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Livestock Weighted Average Report for 5/15/2025 - Final

AUCTION			
	This Week	Last Reported 5/8/2025	Last Year
Total Receipts:	1,456	1,173	1,543
Feeder Cattle:	195(13.4%)	455(38.8%)	317(20.5%)
Slaughter Cattle:	847(58.2%)	385(32.8%)	711(46.1%)
Replacement Cattle:	414(28.4%)	333(28.4%)	515(33.4%)

Compared to last reported sale(5-8-25): Feeder steer and heifer calves were all too lightly tested to develop any market trend. Demand was mostly moderate to good for light offerings. Quality this week was mostly plain. Many cattle were cutback cattle out of grow lots. A large portion of the feeder cattle offering continues to be comprised of very plain or unreportable, blemished offerings. Many producers continue to clean out pens and bring odd offerings to town. Feeder cattle were offered in mostly small packages or as singles this sale. Demand for cutting bulls was very good as several buyers were looking for bulls to cut and make steers. Market activity was moderate to active with good participation noticed both ringside and over the internet. Weigh up cows sold on moderate to good demand for moderate to heavy offerings. Slaughter cows sold on mostly light demand as packers continue to try and buy cattle lower. A heavy offering of cows allowed packer buyers to buy slaughter cows lower, especially late in the sale as feeding buyers filled loads. A larger portion of the cow offering was purchased for slaughter this week. Slaughter cows sold steady on breaking cows, boning and lean cows sold 1.00-3.00 lower in a narrow comparison. Feeding demand remains stronger than slaughter demand. Feeding demand was uneven as buyers entered and exited the market before the entire sale was over. Feeding cows sold steady to 3.00 lower on all cows purchased to feed. Demand for cows was lighter late in the sale as buyers filled loads. Cow quality this week was average to very attractive and overall more attractive than last weeks sale. Weigh up conditions were mostly average to above average this week as many cows are starting to empty out due to being turned out on grass. Slaughter bulls sold on mostly good demand for light to moderate offerings. Slaughter bulls sold generally steady in a narrow comparison. Young age cows suitable to feed or rebreed sold on mostly good to very good demand. Quality this week was mixed. Many young cows which never calved continue to be seen. These offerings are selling at a discount to wet bagged offerings. Very few true wet bagged offerings are being seen. True wet bag offerings sell at similar prices for 2 or 3 year old offerings. Supply included: 13% Feeder Cattle (25% Steers, 41% Heifers, 33% Bulls); 58% Slaughter Cattle (89% Cows, 10% Bulls, 1% Dairy Cows); 28% Replacement Cattle (77% Stock Cows, 17% Bred Cows, 4% Bred Heifers, 2% Cow-Calf Pairs). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 68%.

FEEDER CATTLE

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Price Range	Avg Price
1	455	455	450.00	450.00
3	560	560	375.00	375.00
6	651	651	341.00	341.00
2	723	723	330.00	330.00

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	590	590	340.00	340.00
2	653	653	313.00	313.00
3	700-710	703	302.00-307.50	303.85

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<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Price Range	Avg Price
5	378	378	430.00	430.00
2	438	438	415.00	415.00
5	505-525	509	327.50-385.00	339.36
2	623	623	315.00	315.00
1	725	725	285.00	285.00

STEERS - Large 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Price Range	Avg Price
3	658	658	312.00	312.00

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Price Range	Avg Price
4	590	590	334.00	334.00

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
7	439	439	377.50	377.50	
4	484	484	372.50	372.50	
4	655-673	669	316.00-318.00	316.49	
17	718-719	719	289.00-293.00	292.53	
5	726	726	270.00	270.00	Fleshy

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
4	428-435	432	365.00-370.00	367.52
5	565-585	580	310.00-320.00	316.04
4	615	615	302 50-303 00	302 63

HEIFERS - Large 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	Avg Price
3	512	512	350.00	350.00

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Price Range	<u>Avg Price</u>
4	591	591	277.50	277.50

HEIFERS - Medium 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
8	609	609	300.00	300.00

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BUILS -	Medium and	d Large 1	(Per Cwt	/ Actual Wt)
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<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	Avg Price
1	810	810	263.00	263.00
10	858-877	864	255.00-271.00	268.49
3	915-918	917	247.00-252.00	250.34
1	975	975	254.00	254.00
7	1018-1041	1032	237.00-240.00	238.13
5	1136	1136	221.00	221.00

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Price Range	Avg Price
1	175	175	800.00	800.00

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

<u>Head</u>	<u>Wt Range</u>	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Price Range	Avg Price
4	975-998	987	226.00-238.00	232.07

BULLS - Large 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
7	1060-1067	1065	239.00-240.00	239.14	
2	1150-1155	1153	225.00-233.00	228.99	
1	1245	1245	201.50	201.50	
3	1362	1362	196.50	196.50	
5	1387	1387	199.00	199.00	Fancy

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	1115	1115	197.00	197.00

SLAUGHTER CATTLE

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
4	1745-1875	1783	144.00-152.00	148.92	Average
30	1540-1757	1626	144.00-154.50	149.61	Average Return to Feed
14	1412-1680	1556	154.00-161.00	157.41	High
8	1620	1620	157.00	157.00	High Return to Feed
9	1485-1995	1717	131.00-143.00	138.32	Low
24	1600-1910	1730	133.00-143.00	139.56	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>

