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Livestock Weighted Average Report for 4/23/2025 - Final

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	This Week	Last Reported 4/16/2025	Last Year
Total Receipts:	1,552	5,840	1,661
Feeder Cattle:	829(53.4%)	5,620(96.2%)	1,004(60.4%)
Slaughter Cattle:	431(27.8%)	158(2.7%)	332(20.0%)
Replacement Cattle:	292(18.8%)	62(1.1%)	325(19.6%)

Compared to last week: Feeder cattle were too lightly tested today to develop an accurate market trend, however steady to higher undertones were noticed on like quality feeders. Quality was mostly plain to average today with a few consignments of attractive cattle noticed. Demand for all feeders was good to very good despite a lower quality offering compared to last weeks feeder special. Feeders were mostly offered in small groups or as singles. Demand for feeder cattle suitable to go to grass was very good, with active buyer participation seen on all cattle light or green enough to make into yearlings. Demand from packer buyers was very good as well, as they pushed to buy attractive, replacement quality heifers away from replacement buyers. Market activity was mostly active with good participation seen from a large buyer pool despite a light to moderate offering of feeders. Bidders were noticed both ringside and over the internet this sale. Weigh up cows comprised a large portion of todays sale. All weigh up cows sold on good to very good demand for light to moderate offerings. Regional packers and major packers continue to show very good demand for cows. Regional packers purchased cows to slaughter and major packers mostly purchased cows to feed. Slaughter cows sold with higher undertones on all classes in a narrow comparison. The best demand for slaughter cows was for fleshy breaking or large framed boning cows. Demand for feeding cows was the main driver of the market again this week with a large crowd of private feeding cow buyers on hand actively bidding on offerings. Feeding cows sold mostly 3.00-6.00 higher on boning and breaking flesh cows, thin fleshed lean feeding cows sold 5.00-10.00 higher in a narrow comparison. Thin feeding cows saw the largest uptick in price as these cows offered buyers the most compensatory gain. Feeding cow buyers showed good demand for cow with some youth as they purchased cows away from rebreed buyers. Canadian buyers continue to be a large part of the feeding cow market. Demand for cows to ship north was very good. Cow quality was mixed today from plain to very attractive. Weigh up conditions were mixed. The quality of cows going to feed continues to vary greatly from buyer to buyer as several buyers were willing to take cows which were lame or slightly blemished and put them on feed or run them on pasture until cow supplies tighten later in the spring and early summer. Slaughter bulls sold mostly steady to 5.00 higher. Bull quality this week was average to attractive. A portion of the bulls were purchased to feed again this week as buyers purchased light weight, thin fleshed bulls, mostly under 1800 lbs for this purpose. Young age cows suitable to feed or rebreed sold mostly steady to firm on like quality offerings. Quality this week was average to attractive. Demand from rebreed and receipt buyers remains very good. Demand from feeding buyers was stronger this sale as several sets of young heifers which never bred sold on good demand. Most light weight two year old heifers which never calved were purchased to feed and blend onto loads. Supply included: 53% Feeder Cattle (33% Steers, 62% Heifers, 5% Bulls); 28% Slaughter Cattle (86% Cows, 12% Bulls, 2% Dairy Cows); 19% Replacement Cattle (78% Stock Cows, 22% Bred Cows). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 72%.

#### FEEDER CATTLE

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
7	274	274	495.00	495.00	Unweaned
4	474	474	415.00	415.00	
10	514-545	517	387.50-400.00	388.82	
44	556-599	587	361.00-388.00	368.21	
1	605	605	342.00	342.00	

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4	663	663	320.00	320.00	
16	812	812	285.00	285.00	
7	849	849	279.00	279.00	Fleshy
14	864	864	283.00	283.00	
3	1033	1033	250.00	250.00	

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
4	245	245	390.00	390.00	Unweaned
1	260	260	470.00	470.00	
2	328	328	460.00	460.00	
6	381	381	445.00	445.00	
7	409-425	416	395.00-410.00	403.43	
6	455-484	474	352.50-380.00	361.29	
2	548	548	355.00	355.00	
9	569-581	574	335.00-350.00	338.45	
4	628-640	631	327.50-330.00	329.37	
12	707-713	709	282.00-299.00	286.28	

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Price Range	Avg Price	
3	447	447	330.00	330.00	
3	587	587	325.00	325.00	
3	635	635	314.00	314.00	
2	733	733	272.00	272.00	Fleshy
2	783	783	278.00	278.00	
6	773	773	254.00	254.00	Fleshy
2	833	833	276.00	276.00	

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Price Range	Avg Price
2	813	813	265.00	265.00

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	Avg Price
5	701	701	280.00	280.00
11	773	773	289.00	289.00

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Price Range	Avg Price	
2	563	563	285.00	285.00	
3	683	683	235.00	235.00	Fleshy

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<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Price Range	Avg Price	
8	450-484	476	372.50-377.50	373.68	
8	525-526	526	349.00-352.50	351.19	
15	579	579	339.00	339.00	
21	624-645	629	309.00-322.00	319.63	
22	673-684	675	303.00-304.00	303.82	
17	691	691	288.00	288.00	Fleshy
92	711-734	723	304.00-305.00	304.46	Replacement
5	784	784	281.00	281.00	

