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Livestock Weighted Average Report for 5/31/2023 - Final

AUCTION

	This Week	Last Reported 5/24/2023	Last Year
Total Receipts:	1,959	1,053	827
Feeder Cattle:	22(1.1%)	142(13.5%)	155(18.7%)
Slaughter Cattle:	421(21.5%)	649(61.6%)	407(49.2%)
Replacement Cattle:	1,516(77.4%)	262(24.9%)	265(32.0%)

Compared to last week: Feeder cattle were too lightly tested to develop any market trend. Todays sale featured mostly weigh up cows, pairs and breds, so not trend is available. Weigh up cows sold on good to very good demand for light offerings. Slaughter cows sold 2.00-4.00 higher on all classes. The cow supply across much of the central US continues to tighten as rain has fallen across a wide swath of the country which has eased culling due to drought. Seasonal culling is starting to wrap up as ranchers wrap up spring brandings. Packers were very aggressive as they purchased cows both for immediate harvest and to feed. Feeding cows sold mostly 3.00-5.00 higher as packers purchased very attractive cows for this purpose. Quality this week was average to very attractive. Weigh up conditions were average to above average this week as most offerings have been out on grass. Slaughter bulls sold mostly 2.00-4.00 higher. Young age cows suitable to feed or rebreed sold mostly 10.00 lower. Quality was average to attractive. Fewer takers were seen for this class of cows as many are starting to turn out bulls for summer breeding. Todays pair offering was average to very attractive in quality. Demand for pairs was good to very good with more buyer participation noted compared to the last pair special on 5-10-23. Many comparable sets of pairs sold $100-250 per pair higher than that sale. Supply included: 1% Feeder Cattle (83% Heifers, 17% Bulls); 21% Slaughter Cattle (84% Cows, 16% Bulls); 77% Replacement Cattle (12% Stock Cows, 8% Bred Cows, 66% Cow-Calf Pairs, 14% Heifer Pairs). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 100%.

FEEDER CATTLE

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
4	653	653	237.00	237.00
6	723	723	210.00	210.00

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	955	955	161.00	161.00

BULLS - Large 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	1270	1270	131.00	131.00

SLAUGHTER CATTLE

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
8	1570-1930	1766	103.50-106.50	104.62	Average
1	1510	1510	108.00	108.00	Average Return to Feed

3	1500-1615	1572	110.00-112.00	110.81	High	
12	1538-1628	1570	108.50-110.50	109.67	High	Return to Feed
1	1860	1860	97.00	97.00	Low	
5	1537	1537	102.50	102.50	Low	Return to Feed

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing	
22	1260-1625	1402	97.00-104.50	100.64	Average	
23	1305-1530	1417	97.50-106.00	102.59	Average	Return to Feed
20	1300-1600	1420	105.00-114.00	107.02	High	
50	1335-1620	1490	106.00-110.00	107.81	High	Return to Feed
9	1345-1555	1431	92.00-96.00	94.10	Low	

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing	
61	1030-1310	1218	93.00-103.00	97.20	Average	
1	985	985	93.00	93.00	Average	Light Weight
13	1055-1282	1143	95.00-102.00	97.50	Average	Return to Feed
24	1138-1300	1245	104.50-111.00	106.52	High	
15	880-1245	1186	105.00-111.00	106.61	High	Return to Feed
10	1005-1285	1135	80.00-91.00	86.09	Low	
3	815-825	820	82.00-85.00	83.67	Low	Light Weight
1	1045	1045	90.00	90.00	Low	Return to Feed
2	1050	1050	71.00	71.00	Very Low	

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing	
9	1565-2075	1838	121.00-129.00	124.55	Average	
2	1730-1995	1863	117.00-128.00	122.89	Average	Natural
18	1100-1779	1469	112.00-129.00	121.47	Average	Return to Feed
4	1870-1965	1914	129.00-138.00	132.78	High	
10	1808-1917	1879	133.00-135.00	134.19	High	Natural
3	1963	1963	135.50	135.50	High	Return to Feed
4	1415-1810	1611	108.00-114.00	111.18	Low	
1	1360	1360	99.00	99.00	Low	Light Weight
2	1413	1413	103.00	103.00	Low	Natural

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	34	800-1313	1016	122.00-171.00	147.04
2-4	O	48	885-1347	1120	106.00-142.00	119.80

2-8	O	1	1305	1305	104.00	104.00	

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

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
<2	O	4	1064	1064	117.00	117.00	
2-4	O	1	1025	1025	116.00	116.00	

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

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
<2	O	6	710-863	800	120.00-130.00	125.99	

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

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
2-4	T3	3	1065-1400	1288	123.00-129.00	124.65	
>5	T2	3	1285-1500	1388	100.00-110.00	105.74	
>5	T3	1	1290	1290	106.00	106.00	
>8	T3	1	1505	1505	108.00	108.00	Broken Mouth

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

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2-4	T2	8	1178-1350	1262	1300.00-1450.00	1373.32
2-4	T3	17	1065-1308	1146	1700.00-1850.00	1823.96
5-8	T3	6	1239-1518	1332	1500.00-1625.00	1547.48
>5	T3	15	1345-1587	1486	1435.00-1610.00	1547.41

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

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2-4	T3	3	1177	1177	1400.00	1400.00

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

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
2-4	O	32	1079-1415	1119	2600.00	2600.00	
>8	O	18	1330	1330	1850.00	1850.00	Broken Mouth

COW-CALF PAIRS - Medium and Large 1 w/ 150-300 lbs calf (Per Unit / Actual Wt)

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
2-4	O	64	1162-1316	1244	2700.00-3000.00	2828.90	
2-4	O	22	1232	1232	2650.00	2650.00	Thin Fleshed
2-8	O	21	1274	1274	2485.00	2485.00	Thin Fleshed
5-8	O	91	1288-1698	1537	2400.00-2900.00	2678.98	
>5	O	69	1458-1765	1609	2125.00-2485.00	2361.27	
>8	O	90	1262-1601	1449	1900.00-2175.00	2008.97	Broken Mouth

COW-CALF PAIRS - Medium and Large 1-2 w/ 150-300 lbs calf (Per Unit / Actual Wt)

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
2-4	O	5	1358-1595	1457	2100.00-2400.00	2305.90	
2-8	O	16	1340	1340	2500.00	2500.00	
5-8	O	12	1375-1718	1448	1600.00-2350.00	2102.59	
>5	O	2	1350	1350	1875.00	1875.00	
>8	O	13	1223-1561	1379	1725.00-1800.00	1764.18	Broken Mouth

COW-CALF PAIRS - Large 1 w/ 150-300 lbs calf (Per Unit / Actual Wt)

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
>8	O	15	1407	1407	1775.00	1775.00	Broken Mouth

COW-CALF PAIRS - Medium 1 w/ 150-300 lbs calf (Per Unit / Actual Wt)

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2-4	O	25	1003	1003	2550.00	2550.00

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

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
<2	O	9	1052-1093	1066	2500.00-2600.00	2534.19

HEIFER PAIRS - Medium and Large 1 w/ 150-300 lbs calf (Per Unit / Actual Wt)

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
<2	O	100	1223-1292	1270	2700.00-3350.00	3208.07

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.