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Livestock Weighted Average Report for 8/28/2025 - Final

AUCTION			
	This Week	Last Reported 8/14/2025	Last Year
Total Receipts:	1,702	850	0
Feeder Cattle:	883(51.9%)	395(46.5%)	0(0.0%)
Slaughter Cattle:	721(42.4%)	357(42.0%)	0(0.0%)
Replacement Cattle:	98(5.8%)	98(11.5%)	0(0.0%)

Compared to last sale: Feeder steers were all too lightly tested to develop an accurate market trend, however higher undertones were noticed. Yearling heifers over 950 lbs sold mostly 8.00-14.00 higher in a very narrow comparison. Heifers under 950 lbs were too lightly tested last week to develop a full market trend, however higher to sharply higher undertones were noticed. Light weight yearling heifers under 850 lbs sold on very good demand as several buyers were looking for this class of cattle. Demand for feeders overall was very good for light to moderate offerings. Quality this week was mostly average to attractive and overall more attractive than last week with larger consignments of cattle seen. A few calves are starting to come to market and demand for limited offerings was good to very good. Demand for cutting bulls remains very good as several buyers were searching for bulls to cut and make steers. Cutting bulls sold with higher undertones in a narrow comparison. Market activity was active with rapid, aggressive bidding noticed both ringside and over the internet. Weigh up cows sold on good to very good demand for moderate offerings. Slaughter cows sold on mostly moderate demand. Very few cows were purchased for immediate slaughter this week as feeding buyers continue to keep feeding cow prices above slaughter cow orders. Slaughter cows sold unevenly steady in a narrow comparison. Feeding cow demand was very good this sale with most offerings being purchased to feed. Feeding cows sold mostly 3.00-5.00 higher on all offerings. Demand for thin fleshed cows that will gain quickly on feed remains very good. Weigh up conditions were mostly average to below average this week. Quality was mostly average for cows this sale. Slaughter bulls sold on mostly good demand for moderate to heavy offerings. Slaughter bulls sold generally steady. Several packages of thin fleshed bulls continue to be purchased to feed. Feeding bulls sold generally steady on a thinner lower yielding offering. Young age cows suitable to feed or rebreed sold on mostly moderate to good demand. Quality this week was mostly average. Too few offerings were seen to develop any market trend. Demand from feeding buyers was very good. Supply included: 52% Feeder Cattle (17% Steers, 67% Heifers, 7% Bulls, 4% Beef/Dairy Steers, 5% Beef/Dairy Heifers); 42% Slaughter Cattle (76% Cows, 22% Bulls, 2% Dairy Cows); 6% Replacement Cattle (59% Stock Cows, 18% Bred Cows, 23% Cow-Calf Pairs). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 78%.

FEEDER CATTLE

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Price Range	Avg Price	
5	357-370	362	520.00-525.00	522.04	Unweaned
7	457-480	463	465.00-475.00	467.95	Unweaned
14	500-517	516	430.00-450.00	431.38	Unweaned
14	613	613	380.00	380.00	Full

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Price Range	Avg Price	
3	297	297	495.00	495.00	Unweaned
4	360-365	364	490.00-505.00	493.71	Unweaned
19	454-493	465	392.50-472.50	454.79	Unweaned

