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Livestock Weighted Average Report for 10/2/2025 - Final

AUCTION			
	This Week	Last Reported 9/25/2025	Last Year
Total Receipts:	864	3,220	952
Feeder Cattle:	425(49.2%)	2,428(75.4%)	417(43.8%)
Slaughter Cattle:	258(29.9%)	590(18.3%)	374(39.3%)
Replacement Cattle:	181(20.9%)	202(6.3%)	161(16.9%)

Compared to last week: Yearling steers and heifers were too lightly tested today to develop any market trend. Calves of both sexes sold with higher undertones in a narrow comparison. Demand was moderate to good for light offerings. Quality hampered demand this week as yearling offerings were mostly plain to average and offered in small packages. Demand for calves was mostly good to very good. Calf quality this week was average to attractive. CME positions traded sharply lower today with all contracts showing triple digit lower movement. Market activity was moderate to active with a good crowd on hand and several buyers actively bidding over on the internet. Weigh up cows sold on good to very good demand for light to moderate offerings. Slaughter cows were to lightly tested to develop an accurate market trend, however firm undertones were noticed. Feeding cow demand was good to very good this sale. Feeding cows sold mostly steady to weak on a poorer quality offering. Weigh up conditions were mostly average to below average this week. Many very full offerings were seen this week. A large portion of the cow offering was comprised of fleshy boning and breaking cows this week. Many of these offerings were off summer pasture and fleshy from being on grass all summer. Slaughter bulls sold 1.00 to 2.00 higher in a narrow comparison. Several packages of thin fleshed bulls continue to be purchased to feed. Feeding bull demand was good to very good this week which helped push all bull prices higher. Feeding bulls were too lightly tested to develop an accurate market trend, however higher undertones were noticed. Young age cows suitable to feed or rebreed sold on very good demand. Additionally, some cows are being sold as exposed and are bringing strong premiums to feeding cows. Quality this week was mostly average to attractive. Too few offerings were seen to develop an accurate market trend, however steady to higher undertones were noticed. Supply included: 49% Feeder Cattle (30% Steers, 56% Heifers, 13% Bulls, 1% Beef/Dairy Heifers); 30% Slaughter Cattle (90% Cows, 10% Bulls); 21% Replacement Cattle (83% Stock Cows, 17% Bred Cows). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 67%.

FEEDER CATTLE

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

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

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<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
2	275	275	600.00	600.00	Unweaned
2	335	335	605.00	605.00	Unweaned
1	385	385	505.00	505.00	Unweaned
12	475-491	480	460.00-465.00	461.70	Unweaned
7	534	534	425.00	425.00	Unweaned

Avg Price

339.00

STEERS - Medium and Large 2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt) Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range 7 811 811 339.00

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

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	Avg Price	Price Range	Avg Wt	Wt Range	<u>Head</u>
Unweaned	505.00	505.00	382	382	3
Unweaned	439.64	435.00-450.00	456	450-478	16
Unweaned	416.56	411.00-435.00	524	515-525	12
Unweaned	361.63	360.00-365.00	618	605-625	3
	360.50	360.50	765	765	32
Full	341.50	341.50	799	799	20
	333.22	332.00-338.00	836	815-841	24
	321.50	321.50	887	887	8
	316.55	313.00-321.00	915	905-933	29

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
4	333	333	500.00	500.00	Unweaned
8	454-490	459	385.00-410.00	406.66	Unweaned
4	773	773	349.00	349.00	
6	896	896	319.00	319.00	
2	993	993	299.00	299.00	

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
11	709	709	335.00	335.00

HEIFERS - Large 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	Avg Price
16	1052-1072	1060	292.00-304.00	299.45

