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Livestock Weighted Average Report for 12/16/2024 - Final

AUCTION			
	This Week	Last Reported 12/9/2024	Last Year
Total Receipts:	871	1,239	992
Feeder Cattle:	390(44.8%)	363(29.3%)	490(49.4%)
Slaughter Cattle:	343(39.4%)	541(43.7%)	401(40.4%)
Replacement Cattle:	138(15.8%)	335(27.0%)	101(10.2%)

Compared to last Mondays sale: Feeder cattle were too lightly tested either last week or this week to develop an accurate market trend, however steady to higher undertones were noticed. Limited offerings of feeders sold on moderate demand. Quality today was mostly plain to average and similar to last week. Most calves were offered in small packages, forcing buyers to piece together loads. Market activity was mostly moderate to active with moderate size buyer pool bidding on calves. The best demand continues to be for light weight offerings suitable to run on grass or wheat. Weigh up cows sold on moderate to good demand today for light to moderate offerings. This is the last sale to feature weigh ups sale prior to the holiday break. Most cows were purchased to feed again this week. Packers showed good demand for both slaughter and feeding cows this week. Very few cows were purchased to send to immediate harvest this week. Slaughter cows were too lightly tested to develop an accurate market trend, however steady to firm undertones were noticed on all classes. Short term feeding cows sold mostly 1.00-3.00 higher. High quality cows suitable to feed to premium white sold 1.00-4.00 higher. Quality was most average to attractive today. Weigh up conditions were below average today with many very full cows on offer. Despite fill conditions demand for all feeding cows was good to very good. Slaughter bulls sold generally steady to 2.00 higher. Weigh up conditions for bulls was similar to cows as most bulls were pushing heavy amounts of fill. Cows suitable to feed or rebreed sold on mostly good demand. Young age offerings sold mostly steady in a narrow comparison. Quality was mostly plain to attractive. Supply included: 45% Feeder Cattle (38% Steers, 54% Heifers, 8% Bulls); 39% Slaughter Cattle (84% Cows, 16% Bulls); 16% Replacement Cattle (52% Stock Cows, 45% Bred Cows, 3% Bred Heifers). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 27%.

FEEDER CATTLE

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

	Avg Price	Price Range	Avg Wt	Wt Range	<u>Head</u>
	512.95	512.50-515.00	284	255-291	5
	435.63	420.00-460.00	361	353-373	5
	420.00	420.00	405	405	1
Unweaned	361.00	361.00	497	497	24
Unweaned	340.33	338.00-350.00	531	515-535	10
	327.50	327.50	565	565	2
Unweaned	301.68	291.00-302.00	658	658-675	35

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
1	300	300	475.00	475.00	Unweaned
6	407	407	377.50	377.50	Unweaned
2	485	485	345.00	345.00	

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4	498	498	345.00	345.00	Unweaned
4	510-545	528	317.50-337.50	329.32	Unweaned
11	634	634	295.00	295.00	Unweaned
9	744	744	270.00	270.00	

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

	Avg Price	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Wt Range	<u>Head</u>
	375.00	375.00	350	350	2
Unweaned	385.00	385.00	378	378	2

STEERS - Large 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	Avg Price
3	608-645	620	285.00-291.00	288.92

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
4	311	311	392.50	392.50	Unweaned
15	463	463	331.00	331.00	
7	458-470	461	319.00-320.00	319.29	Unweaned
45	523-525	525	310.00-312.00	311.87	
15	529	529	313.50	313.50	Unweaned
7	559	559	291.00	291.00	
21	551-556	552	296.00-312.50	309.33	Unweaned
1	825	825	237.00	237.00	
2	885	885	237.00	237.00	
2	1000-1020	1010	221.00-224.00	222.51	

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
4	298	298	385.00	385.00	Unweaned
3	358-365	360	360.00-367.50	364.97	Unweaned
1	440	440	330.00	330.00	
2	440	440	330.00	330.00	Unweaned
2	465	465	302.50	302.50	
10	455-496	487	301.00-314.00	304.63	Unweaned
8	522	522	298.00	298.00	Unweaned
4	580	580	275.00	275.00	Unweaned
4	603-648	626	257.50-258.00	257.76	Unweaned
2	715	715	240.00	240.00	
5	763-772	768	236.00-237.50	236.90	
1	835	835	223.00	223.00	
4	920-932	929	213.00-229.00	216.96	