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9	559	559	400.00	400.00	Unweaned
6	644	644	343.00	343.00	Unweaned
4	860	860	350.00	350.00	
12	910-932	927	333.00-337.50	333.53	
3	900	900	317.00	317.00	Fleshy
STEERS - I	Medium and Lai	rge 2 (Per Cw	t / Actual Wt)		
<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
4	746	746	362.50	362.50	
7	885-888	887	337.00-341.00	339.86	
STEERS - I	Large 1 (Per Cw	t / Actual Wt)	1		
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
2	233	233	520.00	520.00	Unweaned
2	545	545	375.00	375.00	Unweaned
1	1065	1065	311.00	311.00	
3	1147	1147	302.00	302.00	
STEERS - I	Medium 1 (Per (Cwt / Actual \	∕ ∕t)		
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
4	584	584	384.00	384.00	
3	637	637	380.00	380.00	
STEERS - I	Medium 1-2 (Pe	r Cwt / Actua	ıl Wt)		
<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
4	564	564	365.00	365.00	
4	664	664	359.00	359.00	
STEERS - S	Small and Medio	um 1-2 (Per C	(wt / Actual Wt)		
<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
3	845	845	222.50	222.50	Fleshy
BEEF/DAI	RY STEERS - Larg	ge 1-2 (Per C)	wt / Actual Wt)		
BEEF/DAII	RY STEERS - Lars Wt Range	ge 1-2 (Per C) <u>Avg Wt</u>	wt / Actual Wt) <u>Price Range</u>	Avg Price	
				<u>Avg Price</u> 332.50	
<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	_	
<u>Head</u> 9	Wt Range 889	<u>Avg Wt</u> 889	Price Range 332.50	332.50	
<u>Head</u> 9 19	<u>Wt Range</u> 889 950	<u>Avg Wt</u> 889 950	<u>Price Range</u> 332.50 325.00	332.50	
<u>Head</u> 9 19	Wt Range 889	<u>Avg Wt</u> 889 950	<u>Price Range</u> 332.50 325.00	332.50	

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



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<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
3	175	175	585.00	585.00	Unweaned
2	238	238	515.00	515.00	Unweaned
5	346	346	490.00	490.00	Unweaned
5	386	386	455.00	455.00	
2	360-375	368	450.00-475.00	462.24	Unweaned
13	405-413	410	405.00-465.00	459.28	Unweaned
10	462-480	464	420.00-440.00	437.93	Unweaned
2	500-505	503	425.00-435.00	429.98	Unweaned
2	570	570	355.00	355.00	Unweaned
1	730	730	372.00	372.00	
41	753-763	757	365.00-376.00	369.33	
21	820-842	840	335.50-343.00	336.20	
28	864-898	879	332.00-336.50	335.19	
32	857	857	344.00	344.00	Thin Fleshed
111	905-942	907	325.00-334.00	332.72	
4	949	949	313.50	313.50	Full
34	961-990	980	307.00-317.00	311.59	
55	1000-1029	1017	301.00-315.00	308.45	

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
3	290	290	490.00	490.00	Unweaned
6	423	423	415.00	415.00	Unweaned
2	510	510	380.00	380.00	Unweaned
4	614	614	345.00	345.00	Unweaned
3	713	713	357.50	357.50	
10	785-792	791	354.00-355.00	354.10	
2	838	838	325.00	325.00	
3	882	882	328.00	328.00	
5	920-933	930	310.00-318.00	311.58	
3	988	988	311.00	311.00	

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Avg Price</u>	
2	405	405	395.00	395.00	Unweaned

HEIFERS - Large 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

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<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
3	570-578	575	355.00-380.00	363.26	Unweaned
23	1064-1089	1077	297.50-299.00	298.42	
29	1093	1093	306.00	306.00	Fancy

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3	1097	1097	286.50	286.50	Fleshy	
11	1110-1131	1129	285.00-294.00	292.83		
19	1159-1169	1162	280.50	280.50		

HEIFERS - Medium 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
5	535	535	315.00	315.00	Full
1	580	580	365.00	365.00	
12	624-646	639	372.00-375.00	372.98	
3	767	767	360.50	360.50	
1	860	860	325.00	325.00	

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Price Range	Avg Price
2	680	680	360.00	360.00

HEIFERS - Small 2-3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Price Range	Avg Price
5	501	501	210.00	210.00

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
8	773	773	356.00	356.00
33	874	874	326.00	326.00

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

	Avg Price	Price Range	Avg Wt	Wt Range	<u>Head</u>
Unweaned	495.00	495.00	385	385	4
	470.00	470.00	403	403	6
Unweaned	475.00	475.00	409	409	5
Unweaned	360.00	360.00	660	660	1
	335.00	335.00	960	960	4
	287.50	287.50	1020	1020	1

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
3	392	392	485.00	485.00	Unweaned
3	447	447	440.00	440.00	Unweaned
2	463	463	385.00	385.00	Unweaned
3	883	883	334.00	334.00	
6	990	990	298.00	298.00	Full
4	1031	1031	283.00	283.00	

