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Livestock Weighted Average Report for 12/19/2024 - Final

AUCTION			
	This Week	Last Reported 12/12/2024	Last Year
Total Receipts:	2,401	4,007	2,380
Feeder Cattle:	1,545(64.3%)	2,928(73.1%)	1,870(78.6%)
Slaughter Cattle:	574(23.9%)	551(13.8%)	287(12.1%)
Replacement Cattle:	282(11.7%)	528(13.2%)	223(9.4%)

Compared to last week: Feeder steer calves under 450 lbs were too lightly tested to develop an accurate market trend, however steady to weak undertones were noticed on a lower quality offering. Steers 450-549 lbs sold steady to weak in a narrow comparison; steers over 550 lbs sold 5.00-8.00 higher in a narrow comparison. Heifer calves under 450 lbs were too lightly tested to develop an accurate market trend, however lower undertones were noticed on a lower quality offering. Heifers 450-599 lbs sold steady to 3.00 lower. Heifers over 600 lbs were too lightly tested to develop an accurate market trend, however weak undertones were noticed. Quality this week was mostly plain to average and significantly lower than last sale. Many blemished, frozen ears and or tails were seen today as consigners cleaned out pastures and pens. Demand for yearlings was mostly good this sale as buyers continue to show good demand for these offerings. Yearling quality was mostly plain to average. Demand for calves was mostly moderate and slightly lighter than last week; quality hampered demand. Offerings were light to moderate. Package sizes were mostly small to moderate with many singles in the mix. No load lots were seen this sale. Market activity was moderate to active this sale. Notably, a smaller buyer pool was seen this sale. Weigh up cows sold on moderate to good demand for moderate to heavy offerings. Slaughter cows sold mostly steady to weak on all classes in a narrow comparison. All cows were pushing heavy amounts of fill today and most sold higher on a dressed basis as a result. Feeding cows sold with the best demand again this week. Feeding cows sold with steady to 3.00 higher on high quality cows suitable to feed to premium white. Thin short term feeding cows sold generally steady to weak. Fill hindered demand at times as most of the thin cows on offer were very full. Slaughter bulls were too lightly tested to develop an accurate market trend, steady undertones were noticed. Young age cows suitable to feed or rebreed sold generally steady on a lower quality offering. Again, fill hindered demand for these offerings as well, as most young cows were very full. Supply included: 64% Feeder Cattle (49% Steers, 43% Heifers, 8% Bulls); 24% Slaughter Cattle (92% Cows, 8% Bulls, 0% Dairy Cows); 12% Replacement Cattle (78% Stock Cows, 22% Bred Cows). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 25%.

FEEDER CATTLE

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

	<u>Avg Price</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Wt Range	<u>Head</u>
	520.00	520.00	277	270-290	3
Unweaned	505.00	505.00	296	296	4
	506.74	500.00-510.00	307	300-310	3
Unweaned	507.34	497.50-512.50	310	305-320	3
	427.16	420.00-440.00	378	365-388	9
Unweaned	465.00	465.00	358	358	11
	401.00	401.00	420	420	3
Unweaned	404.60	392.50-405.00	421	415-421	31
	359.00	359.00	472	472	24
	345.86	340.00-350.00	523	509-533	48
Unweaned	344.72	343.00-347.50	531	524-536	31

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28	555-563	562	318.00-334.00	327.61
53	600-616	609	307.00-318.00	315.28
5	665-677	672	291.00-295.00	292.58
42	702-738	719	290.00-314.00	301.53
28	817-838	819	244.00-250.00	249.34
2	1078	1078	225.00	225.00

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

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t Ran	<u>Head</u>	ange	<u>Avg V</u>	<u>Vt</u>	<u> </u>	Price Range	<u>e</u>	<u> </u>	vg Price	
18-34	15	349	333		46	0.00-485.0	00		467.51	
90-39	11	398	395		41	0.00-415.0	00		413.21	
20-44	43	447	437		36	0.00-387.	50		365.43	
434	4	4	434			325.00			325.00	Full
50-49	52	493	483		32	7.00-351.0	00		340.55	
10-54	10	545	526		31	7.50-340.0	00		325.73	
70-58	7	588	580		30	0.00-312.0	00		303.94	
586	6	6	586			314.00			314.00	Unweaned
15-63	23	638	633		28	0.00-300.0	00		287.48	
50-69	29	690	674		27	8.50-296.0	00		281.49	
740	4	0	740			275.00			275.00	
791	4	1	791			249.00			249.00	

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Price Range	Avg Price	
17	408	408	375.00	375.00	
5	422	422	390.00	390.00	Unweaned
11	490	490	312.00	312.00	
5	511	511	287.00	287.00	

STEERS - Large 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Price Range	Avg Price
4	650	650	276.00	276.00

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

	Avg Price	Price Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Wt Range	<u>Head</u>
	417.02	415.00-430.00	274	271-295	8
Unweaned	430.00	430.00	263	263	2
	382.50	382.50	316	316	4
Unweaned	365.00	365.00	343	343	5
	357.65	352.50-360.00	366	357-382	10
Unweaned	360.00	360.00	367	357-389	13
	344.57	340.00-352.50	413	401-435	44

