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Livestock Weighted Average Report for 9/4/2025 - Final

AUCTION

	This Week	Last Reported 8/28/2025	Last Year
Total Receipts:	1,629	1,702	1,760
Feeder Cattle:	1,337(82.1%)	883(51.9%)	1,303(74.0%)
Slaughter Cattle:	270(16.6%)	721(42.4%)	353(20.1%)
Replacement Cattle:	22(1.4%)	98(5.8%)	104(5.9%)

Compared to last sale: Feeder steers were all too lightly tested last sale to develop an accurate market trend, however higher undertones were noticed. Yearling heifers over 950 lbs sold mostly steady to 5.00 higher. Heifers under 950 lbs were too lightly tested last week to develop a full market trend, however steady to weak undertones were noticed on a much lighter offering. Too few light weight yearling heifers sold today for buyers to build loads which hindered demand. Demand was mostly very good for steers while heifer demand was mostly good. Quality this week was mostly average to attractive. A few calves are starting to come to market and demand for limited offerings was very good. Too few calves were seen to develop an accurate market trend, however higher undertones were noticed. Demand for cutting bulls remains very good. Cutting bull quality today was mostly plain to average. Many blemished yearlings continue to come to market and even blemished offerings sold with moderate to good demand. Market activity was active with rapid, aggressive bidding noticed both ringside and over the internet. Weigh up cows sold on good to very good demand for light offerings. Slaughter cows sold on mostly moderate demand. Very few cows were purchased for immediate slaughter this week. Only very blemished cows were purchased for slaughter this week as feeding demand continues to keep cow prices over slaughter cow orders. Slaughter cows were too lightly tested to develop any market trend. Feeding cow demand remains very good this sale with most offerings being purchased to feed. Feeding cows sold mostly steady to 3.00 higher in a narrow comparison. Weigh up conditions were mostly average to below average this week with most offerings pushing heavy amounts of fill due to the change of weather. Cow quality was mostly average this sale. Slaughter bulls sold on mostly good demand for moderate offerings. Slaughter bulls sold generally steady. Several packages of thin fleshed bulls continue to be purchased to feed. Feeding bulls sold generally steady. Young age cows suitable to feed or rebreed sold on mostly moderate to good demand. Quality this week was mostly average. Too few offerings were seen to develop any market trend. Supply included: 82% Feeder Cattle (52% Steers, 43% Heifers, 5% Bulls, 0% Beef/Dairy Heifers); 17% Slaughter Cattle (54% Cows, 46% Bulls); 1% Replacement Cattle (63% Stock Cows, 38% Bred Cows). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 84%.

FEEDER CATTLE

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
2	240	240	605.00	605.00	Unweaned
1	310	310	555.00	555.00	Unweaned
20	435-445	442	505.00-525.00	514.96	Unweaned
7	458	458	517.50	517.50	Unweaned
34	500-531	519	470.00-502.50	482.66	Unweaned
7	563-598	577	400.00-427.50	410.93	Unweaned
11	610-615	612	400.00-412.50	403.60	Unweaned
55	650-697	657	414.00-437.50	417.12	
9	678	678	370.00	370.00	Unweaned
29	725-736	728	406.00-415.00	407.91	

11	755-767	759	388.00-398.00	390.90	
61	800-849	824	355.00-383.50	372.58	
96	850-890	866	351.00-367.00	361.13	
5	912	912	348.00	348.00	
15	959-978	962	331.00-332.00	331.86	
18	1010-1031	1026	319.00-326.00	322.33	
4	1000-1045	1034	310.00-313.00	312.27	Fleshy

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
2	403	403	512.50	512.50	
3	665	665	406.00	406.00	
9	733	733	386.00	386.00	
12	760-794	777	347.00-359.00	357.25	
7	824-825	824	352.50-359.00	355.29	
14	850-893	859	333.00-349.00	343.50	
10	905-945	918	329.00-338.00	332.06	
10	998-999	999	314.00-325.00	316.20	
3	992	992	319.00	319.00	Full
1	1030	1030	307.00	307.00	

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
6	535	535	415.00	415.00
3	843	843	322.50	322.50
5	901	901	302.00	302.00

STEERS - Large 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
16	1054-1085	1056	312.00-320.00	319.49	
4	1199	1199	273.50	273.50	Fleshy
10	1152	1152	291.00	291.00	Full
6	1453	1453	220.00	220.00	Fleshy

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
4	436	436	495.00	495.00	Unweaned
2	1360-1395	1378	229.00-232.50	230.77	

STEERS - Medium 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	633	633	416.00	416.00

4	656	656	365.00	365.00
7	764	764	351.00	351.00

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
9	586	586	395.00	395.00
1	620	620	385.00	385.00
14	652-665	654	345.00-370.00	366.37

