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Livestock Weighted Average Report for 4/10/2025 - Final

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	This Week	Last Reported 4/3/2025	Last Year
Total Danainto	1.020	· ·	672
Total Receipts:	1,029	4,247	672
Feeder Cattle:	278(27.0%)	4,086(96.2%)	326(48.5%)
Slaughter Cattle:	429(41.7%)	86(2.0%)	213(31.7%)
Replacement Cattle:	322(31.3%)	75(1.8%)	133(19.8%)

Compared to last week: Feeder steer and heifer calves were all too lightly tested today to develop a full market trend, however lower undertones were noticed on a lower quality offering. Demand was mostly moderate to good for light offerings. Quality this week was mostly plain to average and significantly lower than last weeks feeder cattle special. Cattle were offered in mostly small packages or as singles which was a stark difference to last weeks Spring N.I.L.E. feeder cattle special which had mostly long strings of feeders and load lots. No load lots were seen this week. Market activity was active this sale despite light offerings. A moderate crowd of buyers were on hand for todays sale with buyers both ringside as well as over the internet. Weigh up cows comprised most of todays sale. Demand for cows was good to very good. Regional packers and major packers were both active in buying cows this week. Regional packers purchased cows mostly for immediate harvest, while major packers purchased cows mostly to feed. Slaughter cows sold mostly 1.00-4.00 higher on all classes. Feeding cow demand was very good this sale as Canadian cow buyers jumped back in the market and showed very good demand for cows to feed. High quality feeding cows sold mostly 4.00-8.00 higher in a narrow comparison. Lean feeding cows were too lightly tested last sale to develop an accurate market trend, however higher undertones were noticed. Weigh up conditions were mostly average today. Slaughter bulls sold mostly 1.00 to 2.00 higher in a narrow comparison. Demand from feeding bull buyers was mostly good and many light or thin fleshed bulls sold to feed this week. Young age cows suitable to feed or rebreed sold 5.00-10.00 higher in a narrow comparison. Quality this week was mostly average to attractive and overall more attractive than last week. Supply included: 27% Feeder Cattle (31% Steers, 55% Heifers, 15% Bulls); 42% Slaughter Cattle (92% Cows, 6% Bulls, 1% Dairy Cows, 0% Dairy Bulls); 31% Replacement Cattle (68% Stock Cows, 15% Bred Cows, 3% Cow-Calf Pairs, 15% Heifer Pairs). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 38%.

FEEDER CATTLE

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Price Range	Avg Price	
4	421	421	421.00	421.00	
12	565-580	566	362.50-370.00	369.36	
3	602	602	342.00	342.00	
3	680-695	690	310.00-311.00	310.67	
4	780-797	793	285.00-290.00	286.23	
1	825	825	280.00	280.00	
3	843	843	264.00	264.00	Fleshy

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
3	317	317	455.00	455.00
6	410-421	417	390.00-413.00	405.47
2	460-470	465	397.50-402.50	399.97

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7	540	540	366.00	366.00
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STEERS - Medium and Large 2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Price Range	Avg Price
1	825	825	260.00	260.00

STEERS - Medium 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	Avg Price	
4	699	699	293.00	293.00	Fleshy
10	841	841	264.00	264.00	Fleshy

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Price Range	Avg Price	
5	284	284	440.00	440.00	Unweaned
4	410	410	375.00	375.00	
4	450-488	477	351.00-360.00	355.39	
10	550-586	579	313.00-316.00	313.57	
2	625	625	305.00	305.00	
3	653	653	290.00	290.00	
5	705	705	279.00	279.00	
6	778	778	259.00	259.00	Full
3	830	830	259.00	259.00	

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
6	371	371	380.00	380.00
43	410-448	446	342.50-362.50	344.08
4	455-460	458	345.00-350.00	347.49
3	533-545	537	322.50-330.00	325.04
4	566	566	308.00	308.00
3	603-605	604	280.00-284.00	282.66
3	715	715	268.00	268.00

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Price Range	Avg Price
2	390	390	330.00	330.00
2	503	503	315.00	315.00

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Price Range	Avg Price
5	488	488	400.00	400.00
3	742	742	288.00	288.00

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2	780	780	278.00	278.00
1	1005	1005	235.00	235.00

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Price Range	Avg Price
7	788	788	254.00-258.00	255.14
3	1003	1003	226.00	226.00

