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Livestock Weighted Average Report for 10/1/2025 - Final

AUCTION			
	This Week	Last Reported 9/24/2025	Last Year
Total Receipts:	791	1,021	609
Feeder Cattle:	255(32.2%)	385(37.7%)	251(41.2%)
Slaughter Cattle:	418(52.8%)	344(33.7%)	297(48.8%)
Replacement Cattle:	118(14.9%)	292(28.6%)	61(10.0%)

Compared to last week: Yearling steers and heifers were too lightly tested to develop any market trend. All calves were too lightly tested last week to develop any market trend. Demand for yearlings was mostly good for light offerings. Demand for calves was mostly good to very good for light offerings. Quality this week was mostly plain to average. Most offerings were in small packages this week with many singles noted. Buyers were forced to pick around to try and find like cattle to fill orders. Many blemished cattle continue to be seen as producers took advantage of record high feeder cattle prices. Market activity was active despite a lower quality offering. 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 an accurate market trend, however steady undertones were noticed. Very few offerings were purchased for slaughter this week as feeding cow buyers kept cow prices above slaughter cow orders. Only extremely blemished cows, not suitable to feed, were purchased for immediate harvest this week. Feeding cows sold generally steady. Quality was similar to last week, however weigh conditions were not as attractive as they were the previous week. Weigh conditions were mostly average this week. Slaughter bulls sold 3.00-5.00 higher as private feeders pushed to buy most sound bulls to feed. Demand for feeding bulls was good to very good this sale. Feeding bulls sold 2.00-3.00 higher in a narrow comparison. Young age cows suitable to feed or rebreed were too lightly tested to develop an accurate market trend, however higher undertones were noticed. Stronger demand was seen for replacement young cow offerings this week. Quality was mostly average to attractive. Supply included: 32% Feeder Cattle (29% Steers, 52% Heifers, 19% Bulls); 53% Slaughter Cattle (87% Cows, 13% Bulls); 15% Replacement Cattle (74% Stock Cows, 26% Bred Cows). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 40%.

# **FEEDER CATTLE**

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	Avg Price	
3	410	410	510.00	510.00	Unweaned
7	455-470	464	485.00-505.00	494.18	Unweaned
3	540	540	480.00	480.00	Unweaned
2	550-595	573	395.00-417.50	405.81	Unweaned
3	665	665	365.00	365.00	Unweaned
3	1010	1010	306.00	306.00	Fleshy

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

	Avg Price	Price Range	Avg Wt	Wt Range	<u>Head</u>
Unweaned	492.50	492.50	448	448	2
Unweaned	452.62	425.00-455.00	508	507-525	13

# STEERS - Large 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price

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7	631	631	370.00	370.00
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# HEIFERS - Medium and Large 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
9	460-489	484	425.00-430.00	426.64	Unweaned
7	516-530	522	405.00-427.50	417.71	Unweaned
6	554-595	561	340.00-410.00	397.62	Unweaned
3	982	982	300.00	300.00	Full
3	1005	1005	311.00	311.00	

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Price Range	Avg Price	
3	375	375	465.00	465.00	Unweaned
12	423-424	424	440.00-445.00	444.17	Unweaned
1	510	510	400.00	400.00	Unweaned
1	560	560	330.00	330.00	Unweaned
4	790	790	334.00	334.00	
5	881	881	311.00	311.00	
3	907	907	297.00	297.00	

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Price Range	Avg Price
5	687	687	340.00	340.00
6	715	715	330.00	330.00

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Price Range	Avg Price
3	585	585	350.00	350.00
5	698	698	350.00	350.00

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
7	400-434	419	500.00-535.00	514.31	Unweaned
6	580	580	410.00	410.00	Unweaned
5	627	627	385.00	385.00	Unweaned
2	1030	1030	290.00-294.00	292.00	

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Price Range	Avg Price
1	1160	1160	265.00	265.00
1	1245	1245	234.00	234.00

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BULLS - L	arge 1-2 (Per Cv	vt / Actual Wt)			
<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
1	1095	1095	263.00	263.00	
1	1205	1205	228.00	228.00	
1	1250	1250	217.50	217.50	
BULLS - N	/ledium 1 (Per C	wt / Actual Wi	t)		
<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
3	420	420	410.00	410.00	Unweaned
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COWS - Brea	ker 75-80%	(Per Cwt /	Actual Wt)
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<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Price Range	Avg Price	<u>Dressing</u>
10	1553-2168	1772	162.00-164.00	162.49	Average
32	1485-1645	1560	162.00-173.00	169.23	Average Return to Feed
30	1507-1645	1517	175.00-179.50	179.06	High Return to Feed
2	1530-1805	1668	152.00-156.00	154.16	Low
2	1555-1595	1575	156.00-158.00	157.01	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>
11	1260-1625	1445	145.00-151.00	148.06	Average
91	1258-1585	1439	158.00-178.50	169.21	Average Return to Feed
3	1535-1623	1594	153.00-156.00	155.04	High
50	1330-1535	1428	171.00-181.00	176.51	High Return to Feed
7	1340-1590	1522	131.00-140.00	135.19	Low
14	1325-1895	1474	143.00-155.00	149.48	Low Return to Feed

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

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	<u>Dressing</u>	Avg Price	Price Range	Avg Wt	Wt Range	<u>Head</u>
	Average	140.72	138.00-145.00	1156	1060-1225	8
Return to Feed	Average	167.99	157.50-173.00	1260	990-1313	28
Return to Feed	High	176.23	173.00-184.00	1215	1155-1290	13
	Low	125.64	117.50-137.00	1195	1050-1310	13
Return to Feed	Low	154.32	151.00-156.00	1230	1135-1305	4

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
16	1545-2200	1961	193.00-204.00	197.24	Average
24	1243-1925	1690	189.00-204.00	196.07	Average Return to Feed
1	1905	1905	207.00	207.00	High
6	1625-2005	1843	169.00-185.00	177.74	Low

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1	1420	1420	183.00	183.00	Low Return to Feed	
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# 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	0	19	962-1245	1072	242.00-299.00	277.76	
<2	Ο	1	1385	1385	200.00	200.00	Fleshy
2-4	Ο	35	1003-1415	1143	191.00-270.00	232.25	
2-8	Ο	21	1283-1470	1309	168.00-189.50	186.66	
5-8	0	1	1295	1295	185.00	185.00	

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<u>Age</u>	<u>Stage</u>	<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Price Range	Avg Price
<2	0	7	820-1265	938	200.00-260.00	246.39
2-4	0	7	910-1270	1092	183.00-230.00	214.24
2-8	0	2	1150-1200	1175	167.50-178.00	172.86

# STOCK COWS - Medium and Large 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	0	3	1078	1078	195.00	195.00

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

<u>Age</u>	<u>Stage</u>	<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
2-4	T1	6	1190-1370	1250	3250.00-3400.00	3345.20	
2-8	T1-2	4	1379	1379	3100.00	3100.00	
5-8	T1	4	1237-1295	1252	3100.00-3200.00	3125.87	
>5	T1	7	1370	1370	2850.00	2850.00	
>5	T1-2	7	1456	1456	2950.00	2950.00	
>8	T1-2	3	1423	1423	2800.00	2800.00	Broken Mouth

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

<u>Age</u>	<u>Stage</u>	<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
2-4	T1-2	1	1010	1010	3000.00	3000.00	
>8	T1-2	2	1285-1300	1293	2550.00-2700.00	2624.56	Broken Mouth



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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.