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Livestock Weighted Average Report for 5/21/2025 - Final

AUCTION			
	This Week	Last Reported 5/14/2025	Last Year
Total Receipts:	1,622	1,918	1,706
Feeder Cattle:	45(2.8%)	1,778(92.7%)	30(1.8%)
Slaughter Cattle:	351(21.6%)	110(5.7%)	321(18.8%)
Replacement Cattle:	1,226(75.6%)	30(1.6%)	1,355(79.4%)

Compared to last week: Feeder cattle were scarcely tested today as todays sale featured Cow/calf pairs, bred cows and weigh ups. No trend can be made for feeder cattle as a result. Weigh up cows sold on moderate to good demand for light to moderate offerings. Packers showed moderate demand for slaughter cows this week. Slaughter cows were too lightly tested last sale to develop an accurate market trend, however steady undertones were noticed on all classes of cows destined for immediate harvest. Demand for feeding cows remains good and feeding cow buyers continue to show the strongest demand. Feeding cows sold generally steady to firm. A larger buyer pool was noticed this week. Cow quality was mostly average to attractive today. Weigh up conditions were mostly average to above average as many offerings were emptied out as they come off pastures and fresh green grass. Slaughter bulls sold mostly steady in a narrow comparison. Bull quality this week was average to attractive. Young age cows suitable to feed or rebreed sold with steady undertones in a narrow comparison. Very few true wet bagged cows which lost calves are being seen as weather and calving conditions have been very good for ranchers. Many baron young cow offerings continue to be seen and many of these offerings are being purchased to feed. Quality this week was mostly average. A moderate offering of bred cows and pairs was seen for todays sale. Demand for high quality offerings was very good, however demand for average quality offerings was light to moderate. Quality was mixed from plain to attractive and had lots of variation for buys to select from. Supply included: 3% Feeder Cattle (100% Bulls); 22% Slaughter Cattle (91% Cows, 9% Bulls, 0% Dairy Cows); 76% Replacement Cattle (24% Stock Cows, 14% Bred Cows, 50% Cow-Calf Pairs, 8% Heifer Pairs, 4% Bulls). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 100%.

FEEDER CATTLE

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

<u>Head</u>	<u>Wt Range</u>	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	Avg Price
12	878	878	266.00	266.00
9	978	978	245.00	245.00

BULLS - Large 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
3	972	972	252.00	252.00
9	1115-1149	1133	221.00-225.00	222.78

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Price Range	Avg Price
3	1112	1112	213.00	213.00

SLAUGHTER CATTLE

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

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<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	<u>Dressing</u>
3	1600-1678	1652	146.00-149.00	146.97	Average Return to Feed
25	1488	1488	156.00	156.00	High Return to Feed
7	1455-1664	1599	133.00-145.50	143.04	Low Return to Feed

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	<u>Dressing</u>
21	1160-1644	1419	140.00-148.00	144.99	Average
84	1223-1601	1393	149.00-159.00	155.93	Average Return to Feed
4	1525-1630	1569	149.00-153.00	152.03	High
13	1245-1450	1279	161.00-170.00	162.46	High Return to Feed
3	1290-1305	1300	129.00-131.00	130.34	Low
9	1365-1538	1457	141.00-147.00	143.73	Low Return to Feed

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	<u>Dressing</u>
4	1128-1265	1174	131.00-137.50	134.87	Average
23	1035-1295	1245	146.00-155.00	153.01	Average Return to Feed
15	1158-1230	1200	158.00-165.00	160.18	High Return to Feed
10	970-1263	1109	108.00-125.00	117.42	Low
2	880-895	888	104.00-107.00	105.51	Low Light Weight
11	980-1415	1127	129.00-144.00	135.92	Low Return to Feed

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	Avg Price	<u>Dressing</u>
1	1090	1090	126.00	126.00	Average Return to Feed

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	<u>Dressing</u>
4	1770-1910	1868	172.50-183.00	178.98	Average
6	1405-1550	1463	169.00-176.00	173.80	Average Return to Feed
7	1918-2140	2031	187.00-202.00	191.69	High
1	1910	1910	161.00	161.00	Low
5	1390-1495	1436	162.00-168.00	164.81	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>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
<2	Ο	87	741-1292	979	201.00-274.00	236.72
2-4	0	50	1020-1620	1140	163.00-240.00	196.41