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	668	668	340.00	340.00

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BEEF/DAIRY HEIFERS - Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
3	495	495	370.00	370.00	
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<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Price Range	Avg Price	
2	348	348	600.00	600.00	Unweaned
2	353	353	585.00	585.00	Unweaned
2	733	733	332.50	332.50	Unweaned
1	895	895	335.00	335.00	
23	987-988	987	315.00-318.00	317.74	
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BULLS - IV	ledium and Larg	ge 1-2 (Per Cw	vt / Actual Wt)		
<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Price Range	Avg Price	
4	571	571	368.00	368.00	Unweaned
2	628	628	355.00	355.00	Unweaned
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	arge 1 (Per Cwt	/ Actual Wt)			
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7	1103	1103	260.00	260.00	

<u>Head</u>	<u>wt Kange</u>	<u>Avg wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	Avg Price	
5	408-430	421	440.00-465.00	449.69	Unweaned

SLAUGHTER CATTLE

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

BULLS - Medium 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

	<u>Dressing</u>	Avg Price	Price Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Wt Range	<u>Head</u>
	Average	165.00	165.00	1688	1688	9
Return to Feed	Average	166.50	166.50	1696	1696	9
Return to Feed	High	175.00	175.00	1504	1504	5
	Low	155.41	149.00-158.50	1724	1645-1800	11
Return to Feed	Low	154.79	154.00-156.00	1649	1605-1690	5

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	<u>Dressing</u>
5	1275-1458	1367	145.00-147.00	146.11	Average
64	1253-1585	1456	162.00-172.00	168.26	Average Return to Feed
7	1430-1671	1631	163.00-165.00	164.35	High
5	1350-1500	1395	174.00-177.00	175.84	High Return to Feed
5	1380-1475	1445	138.00-144.00	140.55	Low

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3	1300-1743	1595	155.00-158.00	157.19	Low Return to Feed
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COWS - Lean 85-90% (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	<u>Dressing</u>
6	1090-1205	1145	137.00-149.00	141.21	Average
1	1185	1185	152.50	152.50	Average Non-Traditional
17	1080-1263	1173	159.00-172.00	167.12	Average Return to Feed
14	1040-1237	1218	172.50-176.00	173.69	High Return to Feed
3	1160-1195	1182	122.00-125.00	123.34	Low
4	1260-1308	1296	142.00-152.00	149.57	Low Return to Feed
1	1090	1090	111.00	111.00	Very Low
1	975	975	114.00	114.00	Very Low Light Weight

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	<u>Dressing</u>
11	1870-2240	2083	186.00-203.00	196.29	Average
1	1865	1865	204.00	204.00	Average Return to Feed
1	2060	2060	206.00	206.00	High
2	1665-2160	1913	179.00-184.00	181.82	Low
2	1430	1430	181.00	181.00	Low Light Weight
2	1563	1563	185.00	185.00	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	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Avg Price</u>	
<2	Ο	27	907-1105	1012	243.00-307.00	282.38	
2-4	Ο	67	905-1550	1144	180.50-315.00	233.32	
2-4	Ο	5	1358	1358	187.50	187.50	Fleshy
2-8	Ο	6	1200-1365	1316	174.00-186.00	181.76	
5-8	Ο	2	1438	1438	194.00	194.00	

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>	<u>Price Range</u>	Avg Price
<2	Ο	3	928-1130	995	210.00-240.00	228.65
2-4	Ο	11	940-1333	1111	175.00-230.00	198.16

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	T1-2	4	1055-1365	1227	3200.00-3300.00	3246.84	
2-8	T1-2	5	1250	1250	3250.00	3250.00	
>8	T1	1	1675	1675	2650.00	2650.00	Broken Mouth
>8	T1-2	4	1390-1500	1445	2650.00-2850.00	2746.19	Broken Mouth

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2-4	T1	1	1315	1315	3050.00	3050.00
2-4	T1-2	1	1270	1270	2950.00	2950.00
2-8	T1-2	3	1152	1152	2850.00	2850.00
5-8	T1-2	1	1360	1360	3000.00	3000.00
>5	T1-2	5	1123-1470	1230	2500.00-2700.00	2590.42

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.