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*** Correction on 02/10/2025 ***

Livestock Weighted Average Report for 2/5/2025 - Final

AUCTION			
	This Week	Last Reported 1/29/2025	Last Year
Total Receipts:	448	2,691	558
Feeder Cattle:	138(30.8%)	2,158(80.2%)	273(48.9%)
Slaughter Cattle:	234(52.2%)	400(14.9%)	220(39.4%)
Replacement Cattle:	76(17.0%)	133(4.9%)	65(11.6%)

Special Note: ***Correction to price of Med and Lg 1-2 heifers***

Compared to last week: All feeder cattle were too lightly tested this week to develop an accurate market trend, however steady to lower undertones were noticed on steers and higher undertones were noticed on heifers. Demand was good for very light offerings. Quality today was mostly plain. Most calves were offered in small packages or as singles. Market activity was mostly moderate with a small crowd on hand bidding on offerings. Weigh up cows comprised most of todays light offering. Slaughter cows sold on very good demand as small regional packers were active in buying cows for immediate harvest. Breaking cows sold generally steady, boning and lean cows sold with higher to sharply higher undertones. The volume of boning and lean slaughter cows was too light to develop a full market trend. Feeding cows sold on very good demand as private feeders and cooperate packers showed very good demand for all cows suitable to feed. Feeding cows sold mostly 2.00-4.00 higher in a narrow comparison. Slaughter bulls sold with steady undertones in a narrow comparison. Demand for slaughter bulls was mostly good this sale. Weigh up conditions were mostly average to above average with most cows very empty come sale time. Several sets of very thin cows were seen this week many of which were purchased to feed. Young age cows suitable to feed or rebreed sold generally steady in a narrow comparison. Demand from both rebreed buyers and feeders continues to be very good. Quality this week was plain to attractive. Several sets of tested open cows were purchased to rebreed as many of them were off yesterdays bred cow and heifer special. Supply included: 31% Feeder Cattle (41% Steers, 44% Heifers, 15% Bulls); 52% Slaughter Cattle (96% Cows, 4% Bulls); 17% Replacement Cattle (77% Stock Cows, 16% Bred Cows, 6% Bred Heifers). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 42%.

FEEDER CATTLE

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	Avg Price
5	396	396	395.00	395.00
6	421	421	365.00	365.00
5	455	455	365.00	365.00
10	505-515	511	337.50-340.00	339.75
5	570	570	320.00	320.00
16	653	653	288.00	288.00
1	850	850	251.00	251.00

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	455	455	340.00	340.00

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5	863	863	250.00	250.00
5	1014	1014	243.50	243.50

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Price Range	Avg Price
6	520	520	305.00	305.00
7	619	619	281.00	281.00
4	765-778	772	244.00	244.00
1	880	880	243.00	243.00

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

	Avg Price	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Wt Range	<u>Head</u>
	327.50	327.50	338	338	2
Unweaned	315.00	315.00	368	368	6
	260.00	260.00	491	491	8

HEIFERS - Large 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Price Range	Avg Price
1	1075	1075	228.00	228.00

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	Avg Price
1	1090	1090	222.00	222.00

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	Avg Price
3	633	633	242.50	242.50

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
6	435	435	330.00	330.00
6	584	584	287.50	287.50
6	739	739	252.00	252.00

SLAUGHTER CATTLE

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

Dressing	Avg Price	Price Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Wt Range	<u>Head</u>
Average	143.00	143.00	1647	1647	3
High	147.36	147.00-148.00	1594	1533-1715	3

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 P</u>	<u>rice</u> <u>Dressing</u>
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	Average	135.44	129.00-141.00	1353	1264-1510	10
Return to Feed	Average	138.59	131.00-144.00	1361	1280-1580	14
	High	152.50	152.50	1493	1493	4
Return to Feed	High	149.91	145.00-152.00	1454	1314-1510	29
Return to Feed	Low	119.00	119.00	1520	1520	1

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	<u>Dressing</u>
13	1045-1258	1211	131.00-137.00	134.66	Average
1	915	915	125.00	125.00	Average Light Weight
27	965-1248	1103	127.00-134.00	131.76	Average Return to Feed
11	1060-1275	1160	139.00-145.00	142.80	High Return to Feed
6	1033-1130	1081	100.00-110.00	104.49	Low
62	987-1290	1044	111.00-122.00	115.64	Low Return to Feed
3	1075-1175	1128	92.50-95.00	94.21	Very Low
5	790-818	810	80.00-91.00	88.62	Very Low Light Weight

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	<u>Dressing</u>
5	1565-2100	1823	160.00-163.00	161.83	Average
2	1545	1545	159.00	159.00	Average Return to Feed
2	1330-1440	1385	136.00	136.00	Low

REPLACEMENT CATTLE

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

	Avg Price	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Wt Range	<u>Head</u>	<u>Stage</u>	<u>Age</u>
	200.34	177.50-215.00	981	919-1105	8	Ο	<2
	172.79	153.00-192.50	1020	888-1140	22	Ο	2-4
Thin Fleshed	133.00	133.00	925	925	14	0	2-8

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

<u>Age</u>	<u>Stage</u>	<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Price Range	Avg Price
<2	Ο	4	843-1000	922	180.00-182.00	181.09

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

<u>Age</u>	<u>Stage</u>	<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	Avg Price	
>5	T3	5	1128-1280	1189	1800.00-1900.00	1843.07	Thin Fleshed
>8	T3	3	1365	1365	1850.00	1850.00	Broken Mouth
>8	T3	2	1108	1108	1500.00	1500.00	Thin Fleshed

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

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The above USDA LPGMN price report is reflective of the majority of classes and grades of livestock offered for sale. There may be instances where some sales do not fit within reporting guidelines and therefore will not be included in the report. Prices are reported on an FOB basis, unless otherwise noted.

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.