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BULLS - Large 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt	BULLS - La	arge 1 (P	er Cwt /	Actual	Wt
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<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	Avg Price
2	1093	1093	286.00	286.00
1	1135	1135	282.50	282.50
3	1175	1175	260.00-277.00	265.67
2	1205-1235	1220	261.00-264.00	262.48

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
1	1070	1070	260.00	260.00	Full
1	1180	1180	257.00	257.00	
1	1210	1210	217.50	217.50	

SLAUGHTER CATTLE

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	Avg Price	<u>Dressing</u>
30	1459-1680	1555	155.50-164.50	161.32	Low

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	<u>Dressing</u>
4	1705-1857	1819	161.50-164.00	162.09	Average
1	2020	2020	162.00	162.00	Average Heavy Weight
48	1372-1685	1563	161.00-167.00	163.66	Average Return to Feed
1	1705	1705	171.00	171.00	High
1	1590	1590	190.00	190.00	High Non-Traditional
5	1595-1670	1615	171.00-174.00	172.01	High Return to Feed
7	1370-1679	1582	150.00-153.00	151.95	Low
15	1421-1930	1575	154.00-161.00	157.71	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>
6	1310-1605	1470	152.50-160.50	156.47	Average
134	1165-1585	1328	157.50-168.00	165.74	Average Return to Feed
1	1425	1425	163.00	163.00	High
1	1320	1320	191.00	191.00	High Non-Traditional
27	1320-1495	1420	169.00-174.00	169.90	High Return to Feed
4	1332-1490	1372	141.00-142.00	141.73	Low
28	1307-1720	1430	141.00-157.00	152.32	Low Return to Feed

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

Head Wt Range Avg Wt Avg Price Price Range **Dressing**

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98	1030-1338	1193	155.00-164.50	160.49	Average Return to Feed
14	1110-1365	1243	121.00-146.00	138.41	Low
3	955	955	126.00	126.00	Low Light Weight
31	1023-1290	1116	124.00-147.00	140.45	Low Return to Feed
1	1060	1060	115.00	115.00	Very Low

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

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2	1975	1975	157.00	157.00	Average

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

<u>Dressing</u>	Avg Price	Price Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Wt Range	<u>Head</u>
Average	150.50	150.50	1723	1723	2
Low	133.00	133.00	1564	1564	9

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	<u>Dressing</u>
47	1615-2460	1947	187.00-200.00	192.68	Average
32	1314-1975	1594	185.00-194.50	188.52	Average Return to Feed
14	1805-2283	2122	198.00-209.00	205.59	High
17	1530-1925	1730	174.00-187.00	181.30	Low
15	1290-1950	1507	167.00-184.00	180.32	Low Return to Feed

BULLS - 2-3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Price Range	Avg Price	<u>Dressing</u>
4	1943-2375	2088	189.00-196.00	193.82	Average
1	2555	2555	184.00	184.00	Average Heavy Weight
1	2105	2105	205.00	205.00	High

REPLACEMENT CATTLE

STOCK COWS - Medium and Large 1 (Per Cwt / 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	13	865-1475	1118	206.00-292.00	231.39
2-4	Ο	8	970-1620	1268	180.00-240.00	197.22
2-8	Ο	6	1145-1355	1263	175.00-186.00	181.38
>8	Ο	2	1325	1325	155.50	155.50

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	1	1145	1145	202.50	202.50
2-4	0	12	973-1420	1135	173.00-220.00	182.47

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<u>Age</u>	<u>Stage</u>	<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Price Range	Avg Price
2-4	T1	11	1197-1223	1202	2800.00-3000.00	2962.99
5-8	T2-3	2	1300	1300	2750.00	2750.00

COW-CALF 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
>5	T1	6	1572	1572	3950.00	3950.00

COW-CALF PAIRS - Medium and Large 1 w/ >300 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	
>8	Ο	6	1843	1843	4200.00	4200.00	Broken Mouth

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
>5	T1	4	1696	1696	3650.00	3650.00

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.