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Livestock Weighted Average Report for 3/24/2024 - 3/30/2024

LIVESTOCK SUMMARY

	Current Week	Last Reported 3/18/2024	Last Year
Total Receipts:	906	5,332	5,846
Feeder Cattle:	236(26.0%)	4,464(83.7%)	4,619(79.0%)
Slaughter Cattle:	461(50.9%)	701(13.1%)	693(11.9%)
Replacement Cattle:	209(23.1%)	167(3.1%)	534(9.1%)

Compared to last week: An early week snowstorm and poor road conditions cancelled early week sales and late week sales were slow too as a result. Too few feeder cattle sold this week to develop any market trend. Demand was mostly moderate for very light offerings. Several ranchers were in town this week buying cattle for grass, which kept prices near steady for like quality offerings compared to the previous week. Quality was mostly plain to average. CME positions struggled much of the week. Market activity this week was mostly moderate. Weigh up cows sold on good to very good demand for light offerings. Packers pounced on light offerings this week as snowy conditions have slowed to volume of cows available to the packer. Packers were also forced to compete with feeding buyers as well as a few ranchers looking for young to middle-aged cows to turn out and rebreed. Quality this week was mostly average to attractive. Weigh up conditions were average to below average this week as weather had many cows early in the week pushing heavy amounts of fill. Packers showed very good demand for slaughter cows this week as they were forced to push offerings sharply higher in order to procure them. Slaughter cows sold 2.00-6.00 higher on breaking and boning cows; lean cows sold 4.00-7.00 higher. Feeding cows suitable to feed to premium white sold mostly 5.00-10.00 higher. Slaughter bulls sold 3.00-6.00 higher. Young age cows suitable to feed or rebreed sold generally steady. Demand remains good for high quality offerings. Supply included: 26% Feeder Cattle (51% Steers, 41% Heifers, 8% Bulls); 51% Slaughter Cattle (84% Cows, 16% Bulls); 23% Replacement Cattle (87% Stock Cows, 11% Bred Cows, 2% Cow-Calf Pairs). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 38%.

FEEDER CATTLE

STEERS - Medium and Large 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
4	470	470	350.00	350.00	
32	564	564	334.00	334.00	
16	778	778	255.00	255.00	
2	823	823	241.00	241.00	
2	843	843	236.00	236.00	Fleshy

STEERS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
6	410-432	421	337.50-342.00	339.69
4	462-495	470	335.00-345.00	342.37
2	528	528	333.00	333.00
5	580-585	584	310.00-317.50	311.49
4	615-630	621	290.00-308.00	298.98
1	660	660	272.00	272.00
9	700-725	716	255.00-275.00	265.83



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2	838	838	225.00	225.00
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STEERS - Medium 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

<u>Head</u>	<u>Wt Range</u>	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Avg Price</u>
2	360	360	375.00	375.00
2	403	403	360.00	360.00

STEERS - Medium 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

<u>Head</u>	<u>Wt Range</u>	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Avg Price</u>
3	383	383	300.00	300.00

HEIFERS - Medium and Large 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

<u>Head</u>	<u>Wt Range</u>	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Avg Price</u>
26	460-488	477	315.00-321.00	320.45
3	572	572	286.00	286.00
13	627-648	637	273.00-274.00	273.53
5	691	691	262.00	262.00

HEIFERS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

<u>Head</u>	<u>Wt Range</u>	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Avg Price</u>
3	422	422	320.00	320.00
3	510-535	527	290.00-293.00	292.03
6	585-596	592	272.00-282.50	275.46
2	685	685	242.50	242.50
4	789	789	230.00	230.00
3	917	917	200.50	200.50

HEIFERS - Medium 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

<u>Head</u>	<u>Wt Range</u>	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Avg Price</u>
2	335	335	335.00	335.00
7	410-415	412	321.00-324.00	322.29

BULLS - Medium and Large 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

<u>Head</u>	<u>Wt Range</u>	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Avg Price</u>
2	713	713	267.50	267.50
1	935	935	220.00	220.00
1	965	965	215.00	215.00

BULLS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

<u>Head</u>	<u>Wt Range</u>	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Avg Price</u>
2	510	510	313.00	313.00
3	563-580	569	292.50-315.00	307.35



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3	640	640	284.00	284.00
1	785	785	230.00	230.00
2	845	845	220.00	220.00

SLAUGHTER CATTLE

COWS - Premium White 65-75% (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

<u>Head</u>	<u>Wt Range</u>	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Avg Price</u>	<u>Dressing</u>
3	1685	1685	141.00	141.00	Average

COWS - Breaker 75-80% (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

<u>Head</u>	<u>Wt Range</u>	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Avg Price</u>	<u>Dressing</u>
24	1490-1940	1655	129.00-136.00	132.84	Average
8	1500-1662	1593	131.00-140.00	135.45	Average Return to Feed
4	1522-1840	1602	138.00-140.00	138.57	High
5	1555-1743	1634	140.00-143.00	141.15	High Return to Feed
8	1500-1768	1686	114.00-126.00	122.07	Low
3	1555-1608	1590	116.00-128.00	124.09	Low Return to Feed