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<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	Avg Price	
1	880	880	234.00	234.00	
3	1055-1075	1065	208.00-214.00	210.34	
1	1120	1120	212.00	212.00	
3	1287	1287	186.00	186.00	Fleshy

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

	Avg Price	Price Range	Avg Wt	Wt Range	<u>Head</u>
	345.00	345.00	462	462	5
Unweaned	335.00	335.00	495	495	6
	319.00	319.00	570	570	6
Unweaned	310.00	310.00	579	579	4
	302.50	302.50	603	603	2

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Price Range	Avg Price
1	700	700	250.00	250.00

BULLS - 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>	
1	1280	1280	152.00	152.00	Fleshy

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>
1	1830	1830	124.00	124.00	Average
2	1425-1640	1533	122.00-124.00	122.93	Average Return to Feed
3	1110-1990	1623	112.00-119.00	116.18	Low
11	1452-1625	1548	115.00-121.00	119.13	Low Return to Feed

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

	<u>Dressing</u>	Avg Price	Price Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Wt Range	<u>Head</u>
Return to Feed	Average	121.58	116.00-129.00	1394	1243-1620	66
Return to Feed	High	130.53	129.00-134.50	1365	1275-1595	12
Return to Feed	Low	110.60	96.00-116.50	1379	1200-1533	56

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Price Range	Avg Price	<u>Dressing</u>
34	1095-1285	1192	114.00-124.00	117.44	Average Return to Feed
5	1246-1250	1247	127.50-128.00	127.90	High Return to Feed

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5	1123-1130	1127	91.00-95.00	92.59	Low
5	797	797	83.00	83.00	Low Light Weight
46	828-1355	1146	98.00-114.00	108.00	Low Return to Feed
5	1075-1170	1125	76.00-87.00	83.94	Very Low
2	790-925	858	75.00-80.00	77.70	Very Low Light Weight
2	1095-1140	1118	90.00-91.00	90.51	Very Low Return to Feed

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

	Dressing	Avg Price	Price Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Wt Range	<u>Head</u>
	Average	149.06	147.00-151.00	1877	1743-2233	34
Heavy Weight	Average	144.00	144.00	2565	2565	1
	High	154.00	154.00	2160	2160	1
	Low	137.53	118.00-146.00	1798	1560-1960	6
Return to Feed	Low	140.57	131.00-144.00	1500	1337-1990	6

REPLACEMENT CATTLE

STOCK COWS - Medium and Large 1 (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	55	871-1315	1031	141.00-208.00	187.40
2-4	0	17	935-1255	1147	124.00-180.00	149.51

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	Ο	2	865-1010	938	165.00-170.00	167.31
2-4	0	6	795-1215	965	116.00-155.00	128.71

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	943	943	2100.00	2100.00	
2-4	T2-3	3	1285	1285	2450.00	2450.00	
>5	T2-3	6	1331	1331	2050.00	2050.00	
>8	T2-3	11	1353-1540	1420	1850.00-1900.00	1872.22	Broken Mouth

BRED COWS - Medium and Large 1-2 (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	T2-3	9	905-1205	1107	2075.00-2375.00	2261.57	
2-8	T1-2	2	1170	1170	1925.00	1925.00	
5-8	T1-2	1	1170	1170	2000.00	2000.00	
5-8	T2-3	7	1170-1408	1288	2025.00-2250.00	2143.45	
>5	T2-3	13	1145-1395	1357	1900.00-2025.00	2008.77	
>8	T2-3	15	1070-1370	1245	1500.00-1750.00	1714.46	Broken Mouth

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<2	T2-3	2	1048	1048	2300.00	2300.00

BRED HEIFERS - Medium 1 (Per Unit / Actual Wt)

<u>Age</u>	<u>Stage</u>	<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
<2	T2-3	3	797	797	1850.00	1850.00	Non-Legible Bangs

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.

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