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Livestock Weighted Average Report for 8/23/2026 - 8/29/2026

LIVESTOCK SUMMARY

	Current Week	Last Reported 8/17/2026	Last Year
Total Receipts:	1,783	1,461	7,297
Feeder Cattle:	921(51.7%)	828(56.7%)	1,155(15.8%)
Slaughter Cattle:	689(38.6%)	554(37.9%)	911(12.5%)
Replacement Cattle:	173(9.7%)	79(5.4%)	99(1.4%)
Feeder Sheep/Lambs:	0(0.0%)	0(0.0%)	3,578(49.0%)
Slaughter Sheep/Lambs:	0(0.0%)	0(0.0%)	915(12.5%)
Replacement Sheep/Lambs:	0(0.0%)	0(0.0%)	15(0.2%)
Feeder Goats:	0(0.0%)	0(0.0%)	131(1.8%)
Slaughter Goats:	0(0.0%)	0(0.0%)	493(6.8%)

Compared to last week: Feeder steers were too lightly tested last week to develop any market trend. Feeder heifers under 800 lbs sold unevenly steady, heifers over 800 lbs sold mostly 3.00-5.00 lower. Quality this week was mixed from plain to attractive. Cattle were offered in small to moderate size packages. Many singles and packages of less than 5 were seen as well. Demand was mostly moderate to good, despite lower pressure seen on CME positions over the last few week. CME positions did improve some early in the week which helped improve demand for feeders at auction later in the week. Cooperate packer buyers were back in the market this week and showed good demand for cattle off grass and in light flesh. Market activity was mostly moderate to active. A larger buyer pool was noticed this week as more private and cooperate feeders reenter the market. Weigh up cows sold on mostly moderate to good demand for light to moderate offerings. Feeding cow demand remains very good. A larger pool of buyers were in the market 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 continue to be seen this week. The selection of cows suitable to go to feed was very limited again this week. Feeding cows sold mostly 4.00-8.00 lower. Many feeders show concern for demand for fed cows going into fall and spring. Many private feeders worry of the impact additional meat imports will have on the fed cow market and adjusted sell prices reflected these uncertainties. Slaughter cows sold generally 8.00-10.00 lower on all offerings. Slaughter bulls sold mostly 5.00-7.00 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 10.00-12.00 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 again this week. Supply included: 52% Feeder Cattle (17% Steers, 77% Heifers, 7% Bulls); 39% Slaughter Cattle (75% Cows, 25% Bulls, 0% Dairy Cows); 10% Replacement Cattle (11% Stock Cows, 43% Bred Cows, 40% Bred Heifers, 6% Cow-Calf Pairs). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 89%.

FEEDER CATTLE

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
14	563	563	410.00	410.00	Unweaned
5	606	606	386.00	386.00	Unweaned
9	658	658	391.00	391.00	
5	684	684	358.00	358.00	Unweaned



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66	762-778	769	366.00-375.00	371.27
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STEERS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
5	469-470	469	417.50-455.00	425.01	Unweaned
5	507	507	412.00	412.00	
1	680	680	372.50	372.50	

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
2	208	208	560.00	560.00	Unweaned
1	400	400	440.00	440.00	Unweaned
3	870	870	323.00	323.00	

STEERS - Large 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
7	1200-1240	1211	226.00-229.00	226.88	Full

STEERS - Large 2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
3	1185	1185	216.00	216.00	

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
2	673	673	335.00	335.00	

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
3	378	378	420.00	420.00	Unweaned
6	500-545	515	350.00-382.50	371.04	Unweaned
3	670	670	330.00	330.00	Unweaned
100	726-746	735	322.00-355.00	339.72	
19	760-794	779	316.00-342.00	333.45	
88	814-840	827	304.00-341.00	311.93	
73	859-899	870	299.00-330.50	315.91	
3	897	897	307.00	307.00	Full
62	926-941	934	293.50-313.00	301.08	
3	940	940	298.00	298.00	Full
121	952-996	972	288.00-309.00	297.46	
24	1016-1027	1020	289.00-291.00	290.58	
6	1015-1035	1022	274.00-286.00	281.95	Full