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

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<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	395	395	417.50	417.50
16	450-490	474	340.00-360.00	354.44
3	505	505	340.00	340.00
10	673-695	677	275.00-293.00	289.31
6	780	780	259.00	259.00
14	897	897	248.00	248.00

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Price Range	Avg Price
8	693	693	264.00	264.00

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Price Range	Avg Price
5	698	698	285.00	285.00
21	796	796	276.00	276.00

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Price Range	Avg Price
3	515	515	290.00	290.00

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Price Range	Avg Price
3	478	478	375.00	375.00

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



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Head	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Price Range	Avg Price
2	75	75	800.00	800.00
BULLS - N	Medium and Lar	ge 1-2 (Per Cv	vt / Actual Wt)	
<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
4	653-658	656	272.50-282.00	277.27
7	716-730	720	265.00-280.00	269.35
5	821	821	246.00	246.00
4	1045	1045	217.00	217.00
BULLS - N	edium and Lar	ge 2 (Per Cwt	/ Actual Wt)	
<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	530	530	330.00	330.00
BULLS - La	arge 1 (Per Cwt	/ Actual Wt)		
<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	1205	1205	202.00	202.00
BULLS - La	arge 1-2 (Per Cv	vt / Actual Wt	:)	
<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	1055	1055	215.00	215.00
1	1145	1145	185.00	185.00
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## SLAUGHTER CATTLE

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	<u>Dressing</u>
36	1530-1850	1662	154.00-163.50	160.36	Average
11	1528-1880	1635	159.50-164.00	162.49	Average Return to Feed
11	1661-1853	1715	164.00-168.00	164.54	High
1	1715	1715	144.00	144.00	Low

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

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	<b>Dressing</b>	Avg Price	Price Range	Avg Wt	Wt Range	<u>Head</u>
	Average	156.00	149.00-159.50	1451	1276-1710	18
Return to Feed	Average	160.01	151.00-165.00	1429	1265-1735	63
	High	165.10	160.00-170.00	1509	1340-1635	12
Return to Feed	High	168.11	165.00-170.00	1433	1265-1805	61
	Low	140.35	129.00-146.00	1507	1330-1675	13
Return to Feed	Low	142.72	136.00-149.00	1402	1300-1468	7

## 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>

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3	1093-1140	1109	150.00-151.00	150.34	Average
42	925-1298	1164	153.00-165.00	159.83	Average Return to Feed
4	1165-1253	1229	160.00-162.00	161.02	High
18	1015-1280	1193	166.00-170.50	168.12	High Return to Feed
13	1035-1320	1165	110.00-129.00	118.43	Low
11	945-1290	1087	130.00-145.00	138.63	Low Return to Feed
2	940	940	92.50-107.50	100.00	Very Low Light Weight

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Price Range	Avg Price	<u>Dressing</u>
6	1853	1853	145.50	145.50	Average

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

<b>Dressing</b>	Avg Price	Price Range	Avg Wt	Wt Range	<u>Head</u>
Average	127.50	127.50	1590	1590	1
Low	118.00	118.00	1290	1290	1

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	<u>Dressing</u>
16	1595-2187	1937	170.00-185.50	177.88	Average
6	1240-1665	1523	172.00-175.00	173.16	Average Return to Feed
6	1938-2320	2103	187.00-193.00	189.41	High
10	1395-1755	1613	157.00-169.00	163.81	Low
6	1255-1820	1571	157.50-167.50	164.36	Low Return to Feed

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Price Range	Avg Price	<u>Dressing</u>
1	3040	3040	180.00	180.00	High Heavy Weight

## 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	0	122	718-1258	1039	198.00-266.00	229.16
2-4	Ο	42	870-1390	1180	168.00-225.00	188.41

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

<u>Age</u>	<u>Stage</u>	<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	Avg Price
<2	0	32	825-1205	971	171.00-236.00	213.31
2-4	O	11	830-1245	987	157.50-217.50	192.41

## STOCK COWS - Medium 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

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<2	0	13	730-800	784	225.00-242.50	233.84
2-4	Ο	2	998	998	150.00	150.00

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

<u>Age</u>	<u>Stage</u>	<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
2-4	T1-2	12	1077	1077	2400.00	2400.00	Non-Legible Bangs
2-4	T2	2	1278	1278	2500.00	2500.00	
2-4	T2-3	1	1245	1245	3100.00	3100.00	
2-4	T3	17	1090-1435	1294	3150.00-3675.00	3629.40	
5-8	T2	8	1500	1500	2525.00	2525.00	
>5	T2	8	1401	1401	2300.00	2300.00	
>5	T3	5	1480-1650	1548	2900.00-3000.00	2957.36	
>8	T2	5	1272	1272	2375.00	2375.00	Broken Mouth

## BRED COWS - Large 1 (Per Unit / Actual Wt)

<u>Age</u>	<u>Stage</u>	<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
>5	T3	3	1813	1813	2875.00	2875.00

#### 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.