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Livestock Weighted Average Report for 8/25/2026 - Final

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	This Week	Last Reported 8/18/2026	Last Year
Total Receipts:	705	394	463
Feeder Cattle:	266(37.7%)	224(56.9%)	272(58.7%)
Slaughter Cattle:	340(48.2%)	150(38.1%)	190(41.0%)
Replacement Cattle:	99(14.0%)	20(5.1%)	1(0.2%)

Compared to last sale (8-11-26): Feeder steers were all too lightly tested to develop any market trend. Feeder heifers were too lightly tested to develop an accurate market trend, however lower undertones were noticed. Quality this week was mostly average to attractive. Demand for feeders was mostly light. CME positions have fallen sharply since last sale and buyers adjusted prices to match lower expected break evens. CME positions were lower today as well which caused buyers to pause as they bid on offerings. Demand for light weight yearlings was stronger than demand for heavy weight yearlings as buyers attempt to back up marketing dates. Light weight yearlings were also in lighter flesh making these offerings more attractive to buyers. Market activity was slow to moderate with a small buyer pool noticed. Weigh up cows sold on light to moderate demand and offerings. Feeding cow demand was mostly light this week as buyers cite uncertainty for fed cow prices going into fall. Many private feeders worry of the impact additional meat imports will have on the fed cow market and adjusted sell prices reflected these uncertainties. Feeding cows sold mostly 10.00-15.00 lower. Cow quality was mostly average this week. Slaughter cows were too lightly tested to develop an accurate market trend, however lower undertones were noticed. Slaughter bulls sold mostly 15.00-20.00 lower. Demand for slaughter bulls was light. Feeding bull demand was very light and private buyers sidelined themselves and allowed packers to buy all bulls lower. Bull quality was mostly plain to average this week. Most bulls continue to come off pasture and range after breeding season. Yields continue to be mostly average to below average as a result. Weigh up conditions were mixed today with both full and empty cows and bulls noticed. Young age cows were too lightly tested to develop any market trend. A few sets of bred cows were seen this week. Demand for bred offerings was light to moderate. Very little premium was seen for bred cows this sale as buyers weight the economics of feeding and maintaining cows from now until spring calving. Supply included: 38% Feeder Cattle (5% Steers, 95% Heifers); 48% Slaughter Cattle (85% Cows, 15% Bulls); 14% Replacement Cattle (2% Stock Cows, 35% Bred Cows, 63% Bred Heifers). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 95%.

FEEDER CATTLE**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>	
7	1200-1240	1211	226.00-229.00	226.88	Full

STEERS - 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>
3	1185	1185	216.00	216.00

STEERS - 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>
2	673	673	335.00	335.00

HEIFERS - Medium and Large 1 (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>	
4	500	500	382.50	382.50	Unweaned
53	742-746	743	322.00-329.00	326.48	
6	760	760	316.00	316.00	
84	823-840	828	304.00-313.25	310.57	
26	860-899	877	299.00-302.00	300.58	
21	926	926	293.50	293.50	
10	960	960	288.00	288.00	

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>	
2	748	748	320.00	320.00	
2	770	770	309.00	309.00	
3	883-895	887	296.00-300.00	297.35	

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>	
7	599	599	343.00	343.00	
9	668-699	692	325.00-330.00	328.93	

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>
13	1582-1638	1606	156.50-160.00	158.53	Average 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>
3	1340-1655	1477	145.00-153.00	147.99	Average
145	1297-1485	1341	161.00-167.00	165.04	Average Return to Feed
6	1335-1540	1429	120.00-137.50	130.35	Low
45	1324-1463	1352	152.00-156.50	155.36	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>
54	1175-1194	1194	164.00-165.00	164.02	Average Return to Feed
8	1090-1290	1186	121.00-127.50	124.78	Low
1	915	915	105.00	105.00	Low Light Weight
8	965-1265	1150	130.00-155.00	146.37	Low Return to Feed
2	1155-1260	1208	105.00-110.00	107.39	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>
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19	1675-2320	1912	182.00-195.00	184.53	Average
4	1800-2220	2016	184.00-195.00	188.51	Average Natural
2	1255-1360	1308	178.00-187.50	182.56	Average Return to Feed
22	1335-2160	1745	164.00-180.50	174.94	Low
1	1655	1655	177.50	177.50	Low Natural
3	1205-1320	1263	162.50-170.00	166.86	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	1	1140	1140	230.00	230.00

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	O	1	1305	1305	197.00	197.00

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	T1	28	1395	1395	2500.00	2500.00	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>	
>8	T1	4	1306	1306	2350.00	2350.00	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	7	750	750	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	50	711-784	752	2450.00-2850.00	2766.73

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.



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