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Livestock Weighted Average Report for 9/24/2025 - Final

AUCTION			
	This Week	Last Reported 9/17/2025	Last Year
Total Receipts:	1,021	1,140	895
Feeder Cattle:	385(37.7%)	836(73.3%)	344(38.4%)
Slaughter Cattle:	344(33.7%)	180(15.8%)	436(48.7%)
Replacement Cattle:	292(28.6%)	124(10.9%)	115(12.8%)

Compared to last week: Yearling steers were too lightly tested to develop any market trend. Yearling heifers were too lightly tested to develop a full market trend, however higher undertones were noticed on all offerings. All calves were too lightly tested to develop any market trend. Demand for yearlings was mostly good for light offerings. Demand for calves was mostly good to very good. Quality this week was mostly plain to average. Most offerings were in small packages this week with many singles noted. Many blemished cattle continue to be seen as producers took advantage of record high feeder cattle prices. CME positions sold off slightly today following sharply higher movement seen earlier in the week. Market activity was moderate to active. Weigh up cows sold on mostly very good demand for light to moderate offerings. Quality this week was mostly average to attractive. Slaughter cows were all too lightly tested to develop any market trend. Very few offerings were purchased for feed this week as feeding cow buyers kept cow prices above slaughter cow orders. Lean and boning fleshed feeding cows sold sharply higher with most sales 6.00-10.00 higher. Fleshy feeding cows sold steady to firm. The spread between slaughter cows and feeding cows remains unusually large as cheap feed continues to entice buyers to put cows on feed. Weigh up conditions were average to above average with many sets of very empty cows coming off grass seen. Slaughter bulls sold generally steady in a narrow comparison. Many bulls continue to go on feed as packers and private buyers hope to add yield to bulls run down from breeding season. Feeding bulls sold with higher undertones in a narrow comparison. Young age cows suitable to feed or rebreed were too lightly tested to develop an accurate market trend, however higher to sharply higher undertones were noticed. Stronger demand was seen for replacement young cow offerings this week. Quality was mostly average to attractive. Supply included: 38% Feeder Cattle (27% Steers, 67% Heifers, 6% Bulls); 34% Slaughter Cattle (79% Cows, 19% Bulls, 3% Dairy Cows); 29% Replacement Cattle (42% Stock Cows, 51% Bred Cows, 4% Bred Heifers, 4% Cow-Calf Pairs). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 80%.

FEEDER CATTLE

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

	Avg Price	Price Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Wt Range	<u>Head</u>
Unweaned	700.00	700.00	275	275	2
Unweaned	640.00	640.00	320	320	1
Unweaned	441.00	441.00	555	555	5
Unweaned	402.50	402.50	606	606	10
	379.00	379.00	758	758	3
	360.00	360.00	818	818	11

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
9	567	567	429.00	429.00	Unweaned
4	798	798	361.00	361.00	
2	843	843	350.00	350.00	

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STEERS - Medium and Large 2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
3	517	517	420.00	420.00	
STEERS - L	arge 1 (Per Cwt	: / Actual Wt)			
<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
4	445	445	490.00	490.00	Unweaned
3	615	615	390.00	390.00	Unweaned
10	1060-1093	1079	309.00-320.00	314.56	
STEERS - Medium 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
4	693	693	394.00	394.00	

STEERS - Med	dium 1-2 (f	Per Cwt /	Actual Wt)
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<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Price Range	Avg Price
2	608	608	372.50	372.50

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	Avg Price	
5	277	277	620.00	620.00	Unweaned
4	325-335	333	520.00-530.00	522.44	Unweaned
4	483	483	390.00	390.00	Full
8	715-732	721	366.00-370.00	368.48	
7	828	828	329.00	329.00	Full
9	868-883	878	326.00-330.00	327.32	
2	948	948	323.00	323.00	
34	952-982	964	315.00-323.00	319.52	
13	1022-1045	1040	313.50-315.00	313.84	

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
4	525	525	380.00	380.00	Unweaned
11	737	737	357.00	357.00	
5	790-798	796	325.00-327.50	325.50	
18	800-830	822	321.00-327.00	326.03	
2	895	895	310.00	310.00	
13	913-928	916	312.00-313.00	312.77	

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

Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price

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5	768	768	334.00	334.00

HEIFERS - Large 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
6	472	472	399.00	399.00	Unweaned
1	1055	1055	311.00	311.00	
23	1062	1062	317.00	317.00	Fancy
2	1338	1338	240.00	240.00	Full

HEIFERS - 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	1225	1225	257.00	257.00	Fleshy

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
3	665	665	337.50	337.50

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Price Range	Avg Price
2	853	853	342.50	342.50

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

	Avg Price	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Wt Range	<u>Head</u>
Unweaned	500.00	500.00	413	413	2
Unweaned	485.00	485.00	462	462	3

BULLS - Large 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
3	1093	1093	282.50	282.50
2	1115-1120	1118	269.00-274.00	271.49
4	1176	1176	250.00	250.00

