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Livestock Weighted Average Report for 9/28/2025 - 10/4/2025

LIVESTOCK SUMMARY

	Current Week	Last Reported 9/22/2025	Last Year
Total Receipts:	4,523	9,752	4,050
Feeder Cattle:	3,163(69.9%)	3,364(34.5%)	2,689(66.4%)
Slaughter Cattle:	937(20.7%)	1,044(10.7%)	1,049(25.9%)
Replacement Cattle:	423(9.4%)	545(5.6%)	312(7.7%)
Feeder Sheep/Lambs:	0(0.0%)	2,590(26.6%)	0(0.0%)
Slaughter Sheep/Lambs:	0(0.0%)	1,459(15.0%)	0(0.0%)
Replacement Sheep/Lambs:	0(0.0%)	157(1.6%)	0(0.0%)
Feeder Goats:	0(0.0%)	192(2.0%)	0(0.0%)
Slaughter Goats:	0(0.0%)	393(4.0%)	0(0.0%)
Replacement Goats:	0(0.0%)	8(0.1%)	0(0.0%)

Yearling steers were too lightly tested to develop an accurate market trend, however steady undertones were noticed. Steer calves under 500 lbs sold steady to firm in a narrow comparison, steer calves over 500 lbs sold mostly 10.00 higher. Yearling heifers all sold unevenly steady. Heifer calves were too lightly tested last week to develop an accurate market trend, however steady to higher undertones were noticed. Demand was mostly good for light to moderate offerings. Limited load lots were seen this week. Packages of calves were met with moderate to good demand as buyers were forced to piece together loads. Quality this week was mixed from plain to very attractive, with lots of variation noticed. CME positions continue to show some volatility with triple digit movement seen almost daily. As of Fridays close the October closed at 357.175, up 0.17 for the week, the November contract closed Friday at 355.425, 0.95 higher. Market activity was mostly active this past week with a large crowd of order buyers and farmer feeders in the seats as well as over the internet actively bidding on cattle. Weigh up cows sold on mostly very good demand for light to moderate offerings. Demand for slaughter cows was mostly moderate. Very few cows continue to be purchased for immediate harvest. Only extremely poor or very blemished cows were purchased for immediate harvest this week. Slaughter cows were too lightly tested the previous week to develop an accurate market trend, however steady to firm undertones were noticed on all offerings. Feeding cow demand was very good. Even cows which were slightly blemished, some buyers were willing to put on feed. Feeding cows sold on very good demand as private feeders and packer buyers both showed strong demand for cows to feed. Quality was mostly average to attractive. Feeding cows sold generally steady in a narrow comparison. The spread between slaughter cows and feeding cows remains very large. Slaughter bulls sold on good demand for moderate offerings. Slaughter bulls sold mostly 2.00-3.00 higher. Many thin fleshed bulls continue to be seen as many have been turned out with cows. Many of these thin bulls were purchased to feed this week. Feeding bull demand helped improve slaughter bull demand as packers and private feeders both bid against similar offerings. Feeding bulls sold mostly 2.00-3.00 higher. Young age cows suitable to feed or rebreed sold on very good demand for limited offerings. Offerings were too lightly tested to develop an accurate market trend, however higher undertones were noticed. Buyers showed willingness to buy older cows which were in good condition to re-pregnancy test or to rebreed. Very good demand was seen for any class or quality of bred offerings. Supply included: 70% Feeder Cattle (44% Steers, 50% Heifers, 5% Bulls, 0% Beef/Dairy Heifers); 21% Slaughter Cattle (84% Cows, 16% Bulls, 0% Dairy Cows, 0% Dairy Bulls); 9% Replacement Cattle (73% Stock Cows, 17% Bred Cows, 9% Bred Heifers). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 43%.

FEEDER CATTLE

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
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1	250	250	660.00	660.00	Unweaned
4	316	316	657.50	657.50	Unweaned
68	350-375	365	565.00-640.00	585.62	Unweaned
76	402-445	429	510.00-550.00	536.58	Unweaned
138	451-488	475	480.00-520.00	496.58	Unweaned
265	500-548	531	446.00-485.00	464.99	Unweaned
5	555	555	422.50	422.50	
84	550-599	577	395.00-455.00	425.55	Unweaned
150	600-648	627	390.00-439.50	417.28	Unweaned
34	689	689	397.50	397.50	
92	653-696	676	365.00-429.00	416.26	Unweaned
16	700-720	706	381.00-415.00	404.06	Unweaned
1	785	785	382.50	382.50	
10	753	753	409.00	409.00	Unweaned
7	817-823	819	365.00-377.00	368.45	
11	855-866	860	354.00-360.00	357.82	
3	1000	1000	318.00	318.00	
3	1010	1010	306.00	306.00	Fleshy