COWS - Boner 80-85% (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

<u>Head</u>	<u>Wt Range</u>	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Avg Price</u>	<u>Dressing</u>
29	1260-1530	1378	121.00-133.00	126.89	Average
51	1230-1693	1402	123.00-136.00	129.62	Average Return to Feed
1	1390	1390	143.00	143.00	High
46	1310-1640	1425	135.00-145.00	138.16	High Return to Feed
24	1308-1555	1405	107.00-119.50	116.36	Low
10	1325-1580	1388	114.00-120.00	117.62	Low Return to Feed

COWS - Lean 85-90% (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

<u>Head</u>	<u>Wt Range</u>	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Avg Price</u>	<u>Dressing</u>
14	1053-1300	1172	114.00-124.50	118.43	Average
9	918	918	117.00	117.00	Average Light Weight
38	980-1290	1185	116.00-131.00	126.35	Average Return to Feed
29	1090	1090	128.50	128.50	High
3	1065-1240	1180	130.00-132.50	131.45	High Return to Feed
14	1000-1305	1152	101.00-112.00	107.44	Low
3	980-995	990	103.00-112.50	106.80	Low Light Weight
1	1075	1075	110.00	110.00	Low Return to Feed
16	1020-1185	1046	90.00-95.00	91.23	Very Low
7	838-940	854	84.00-100.00	87.65	Very Low Light Weight

BULLS - 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

<u>Head</u>	<u>Wt Range</u>	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Avg Price</u>	<u>Dressing</u>
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32	1620-2085	1764	132.00-152.50	142.11	Average
11	1200-1900	1508	135.00-149.00	143.27	Average Return to Feed
7	1845-2220	2021	153.00-159.50	156.94	High
12	1433-2050	1713	113.00-125.00	120.72	Low
5	1115-1540	1282	122.50-132.00	126.33	Low Return to Feed

REPLACEMENT CATTLE

STOCK COWS - Medium and Large 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

<u>Age</u>	<u>Stage</u>	<u>Head</u>	<u>Wt Range</u>	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Avg Price</u>
<2	O	71	765-1305	986	145.00-217.50	188.31
2-4	O	56	735-1345	1098	125.00-177.00	151.17
2-8	O	2	1123	1123	132.00	132.00
5-8	O	1	1410	1410	141.00	141.00

STOCK COWS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

<u>Age</u>	<u>Stage</u>	<u>Head</u>	<u>Wt Range</u>	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Avg Price</u>
<2	O	2	855-1025	940	155.00-180.00	166.37
2-4	O	5	905-1200	1007	117.00-162.50	140.80

STOCK COWS - Large 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

<u>Age</u>	<u>Stage</u>	<u>Head</u>	<u>Wt Range</u>	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Avg Price</u>
<2	O	3	983-1100	1022	160.00-178.00	171.54
2-4	O	2	1230	1230	123.00	123.00

STOCK COWS - Medium 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

<u>Age</u>	<u>Stage</u>	<u>Head</u>	<u>Wt Range</u>	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Avg Price</u>
<2	O	1	660	660	180.00	180.00

BRED COWS - Medium and Large 1 (Per Unit / Actual Wt)

<u>Age</u>	<u>Stage</u>	<u>Head</u>	<u>Wt Range</u>	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Avg Price</u>
2-4	T2	5	1083	1083	1900.00	1900.00
2-4	T2-3	3	1185-1360	1243	2300.00-2400.00	2336.46
2-4	T3	2	1215-1305	1260	2600.00-2700.00	2648.21
5-8	T3	3	1642	1642	2500.00	2500.00

BRED COWS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Unit / Actual Wt)

<u>Age</u>	<u>Stage</u>	<u>Head</u>	<u>Wt Range</u>	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Avg Price</u>
2-4	T2-3	5	1340	1340	1800.00	1800.00

COW-CALF PAIRS - Medium and Large 1-2 w/ <150 lbs calf (Per Unit / Actual Wt)

<u>Age</u>	<u>Stage</u>	<u>Head</u>	<u>Wt Range</u>	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Avg Price</u>
>8	O	3	1483	1483	2300.00	2300.00

Broken Mouth



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Explanatory Notes:

Stage (Cattle) - Represents pregnancy stage (O = open; T1 = 1st Trimester, 1 to 3 months; T1-2 = 1st/2nd trimester, 1 to 6 months; T2 = 2nd Trimester, 4 to 6 months; T2-3 = 2nd/3rd Trimester, 4 to 9 months; T3 = 3rd Trimester, 7 to 9 months; T1-3 = all trimesters, 1 to 9 months)

Age - Numerical representation of age in years.