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Livestock Weighted Average Report for 10/27/2022 - Final

AUCTION

	This Week	Last Reported 10/20/2022	Last Year
Total Receipts:	3,770	4,049	5,797
Feeder Cattle:	3,275(86.9%)	3,604(89.0%)	5,327(91.9%)
Slaughter Cattle:	297(7.9%)	303(7.5%)	285(4.9%)
Replacement Cattle:	198(5.3%)	142(3.5%)	185(3.2%)

Special Note: ***Offerings weaned over 45 days are left untagged***

Compared to last week: Yearling steers and heifer were too lightly tested to develop an accurate market trend, however steady to higher undertones were noticed on steers and lower undertones were noticed on heifers on a lower quality offering. Steer calves under 500 lbs sold sharply higher, mostly 20.00-30.00 higher with instances of up to 40.00 higher. Steer calves over 500 lbs sold mostly 8.00-12.00 higher. Heifer calves under 450 lbs sold 10.00-15.00 higher, heifer calves over 450 lbs sold 5.00-10.00 higher. Demand was mostly good to very good on all offerings. The best demand was for lightweight calves suitable to develop into yearlings, with several packages of steer calves topping 300.00. Rain has fallen in the southern plains over the last two weeks and buyers were very aggressive as they pushed to fill loads of very attractive, green, light weight calves. With higher prices seen for fat cattle over the last couple weeks additional support was seen for heavier weight cattle as well. Cooperate buyers were particularly aggressive on attractive cattle of both sexes over 600 lbs. Quality this week was mostly average to very attractive. Market activity was mostly very active this week with the most buyer participation seen this fall. Weigh up cows sold on mostly light to moderate demand for moderate offerings. Slaughter cows sold steady to 2.00 lower on boning and lean cows, breaking cows were too lightly tested to develop any market trend. Feeding cows sold steady to 3.00 higher in a narrow comparison. Slaughter bulls were too lightly tested last sale to develop an accurate market trend, steady to higher undertones were noticed. Young age cows suitable to feed or rebreed sold unevenly steady. With higher prices seen on rebreed type cattle and weaker prices seen on feeding type. Supply included: 87% Feeder Cattle (54% Steers, 44% Heifers, 2% Bulls); 8% Slaughter Cattle (89% Cows, 11% Bulls); 5% Replacement Cattle (58% Stock Cows, 42% Bred Cows). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 26%.

FEEDER CATTLE

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
15	331-349	341	292.50-315.00	305.36	Unweaned
8	351	351	319.00	319.00	Fancy
46	351-395	370	279.00-300.00	290.12	Unweaned
133	400-449	423	265.00-289.00	278.79	Unweaned
210	450-499	481	221.00-261.00	236.19	Unweaned
200	500-545	522	210.00-224.00	215.57	Unweaned
13	573-590	574	210.00	210.00	
251	550-598	568	189.00-214.50	204.36	Unweaned
23	625	625	195.00	195.00	
241	600-647	624	186.00-196.00	191.88	Unweaned
114	651-695	670	175.00-189.00	183.87	Unweaned
9	712	712	179.00	179.00	

49	700-748	722	170.00-179.00	175.09	Unweaned
7	755	755	180.50	180.50	
14	773	773	174.00	174.00	Unweaned
6	829	829	154.00	154.00	Unweaned
28	909	909	185.00	185.00	Fancy

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
3	320	320	253.00	253.00	Unweaned
7	396	396	267.00	267.00	Unweaned
4	410-425	416	243.00-262.50	256.45	Unweaned
38	471-496	492	202.00-217.00	209.46	Unweaned
28	500-548	522	185.00-208.00	198.86	Unweaned
5	585	585	184.00	184.00	Unweaned
10	606-644	621	161.00-178.00	170.95	Unweaned
11	764	764	154.00	154.00	Unweaned

STEERS - Large 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
3	607	607	181.00	181.00	Unweaned

STEERS - Medium 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
5	362	362	240.00	240.00	Unweaned
9	502	502	205.00	205.00	Unweaned