SLAUGHTER CATTLE

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	<u>Dressing</u>
2	1555	1555	169.00	169.00	Average Return to Feed
25	1615-1632	1622	170.00-173.00	171.21	High Return to Feed
3	1743-1795	1760	155.50-156.00	155.67	Low
3	1755-1893	1847	155.00	155.00	Low Return to Feed

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

<u>Head</u> <u>Wt F</u>	<u>Range Av</u>	<u>vg Wt</u> P	<u>Price Range</u> /	Avg Price	Dressing
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	Average	151.00	151.00	1490	1490	1
Return to Feed	Average	169.46	161.00-174.00	1439	1308-1655	52
	High	161.00	161.00	1602	1602	3
Return to Feed	High	175.63	174.50-177.00	1383	1273-1531	56
	Low	137.38	135.00-140.00	1448	1380-1515	2
Return to Feed	Low	152.73	147.00-157.00	1493	1340-1643	4

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Price Range	Avg Price	<u>Dressing</u>
30	1030-1308	1205	163.00-174.00	169.23	Average Return to Feed
32	1125-1310	1239	175.00-177.00	175.65	High Return to Feed
20	1055-1355	1178	115.00-143.00	130.11	Low
6	1045-1300	1209	146.00-157.00	152.68	Low Return to Feed
1	935	935	108.00	108.00	Very Low

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Price Range	Avg Price	<u>Dressing</u>
8	1325-1668	1539	124.00-126.00	125.35	Low

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	<u>Dressing</u>
16	1785-2425	1967	187.00-196.00	192.36	Average
3	1875-1903	1894	200.00	200.00	Average Natural
12	1280-1830	1614	185.00-202.00	194.38	Average Return to Feed
3	1775-2115	1915	198.00-201.00	200.07	High
1	1705	1705	200.00	200.00	High Return to Feed
6	1530-2185	1884	160.00-185.00	179.38	Low
1	1355	1355	172.00	172.00	Low Light Weight
14	1270-1918	1536	172.50-188.00	181.46	Low Return to Feed

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
1	2370	2370	197.00	197.00	High

REPLACEMENT CATTLE

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

<u>Age</u>	<u>Stage</u>	<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
<2	Ο	37	832-1153	1010	221.00-290.00	259.46
2-4	Ο	36	925-1485	1135	192.00-265.00	229.13
2-8	Ο	19	1255-1490	1291	176.00-189.50	186.90
5-8	Ο	1	1310	1310	184.00	184.00
>8	Ο	1	1415	1415	169.00	169.00

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STOCK CO	WS - Me	dium and	d Large 1-2 (Per C	wt / Actual V	Wt)		
<u>Age</u>	<u>Stage</u>	<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
<2	Ο	8	825-989	964	227.50-265.00	257.14	
2-4	Ο	2	1100-1150	1125	192.50-202.00	197.14	
BRED COV	VS - Med	lium and	Large 1 (Per Cwt ,	Actual Wt)			
<u>Age</u>	<u>Stage</u>	<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
2-4	T1	12	1121	1121	293.00	293.00	
>5	T1	28	1235-1364	1350	186.00-208.50	206.29	
BBED COV	NS - Mod	lium and	Large 1 (Per Unit	/ Actual \A/t\			
Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Actual VVI) Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
<u>7.52</u> 2-4	71	<u>11000</u>	1262	1262	3350.00	3350.00	
5-8	T1	16	1153-1390	1357	3050.00-3400.00	3212.17	
>5	T1	7	1456	1456	3150.00	3150.00	
>8	T1	46	1313-1361	1353	2525.00-2850.00	2795.14	Broken Mouth
BRED COV	VS - Med	lium and	Large 1-2 (Per Un	it / Actual W	/t)		
<u>Age</u>	<u>Stage</u>	<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
2-4	T1	2	1153	1153	3200.00	3200.00	
>5	T1	4	1276	1276	2800.00	2800.00	
>8	T1	7	1105-1275	1202	2000.00-2050.00	2019.70	Thin Fleshed
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<u>Age</u> <2	<u>Stage</u> T1	<u>пеаи</u> 4	946	<u>Avg Wt</u> 946	<u>Price Range</u> 3100.00	Avg Price 3100.00	
\ Z	11	4	940	940	3100.00	3100.00	
BRED HEIF	FERS - Mo	edium 1-	2 (Per Unit / Actua	al Wt)			
<u>Age</u>	<u>Stage</u>	<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
<2	T1	6	883	883	2800.00	2800.00	
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					alf (Per Unit / Actua		
<u>Age</u> 2-4	<u>Stage</u> O	<u>Head</u> 9	<u>Wt Range</u> 1384	<u>Avg Wt</u> 1384	<u>Price Range</u> 4450.00	<u>Avg Price</u> 4450.00	
Z- 4	U	Э	1384	1384	4430.00	4450.00	



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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.