

## Powerball prize up to \$1.5 billion, 3rd-largest ever in US

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DES MOINES, Iowa — The bad news is that no one won Wednesday night's huge \$1.2 billion Powerball jackpot. The good news is that means

the prize has grown even larger to \$1.5 billion ahead of the next drawing Saturday night. That is the third-largest lottery prize in U.S. history.

The numbers drawn Wednesday night were: 2, 11, 22, 35, 60 and the red powerball 23.

No one has won the top Powerball prize since Aug. 3, making for 39 consecutive drawings without anyone matching all six numbers.

What's behind three months of lottery futility? It's simple math. The odds of winning the

jackpot are an abysmal 1 in 292.2 million.

It is because of those long odds that the grand prize has grown so large.

The new \$1.5 billion prize is actually for winners who opt for an annuity, paid out annu-

ally over 29 years. Nearly all winners choose cash, which for Saturday's drawing would be \$745.9 million.

Powerball is played in 45 states, as well as Washington, D.C., Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

## Analysis: North Korea fired dozens of missiles. What now?

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SEOUL, South Korea — For days North Korean officials have raged over U.S.-South Korean military drills, promising a violent response. That response came this week, when the North fired nearly 30 missiles in the span of two days, including a short-range weapon that splashed down near the South Korean sea border and an intercontinental ballistic missile that forced Japan to issue an evacuation alert and halt trains.

It was a significant escalation in a year that has already seen the most North Korean missile test launches ever, and it raises an important question: How much further will they go?

North Korea's playbook has traditionally been to continually ratchet up provocations until it gets U.S. attention — and can then negotiate for sanctions relief or other concessions from what it sees as a position of power.

The bar for getting attention these days may be higher, with the United States focused on upcoming

elections and Russia and the West consumed by the war in Ukraine. That could mean the North has to do more to get the reaction it wants — but it also increases the possibility that Pyongyang could end up pushing South Korea too far. Already there is growing discussion in Seoul about creating an indigenous nuclear program.

North Korea observers have long sketched out the various levels Pyongyang uses to express its anger. At the bottom of the list is fiery rhetoric in state-controlled media. That may then progress

into shorter-range missile launches of the type seen Wednesday.

After that would come longer-range tests, including ICBMs, like the one fired from the capital area of Pyongyang on Thursday, or intermediate-range missiles like the ones that the North has sent hurtling over the Japanese archipelago in the past, deep into the Pacific. At the top of the list is a test detonation of one of their nuclear devices.

Each new level cranks up already soaring tensions on the Korean Peninsula, where hundreds of thousands of troops from both sides and the United States square off along the world's most heavily armed border.

And while bloodshed these days is fairly rare (2010, by contrast, saw 50 South Koreans killed in attacks), this many troops operating with these types of powerful weapons in a relatively confined geographic area increases the chances that a miscalculation could lead to a clash.

One of the 23 missiles fired Wednesday landed close enough to a South Korean island for air raid sirens to sound and residents there to evacuate to underground shelters. Another landed 26 kilometers (16 miles) from the Koreas' shared border.

Anxiety was already running high because hours earlier North Korea threatened to use nuclear weapons so that the United States and South Korea would "pay the most horrible price in history."

Initially assessing that the ICBM fired on Thursday would fly above its northern territory, Japan issued alerts to residents in the prefectures of Miyagi, Yamagata and Niiga-

ta, instructing them to go inside firm buildings or underground. The country's military later said it lost track of the missile above waters between the Korean Peninsula and Japan and that there were no flyovers.

For months, South Korea and U.S. officials have been expecting North Korea to test a nuclear bomb. It would be the seventh such test, and be met with a push at the United Nations for even stronger sanctions. Whether Russia and China, nations that have traditionally protected the North, will allow further U.N. punishment is unclear.

It's important to note that each North Korean weapons test — whether of the shortest range missile or a nuclear bomb — inches closer to their ultimate goal of a fully functional nuclear arsenal capable of targeting every city on the U.S. mainland.

