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Livestock Weighted Average Report for 8/16/2026 - 8/22/2026

LIVESTOCK SUMMARY

	Current Week	Last Reported 8/10/2026	Last Year
Total Receipts:	1,461	1,034	1,856
Feeder Cattle:	828(56.7%)	313(30.3%)	1,202(64.8%)
Slaughter Cattle:	554(37.9%)	599(57.9%)	436(23.5%)
Replacement Cattle:	79(5.4%)	122(11.8%)	218(11.7%)

Compared to last week: Feeder steers were too lightly tested last week to develop any market trend. Feeder heifers were all too lightly tested to develop an accurate market trend, however unevenly steady undertones were noticed on heifers under 950 lbs and steady to lower undertones were noticed on all heifers over 950 lbs. Quality this week was mixed from plain to attractive. Cattle were offered in small packages with many singles noticed. Demand was mostly moderate to good, despite lower pressure on CME positions. Too few cattle were seen this week for buyers to build loads which affected demand at some sales. CME feeder cattle positions traded lower most of the week led by pressure from lower live cattle prices. Demand for cattle to go to Canada is very good with most offerings being purchased to send north to feed. Market activity was mostly moderate to active, despite a small buyer pool was noticed. Weigh up cows sold on mostly moderate to good demand for light to moderate offerings. Feeding cow demand remains very good. A large pool of buyers were in the market again this week. Canadian buyers remain in the market as they continue to buy cows to send north to feed. Cow quality was mostly plain to average this week. Many cows were coming off summer breeding pastures and many blemished cows were seen again this week. The selection of cows suitable to go to feed was very limited as a result. Feeding cows sold generally steady to 3.00 lower. Slaughter cows sold generally steady to 2.00 lower on breaking cows, boning and lean cows sold steady to weak on a poorer yielding offering. Packers continue to show good demand for cows for immediate harvest. Demand for lean cows remains very good as packers continue to search for lean grinding materials as cows come off summer pastures in mostly breaking and boning flesh. Slaughter bulls sold mostly 5.00 lower. Bulls were mostly average to below average for yield this week as bulls come off summer breeding pastures. Fewer bulls were purchased to feed this week as quality limited demand. Feeding bull quality this week was mostly plain to average. Feeding bulls sold mostly 5.00-7.00 lower. Demand for young age cows suitable to feed or rebreed was mostly light to moderate. Young age cows were too lightly tested to develop any market trend. Quality limited demand this week as very few attractive rebreed type cows were seen. Most young cows were fleshy and purchased by feeding buyers this week. Supply included: 57% Feeder Cattle (29% Steers, 57% Heifers, 3% Bulls, 4% Beef/Dairy Steers, 7% Beef/Dairy Heifers); 38% Slaughter Cattle (60% Cows, 33% Bulls, 6% Dairy Cows); 5% Replacement Cattle (69% Stock Cows, 9% Bred Cows, 6% Bred Heifers, 17% Cow-Calf Pairs). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 79%.

FEEDER CATTLE

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
2	288	288	560.00	560.00	Unweaned
4	348	348	530.00	530.00	Unweaned
5	367	367	517.50	517.50	Unweaned
11	424	424	495.00	495.00	Unweaned
7	460-494	484	455.00-457.50	456.82	
22	486-498	496	425.00-443.00	439.79	Unweaned
4	575	575	397.50	397.50	Unweaned
7	740	740	370.00	370.00	



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11	755-791	781	361.00-362.00	361.26	
4	834	834	350.00	350.00	
19	850-865	852	337.00-352.00	350.40	
6	875-894	888	330.00	330.00	Full
11	901-913	906	330.00-337.50	332.46	
4	950	950	319.00	319.00	Full
4	1015	1015	317.00	317.00	

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>	
4	990	990	304.00	304.00	
7	1035	1035	304.00	304.00	

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>	
6	453	453	370.00	370.00	Unweaned

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>	
4	776	776	340.00	340.00	
10	1064	1064	292.00	292.00	Full

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>	
7	570	570	392.00	392.00	
4	644	644	372.50	372.50	
24	655-680	669	370.00-392.50	380.10	Thin Fleshed

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>	
3	777	777	337.50	337.50	
6	837	837	324.00	324.00	
16	942	942	318.00	318.00	

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>	
3	230	230	570.00	570.00	Unweaned
5	387	387	457.50	457.50	Unweaned
4	441	441	417.50	417.50	Unweaned
12	456-478	462	385.00-420.00	410.94	Unweaned
2	508	508	395.00	395.00	Unweaned
3	612	612	331.00	331.00	Unweaned

