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Livestock Weighted Average Report for 5/14/2025 - Final

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	This Week	Last Reported 5/7/2025	Last Year
Total Receipts:	1,918	1,140	1,953
Feeder Cattle:	1,778(92.7%)	58(5.1%)	1,673(85.7%)
Slaughter Cattle:	110(5.7%)	321(28.2%)	222(11.4%)
Replacement Cattle:	30(1.6%)	761(66.8%)	58(3.0%)

Compared to last week: Feeder cattle were scarcely tested last week as that sale featured bred cows, pairs and weigh up cattle thus no trend can be made. Demand was mostly good to very good for light to moderate offerings. Quality today was mixed from plain to very attractive. Demand was very good for all cattle suitable to go to grass. Demand for heifers was good to very good as order buyers buying for packers and order buyers buying for private feeders both bid aggressively over high quality offerings. No heifers were purchased for replacements this week as demand for heifers to feed was too strong. Many sets of cattle were out of backgrounding lots, however flesh conditions were mostly light to moderate as most cattle were developed specifically for grass. Many cutback cattle were seen today as producers clean out lots. Many sets of unreportable cattle were seen as they had some sort of blemish. Even slightly blemished cattle sold on moderate to good demand as buyers showed good demand for cattle to fill feedlots. Market activity was mostly active today with a good crowd on hand of order buyers, ranchers, and internet bidders actively bidding on offerings. Weigh up cows sold on moderate to good demand for light offerings. Packers showed moderate demand for slaughter cows this week. Slaughter cows were too lightly tested to develop an accurate market trend, however firm undertones were noticed, with a larger pool of slaughter buyers noticed this week. Demand for feeding cows remains good. Feeding cows sold steady to firm as packers and private feeders both showed good demand for cows to feed. Cow quality was mostly average today with a limited offering of attractive cows noticed. Weigh up conditions were mostly average today. Slaughter bulls sold mostly steady in a narrow comparison. Bull quality this week was average to attractive. Young age cows suitable to feed or rebreed were too lightly tested today to develop any market trend. Good demand was seen for limited offerings. Quality this week was mostly average. Supply included: 93% Feeder Cattle (58% Steers, 41% Heifers, 1% Bulls); 6% Slaughter Cattle (77% Cows, 22% Bulls, 1% Dairy Cows); 2% Replacement Cattle (87% Stock Cows, 13% Bred Cows). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 85%.

FEEDER CATTLE

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Price Range	Avg Price	
6	538	538	428.00	428.00	
40	552-578	559	392.00-406.00	395.62	
72	600-648	638	360.00-383.00	365.44	
166	665-694	684	334.00-357.50	336.85	
16	705-729	724	324.00-332.00	326.07	
156	752-799	783	312.50-329.00	318.86	
47	805-832	830	307.00-310.00	307.25	
5	861	861	275.00	275.00	Fleshy
47	905-924	918	280.00-292.00	286.36	
2	953	953	273.00	273.00	
17	991	991	261.00	261.00	Fleshy
10	992	992	264.00	264.00	Full

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STEERS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)						
<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price		
3	358	358	445.00	445.00		
6	470-480	477	407.50-412.50	409.14		
12	540	540	391.00	391.00		
42	648	648	355.00	355.00		
23	668-699	684	323.00-329.00	326.41		
46	700-745	721	302.00-320.00	314.31		

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
6	273	273	445.00	445.00
1	495	495	390.00	390.00
16	550-586	571	300.00-335.00	317.31
23	735-747	740	270.00-277.50	272.96

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STEERS - Large 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Price Range	Avg Price
4	620	620	346.00	346.00
26	701-705	704	298.00-323.00	301.83
2	783	783	291.00	291.00
14	850	850	287.00	287.00

STEERS - Medium 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Price Range	Avg Price
6	377	377	425.00	425.00

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	Avg Price
5	426	426	355.00	355.00

STEERS - Medium 2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Price Range	Avg Price
17	636	636	257.00	257.00

STEERS - Small 2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Price Range	Avg Price
8	325	325	200.00	200.00