STEERS - Medium and 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	248	248	640.00	640.00	Unweaned
13	275-292	285	600.00-635.00	629.81	Unweaned
16	301-335	317	555.00-605.00	577.09	Unweaned
13	359-385	361	505.00-525.00	523.36	Unweaned
16	407-449	429	480.00-525.00	502.45	Unweaned
12	475-491	480	460.00-465.00	461.70	Unweaned
23	507-534	519	425.00-455.00	442.95	Unweaned
27	561-591	577	410.00-417.00	411.96	Unweaned
10	645	645	365.00-398.00	381.50	Unweaned
4	883-898	891	347.50-350.00	348.74	
5	968-987	979	331.00-334.00	332.19	

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

<u>Head</u>	<u>Wt Range</u>	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Avg Price</u>	
7	456	456	405.00	405.00	Unweaned
4	763	763	358.00	358.00	
7	811	811	339.00	339.00	

STEERS - Large 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

<u>Head</u>	<u>Wt Range</u>	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Avg Price</u>	
14	463	463	482.00	482.00	Unweaned

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5	572	572	385.00	385.00	Unweaned
7	631	631	370.00	370.00	
2	1068	1068	319.00	319.00	

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

<u>Head</u>	<u>Wt Range</u>	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Avg Price</u>	
27	304-327	317	535.00-548.00	542.46	Unweaned
64	358-399	381	505.00-540.00	521.59	Unweaned
67	406-431	413	442.50-502.50	496.53	Unweaned
100	450-499	472	423.00-470.00	438.30	Unweaned
93	502-517	514	430.00-444.00	441.50	Replacement
57	513-547	531	385.00-435.00	406.54	Unweaned
105	550-595	567	340.00-410.00	388.06	Unweaned
67	603-635	621	360.00-390.00	386.64	Unweaned
25	665-693	668	375.00-390.00	376.87	
18	705-710	708	365.00-366.00	365.50	
131	755-798	776	348.50-362.00	356.28	
23	767-799	795	335.00-341.50	340.68	Full
110	812-846	826	332.00-352.00	343.25	
84	850-892	873	321.50-341.00	329.26	
103	901-948	920	313.00-327.00	320.90	
22	922	922	312.00	312.00	Full
2	960-965	963	323.00	323.00	
3	982	982	300.00	300.00	Full
5	1005-1048	1022	311.00-315.00	312.64	

HEIFERS - Medium and 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>	
2	275	275	480.00	480.00	Unweaned
28	301-333	307	465.00-520.00	495.86	Unweaned
12	375-381	380	465.00-497.50	489.47	Unweaned
12	423-424	424	440.00-445.00	444.17	Unweaned
8	454-490	459	385.00-410.00	406.66	Unweaned
1	510	510	400.00	400.00	Unweaned
8	558-560	558	330.00-393.00	385.10	Unweaned
4	648	648	369.00	369.00	Unweaned
15	709-738	721	342.50-361.00	347.99	
10	773-793	784	334.00-349.00	342.75	
6	820-839	833	318.50-336.00	324.24	
27	881-896	893	311.00-325.00	319.54	
6	907-922	915	297.00-310.00	303.55	
5	955-993	970	295.00-299.00	296.64	

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

<u>Head</u>	<u>Wt Range</u>	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Avg Price</u>
9	659-687	675	317.50-340.00	330.23
17	709-715	711	330.00-335.00	333.23

HEIFERS - Large 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

<u>Head</u>	<u>Wt Range</u>	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Avg Price</u>	
4	405	405	432.50	432.50	Unweaned
4	489	489	345.00	345.00	Unweaned
19	1052-1090	1062	292.00-314.00	301.28	

HEIFERS - Medium 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

<u>Head</u>	<u>Wt Range</u>	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Avg Price</u>
2	578	578	422.50	422.50
5	609	609	401.00	401.00

HEIFERS - Medium 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	585	585	350.00	350.00
10	650-698	678	340.00-350.00	346.59

BEEF/DAIRY 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	495	495	370.00	370.00

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

<u>Head</u>	<u>Wt Range</u>	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Avg Price</u>	
2	348	348	600.00	600.00	Unweaned
2	353	353	585.00	585.00	Unweaned
12	400-434	412	500.00-535.00	516.62	Unweaned
20	490	490	462.50	462.50	Unweaned
9	548	548	422.50	422.50	Unweaned
6	580	580	410.00	410.00	Unweaned
5	627	627	385.00	385.00	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	
2	1030	1030	290.00-294.00	292.00	

BULLS - Medium and 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>
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4	571	571	368.00	368.00	Unweaned
2	628	628	355.00	355.00	Unweaned

BULLS - Large 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
5	339	339	575.00	575.00	Unweaned
4	394	394	490.00	490.00	Unweaned
15	475-489	479	390.00-445.00	430.02	Unweaned
9	1103-1140	1108	260.00-280.00	263.37	
2	1160-1190	1175	265.00-270.00	267.53	
1	1245	1245	234.00	234.00	
1	1290	1290	242.50	242.50	