BULLS - Large 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

<u>Head</u>	<u>Wt Range</u>	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	Avg Price
3	1197	1197	206.00	206.00
3	1298	1298	192.00	192.00

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Price Range	Avg Price
1	1095	1095	218 00	218.00

BULLS - Medium 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	725	725	237.50	237.50

SLAUGHTER CATTLE

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Price Range	Avg Price	<u>Dressing</u>
8	1585-1925	1732	152.00-159.00	155.75	Average
23	1450-1580	1552	155.00-159.00	157.03	Average Return to Feed
5	1558-1723	1624	159.50-160.00	159.71	High
5	1465-1503	1495	163.00	163.00	High Return to Feed

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Price Range	Avg Price	<u>Dressing</u>
26	1322-1720	1473	142.00-153.00	146.79	Average
90	1250-1657	1415	150.00-160.00	156.44	Average Return to Feed
9	1380-1585	1507	156.00-160.00	157.43	High
76	1320-1528	1391	161.00-166.00	164.31	High Return to Feed
10	1325-1460	1414	122.00-138.00	132.59	Low
5	1280-1410	1334	139.00-148.00	144.45	Low Return to Feed

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Price Range	Avg Price	<u>Dressing</u>
6	1115-1213	1164	139.00-146.00	142.61	Average
34	1003-1295	1203	144.00-156.00	151.16	Average Return to Feed

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13	1179-1270	1220	157.00-162.00	158.81	High Return to Feed
9	1045-1265	1194	117.00-136.00	126.92	Low
1	940	940	100.00	100.00	Low Light Weight
11	935-1220	1091	117.50-144.00	131.38	Low Return to Feed
1	1225	1225	105.00	105.00	Very Low

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	Avg Price	<u>Dressing</u>
4	1130-1163	1155	104.00-111.00	109.29	Low

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

	Dressing	Avg Price	Price Range	Avg Wt	Wt Range	<u>Head</u>
	Average	179.84	177.00-182.00	2167	1985-2410	3
Return to Feed	Average	171.76	164.00-175.00	1512	1395-1690	5
	High	188.47	185.00-191.00	2060	1780-2460	9
	Low	156.00	156.00	1605	1605	1
Light Weight	Low	137.00	137.00	1265	1265	1
Return to Feed	Low	152.92	145.00-163.00	1580	1530-1660	3

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	Avg Price	<u>Dressing</u>
1	2485	2485	194.00	194.00	High

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Price Range	Avg Price	<u>Dressing</u>
1	1905	1905	145.00	145.00	Low

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	Ο	97	765-1260	991	190.00-269.00	233.31	
<2	Ο	9	853	853	279.00	279.00	Fancy
<2	0	2	1400	1400	184.50	184.50	Fleshy
2-4	Ο	45	1024-1500	1166	161.00-229.50	188.33	
2-8	Ο	1	1290	1290	155.00	155.00	

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

<u>Age</u>	<u>Stage</u>	<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
<2	Ο	3	870-1095	987	200.00-233.00	214.41
2-4	Ο	11	820-1185	1003	155.00-215.00	180.57

STOCK COWS - Large 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

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<u>Age</u>	<u>Stage</u>	<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Price Range	Avg Price
<2	Ο	3	1083	1083	204.00	204.00

STOCK COWS - Medium 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>	Avg Price
<2	0	6	700-847	805	231.00-239.00	232.95

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

<u>Age</u>	<u>Stage</u>	<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Price Range	Avg Price	
2-4	T1-2	4	1043-1260	1152	2400.00-2450.00	2422.64	
2-4	T3	6	1215-1455	1288	3150.00-3300.00	3208.83	
>5	T3	6	1506-1510	1507	2975.00-3000.00	2979.18	
>8	T1-2	7	1301-1410	1348	2050.00-2200.00	2132.74	Broken Mouth
>8	T3	15	1420-1534	1502	2700.00-2725.00	2701.58	Broken Mouth

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	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2-4	Ο	5	1550	1550	4100.00	4100.00
>5	0	2	1838	1838	3600.00	3600.00

HEIFER PAIRS - Medium and Large 1 w/ <150 lbs calf (Per Unit / Actual Wt)

<u>Age</u>	<u>Stage</u>	<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
<2	Ο	39	1099-1125	1101	4200.00-4300.00	4292.14

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.