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19	717-735	726	341.00-350.00	345.79	
12	790	790	336.00	336.00	
17	804-818	811	338.00-341.00	339.89	
38	853-899	889	316.00-333.00	321.23	
64	902-945	927	296.50-319.00	307.80	
2	920	920	309.00	309.00	Full
60	953-989	971	295.00-306.50	300.79	
34	1007-1041	1029	288.50-294.00	291.46	

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
3	308	308	500.00	500.00	Unweaned
3	423	423	410.00	410.00	Unweaned
24	714-739	723	330.00-341.00	339.31	
3	767	767	325.00	325.00	
2	815	815	302.50	302.50	
3	870-875	872	295.00-310.00	304.98	

HEIFERS - Large 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
5	1060-1085	1075	275.00-286.50	279.54	
2	1088	1088	281.00	281.00	Full

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
4	756	756	315.00	315.00	

HEIFERS - Medium 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
11	625	625	366.00	366.00	Thin Fleshed
4	695	695	356.00	356.00	Thin Fleshed

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
3	547	547	365.00	365.00	
12	594	594	340.00	340.00	
4	631	631	331.00	331.00	
3	698	698	310.00	310.00	

BEEF/DAIRY HEIFERS - Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
36	822	822	314.00	314.00	

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4	1013	1013	270.00	270.00
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BEEF/DAIRY HEIFERS - Large 2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
5	681	681	302.50	302.50

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
6	392	392	450.00	450.00	Unweaned
4	510	510	397.50	397.50	Unweaned
3	727	727	330.00	330.00	Unweaned

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
4	481	481	385.00	385.00	Unweaned

SLAUGHTER CATTLE

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
11	1465-1745	1610	163.00-168.00	165.79	Average
44	1500-1689	1598	165.00-171.00	166.58	Average Return to Feed
1	1480	1480	175.00	175.00	High
15	1475-1965	1695	153.00-162.50	159.70	Low
5	1563-1675	1596	160.00-162.00	161.29	Low Return to Feed

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
10	1260-1645	1472	152.00-163.00	159.86	Average
86	1310-1670	1426	165.00-177.00	169.81	Average Return to Feed
2	1320-1355	1338	168.00-169.00	168.49	High
5	1348-1370	1358	178.00-178.50	178.20	High Return to Feed
13	1305-1610	1414	135.00-155.00	146.58	Low
59	1275-1685	1419	149.00-164.00	160.86	Low Return to Feed
2	1385-1490	1438	130.00-135.00	132.59	Very Low

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
3	1130-1295	1197	155.00-163.00	158.60	Average
5	955-1160	1091	159.00-164.00	162.10	Average Return to Feed
3	1055-1180	1137	170.00-175.00	171.72	High Return to Feed
35	1050-1350	1183	115.00-150.00	134.19	Low
2	865-920	893	105.00-130.00	117.89	Low Light Weight



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4	910-1278	1154	142.50-151.00	149.32	Low Return to Feed
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DAIRY COWS - Boner 80-85% (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
30	1589-1656	1602	147.00-152.00	148.03	Low

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
2	1385	1385	124.00	124.00	Low

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
50	1545-2250	1931	194.00-216.00	201.00	Average
4	1420-1717	1643	193.50-209.00	196.85	Average Return to Feed
5	2271	2271	221.00	221.00	High
78	1215-2225	1776	171.00-196.00	187.77	Low
1	2555	2555	184.00	184.00	Low Heavy Weight
2	1120-1330	1225	165.00-185.00	175.86	Low Light Weight
6	1804-1880	1817	191.00-195.00	191.69	Low Natural
22	1225-1685	1550	172.50-198.00	188.92	Low Return to Feed

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	2	1085-1260	1173	200.00-272.50	233.54
2-4	O	24	1000-1298	1207	188.00-232.50	201.81
2-4	O	2	1245-1305	1275	176.00-182.00	179.07 Fleshy

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

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
<2	O	1	1130	1130	212.50	212.50
2-4	O	4	1125-1205	1164	172.50-193.00	183.10

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

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2-4	O	2	1100	1100	165.00	165.00

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

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
<2	O	1	1220	1220	225.00	225.00
2-4	O	1	1150	1150	210.00	210.00



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BRED 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>
>5	T1	3	1475	1475	163.50	163.50

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	2	1260	1260	3000.00	3000.00

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	3	717	717	2475.00	2475.00

COW-CALF PAIRS - Medium and Large 1-2 w/ 150-300 lbs calf (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	O	7	1376	1376	3425.00	3425.00
>5	O	2	1665	1665	3450.00	3450.00

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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.