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Livestock Weighted Average Report for 10/8/2020 - Final

AUCTION

	This Week	Last Reported 10/1/2020	Last Year
Total Receipts:	2,358	4,120	1,715
Feeder Cattle:	1,990(84.4%)	3,394(82.4%)	1,580(92.1%)
Slaughter Cattle:	240(10.2%)	571(13.9%)	70(4.1%)
Replacement Cattle:	128(5.4%)	155(3.8%)	65(3.8%)

Special Note: ***Feeding cows are now reported as slaughter cows returning to feed***
Calves weaned longer than 45 days are left untagged

Compared to last week: Yearling feeder steers were too lightly tested to develop any market trend. Unweaned steer calves 400-549 lbs sold 3.00 to 5.00 lower. 550-649 lbs steers sold 5.00-10.00 lower, all other weights not well compared. Yearling heifers weighing less than 750 lbs sold mostly steady to 4.00 higher, heifers over 750 lbs sold steady to 2.00 higher. Unweaned heifer calves 450-500 lbs sold 6.00-12.00 lower. All other weights were too lightly tested to develop an accurate market trend, however lower undertones were noticed with the exception of calves under 350 lbs which sold with higher undertones. Quality this week was plain to average on calves and average to attractive on yearlings. Demand for yearlings was mostly good, while demand for calves was mostly light. Warm, dry and dusty conditions weighed on the market this week as buyers showed reluctance to bid on offerings due to concern over calves health. Additionally many sets of calves had no preconditioning shots which further impaired demand. Market activity this week was slow to moderate. Weigh up cows sold on mixed demand for light offerings. A two tier market has developed as packers and feeding buyers both showed good to very good demand for boning and breaking flesh cows and light demand for lean, thin fleshed cows. Feeding cows sold mostly steady to 3.00 higher on boning and breaking cows, while lean cows sold 1.00-2.00 lower. Slaughter cows sold steady to 2.00 lower on boning and lean cows. Slaughter bulls sold mostly 2.00-3.00 lower. Many cows were coming out of dry country and were very thin. Most cows had freshly weaned calves pulled off them and had heavy bags as a result. Weigh up conditions were mostly below average this week as many cows were very full. Young age re-breed type cows sold steady in a narrow comparison. Quality was mostly plain to average this week. Supply included: 84% Feeder Cattle (35% Steers, 65% Heifers, 1% Bulls); 10% Slaughter Cattle (84% Cows, 16% Bulls); 5% Replacement Cattle (59% Stock Cows, 17% Bred Cows, 24% Bred Heifers). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 51%.

FEEDER CATTLE

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
1	310	310	200.00	200.00	Unweaned
9	356-365	359	197.50-202.50	200.81	Unweaned
22	415-441	431	167.00-182.00	169.33	Unweaned
83	455-490	481	152.00-169.00	157.16	Unweaned
69	501-524	508	150.00-155.00	152.79	Unweaned
75	550-597	574	144.00-149.00	146.81	Unweaned
61	603-636	619	144.00-151.00	149.39	Unweaned
77	657-693	660	142.00-149.75	147.74	Unweaned
10	787	787	146.25	146.25	
2	823	823	138.00	138.00	Full

2	925	925	131.00	131.00	Full

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
4	333	333	174.00	174.00	Unweaned
3	370	370	160.00	160.00	Unweaned
9	403-443	416	155.00-162.00	157.48	Unweaned
10	514	514	145.00	145.00	
3	582	582	140.00	140.00	Unweaned
7	739	739	147.00	147.00	
2	795	795	143.00	143.00	
13	902-945	909	128.00-129.00	128.16	

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
13	486	486	132.00	132.00	Unweaned
8	500	500	132.00	132.00	Unweaned

STEERS - Medium 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
12	433	433	173.00	173.00	Unweaned
3	660	660	149.00	149.00	

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
5	374	374	154.00	154.00	
6	443-448	446	140.00-145.00	142.49	Unweaned
9	528	528	124.00	124.00	Unweaned

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
7	329	329	75.00	75.00	Unweaned
10	380	380	72.50	72.50	Unweaned

