Compared to last week, coming back after last week’s Labor Day Holiday many markets this week are compared to two weeks ago, especially some of the large volume Monday sales and early week sales. Order buyers this week flexed their muscles pursuing the long green grass yearlings over 750 lbs, mostly 850-1000 lbs selling steady to 5.00 higher with instances 8.00 higher. Calves are split into two groups the long time weaned calves with vaccination programs selling mostly steady to firm with some sales up to 5.00 higher. The other side of the coin is the unweaned fleshy bawlers in many cases where reported trading 3.00-8.00 lower or reported with a sharply lower undertone. Discounts on these unweaned calves will more than likely increase as we head into fall or until we get a good hard freeze. We are entering the time of year were buyers are in search of calves that spend more time eating and staying healthy than bawling. The best demand remains on the yearlings off grass with good weighing conditions in the Northern Plains and upper Mid-West as these cattle will have good compensatory gains once they hit the feed trough. Silage harvest is coming to a close and early corn harvest has started as cattle feeders want yearlings to feed while they are available.

Torrington Wyoming Livestock Auction on Wednesday reported 413 hd of steers averaging 856 lbs sold with a weighted average price of 149.68. Hub City Livestock in Aberdeen, SD on Wednesday sold 690 hd of steers averaging 882 lbs with a weighted average price of 145.74 and 330 hd averaging 971 lbs sold with a weighted average price of 138.12. OKC-West Livestock in EL Reno on Wednesday sold 596 hd of steers averaging 869 lbs with a weighted average price of 138.09.