HEIFERS - 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>	
2	248	248	480.00	480.00	Unweaned
4	344	344	421.00	421.00	Unweaned
3	415	415	385.00	385.00	Unweaned
4	538	538	342.50	342.50	Unweaned
2	748	748	320.00	320.00	
2	770	770	309.00	309.00	
14	827-846	841	305.00-328.00	320.89	
8	883-895	887	296.00-300.00	297.13	
4	954	954	280.50	280.50	

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>
3	685	685	325.00	325.00

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>
17	1061	1061	275.00	275.00

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

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	622	622	337.50	337.50

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	250	250	680.00	680.00	Unweaned
3	437	437	475.00	475.00	Unweaned
3	523	523	380.00	380.00	Unweaned
2	678	678	370.00	370.00	
13	778-799	792	345.00-347.00	346.08	
5	809	809	348.00	348.00	

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	326	326	485.00	485.00	Unweaned
2	350	350	460.00	460.00	Unweaned
2	428	428	420.00	420.00	Unweaned
3	478	478	410.00	410.00	



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7	537	537	390.00	390.00
1	930	930	302.00	302.00
1	990	990	275.00	275.00

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	1125	1125	233.00	233.00

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>
3	1243	1243	205.00	205.00

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>
2	1725	1725	153.50	153.50	Average
22	1535-1638	1583	156.50-167.00	161.21	Average Return to Feed
6	1640-1920	1710	142.00-152.50	148.51	Low
19	1505-1733	1629	147.00-158.00	152.22	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>
6	1340-1705	1537	143.00-153.00	147.42	Average
195	1295-1557	1364	161.00-172.00	165.81	Average Return to Feed
8	1335-1540	1411	120.00-137.50	131.47	Low
81	1308-1610	1386	142.00-162.50	155.26	Low Return to Feed
1	1495	1495	1383.00	1383.00	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>
2	930	930	150.00	150.00	Average Light Weight
56	1175-1275	1197	159.00-165.00	163.83	Average Return to Feed
1	1260	1260	162.00	162.00	High
1	1225	1225	172.00	172.00	High Return to Feed
27	950-1500	1204	115.00-141.00	127.57	Low
6	825-998	946	105.00-137.50	120.67	Low Light Weight
19	965-1299	1211	130.00-157.00	149.18	Low Return to Feed
7	117-1260	695	105.00-110.00	107.53	Very Low
1	810	810	97.50	97.50	Very Low Light Weight

DAIRY 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>
1	1420	1420	119.00	119.00	Low



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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>
61	1585-2410	1975	182.00-208.00	193.46	Average
1	1200	1200	179.00	179.00	Average Light Weight
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
2	2010-2150	2080	214.00-215.00	214.48	High
65	1335-2425	1816	164.00-189.00	180.68	Low
1	2630	2630	182.00	182.00	Low Heavy Weight
2	1240-1460	1350	170.00-177.50	173.44	Low Light Weight
1	1655	1655	177.50	177.50	Low Natural
16	1205-1730	1558	162.50-188.00	178.98	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	6	1000-1385	1208	202.50-277.50	227.60	
2-4	O	1	1310	1310	175.00	175.00	Fleshy

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	6	962-1110	1033	200.00-250.00	226.19	
<2	O	2	1263	1263	201.00	201.00	Fleshy

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>	
2-4	T1	12	1040-1370	1205	2900.00-3325.00	3076.40	
2-8	T1	9	1477	1477	2950.00	2950.00	
5-8	T1	1	1435	1435	2800.00	2800.00	
5-8	T2	2	1548	1548	2625.00	2625.00	
>5	T1	4	1506	1506	2500.00	2500.00	
>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>	
2-4	T1	1	980	980	2750.00	2750.00	
>8	T1	4	1306	1306	2350.00	2350.00	Broken Mouth



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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	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

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>
>5	O	3	1807	1807	3500.00	3500.00
>8	O	5	1636	1636	3000.00	3000.00

Broken Mouth

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.