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4	364	364	190.00	190.00
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HEIFERS - Medium and Large 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
9	483	483	370.00	370.00	
12	515	515	360.00-370.00	369.17	
13	576-589	580	330.00-334.00	332.75	
7	611	611	324.00	324.00	
181	652-698	690	305.00-322.50	311.22	
42	700-734	721	290.00-309.00	299.44	
30	752-791	783	299.00-304.00	299.96	Fancy
24	775	775	272.50	272.50	Fleshy
39	802-836	809	280.00-284.00	283.15	
4	804	804	261.00	261.00	Full
19	860-878	877	260.00-266.00	265.16	
23	900-906	903	258.00-259.00	258.43	
21	956	956	255.00	255.00	

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Price Range	Avg Price	
16	470-495	488	325.00-332.50	331.87	
11	518-519	519	330.00-337.50	336.14	
6	555-586	576	320.00	320.00	
34	613-641	639	302.50-323.50	322.32	
3	660-695	683	297.50-305.00	299.91	
5	733-735	734	275.00-287.00	279.81	
14	778	778	272.00	272.00	
4	815	815	252.50-269.00	260.75	
5	815	815	258.00	258.00	Spayed

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

	Avg Price	Price Range	Avg Wt	Wt Range	<u>Head</u>
	340.00	340.00	447	447	3
	300.89	295.00-302.00	526	523-543	13
	305.00	305.00	581	581	4
	271.00	271.00	641	641	6
Spayed	275.00	275.00	685	685	12
	271.00	271.00	738	738	2
Fleshy	243.00	243.00	774	774	4

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>



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7	655	655	291.00	291.00
17	806	806	266.00	266.00
2	893	893	242.00	242.00

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

<u>Head</u>	<u>Wt Range</u>	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	Avg Price	
7	640	640	285.00	285.00	Spayed

HEIFERS - Medium 2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

<u>Head</u>	<u>Wt Range</u>	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Avg Price</u>
9	512	512	280.00	280.00
4	587	587	280.00	280.00

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Price Range	Avg Price
1	600	600	357 50	357.50

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Price Range	Avg Price
11	608	608	312.50	312.50

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	1290	1290	180.00	180.00

SLAUGHTER CATTLE

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	Avg Price	<u>Dressing</u>
1	1645	1645	139.50	139.50	Low
1	1585	1585	142.00	142.00	Low Return to Feed

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

	Dressing	Avg Price	Price Range	Avg Wt	Wt Range	<u>Head</u>
	Average	148.00	148.00	1355	1355	1
Return to Feed	Average	155.74	150.00-159.00	1329	1277-1383	24
	High	161.00	161.00	1470	1470	1
Return to Feed	High	162.89	160.00-167.00	1409	1285-1670	7
Return to Feed	Low	146.93	143.00-149.00	1413	1390-1460	3

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Price Range	Avg Price	<u>Dressing</u>
1	845	845	142.50	142.50	Average Light Weight

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8	1100-1255	1150	147.00-158.50	150.93	Average Return to Feed
3	1170-1258	1229	159.00-164.00	160.59	High Return to Feed
9	1010-1275	1143	115.00-128.00	121.80	Low
4	788-980	837	112.00-120.00	116.23	Low Light Weight
9	1030-1395	1171	120.00-144.00	132.44	Low Return to Feed

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	Avg Price	<u>Dressing</u>
1	1410	1410	129.00	129.00	Average

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	<u>Dressing</u>
9	1675-2165	1892	171.00-179.00	175.64	Average
2	1580-1925	1753	170.00-187.00	179.34	Average Return to Feed
3	1930-2275	2045	187.00-207.50	194.60	High
4	1575-1985	1816	152.00-177.00	165.77	Low
2	1320-1515	1418	162.50-166.00	164.13	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	Ο	3	950-1050	1007	226.00-261.00	242.58
2-4	Ο	7	1033-1300	1170	165.00-216.00	183.38

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>	<u>Avg Price</u>
<2	Ο	2	850-1055	953	210.00-245.00	225.62
2-4	Ο	1	1085	1085	175.00	175.00

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	
5-8	T3	1	1650	1650	2800.00	2800.00	
>8	T3	1	1390	1390	2650.00	2650.00	Broken Mouth



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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.