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Livestock Weighted Average Report for 2/18/2026 - Final

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	This Week	Last Reported 2/11/2026	Last Year
Total Receipts:	1,136	311	661
Feeder Cattle:	809(71.2%)	79(25.4%)	155(23.4%)
Slaughter Cattle:	182(16.0%)	154(49.5%)	448(67.8%)
Replacement Cattle:	145(12.8%)	78(25.1%)	58(8.8%)

Compared to last week (2-11-26): Feeder cattle were too lightly tested last week to develop any market trend. This is the first feeder special in three weeks making comparisons difficult. Demand was mostly good to very good for light offerings. The best demand continues to be for cattle suitable to develop into yearlings. Many buyers still have large orders to fill for summer grazing. Package sizes were light to moderate this sale and buyers struggled to put together loads of like quality cattle. This hindered demand in places, particularly on cattle to heavy to go to grass. Flesh conditions were mostly moderate to moderate plus this sale with a few fleshy cattle noticed. Flesh hindered demand in places as well. Quality overall was mixed from plain to attractive with lots of variation noticed. Market activity was mostly active with a moderate size crowd of order buyers and ranchers in the stands. Weigh up cows sold on mostly very good demand for light offerings. Feeding cow demand continues to drive the market. Feeding cows sold mostly 4.00-8.00 higher as buyers bid on light offerings. Packer buyers were significantly more aggressive this sale as they bid on high quality cows suitable to feed to premium white. Very few cows were purchased for immediate harvest this sale as only severely blemished cows sold to slaughter buyers. Feeding buyers were willing to take cows which were slightly lame to feed this week at significantly higher prices which pushed most slaughter buyers out of the market. Slaughter cows were too lightly tested to develop an accurate market trend, however higher undertones were noticed on all offerings. Slaughter bulls sold mostly 10.00 higher on very good demand. Packers and feeding bull buyers both showed good demand for bulls which pushed offerings sharply higher. Young age cows suitable to feed or rebreed sold on good demand. Quality this week was average to attractive. Several cows which recently lost calves sold this sale and demand for these offerings was good to very good. Young age offerings sold mostly 10.00 higher in a narrow comparison. Supply included: 71% Feeder Cattle (54% Steers, 41% Heifers, 5% Bulls); 16% Slaughter Cattle (88% Cows, 12% Bulls); 13% Replacement Cattle (90% Stock Cows, 10% Bred Cows). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 48%.

FEEDER CATTLE**STEERS - 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>	
12	360	360	647.50	647.50	
10	407-430	420	620.00-632.50	625.52	
27	463-484	468	575.00-582.50	580.78	
18	510-548	538	514.00-550.00	521.93	
20	551-571	561	489.00-510.00	501.02	
23	605-642	624	440.00-468.00	454.65	
50	666-689	681	418.00-437.00	424.29	
4	733-738	736	394.00-403.00	398.48	
6	738	738	365.00	365.00	Fleshy
1	815	815	367.00	367.00	
7	800	800	351.00	351.00	Fleshy
37	855	855	359.00	359.00	

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6	883	883	338.00	338.00	Fleshy
35	902	902	347.00	347.00	
18	916-944	924	331.00-339.00	336.73	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>	
6	350-368	360	615.00-635.00	623.21	
1	425	425	602.50	602.50	
11	514-529	524	523.00-532.00	526.21	
7	555-580	566	440.00-480.00	462.42	
2	645	645	415.00	415.00	
27	752-798	775	364.00-374.00	367.58	
13	772	772	362.00	362.00	Full
3	882	882	339.00	339.00	

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>	
4	414	414	540.00	540.00	
5	682	682	330.00	330.00	
2	783	783	342.50	342.50	

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>	
2	535	535	500.00	500.00	

STEERS - 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>	
6	415-441	432	560.00-575.00	564.80	
2	718	718	376.00	376.00	

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>	
4	470-480	473	505.00	505.00	
35	506-523	517	480.00-489.00	483.17	
139	554-589	577	439.00-460.00	446.82	
10	631	631	395.00	395.00	
7	747	747	359.00	359.00	
8	755	755	360.00	360.00	
29	851	851	348.00	348.00	

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>	
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2	378	378	500.00	500.00
9	408-435	417	515.00-545.00	534.57
4	456	456	455.00	455.00
12	535-546	542	440.00-465.00	451.66
2	585	585	425.00	425.00
4	604	604	390.00	390.00
4	690	690	360.00	360.00

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>
1	430	430	470.00	470.00

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>
6	378	378	545.00	545.00
5	456	456	470.00	470.00

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>
1	475	475	570.00	570.00
2	548	548	509.00	509.00
4	625	625	427.50	427.50
2	710	710	382.50	382.50
1	765	765	365.00	365.00
4	836	836	340.00	340.00

BULLS - 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>
4	390-393	392	530.00-540.00	534.98

BULLS - 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	718	718	384.00	384.00
5	860-865	863	327.50-330.00	329.00
5	1154	1154	265.00	265.00

BULLS - 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>
4	1053	1053	260.00	260.00

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



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<u>Head</u>	<u>Wt Range</u>	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Avg Price</u>	<u>Dressing</u>
3	1670-1683	1679	174.00	174.00	Average
2	1508	1508	174.00	174.00	Average Return to Feed
8	1610-1837	1719	176.50-179.00	177.74	High
13	1525-1673	1662	178.00-181.00	178.21	High Return to Feed
5	1653	1653	159.00	159.00	Low

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

<u>Head</u>	<u>Wt Range</u>	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Avg Price</u>	<u>Dressing</u>
50	1210-1695	1439	174.00-180.00	178.03	Average Return to Feed
2	1505-1535	1520	150.00-164.00	156.93	High
38	1277-1510	1421	180.00-185.00	182.08	High Return to Feed
3	1300-1615	1468	131.00-137.50	134.27	Low
7	1285-1555	1404	145.00-168.00	162.95	Low Return to Feed

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

<u>Head</u>	<u>Wt Range</u>	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Avg Price</u>	<u>Dressing</u>
6	1005-1232	1169	170.00-179.00	176.56	Average Return to Feed
3	1135-1243	1207	180.00	180.00	High Return to Feed
11	1120-1202	1158	117.00-122.00	119.17	Low
7	1060-1255	1180	136.00-161.00	147.66	Low Return to Feed
1	965	965	100.00	100.00	Very Low

BULLS - 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>	<u>Dressing</u>
10	1670-2325	1963	189.00-203.50	198.67	Average
8	1320-1980	1597	188.00-200.50	195.19	Average Return to Feed
1	1880	1880	218.00	218.00	High
3	1657	1657	167.00	167.00	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>	<u>Wt Range</u>	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Avg Price</u>	
<2	O	5	1000-1250	1141	220.00-277.50	237.38	
<2	O	3	1043-1220	1102	220.00-250.00	238.93	Fleshy
2-4	O	95	945-1420	1116	185.00-312.50	243.64	
2-8	O	2	1155	1155	199.00	199.00	

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	4	885-1110	979	225.00-275.00	249.52
2-4	O	8	840-1255	964	185.00-285.00	245.93



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STOCK COWS - Large 1 (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>
2-4	O	3	1088	1088	237.50	237.50

STOCK COWS - Medium 1 (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>
2-4	O	1	775	775	215.00	215.00

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>	
>8	T2-3	7	1350-1489	1467	3100.00-3150.00	3142.82	Broken Mouth
>8	T3	3	1435	1435	3350.00	3350.00	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>
>5	T2	3	1300	1300	2900.00	2900.00

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.