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Livestock Weighted Average Report for 12/14/2022 - Final

AUCTION

	This Week	Last Reported 11/30/2022	Last Year
Total Receipts:	1,662	1,650	2,863
Feeder Cattle:	390(23.5%)	484(29.3%)	1,243(43.4%)
Slaughter Cattle:	1,006(60.5%)	863(52.3%)	1,111(38.8%)
Replacement Cattle:	266(16.0%)	303(18.4%)	509(17.8%)

Special Note: ***Calves weaned longer than 45 days are left untagged. ***
This is the last sale of 2022.

Compared to two weeks ago: Last week Public auction yards held their annual blue ribbon sale and sold no feeders or weigh up cows. As a result all comparisons are to two weeks ago. Feeder cattle were all too lightly tested to develop an accurate market trend, however unevenly steady undertones were noticed on all feeder offerings. Demand was mostly light for light offerings. Quality today was mostly plain to average. Feedlots in the corn-belt and Western Nebraska were mostly out of the market until later in the week when roads open up. Roads remain icy and treacherous which kept some buyers out of the market. Market activity was slow to moderate. Weigh up cows sold on mostly light to moderate demand and moderate offerings. Packer buyers showed mostly light demand for both feeding and slaughter cows this week. Slaughter cows sold mostly 4.00-5.00 lower on breaking cows, boning and lean cows sold 2.00-3.00 lower. Feeding cows sold 2.00-4.00 lower on all classes. Packers have filled feedlots all fall with high quality cows and with only a few sales left for the year packers showed light demand for all high quality cows to feed to premium white. Most feeding cows were purchased by private feeders this sale. Packers did purchase most of the bull offering to feed this sale, however at lower prices. Slaughter bulls sold mostly 3.00 lower. Feeding bulls were too lightly tested last sale to develop any market trend. Young age cows suitable to feed or rebreed sold sharply lower. Again much of this is weather related as buyers in the plains and corn-belt are out of the market due to heavy snow and poor road conditions. Supply included: 23% Feeder Cattle (32% Steers, 55% Heifers, 13% Bulls); 61% Slaughter Cattle (90% Cows, 10% Bulls); 16% Replacement Cattle (87% Stock Cows, 13% Bred Cows). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 42%.

FEEDER CATTLE

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
1	325	325	250.00	250.00	Unweaned
3	355-370	365	235.00-255.00	241.48	Unweaned
7	453-468	462	210.00-225.00	216.06	Unweaned
12	510-514	514	204.00	204.00	Unweaned
7	554	554	192.00	192.00	
12	600-622	612	179.00-183.00	180.00	Unweaned
3	702	702	168.00	168.00	Unweaned

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
2	343	343	225.00	225.00	Unweaned
1	370	370	211.00	211.00	Unweaned

4	435	435	210.00	210.00	Unweaned
2	543	543	187.50	187.50	Unweaned
3	563	563	171.00	171.00	Unweaned
5	628-630	629	170.00-173.00	171.80	Unweaned
1	670	670	162.00	162.00	Unweaned

STEERS - Medium 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
1	360	360	210.00	210.00	

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
1	400	400	195.00	195.00	Unweaned
4	540	540	169.00	169.00	Unweaned
15	600-633	625	163.00-168.00	164.32	Unweaned
3	663	663	158.00	158.00	Unweaned
3	700	700	153.00	153.00	

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
7	325	325	197.50	197.50	
11	389	389	187.50	187.50	
5	370-375	372	187.50-190.00	188.99	Unweaned
4	409	409	185.00	185.00	Unweaned
4	451	451	165.00	165.00	Unweaned
6	543	543	155.00	155.00	
9	538-540	540	150.00-161.00	158.56	Unweaned
6	561-590	571	150.00-159.00	153.10	Unweaned
2	675	675	149.00	149.00	Unweaned
5	823	823	155.00	155.00	
7	989	989	137.00	137.00	

HEIFERS - Large 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
5	594	594	146.00	146.00	Unweaned

HEIFERS - Medium 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
9	828	828	146.00	146.00
4	916	916	132.00	132.00

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
7	415-449	434	210.00-230.00	218.19	Unweaned

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
4	593	593	171.00	171.00	Unweaned
8	684	684	163.50	163.50	Unweaned
1	975	975	111.00	111.00	

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
6	1088	1088	107.50	107.50

SLAUGHTER CATTLE

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
12	1645-1659	1657	69.50	69.50	Average
15	1590-1727	1675	62.50-68.50	66.48	Low

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing	
13	1410-1695	1521	61.00-70.00	65.02	Average	
119	1307-1668	1421	64.00-74.00	68.39	Average	Return to Feed
71	1315-1530	1389	51.00-63.00	57.66	Low	
63	1330-1615	1382	55.00-64.00	58.91	Low	Return to Feed

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing	
38	132-1432	1196	55.00-61.00	57.28	Average	
7	940-995	968	51.00-57.00	53.40	Average	Light Weight
202	940-1309	1242	55.00-62.50	58.49	Average	Return to Feed
6	1105-1335	1216	67.00-70.00	68.69	High	Return to Feed
68	1005-1380	1169	45.00-54.50	50.39	Low	
19	835-983	893	42.00-48.50	45.58	Low	Light Weight
142	835-1302	1202	50.00-55.00	53.44	Low	Return to Feed
6	1072-1275	1145	36.50-42.00	39.34	Very Low	
9	681-960	714	30.00-42.50	32.41	Very Low	Light Weight

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing	
17	1640-2440	1960	85.00-92.00	87.39	Average	
14	1537-1910	1763	85.00-88.00	85.97	Average	Return to Feed

1	2015	2015	95.00	95.00	High
15	1555-2340	1906	63.00-84.00	78.21	Low
43	1380-2030	1700	69.00-83.00	78.53	Low Return to Feed

REPLACEMENT CATTLE

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

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
<2	O	99	755-1133	988	80.00-110.00	94.81	
<2	O	5	791-815	796	87.50-103.00	90.67	Thin Fleshed
2-4	O	91	800-1400	1104	59.00-95.00	74.41	

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

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
<2	O	11	855-1066	955	72.00-80.00	76.72	
2-4	O	1	1095	1095	60.00	60.00	

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

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
5-8	T2-3	1	1315	1315	1200.00	1200.00	
>5	T2-3	6	1330	1330	1025.00	1025.00	
>8	T2-3	4	1342-1370	1349	925.00-975.00	937.69	Broken Mouth
>8	T2-3	3	1199	1199	800.00	800.00	Thin Fleshed

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

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
>5	T2-3	11	1193	1193	750.00	750.00	Thin Fleshed
>8	T2-3	5	1145	1145	650.00	650.00	Thin Fleshed

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.