A recent analysis based on satellite imagery showed that the North has made dramatic progress on new construction at its Sohae Satellite Launching Station.

In addition to expanding its ability to send up satellite launch vehicles, the station could "support technology development also useable by North Korea's emerging intercontinental ballistic missile programs," wrote Joseph S. Bermudez Jr., Victor Cha and Jennifer Jun, of the Center for Strategic and International Studies think tank in Washington.

The latest launches follow a string of North Korean tests of nuclear-capable missiles. And a new North Korean law authorizes the preemptive use of nuclear weapons in a broad range of situations, though there's widespread

doubt the North would use those bombs first in the face of U.S. and South Korean forces.

North Korea says it is responding to U.S.-South Korean military drills that it views as a rehearsal for an invasion.

But Pyongyang is also well aware of what's happening in the world — especially as it relates to its rivals. U.S. President Joe Biden is preparing to travel to Asia for a series of summits, and is facing crucial midterm elections this month.

A lot is vying for Biden's attention, but Pyongyang has also previously timed its weapons tests around American elections, presumably in the hopes of pushing itself higher on presidents' foreign policy to-do lists.

There's also the war in Ukraine, where Russia has suffered a series of setbacks recently. North Korea may realize that Moscow, which has been a supporter of the North and its military for decades, could benefit from the distraction the missile tests create for Washington.

And the barrage also comes as South Korea mourns the deaths of more than 150 people when a crowd of Halloween revelers surged — the country's largest disaster in years.

But another North Korean nuclear test could also be a risk for the North itself, Jeffery Robertson, an associate professor of diplomatic studies at Yonsei University, wrote recently.

"Over the last thirty years, a rough balance has been established between South Korea's vastly superior conventional capacity (and its alliance with the U.S.) and North Korea's nascent nuclear weapons capacity," he said.

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Each off-road ambulance can bring back from the war zone up to 20 wounded soldiers/civilians per day. He said Ma and his volunteer team will go to the Ukraine and spend a few dicey days every month driving ambulances loaded with supplies to the front line MASH units, and then he returns to Dallas where he works for Toyota.

"After Mark talked to me, I thought I could help with implants for traumatic fracture care," Knox said.

He sent over some orthopedic plates and screws that he had received from the Stryker company to help those with long-bone fractures — such as in the forearms and legs — the kind of injuries that need immediate attention. One set of these plates has the potential to help 30 to 40 people, depending on their injuries.

Knox received a letter of gratitude from Valerij Savysky, the Chief of the Ukrainian Military Medical Academy for the donation of the Stryker plates. The letter reads:

"Dear Dr. Knox, We are so grateful for your help in providing Stryker tools and plates to our orthopedic Unit. As we are dealing with a big number of injured mil-

itary personal [sic] we are so happy to receive valuable plates which will allow us to treat our patients using high standards of care. We want to send our love an [sic] appreciation to you and to Stryker Company which is now known not only as leading world producer but also a Team with a big heart which opened the hand of help for those in need.

Ukraine is fighting not only for independence but also for freedom of the whole world and we are amazed [sic] with the help of American people which [sic] know what it means. We wish you and Stryker Company peace and prosperity and all possible blessings for your wonderful gift."

Most recently, Knox has reached out to additional orthopedic plate manufacturers, such as the Smith and Nephew company of England, to see if they would be willing to donate some sets.

"The sad news over there is unbelievable," Knox said of the situation in Ukraine. "We should be helping as a country and as human beings."

Kemp is hopeful that Smith & Nephew Corporation will provide \$250,000 worth of plates and surgical rods.

"If they donate, both Dr. Knox and a company representative are going to deliver the plates and rods

in person," Kemp said. "Dr. Knox will probably perform surgeries at the military hospital."

Knox has visited some of the former Soviet Bloc countries over the years, having toured the countryside on a motorcycle.


