. Tranche 1 opened September 1 and closes September 30. Tranche 2 opens Thursday, October 1, 2026, at 12:01 a.m. local port time, and closes October 30. Tranche 3 opens October 31.

CBP Quota Bulletin 26-231 is the working instrument for Tranche 2. The class is lean beef trimmings under four HTSUS statistical reporting numbers: 0201.30.5091, 0201.30.5097, 0202.30.5091, and 0202.30.5097. Entries submitted after 12:01 a.m. local port time and before 8:30 a.m. Eastern on the opening date receive an 8:30 a.m. Eastern time stamp for quota qualification. If the group exceeds the limit at that minute, accepted entries are prorated.

The proclamation applies the extra quantity to lean trim for grind. It does not rewrite the fed-cattle market. It does not open a live-animal chute. It does not make a 25-percent retail promise into a statute. Copy the numbers. Leave the steer on the lot.

Two files, not one

Santa Teresa, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, FIPS 35013, reopened to Mexican live cattle on Thursday, September 24, 2026, after a long screwworm closure. Day one: 408 head. That is a crossing clock. It is already a different sheet. Superior's nationwide video auction is also Thursday, October 1, 8:00 a.m. Central. That is a catalog hour. Do not fuse the quota, the chute, and the video lot.



Plate 3. Left: cattle on feed — a lot is not a tariff line. Right: a cow and calf. A pair is the herd the proclamation said it would leave room to grow. Neither photograph is Tranche 2.

County doors, ports, and the class

A quota entry is taken at a port. The cattle that become domestic fed beef still sit in counties — Kansas, Texas, Nebraska, Colorado, Oklahoma, New Mexico. Doña Ana holds Santa Teresa. Ford and Finney hold the southwest Kansas packer belt. Those counties keep their own instruments: slaughter, cash trade, ICE activity at plants, AMS market news. This paper does not adopt a Kansas raid, a cash bid, or a boxed-beef cutout as the October 1 clock.

Lean trim is a class. Fed steers are a class. A heifer retained for breeding is a class. The proclamation limited the extra quantity to lean trimmings used in grind. It did not move October live cattle. It did not score a county fair. It did not enroll a reader in Legal Publication of a hamburger.

NASS Cattle on Feed for October is not this week. That release is Friday, October 23, 3:00 p.m. Eastern. Leave it on that Friday. The grind window opens at 12:01 a.m. on the first.

What the hour does not decide

Whether Tranche 1 filled. Whether packers use the trim. Whether cash cattle in the Texas Panhandle move a dollar. Whether a 25-percent below-market line on a fact sheet becomes a delivered price. Those are later sheets, if they become public clocks at all. October 1 names the opening of Tranche 2.

What this paper will not do

It will not bid a steer. It will not price a retail pack. It will not treat Santa Teresa's 408 head as this quota. It will not sell Legal Publication of a tariff-rate tranche. It will not move a midterm into a HTSUS line. It will not call a grind window a herd.

Closing

Thursday, October 1, 2026, 12:01 a.m. local port time. CBP Quota Bulletin 26-231. Tranche 2. One hundred thousand metric tons of lean trim. That is the hour the instruments printed. Watch the entries if you came for the quota. Do not ask this paper to rebuild the cow herd.

A posted grind window is a public hour on a named class of meat. It is not a newspaper. Date the bulletin. Leave the heifer on the ranch.

Notes and sources

1. One clock: Thursday, October 1, 2026, 12:01 a.m. local port time. Paper dated September 26, 2026.
2. Presidential Proclamation, Further Ensuring Affordable Beef for the American Consumer, August 26, 2026; 91 Fed. Reg. 55991 (Aug. 31, 2026). Three tranches of 100,000 mt lean beef trimmings.
3. CBP Quota Bulletin 26-231, Tranche 2: October 1–October 30, 2026. HTSUS 0201.30.5091, 0201.30.5097, 0202.30.5091, 0202.30.5097. First come, first served. Confirm current bulletin at cbp.gov.
4. Distinct clocks, not this title: Santa Teresa livestock crossing, Doña Ana County, N.M., FIPS 35013, reopened September 24, 2026 (408 head day one). Superior Livestock nationwide video auction, October 1, 2026, 8:00 a.m. CT. NASS Cattle on Feed, October 23, 2026, 3:00 p.m. ET.
5. Suggested path: </papers/october-1-lean-trim-tranche-two>.
6. Plate 2: southern livestock crossing file. Plate 3: High Plains lot; cow-calf pair. No portrait. A photograph is not an entry.
7. Record of Sale, LLC (Oregon). Ryan Standley, Publisher / Authorized Officer.

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