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

Head	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 - Medium 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
8	408-430	421	410.00-465.00	434.83	Unweaned

SLAUGHTER CATTLE

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
8	1759-1935	1781	172.00	172.00	Low

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
19	1553-2168	1732	162.00-165.00	163.65	Average
47	1375-1696	1571	162.00-173.00	168.67	Average Return to Feed
37	1504-1645	1518	173.00-179.50	178.18	High Return to Feed
13	1530-1805	1715	149.00-158.50	155.23	Low
7	1555-1690	1628	154.00-158.00	155.41	Low Return to Feed

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
17	1260-1625	1412	145.00-152.00	147.71	Average
171	1253-1585	1445	158.00-178.50	168.53	Average Return to Feed
10	1430-1671	1620	153.00-165.00	161.60	High
56	1330-1535	1424	171.00-181.00	176.48	High Return to Feed



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21	1310-1590	1431	131.00-144.00	136.97	Low
32	1300-1895	1441	140.00-165.00	150.98	Low Return to Feed

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
17	1060-1225	1158	137.00-149.00	141.49	Average
1	775	775	145.00	145.00	Average Light Weight
1	1185	1185	152.50	152.50	Average Non-Traditional
86	990-1313	1227	157.50-173.00	166.92	Average Return to Feed
28	1040-1290	1212	172.50-184.00	174.98	High Return to Feed
32	1050-1390	1215	113.00-138.00	124.71	Low
4	840-985	929	113.00-126.00	121.28	Low Light Weight
71	880-1308	1129	132.00-161.00	156.22	Low Return to Feed
1	1090	1090	111.00	111.00	Very Low
1	975	975	114.00	114.00	Very Low Light Weight

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
1	975	975	134.00	134.00	Low Light Weight

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
42	1440-2240	1974	186.00-204.00	194.85	Average
61	1243-2145	1705	186.00-204.00	193.09	Average Return to Feed
2	1905-2060	1983	206.00-207.00	206.48	High
14	1625-2160	1857	169.00-185.00	179.86	Low
2	1430	1430	181.00	181.00	Low Light Weight
9	1420-1895	1641	172.00-185.00	181.64	Low Return to Feed

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
1	1445	1445	170.00	170.00	Low

REPLACEMENT CATTLE

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

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
<2	O	50	850-1245	1038	225.00-307.00	278.50	
<2	O	1	1385	1385	200.00	200.00	Fleshy
2-4	O	154	890-1550	1102	180.50-315.00	249.93	
2-4	O	5	1358	1358	187.50	187.50	Fleshy
2-8	O	27	1200-1470	1311	168.00-189.50	185.57	
5-8	O	3	1295-1438	1390	185.00-194.00	191.21	



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

<u>Age</u>	<u>Stage</u>	<u>Head</u>	<u>Wt Range</u>	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Avg Price</u>
<2	O	11	820-1265	955	200.00-262.50	242.81
2-4	O	26	910-1333	1088	175.00-240.00	207.55
2-8	O	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>	<u>Wt Range</u>	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Avg Price</u>
<2	O	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>	<u>Wt Range</u>	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Avg Price</u>	
2-4	T1	8	1190-1370	1277	3100.00-3400.00	3280.01	
2-4	T1-2	4	1055-1365	1227	3200.00-3300.00	3246.84	
2-8	T1-2	9	1250-1379	1307	3100.00-3250.00	3179.68	
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	1	1675	1675	2650.00	2650.00	Broken Mouth
>8	T1-2	7	1390-1500	1436	2650.00-2850.00	2769.05	Broken Mouth

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

<u>Age</u>	<u>Stage</u>	<u>Head</u>	<u>Wt Range</u>	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Avg Price</u>	
2-4	T1	1	1315	1315	3050.00	3050.00	
2-4	T1-2	2	1010-1270	1140	2950.00-3000.00	2972.15	
2-8	T1-2	3	1152	1152	2850.00	2850.00	
5-8	T1-2	2	1360-1505	1433	2500.00-3000.00	2737.35	
>5	T1-2	8	1123-1470	1251	2500.00-2700.00	2555.55	
>8	T1-2	4	1285-1580	1380	2400.00-2700.00	2533.79	Broken Mouth

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

<u>Age</u>	<u>Stage</u>	<u>Head</u>	<u>Wt Range</u>	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Avg Price</u>
<2	T1	16	759-828	772	2975.00-3050.00	2990.08

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

<u>Age</u>	<u>Stage</u>	<u>Head</u>	<u>Wt Range</u>	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Avg Price</u>
<2	T1	4	784	784	2850.00	2850.00

BRED HEIFERS - Medium 1 (Per Unit / Actual Wt)

<u>Age</u>	<u>Stage</u>	<u>Head</u>	<u>Wt Range</u>	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Avg Price</u>
<2	T1	16	735	735	2900.00	2900.00



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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.