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
7	612	612	161.00	161.00

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
44	300-344	326	215.00-231.00	225.16	Unweaned
96	365-398	386	217.00-230.00	222.91	Unweaned
150	401-442	419	205.00-225.00	216.25	Unweaned
236	453-498	472	186.00-210.50	195.63	Unweaned
46	532-539	538	200.00	200.00	Fancy
168	506-547	522	180.00-195.50	189.17	Unweaned
9	553	553	187.00	187.00	Fancy
130	554-598	580	172.00-184.00	178.89	Unweaned
94	603-649	627	166.00-177.00	174.26	Unweaned
31	650-697	674	161.00-175.50	170.00	Unweaned

8	726	726	166.00	166.00	
21	768-789	786	164.00-164.50	164.43	
5	869	869	159.00	159.00	
15	905-938	936	155.00-158.50	157.23	
10	974	974	151.00	151.00	

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
6	341-343	342	207.50-212.50	210.83	Unweaned
12	353-396	370	204.00-211.50	208.26	Unweaned
14	410-420	416	192.00-200.00	194.70	Unweaned
49	455-493	483	173.00-186.00	182.88	Unweaned
6	514	514	165.00	165.00	
27	505-537	529	160.00-175.00	170.30	Unweaned
4	555	555	166.00	166.00	Unweaned
2	653	653	156.00	156.00	Unweaned

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
15	432	432	169.00	169.00	Unweaned

HEIFERS - Large 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
13	568-574	570	165.00-169.00	166.55	Unweaned
4	1073	1073	148.50	148.50	

HEIFERS - Medium 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
9	654-678	665	160.00-162.50	161.37

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
3	675	675	153.00	153.00

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
9	429-440	430	229.00-254.00	251.16	Unweaned
19	484-486	484	212.50-225.00	222.36	Unweaned
5	525	525	192.50	192.50	Unweaned
8	613	613	162.00	162.00	Unweaned
3	660	660	156.50	156.50	Unweaned

SLAUGHTER CATTLE

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing	
3	1563	1563	84.50	84.50	High	
5	1545-1760	1641	67.00-74.00	69.98	Low	
2	1585	1585	72.00	72.00	Low	Return to Feed
1	1790	1790	62.00	62.00	Very Low	

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing	
65	1207-1480	1424	69.00-77.50	75.76	Average	Return to Feed
3	1382	1382	80.00	80.00	High	Return to Feed
9	1130-1463	1409	54.00-58.00	55.19	Low	
21	1336-1490	1438	58.00-67.00	64.62	Low	Return to Feed

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing	
1	1220	1220	62.50	62.50	Average	
13	1110-1279	1266	63.50-65.00	63.60	Average	Return to Feed
48	1098-1450	1225	51.00-58.50	54.91	Low	
5	880-896	893	44.50-50.00	45.58	Low	Light Weight
18	1060-1216	1182	50.00-60.00	58.24	Low	Return to Feed
48	1008-1330	1133	41.00-48.00	44.78	Very Low	

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing	
7	1870-2130	1944	91.50-95.50	94.25	Average	
9	1221-1229	1225	101.00-102.00	101.44	High	Return to Feed
10	1593-1920	1759	72.00-90.00	82.23	Low	
3	1495	1495	81.00	81.00	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	26	835-1011	944	96.00-126.50	113.01
2-4	O	33	850-1297	1082	71.00-95.00	81.80
2-8	O	29	1131-1275	1186	68.00-70.00	68.97

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

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2-4	O	18	1139-1145	1139	65.00-71.00	65.33

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

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
>5	T2	12	1290	1290	69.00	69.00	
>8	T1	5	1379	1379	64.00	64.00	Thin Fleshed
>8	T2	19	1431-1600	1463	67.00-71.00	69.40	Broken Mouth
>8	T2	4	1310-1523	1417	59.00-65.00	61.77	Thin Fleshed

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

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2-4	T1	3	1112	1112	1150.00	1150.00
2-4	T2	7	1225-1445	1256	1200.00-1285.00	1271.03
5-8	T2	7	1539	1539	1285.00	1285.00
>5	T2	19	1199-1481	1347	1000.00-1050.00	1028.92

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.