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Livestock Weighted Average Report for 9/11/2025 - Final

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	This Week	Last Reported 9/4/2025	Last Year
Total Receipts:	676	1,629	625
Feeder Cattle:	319(47.2%)	1,337(82.1%)	299(47.8%)
Slaughter Cattle:	269(39.8%)	270(16.6%)	265(42.4%)
Replacement Cattle:	88(13.0%)	22(1.4%)	61(9.8%)

Compared to last sale: All feeder cattle were too lightly tested to develop any market trend. CME positions traded limit lower on Tuesday causing buyers since then to take pause as they bid on cattle. Too few offerings were seen today for buyers to build loads which also hindered demand. Additionally many offerings today were pushing heavy amounts of fill which also hindered demand. Demand was mostly light to moderate as a result. Offerings were light. Quality this week was mostly average. Market activity was moderate with fewer buyers in the stands this sale. Weigh up cows sold on good to very good demand for light offerings. Slaughter cows were to lightly tested to develop any market trend. Feeding demand was so strong packers only purchased very blemished cows for harvest. Many cows were extremely lame as even slightly lame cows were purchased to feed this week. Feeding cow demand was very good this sale. Feeding cows sold mostly steady to 5.00 higher in a narrow comparison. The largest increase in price came from lean cows which had freshly weaned calves. These cows had the most compensatory gain and buyers showed good demand for these offerings as a result. Weigh up conditions were mostly average to below average this week with most offerings pushing some fill. Cow quality was mostly average this sale. Slaughter bulls sold on mostly moderate demand for light to moderate offerings. Slaughter bulls sold 2.00-4.00 lower in a narrow comparison. Several packages of thin fleshed bulls continue to be purchased to feed. Feeding bulls sold mostly 3.00 lower. Young age cows suitable to feed or rebreed sold on mostly good to very good demand. Some older offerings are being purchased to rebreed for fall calving. Additionally, some cows are being sold as exposed and are bringing strong premiums to feeding cows. Quality this week was mostly average. Too few offerings were seen to develop an accurate market trend, however higher undertones were noticed. Supply included: 47% Feeder Cattle (28% Steers, 67% Heifers, 5% Bulls); 40% Slaughter Cattle (78% Cows, 22% Bulls, 0% Dairy Cows); 13% Replacement Cattle (41% Stock Cows, 51% Bred Cows, 8% Cow-Calf Pairs). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 76%.

FEEDER CATTLE

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

	Avg Price	Price Range	Avg Wt	Wt Range	<u>Head</u>
Unweaned	519.93	515.00-530.00	427	421-430	15
Unweaned	465.00	465.00	512	512	8
Full	360.00	360.00	778	778	3
	334.00	334.00	908	908	5
	322.00	322.00	980	980	14
	314.00	314.00	1010	1010	3

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

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3	365-390	373	515.00-520.00	518.26	Unweaned

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

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<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
2	883	883	338.00	338.00	
	arge 1 (Per Cw	t / Actual Wt)			
<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
9	541	541	433.00	433.00	Unweaned
3	1080	1080	306.50	306.50	
STEERS - N	Medium 1 (Per (Cwt / Actual \	∕ ∕t)		
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
6	675-695	678	385.00-390.00	389.15	
STEERS - N	Medium 1-2 (Pe	or Cwet / Actua	sl \ A/+)		
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
2	413	413	420.00	420.00	Unweaned
	Medium and La				
<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Price Range	Avg Price	
4	448	448	425.00	425.00	Unweaned
11	730	730	329.00	329.00	Full
4	795	795	320.00	320.00	Full
32	815-817	815	325.00	325.00	Full
15	920-932	923	310.00-312.00	310.40	
17	974-985	982	308.00-312.50	311.19	
2	1035	1035	298.00	298.00	Full
HEIFERS -	Medium and La	arge 1-2 (Per	Cwt / Actual Wt)		
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
2	563	563	345.00	345.00	Unweaned
21	711-743	735	325.00-335.00	329.56	
2	900-925	913	302.00-307.00	304.47	
4	950-988	969	291.00-300.00	295.41	
3	1025-1030	1028	285.00-293.00	290.34	
HFIFFRS -	Medium and La	arge 2 (Per Cu	wt / Actual Wt)		
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
1	850	850	292.50	292.50	
	Large 1 (Per Cv	· ·	-		
<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Harris and
17	531-547	543	362.50-365.00	364.43	Unweaned
2	1020	1020	299.50	299.50	