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

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<u>Age</u>	<u>Stage</u>	<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
<2	0	1	1000	1000	220.00	220.00	
2-4	0	7	955-1175	1002	160.00-185.00	172.79	
OCK CO	OWS - Me	dium and	Large 2 (Per Cw	t / Actual Wt	:)		
<u>Age</u>	<u>Stage</u>	<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
<2	Ο	1	865	865	210.00	210.00	
оск со	OWS - Lar	ge 1 (Per (Cwt / Actual Wt)	ı			
<u>Age</u>	<u>Stage</u>	<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
<2	0	9	901-1080	921	200.00-205.00	204.35	
OCK CO	DWS - Me	dium 1-2	(Per Cwt / Actua	ıl Wt)			
<u>Age</u>	<u>Stage</u>	<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
2-4	0	1	880	880	180.00	180.00	
ED CO	WS - Med	ium and L	arge 1 (Per Unit	/ Actual Wt)			
<u>Age</u>	<u>Stage</u>	<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
2-4	T2	18	1275-1502	1345	2500.00-2700.00	2652.23	
2-4	T3	13	1268-1455	1340	2950.00-3500.00	3195.46	
5-8	T3	5	1616	1616	2985.00	2985.00	
>5	T2	4	1505	1505	2200.00	2200.00	
>5	T2-3	10	1477	1477	2600.00	2600.00	
>5	T3	13	1505-1618	1570	2700.00-3000.00	2897.91	
>8	Т3	15	1370-1580	1526	2650.00-2900.00	2670.25	Broken Mouth
ED CO	WS - Med	ium and L	.arge 1-2 (Per Ur	nit / Actual W	/t)		
<u>Age</u>	Stage	<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
2-4	T3	3	1260-1425	1330	2675.00-2800.00	2760.53	
>5	Т3	4	1398	1398	2650.00	2650.00	
ED CO	WS - Larg	e 1-2 (Per	Unit / Actual W	t)			
<u>Age</u>	<u>Stage</u>	<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
2-4	Т3	4	1078	1078	2250.00	2250.00	
)W-CAL	F PAIRS -	Medium	and Large 1 w/ <	<150 lbs calf	(Per Unit / Actual W	t)	
<u>Age</u>	<u>Stage</u>	<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
5-8	Ο	11	1468	1468	3250.00	3250.00	
>8	0	11	1337	1337	2875.00	2875.00	Thin Fleshed

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Wt Range

<u>Head</u>

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2-4	0	97	1151-1614	1357	3925.00-4400.00	4223.76				
>5	Ο	46	1443-1746	1605	3200.00-3475.00	3356.76				
>8	Ο	61	1452-1690	1505	2900.00-3300.00	2994.12	Broken Mouth			
>8	0	13	1283	1283	2775.00	2775.00	Thin Fleshed			

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>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Price Range	Avg Price	
2-4	Ο	24	1243-1381	1337	3575.00-3800.00	3620.62	
>5	0	14	1472-1524	1495	2650.00-3200.00	3055.70	
>8	Ο	3	1353	1353	2500.00	2500.00	Broken Mouth
>8	0	8	1260-1363	1340	2200.00-2375.00	2345.28	Thin Fleshed

COW-CALF PAIRS - Medium and Large 1-2 w/ 150-300 lbs calf (Per Unit / Actual Wt)

<u>Age</u>	<u>Stage</u>	<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
2-4	0	4	1561	1561	3260.00	3260.00	
2-8	0	6	1542	1542	3800.00	3800.00	
5-8	0	7	1443	1443	3225.00	3225.00	
>5	0	13	1395	1395	2975.00	2975.00	
>8	Ο	4	1266	1266	2650.00	2650.00	Broken Mouth

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

<u>Age</u>	<u>Stage</u>	<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Price Range	<u>Avg Price</u>
>5	Ο	6	1327	1327	2050.00	2050.00

HEIFER PAIRS - Medium and Large 1 w/ <150 lbs calf (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
<2	Ο	5	1151	1151	4000.00	4000.00

HEIFER PAIRS - Medium and Large 1 w/ 150-300 lbs calf (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
<2	0	42	1218-1342	1321	4225.00-4450.00	4415.43

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

<u>Age</u>	<u>Stage</u>	<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Price Range	Avg Price
<2	0	6	1153	1153	3600.00	3600.00

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

<u>Age</u>	<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	Avg Price
<2	28	1050-1425	1150	2750.00-4000.00	3090.98



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Please Note:

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.