STEERS - Medium 2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
7	569	569	360.00	360.00

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
2	265	265	510.00	510.00	Unweaned
1	440	440	430.00	430.00	Unweaned
10	454-478	466	400.00-425.00	414.04	Unweaned
10	513-538	519	395.00-410.00	398.61	Unweaned
3	560-565	563	350.00-360.00	356.69	Unweaned
5	645	645	332.50	332.50	Unweaned
16	651-685	661	333.00-357.00	345.18	Unweaned
23	735-749	739	367.00-380.00	369.90	
6	760	760	347.50	347.50	
13	810-837	834	329.00-336.00	332.30	
13	877	877	311.00	311.00	Fleshy
40	903-908	906	322.00-327.00	325.38	
52	951-988	961	314.00-323.00	320.47	
1	990	990	291.00	291.00	Full
58	1004-1027	1008	299.00-322.00	313.82	
5	1038	1038	275.00	275.00	Fleshy
12	1050	1050	308.00	308.00	

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
9	377-398	389	400.00-435.00	422.69	Unweaned
1	485	485	380.00	380.00	Unweaned
8	708	708	345.00	345.00	
2	753	753	320.00	320.00	
6	891	891	300.00	300.00	
12	925-945	927	295.00-302.00	295.59	
3	965	965	315.00	315.00	

HEIFERS - Large 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
18	963-978	966	298.00	298.00	
22	1050-1092	1090	291.00-297.50	297.22	
3	1115-1118	1117	290.00-291.00	290.33	
10	1116	1116	271.00	271.00	Fleshy
3	1245	1245	244.00	244.00	Fleshy

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
6	1175	1175	274.50	274.50	Fleshy

HEIFERS - Medium 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
17	778	778	328.00	328.00
4	905	905	305.00	305.00

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
68	605-615	605	347.50-361.00	360.80
5	689	689	345.00	345.00

HEIFERS - Medium 2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
1	350	350	385.00	385.00	Unweaned

BEEF/DAIRY HEIFERS - Large 2-3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
3	720	720	235.00	235.00

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
1	475	475	432.50	432.50	Unweaned
5	549	549	415.00	415.00	Unweaned
28	591	591	400.00	400.00	Unweaned
2	743	743	360.00	360.00	
4	820-823	822	341.00-352.50	349.63	
5	971	971	302.00	302.00	

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price

5	831	831	323.00	323.00

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	1153	1153	274.00	274.00

SLAUGHTER CATTLE

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing	
3	1460-1825	1693	163.00-169.00	165.08	Average	
25	1484-1810	1602	158.00-169.00	168.02	Average	Return to Feed
1	1305	1305	180.00	180.00	High	Non-Traditional
2	1570-1615	1593	141.00-153.00	147.08	Low	
7	1630-1700	1670	148.00-161.50	155.85	Low	Return to Feed

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing	
3	1505	1505	160.00	160.00	Average	
21	1315-1665	1496	157.00-170.00	165.23	Average	Return to Feed
8	1235-1545	1401	170.00-175.00	172.34	High	Return to Feed
4	1385-1765	1506	132.50-145.00	140.14	Low	
13	1245-1590	1420	148.00-158.00	153.42	Low	Return to Feed

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing	
1	1240	1240	146.00	146.00	Average	
3	1110-1255	1168	156.00-157.00	156.67	Average	Return to Feed
17	825-1280	1180	122.50-143.00	130.56	Low	
3	900-995	963	120.00-137.50	127.17	Low	Light Weight
2	1233	1233	142.00	142.00	Low	Return to Feed
1	645	645	110.00	110.00	Very Low	Light Weight

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing	
31	1550-2475	1971	187.00-200.00	192.36	Average	
14	1330-1785	1590	169.00-192.00	187.73	Average	Return to Feed
7	1935-2280	2077	201.00-216.00	206.63	High	
17	1050-2033	1711	173.00-280.00	185.67	Low	
2	1225-1290	1258	163.00-177.00	169.82	Low	Non-Traditional
25	1368-1865	1576	172.50-187.00	180.92	Low	Return to Feed

BULLS - 2-3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

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Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
2	1810-1935	1873	189.00-193.00	190.93	Average

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	3	820-1415	1117	204.00-250.00	228.57
2-4	O	5	1328	1328	179.00-182.00	180.80
2-8	O	1	1240	1240	168.00	168.00

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	1255	1255	182.00	182.00

BRED COWS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Unit / Actual Wt)

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
>5	T1	2	1345	1345	2450.00	2450.00	
>8	T1	4	1125-1470	1253	2000.00-2200.00	2103.57	Thin Fleshed

Please Note:
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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.