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Livestock Weighted Average Report for 4/22/2026 - Final

AUCTION

	This Week	Last Reported 4/15/2026	Last Year
Total Receipts:	1,251	3,146	1,552
Feeder Cattle:	663(53.0%)	2,988(95.0%)	829(53.4%)
Slaughter Cattle:	376(30.1%)	125(4.0%)	431(27.8%)
Replacement Cattle:	212(16.9%)	33(1.0%)	292(18.8%)

Compared to last week (4-15-26): Feeder cattle too lightly tested to develop an accurate market trend, however steady to higher undertones were noticed. Today's feeder special was smaller than last week's and cattle were mostly offered in small packages, with no load lots seen. Several packages of backgrounded offerings sold on very good demand. Many of these offerings were in light flesh and developed to be sold as cattle to turn out on grass. Demand was mostly good for light offerings. Quality this week was mostly plain to average and not as attractive as last week's offering. A mix of order buyers and ranchers were in the stands this week bidding on offerings. Ranchers showed good demand for cattle suitable to turn out on summer pastures. Market activity was mostly active with rapid bidding seen on all offerings. Weigh up cows sold on good to very good demand again this week. Almost every cow purchased today was once again purchased to feed in some capacity. Feeding cows sold steady to 4.00 higher on breaking and boning fleshed cows. Lean feeding cows sold mostly 4.00-6.00 higher. Young and high yielding offerings sold with the best demand this week and sold with the largest price increase compared to last week. Quality this week was mostly average to attractive. Weigh up conditions were mostly average to above average this week with many offerings emptied out from being on green grass. Cows with blemishes were also heavily purchased to feed this week as buyers pushed cow prices well over packer buyers orders for slaughter cows. The volume of cows purchased for immediate harvest was very low. Slaughter cows were too lightly tested to develop any market trend. Slaughter bulls sold generally steady in a narrow comparison. Feeding bull buyers continue to show very good demand for light weight and lower dressing bulls that would improve on feed. Feeding bulls sold mostly steady in a narrow comparison. Bull quality this week was mostly attractive. Demand for young cows remains very good. Young age offerings sold mostly steady. Quality this week was average to attractive. Supply included: 53% Feeder Cattle (32% Steers, 44% Heifers, 9% Bulls, 8% Beef/Dairy Steers, 7% Beef/Dairy Heifers); 30% Slaughter Cattle (84% Cows, 16% Bulls); 17% Replacement Cattle (90% Stock Cows, 8% Bred Cows, 2% Bred Heifers). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 54%.

FEEDER CATTLE

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
2	408	408	600.00	600.00	
5	600-648	638	451.00-460.00	452.69	
7	660-688	684	430.00	430.00	
21	700-733	714	401.00-418.00	409.83	
2	750	750	394.00	394.00	
16	793	793	359.00	359.00	Fleshy
17	805-849	838	360.00-372.00	366.72	
5	901-910	903	338.00-339.00	338.80	
2	1025	1025	312.50	312.50	Full

STEERS - Medium and Large 1-2 (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>	
6	463-483	476	545.00-555.00	548.24	
12	512-545	526	480.00-505.00	497.07	
3	642	642	435.00	435.00	
2	660	660	420.00-427.50	423.75	
4	748	748	382.50	382.50	Full
5	790	790	372.00	372.00	
3	847	847	359.00	359.00	
3	852	852	339.00	339.00	Full

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>
27	493-499	494	490.00-512.00	507.89
18	605-633	610	400.00-410.00	401.73
1	760	760	340.00	340.00

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>
2	698	698	412.50	412.50

BEEF/DAIRY STEERS - 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>
5	772	772	337.50	337.50
37	895	895	334.50	334.50

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>
16	506-529	515	470.00-480.00	476.18
26	554-566	564	445.00	445.00
7	615-644	636	400.00	400.00
17	809	809	348.00	348.00

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

<u>Head</u>	<u>Wt Range</u>	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Avg Price</u>
2	85	85	1000.00	1000.00

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>
3	362	362	550.00	550.00
9	437-440	439	515.00-525.00	521.67
62	450-488	483	494.00-502.50	494.67
24	504-548	523	440.00-470.00	460.35