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27	1285-1635	1444	131.00-148.00	137.76	Average
145	1213-1565	1376	144.00-159.00	153.92	Average Return to Feed
17	1295-1490	1471	149.00-159.50	158.49	High
69	1305-1569	1422	159.00-163.00	161.06	High Return to Feed
7	1298-1540	1436	112.50-130.00	126.32	Low
57	1283-1573	1369	125.00-149.00	141.72	Low Return to Feed

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

	<u>Dressing</u>	Avg Price	Price Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Wt Range	<u>Head</u>
:	Average	134.62	129.00-141.00	1231	1055-1290	5
Return to Feed	Average	151.04	144.00-158.00	1180	1070-1410	75
Return to Feed	High	160.52	159.00-164.00	1226	1170-1290	16
	Low	118.36	112.00-127.50	1170	1000-1295	15
Light Weight	Low	117.50	117.50	780	780	1
Return to Feed	Low	131.60	114.00-141.00	1168	810-1298	41
	Very Low	104.00	104.00	1150	1150	1
Light Weight	Very Low	97.00	97.00	985	985	1

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>
3	1305-1560	1475	135.00-137.00	136.41	Average

DAIRY 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	955	955	107.00	107.00	Low

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	<u>Dressing</u>
18	1569-2135	1888	175.00-187.00	180.56	Average
16	1275-1772	1646	169.00-180.00	172.72	Average Return to Feed
16	1835-2260	2054	189.00-199.50	194.23	High
1	2810	2810	197.00	197.00	High Heavy Weight
1	1835	1835	193.00	193.00	High Return to Feed
2	1930	1930	171.00	171.00	Low
12	1288-1700	1451	147.50-169.00	159.71	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>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
<2	0	151	715-1215	989	183.00-282.50	237.87
2-4	Ο	98	865-1480	1184	162.50-245.00	188.10
2-8	Ο	5	975-1675	1156	164.00-203.00	188.24

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STOCK CO	WS - Me	dium and	d Large 1-2 (Per C	wt / Actual \	Vt)		
<u>Age</u>	<u>Stage</u>	<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
<2	Ο	14	783-1285	930	181.00-253.00	222.65	
<2	Ο	1	735	735	207.50	207.50	Thin Fleshed
2-4	Ο	22	933-1265	1054	153.00-217.00	174.44	
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			Cwt / Actual Wt)	A) (# \A/+	Drice Pange	Ava Drico	
<u>Age</u>	<u>Stage</u>	<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
2-4	0	1	1040	1040	215.00	215.00	
STOCK CC)WS - Me	dium 1 (I	Per Cwt / Actual V	Vt)			
<u>Age</u>	<u>Stage</u>	<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
<2	0	4	780-793	787	235.00-250.00	243.80	
BRED COV	M2 - M2H	lium and	Large 1 (Per Unit	/ Actual \\/t\			
Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
2-4	T2	13	1176-1197	1184	2650.00-2750.00	2688.88	
2-4	T2-3	5	1240	1240	2850.00	2850.00	
2-4	T3	19	1263-1480	1280	2825.00-3300.00	3101.80	
5-8	T3	4	1205-1225	1220	2900.00-3125.00	2955.56	
>5	T3	12	1505-1765	1583	2700.00-3050.00	2920.53	
>8	T3	4	1303-1703	1308	2825.00	2825.00	Broken Mouth
<i>></i> 0	15	4	1306	1306	2823.00	2623.00	BIOREII MOULII
BRED COV	NS - Med	lium and	Large 1-2 (Per Un	it / Actual W	/t)		
<u>Age</u>	<u>Stage</u>	<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
2-4	T3	1	1125	1125	2800.00	2800.00	Non-Legible Bangs
>5	T2	1	1185	1185	1725.00	1725.00	
>8	T2	1	1210	1210	2000.00	2000.00	Broken Mouth
>8	T3	4	1320-1695	1453	2450.00-2575.00	2493.74	Broken Mouth
BBED COV	MS larg	o 1 /Dor I	Jnit / Actual Wt)				
			Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
2-4	T2-3	1	1430	1430	2100.00	2100.00	
			d Large 1 (Per Un				
<u>Age</u>	<u>Stage</u>	<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Price Range	Avg Price	
<2	T2	1	1295	1295	2950.00	2950.00	
<2	T3	6	1091	1091	3050.00	3050.00	Non-Legible Bangs
BRED HEII	FERS - Me	edium 1 (Per Unit / Actual	Wt)			
<u>Age</u>	<u>Stage</u>	<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	



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<2	T2-3	5	910	910	2400.00	2400.00	Non-Legible Bangs
<2	T3	5	972	972	2925.00	2925.00	Non-Legible Bangs

COW-CALF PAIRS - Medium and Large 1 w/ 150-300 lbs calf (Per Unit / Actual Wt)

<u>Age</u>	<u>Stage</u>	<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Price Range	Avg Price		
2-8	0	5	1530	1530	3550.00	3550.00		
>8	0	1	1455	1455	2875.00	2875.00	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.