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11	1063-1076	1074	295.00-296.00	295.82	
6	1164	1164	284.00	284.00	Full

HEIFERS - Medium 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Price Range	Avg Price
9	608	608	355.00	355.00

HEIFERS - Medium 2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	Avg Price
8	669	669	317.00	317.00

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

	Avg Price	Price Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Wt Range	<u>Head</u>
Unweaned	370.00	370.00	607	607	6
	317 50	317 50	920	920	1

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Price Range	Avg Price
2	1033	1033	260.00	260.00

BULLS - Large 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Price Range	Avg Price
2	1180	1180	256.00	256.00
1	1210	1210	240.00	240.00

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Price Range	Avg Price
1	1085	1085	232.50	232.50

SLAUGHTER CATTLE

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	<u>Dressing</u>
9	1425-1770	1618	160.50-164.50	162.05	Average
1	1580	1580	167.00	167.00	Average Return to Feed
3	1480-1785	1683	157.50-159.00	158.56	Low
3	1538-1585	1554	156.00-159.00	157.02	Low Return to Feed

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Price Range	Avg Price	<u>Dressing</u>
6	1360-1440	1408	145.00-152.00	149.72	Average
40	1130-1680	1477	159.00-172.00	164.49	Average Return to Feed
43	1300-1588	1440	173.00-180.00	175.27	High Return to Feed

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11	1288-1505	1367	136.00-144.00	139.57	Low
9	1325-1508	1457	143.00-158.00	148.97	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>
1	1095	1095	147.00	147.00	Average
21	1181-1252	1191	161.00-169.00	162.20	Average Return to Feed
7	1228-1265	1233	171.00-178.00	172.03	High Return to Feed
20	1020-1455	1149	125.00-136.00	129.42	Low
8	1169-1293	1216	143.00-155.50	150.51	Low Return to Feed
1	1120	1120	118.00	118.00	Very Low

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	Avg Price	<u>Dressing</u>
1	730	730	140.00	140.00	Average Light Weight

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	<u>Dressing</u>
18	1685-2400	2019	184.00-198.00	191.14	Average
10	1360-1960	1692	184.00-190.00	184.68	Average Return to Feed
2	1910-1935	1923	199.00-202.00	200.49	High
8	1535-2345	1823	174.00-182.00	178.33	Low
1	1095	1095	163.00	163.00	Low Light Weight
10	1110-1545	1426	155.00-182.00	177.86	Low Return to Feed

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	<u>Dressing</u>
2	2265-2465	2365	190.00-191.50	190.78	Average
1	2720	2720	176.00	176.00	Low Heavy Weight

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>	Price Range	Avg Price
<2	0	2	875-1250	1063	200.00-261.00	225.12
2-4	0	13	970-1392	1156	172.00-260.00	222.14
>8	0	1	1060	1060	177.50	177.50

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

	<u>Avg Price</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Wt Range	<u>Head</u>	<u>Stage</u>	<u>Age</u>
	228.14	185.00-275.00	1090	1045-1135	2	Ο	<2
	188.15	165.00-212.50	1166	975-1440	4	0	2-4
Broken Mouth	174.00	174.00	1174	1174	7	Ο	>8

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<u>Age</u>	<u>Stage</u>	<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	Avg Price
2-8	T1	12	1195-1264	1258	209.00-216.00	215.45
>5	T1	21	1195-1419	1403	187.50-197.00	188.14

BRED 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	
5-8	T1	3	1310	1310	159.00	159.00	Thin Fleshed

COW-CALF PAIRS - Medium and Large 1-2 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
>5	0	6	1787	1787	4350.00	4350.00

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.