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
9	308-327	320	172.00-178.00	174.26	Unweaned
12	361-392	377	150.00-155.00	152.40	Unweaned
17	418-421	420	148.00-150.00	149.44	Unweaned
99	465-498	476	134.00-138.00	136.50	Unweaned
71	501-548	521	132.00-135.25	133.70	Unweaned
53	570-591	578	127.50-135.50	131.01	Unweaned

13	608	608	133.75	133.75	Unweaned
49	654-687	679	140.00-144.50	143.09	
8	676	676	137.00	137.00	Fancy
49	720-745	742	140.00-146.75	143.30	
138	766-796	788	137.00-144.00	139.91	
14	783-795	792	136.25-136.50	136.30	Full
53	802-847	832	135.00-137.00	135.53	
165	850-896	864	130.50-135.75	134.81	
47	905-946	921	129.00-131.25	130.36	
43	961-991	972	127.00-131.00	128.03	

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
4	325	325	142.50	142.50	
9	397	397	147.00	147.00	Unweaned
16	426-449	438	131.00-138.00	136.20	Unweaned
7	475-494	486	131.50-136.00	133.39	Unweaned
5	526	526	132.00	132.00	Unweaned

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
6	473	473	118.00	118.00	Unweaned

HEIFERS - Large 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
7	804	804	131.50	131.50

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
4	1105	1105	104.00	104.00

HEIFERS - Medium 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
12	404-427	410	132.00-139.00	137.18	Unweaned
12	620-638	632	136.00	136.00	
3	688	688	138.00	138.00	

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
14	395	395	136.00	136.00	Unweaned
4	418	418	127.50	127.50	Unweaned

HEIFERS - Medium 2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
14	334	334	134.00	134.00	
13	309	309	125.00	125.00	Unweaned

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
8	344	344	77.50	77.50	Unweaned
14	371-380	376	80.00-92.50	86.18	Unweaned

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
7	332	332	155.00	155.00	Unweaned

BULLS - Large 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	1075	1075	93.00	93.00

SLAUGHTER CATTLE

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing	
30	1510-1680	1582	65.50-70.50	67.03	Average	Return to Feed
2	1535-1700	1618	70.00	70.00	High	Return to Feed
8	1488-1710	1540	61.50-66.00	64.16	Low	Return to Feed

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing	
1	1715	1715	53.00	53.00	Average	
13	1265-1525	1379	56.50-64.00	59.71	Average	Return to Feed
1	1195	1195	67.00	67.00	High	
21	1348-1593	1506	63.50-68.50	67.84	High	Return to Feed
6	1368-1435	1413	49.00-51.50	49.81	Low	
13	1270-1488	1428	48.50-54.00	50.92	Low	Return to Feed

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing	
8	1195-1305	1226	51.50-57.50	54.49	Average	
5	951	951	51.00	51.00	Average	Light Weight
13	1126-1285	1187	50.00-59.00	53.97	Average	Return to Feed
2	1250-1285	1268	65.00-67.50	66.23	High	Return to Feed
12	1059-1270	1163	45.00-48.50	47.02	Low	
21	890-1186	1131	46.00-51.00	49.15	Low	Return to Feed

18	1118-1190	1143	34.50-42.00	36.51	Very Low

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
10	1565-2280	1850	72.00-77.00	75.02	Average
1	1305	1305	76.00	76.00	Average Return to Feed
5	1940-2173	2118	78.50-80.50	79.59	High
16	1545-2495	1900	63.00-73.50	68.17	Low
1	1950	1950	64.00	64.00	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	21	820-1450	1179	65.00-95.00	69.49	
2-4	O	25	998-1183	1109	59.50-70.50	67.03	
2-4	O	5	1020-1100	1063	53.00-57.00	55.40	Thin Fleshed

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

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
<2	O	13	968-1170	1041	61.00-72.00	65.84
2-4	O	4	1085	1085	62.00	62.00

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

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
>8	T1-2	7	1412	1412	57.50	57.50	
>8	T2	4	1224	1224	52.00	52.00	Thin Fleshed

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

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
>8	T1-2	8	1452	1452	975.00	975.00

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

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
<2	T1-2	3	833	833	950.00	950.00	Non-Legible Bangs

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

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
<2	T1-2	25	728	728	800.00	800.00

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Please Note:
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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; E = Exposed; B = Bred)

Age - Numerical representation of age in years.