He recounted a story from a man named Matte, who told him a story of when the Nazis came to his father to take the family's only cow and six chickens. His father pleaded with the soldier, telling him the animals were needed to feed his seven children. The Nazi soldier pulled a gun on Matte's father and told him he was going to take the animals regardless, but if he continued to argue with him, he would die in the process.

"The people over there are not quitters," he said of the Ukrainian people. "Hearing the stories about growing up in Yugoslavia — you can't imagine in this day and age what it's like to be subjugated like that. It gives you an idea of what living under Soviet rule was like."

For more information on Ed's Friends, visit its website at edsfriends.org

Editor's note: I would like to thank Mark Kemp for contacting me to tell me about Dr. Thomas Knox's work in aiding the Ukrainian people. Even the members of his staff at Knox Orthopedics were not aware of his donation.

### THIS WEEK'S LIVESTOCK REPORT



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#### Arkansas Weekly Livestock

Wednesday, November 2, 2022

<b>Total Receipts:</b>	1105	628	739
<b>Feeder Cattle:</b>	80(73.0%)	501(79.8%)	587(79.4%)
<b>Slaughter Cattle:</b>	243(22.0%)	87(13.9%)	117(15.8%)
<b>Replacement Cattle:</b>	55(5.0%)	40(6.4%)	35(4.7%)

**Compared to last week:** Feeder steers under 700 lbs 5.00-18.00 higher mostly 5.00-10.00 higher except the better 500-550 lbs 5.00 lower. Feeder heifers under 650 lbs 1.00-14.00 higher mostly 6.00-10.00 higher. Slaughter cows and bulls 3.00-5.00 higher. Supply included: 73% Feeder Cattle (38% Steers, 35% Heifers, 26% Bulls); 22% Slaughter Cattle (88% Cows, 12% Bulls); 5% Replacement Cattle (19% Stock Cows, 60% Bred Cows, 4% Bred Heifers, 15% Cow-Calf Pairs, 2% Bulls). Feeder cattle over 600 lbs was 30%.

FEEDER CATTLE				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
<b>STEERS - Medium and Large 1 (Per Cwt/Actual Wt)</b>				
12	310-347	344	200.00	200.00
14	365-390	384	183.00-220.00	208.67
24	410-449	429	193.00-206.00	202.96
27	450-495	470	181.00-204.00	193.55
24	508-545	525	175.00-202.00	187.58
2	510	510	174.00	174.00
40	563-598	567	165.00-194.00	189.00
46	605-645	636	174.00-186.50	182.17
11	638-644	641	160.00-162.00	161.09
17	659	659	161.00	161.00
3	1100	1100	132.00	132.00
<b>STEERS-Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt/Actual Wt)</b>				
14	512-538	518	175.00-186.00	182.13
6	658	658	160.00	160.00
<b>STEERS-Medium and Large 2 (Per Cwt/Actual Wt)</b>				
1	315	315	175.00	175.00
5	350-390	364	161.00-191.00	177.51
1	420	420	178.00	178.00
1	450	450	174.00	174.00
5	505-545	516	155.00-163.00	160.92
3	508	508	181.00	181.00
4	550-595	579	150.00-167.00	159.77
3	600-640	618	160.00-168.00	163.58
4	680	680	160.00	160.00
1	745	745	144.00	144.00
2	1022	1022	112.00	112.00
<b>STEERS-Medium and Large 3 (Per Cwt/Actual Wt)</b>				
1	670	670	105.00	105.00
<b>HEIFERS - Medium and Large 1 (Per Cwt/Actual Wt)</b>				
2	320-330	325	155.00	155.00
22	356-383	372	156.00-179.00	168.72
20	400-448	427	155.00-177.00	172.76
35	450-495	479	155.00-176.00	167.09
18	505-548	524	156.00-166.00	161.65
46	550-598	566	146.00-163.00	158.41
25	600-630	628	142.00-162.00	160.07
5	625-630	628	142.00-147.00	144.60
7	670	670	145.00-162.00	152.29
1	660	660	145.00	145.00
3	720-745	728	130.00-145.00	136.92
2	775	775	134.00-138.00	136.00
1	820	820	128.00	128.00
1	900	900	125.00	125.00
<b>HEIFERS-Medium and Large 2 (Per Cwt/Actual Wt)</b>				
9	305-335	323	130.00-150.00	145.59
3	350-390	363	150.00-154.00	151.43
11	410-435	428	130.00-155.00	144.84
9	450-490	474	130.00-145.00	141.33
2	505-520	513	140.00-145.00	142.54
9	550-590	575	126.00-146.00	137.11
5	600-615	608	125.00-136.00	130.17
1	805	805	118.00	118.00
<b>HEIFERS-Medium and Large 3 (Per Cwt/Actual Wt)</b>				
3	305-330	313	112.00-124.00	116.21
5	360-385	373	109.00-120.00	112.54
1	415	415	111.00	111.00
2	488	488	100.00	100.00
1	590	590	111.00	111.00
<b>BULLS-Medium and Large 1 (Per Cwt/Actual Wt)</b>				
2	300-335	318	188.00-200.00	193.67
6	355-395	380	180.00-195.00	187.22
21	400-448	423	177.00-216.00	196.63
15	455-476	471	168.00-192.00	174.37
25	500-540	522	158.00-189.00	171.36
18	550-595	564	155.00-169.00	160.96