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13	560-590	583	392.50-430.00	400.72	
22	669-688	677	365.00-382.50	374.01	
3	787	787	332.50	332.50	Full

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	395	395	460.00	460.00
5	436-445	438	470.00-490.00	474.07
3	555	555	390.00	390.00
3	640	640	370.00	370.00
6	758-787	773	335.00-337.50	336.23

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>
5	752	752	337.50	337.50
21	839	839	328.00	328.00

BEEF/DAIRY HEIFERS - 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>
6	778	778	310.00	310.00
3	808	808	315.00	315.00

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>
6	411	411	580.00	580.00
6	626	626	427.50	427.50
6	657-665	658	410.00-412.50	412.08

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

<u>Head</u>	<u>Wt Range</u>	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Avg Price</u>
3	83	83	1000.00	1000.00

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>
4	318-325	322	625.00-630.00	627.53
5	445	445	555.00	555.00
2	485	485	535.00	535.00
6	675-679	678	387.50-390.00	387.91
1	865	865	322.50	322.50

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>
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2	1055	1055	285.00	285.00
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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>
2	1135	1135	270.00	270.00
2	1280	1280	230.00	230.00

SLAUGHTER CATTLE

COWS - Breaker 75-80% (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>
9	1617-1740	1642	176.00-178.00	176.41	Average
13	1500-1712	1633	175.00-184.00	178.55	Average Return to Feed
1	1605	1605	180.00	180.00	High
9	1515-1620	1553	186.00-191.00	188.15	High Return to Feed
8	1570-1815	1729	159.00-173.00	167.95	Low
5	1550-2010	1686	155.00-168.00	164.34	Low Return to Feed

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>
2	1480-1535	1508	153.00-163.00	157.91	Average
66	1230-1650	1426	176.00-185.00	180.19	Average Return to Feed
45	1200-1495	1365	186.00-192.00	188.85	High Return to Feed
33	1290-1600	1422	152.00-174.00	166.65	Low Return to Feed
1	1375	1375	117.50	117.50	Very Low

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>
1	1175	1175	162.50	162.50	Average
1	890	890	145.00	145.00	Average Light Weight
14	1002-1255	1155	174.00-183.00	179.27	Average Return to Feed
22	1120-1286	1222	185.00-195.00	188.72	High Return to Feed
4	1155-1285	1198	122.50-135.00	131.21	Low
3	808-980	865	130.00-135.00	133.11	Low Light Weight
31	870-1282	1118	150.00-170.00	163.06	Low Return to Feed
1	1045	1045	112.50	112.50	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	1720-2310	1922	215.00-222.00	219.11	Average
22	1328-1905	1660	211.00-217.00	212.74	Average Return to Feed
5	1805-2205	2024	225.00-237.00	233.21	High
1	2570	2570	226.00	226.00	High Heavy Weight



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1	1835	1835	233.00	233.00	High Return to Feed
1	1745	1745	185.00	185.00	Low
10	1250-1810	1478	184.00-209.00	204.98	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	52	837-1300	1017	230.00-345.00	302.49	
<2	O	2	1335-1425	1380	211.00-235.00	222.61	Fleshy
2-4	O	60	914-1510	1158	180.00-320.00	245.50	
2-4	O	1	1585	1585	176.00	176.00	Fleshy
2-8	O	8	1175-1560	1334	185.00-245.00	196.25	

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	7	865-1160	1024	225.00-310.00	259.15	
2-4	O	26	945-1162	1089	200.00-302.00	234.60	
2-4	O	1	1015	1015	190.00	190.00	Thin Fleshed

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	1140	1140	210.00	210.00

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	O	4	715-895	843	310.00-315.00	312.61
2-4	O	2	880	880	320.00	320.00

STOCK COWS - Medium 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>
2-4	O	5	888-910	892	255.00-265.00	262.96

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	T2-3	3	1148-1365	1220	3500.00-3850.00	3630.50	
2-4	T3	9	1217-1476	1390	4050.00-4300.00	4227.02	
>8	T3	2	1740	1740	3400.00	3400.00	Fleshy

BRED COWS - 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	T3	1	1320	1320	3850.00	3850.00



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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	T3	3	1298-1325	1307	3900.00-3950.00	3916.90

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.