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25	413	413	345.00	345.00	Unweaned
101	453-499	471	317.00-352.00	335.84	
89	511-549	530	308.00-321.00	314.18	
21	511-514	513	317.00-320.00	318.14	Unweaned
22	551-587	574	279.00-294.00	288.95	
13	604-648	624	260.00-268.00	263.66	
5	665-668	667	253.00-256.00	254.80	
4	748	748	237.00	237.00	
2	773	773	236.00	236.00	
5	884	884	232.00	232.00	
3	1038	1038	210.00	210.00	

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

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<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
2	290	290	390.00	390.00	
4	365-378	372	350.00-355.00	352.46	
24	400-443	424	310.00-339.00	325.53	
11	455-495	474	292.50-310.00	304.76	
16	522-548	536	285.00-300.00	291.33	
3	568	568	260.00	260.00	
5	647	647	254.00	254.00	
5	838	838	234.00	234.00	
2	928	928	215.00	215.00	
6	1044	1044	202.00	202.00	

HEIFERS - Large 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
16	594	594	270.00	270.00	
2	710	710	239.00	239.00	
2	1085	1085	210.00	210.00	
10	1101-1145	1116	193.00-208.00	203.38	
3	1120	1120	188.00	188.00	Fleshy
5	1298	1298	179.00	179.00	Fleshy

HEIFERS - Medium 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	Avg Price
10	403-439	421	307.00-325.00	315.62

HEIFERS - Medium 2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Price Range	Avg Price
4	334	334	235.00	235.00

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BULLS - Medium and Large 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)						
<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price		
1	320	320	470.00	470.00		
1	405	405	395.00	395.00		
8	460-497	483	325.00	325.00		
4	590	590	288.00-305.00	296.50		
17	640-643	641	262.50-275.00	271.31		
3	742	742	240.00	240.00		
1	928	928	227.00	227.00		
3	978	978	215.00	215.00		
4	1015	1015	222.00	222.00		
3	1097	1097	211.00	211.00		

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Avg Price</u>
3	597	597	245.00	245.00

BULLS - Large 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Price Range	Avg Price
5	1226	1226	177.00	177.00

BULLS - Medium 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Price Range	Avg Price
4	426	426	365.00	365.00
10	494	494	335.00	335.00
31	545	545	303.00	303.00

SLAUGHTER CATTLE

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	<u>Dressing</u>
3	1775-1860	1810	121.00-124.00	122.69	Average
4	1538	1538	121.00	121.00	Average Return to Feed
2	1725-1850	1788	110.00-115.00	112.59	Low
1	1535	1535	120.00	120.00	Low Return to Feed

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	<u>Dressing</u>
2	1385-1405	1395	104.00-106.00	105.01	Average
110	1232-1629	1433	116.00-127.50	119.58	Average Return to Feed
3	1330-1730	1518	91.00-102.00	96.13	Low
95	1305-1675	1417	95.00-116.00	109.98	Low Return to Feed
1	1385	1385	80.00	80.00	Very Low

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	<u>Dressing</u>	<u>Avg Price</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Wt Range	<u>Head</u>
	Average	106.00	106.00	1118	1106-1155	4
Return to Feed	Average	121.79	115.00-127.00	1213	910-1370	116
Return to Feed	High	129.61	128.00-130.00	1220	1180-1230	5
	Low	87.76	87.00-92.00	1199	1185-1280	7
Return to Feed	Low	104.30	90.00-115.00	1150	965-1286	120
	Very Low	77.37	65.00-83.00	1136	1005-1330	21
Light Weight	Very Low	72.00	72.00	865	865	3
Return to Feed	Very Low	87.00	87.00	985	985	1

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>
2	1470	1470	82.00	82.00	Low

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	<u>Dressing</u>
37	1490-2435	1873	122.00-140.00	131.59	Low
3	1291	1291	117.50	117.50	Low Light Weight

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
3	2328-2390	2349	141.00-142.00	141.66	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	106	806-1285	993	150.00-217.50	192.71	
<2	Ο	6	774	774	195.00	195.00	Thin Fleshed
2-4	Ο	29	910-1290	1060	132.00-180.00	158.17	

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>	Price Range	Avg Price
<2	0	9	833-1055	907	160.00-195.00	179.98
2-4	0	15	955-1370	1126	120.00-145.00	130.17

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	8	994-1093	1044	2300.00-2400.00	2352.37	
2-4	T2-3	10	960-1241	1194	2400.00-2575.00	2527.35	
2-4	T3	4	1105	1105	2100.00	2100.00	Non-Legible Bangs

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>5	T2_3	1	1200-1312	1284	2000 00-2200 00	2152 27	
/ 5	12-3	7	1200-1312	1204	2000.00-2200.00	2133.27	

BRED COWS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Unit / Actual Wt)

<u>Age</u>	<u>Stage</u>	<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
2-4	T1	2	1045	1045	2000.00	2000.00	
>5	T2-3	3	1433	1433	1850.00	1850.00	
>8	T2-3	15	1325	1325	1750.00	1750.00	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.

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