BULLS-Medium and Large 2 (Per Cwt/Actual Wt)				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
4	305-345	333	150.00-170.00	159.04
4	385-388	387	150.00-158.00	156.01
1	430	430	166.00	166.00
13	455-495	477	140.00-171.00	158.86
4	500-545	518	145.00-160.00	154.26
1	585	585	130.00	130.00
5	622-635	627	140.00	140.00
14	663-665	665	130.00-141.00	132.35
2	792	792	112.00	112.00
1	875	875	110.00	110.00

BULLS-Medium and Large 3 (Per Cwt/Actual Wt)				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	310	310	115.00	115.00
2	455-470	463	100.00-129.00	114.74

SLAUGHTER CATTLE				
COWS - Breaker 75-80% (Per Cwt/Actual Wt)				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
6	1215-1425	1307	62.00-68.00	66.57
16	1120-1735	1494	69.00-72.50	70.65
COWS - Boner 80-85% (Per Cwt/Actual Wt)				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
39	955-1460	1207	60.00-68.50	64.88
19	1125-1420	1250	68.50-76.00	70.80
2	940-1025	983	56.00-59.00	57.56
COWS - Lean 85-90% (Per Cwt/Actual Wt)				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
22	900-1295	1084	57.00-67.00	61.81
4	1110-1240	1181	67.50-71.00	69.17
11	885-1075	964	46.00-55.00	51.44
19	850-1150	952	19.00-45.00	31.63
BULLS - 1-2 (Per Cwt/Actual Wt)				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
7	1075-1855	1514	93.00-102.00	97.24
5	1540-1900	1782	105.00-116.00	112.07
7	1035-1880	1429	80.00-90.00	85.28

REPLACEMENT CATTLE						
STOCK COWS - Medium & Large 1-2 (Per Cwt/Actual Wt)						
Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2-4	0	9	680-1115	875	50.00-96.00	75.34
BRED COWS - Medium & Large 1-2 (Per Cwt/Actual Wt)						
Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2-4	T1	3	880-905	888	84.00-97.00	89.08
5-8	T1	3	980-1195	1075	57.00-77.00	65.02
5-8	T2-3	5	930-1225	1098	60.00-77.00	66.96
5-8	T2-3	5	1040-1315	1187	62.00-73.00	66.80
BRED HEIFERS - Medium & Large 1-2 (Per Unit/Actual Wt)						
Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
<2	T2-3	2	1145-1200	1173	1000.00-1075.00	1038.38