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Livestock Weighted Average Report for 10/7/2021 - Final

AUCTION

	This Week	Last Reported 9/30/2021	Last Year
Total Receipts:	6,040	3,603	2,358
Feeder Cattle:	5,107(84.6%)	432(12.0%)	1,990(84.4%)
Slaughter Cattle:	478(7.9%)	1,826(50.7%)	240(10.2%)
Replacement Cattle:	455(7.5%)	1,345(37.3%)	128(5.4%)

Special Note: *Weaned calves were left untagged*

Compared to last week: All feeder cattle were scarcely tested last sale as it featured bred cows, thus comparisons are not available. Todays sal was comprised mostly of spring born calves. Quality this sale was average to very attractive. Many sets of reputation cattle were seen this sale Demand for calves was slightly uneven, but most offerings sold with moderate to good demand. Transportation was the biggest factor limiting demand this sale, as trucks are unprecedently tight. Drought conditions and early marketing's coupled with heavy cow movement has truck availability very tight. This led to large and often overlapping price spreads at times. Many feeders in the state have opted to sell their feed anc yard space to ranchers for cows instead of feeding calves this year. This has also put some pressure on the market as many offerings that normally sell to local feeders have no place available to feed. Vaccinations were also vital as buyers offered strong premiums for calves with both spring and fall shots. Several sets of weaned calves were seen this week. Many sets of calves have been weaned since the beginning of August due to extremely dry conditions. CME positions saw strong positive movement today as triple digit gains were seen. The October and November feeder cattle contracts closed 3.55 and 3.475 higher respectively. Market activity was mostly active with many buyers ringside actively bidding on offerings. Weigh up cows sold on mostly light demand for moderate offerings. Packers showed very light to light demand for cows for immediate harvest. Heavy supplies of cows have been seen over the last few weeks and packers have started to pack up prices. Slaughter cows sold mostly 5.00-8.00 lower on boning and lean cows. Breaking cows were not tested. Most cows were extremely thin and very full this sale. Feeding cows sold mostly 3.00-5.00 lower, again comparisons were difficult due to poor weigh up conditions. Slaughter bulls sold fully steady. Cows suitable to rebreed sold on mostly good demand. Quality this week was mostly attractive with many one iron home-raised offerings. Offerings sold mostly 5.00 higher. Supply included: 85% Feeder Cattle (56% Steers, 42% Heifers, 2% Bulls); 8% Slaughter Cattle (97% Cows, 3% Bulls); 8% Replacement Cattle (91% Stock Cows, 6% Bred Cows, 3% Bred Heifers). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 12%.

FEEDER CATTLE

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
7	299	299	213.00	213.00	Unweaned
6	340	340	207.50	207.50	
44	300-343	338	202.50-223.50	220.80	Unweaned
67	356-394	376	197.00-218.00	209.15	Unweaned
72	408	408	202.00-217.00	209.50	
356	404-446	420	184.00-203.00	193.20	Unweaned
536	451-490	471	174.00-187.50	179.88	Unweaned
6	523	523	172.00	172.00	
362	508-549	527	166.00-177.00	171.22	Unweaned
4	564	564	167.00	167.00	

152	551-593	562	158.00-168.00	163.81	Unweaned
14	629	629	162.00	162.00	
258	602-646	631	155.00-168.00	161.66	Unweaned
19	650-675	665	157.00-163.00	161.80	Unweaned
10	830-844	836	146.50-150.00	148.59	
32	899	899	147.50	147.50	
15	946	946	142.50	142.50	

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
5	268	268	197.50	197.50	Unweaned
61	357-392	385	189.00-194.00	190.39	Unweaned
28	438	438	179.00	179.00	
103	415-441	427	164.00-180.00	174.80	Unweaned
8	479	479	170.00	170.00	
36	473-494	484	167.00-171.00	169.26	Unweaned
33	501-509	505	148.50-161.00	156.27	Unweaned
15	570-578	575	155.00-156.00	155.40	Unweaned

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
6	377	377	160.00	160.00	Unweaned
51	444	444	160.75	160.75	Unweaned
5	523	523	140.00	140.00	Unweaned

STEERS - Large 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
7	421	421	184.00	184.00	Unweaned
58	483-497	493	168.50-170.00	169.54	Unweaned
5	553	553	154.00	154.00	Unweaned

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
10	796	796	135.00	135.00
10	811	811	136.00	136.00

STEERS - Medium 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
6	328	328	184.00	184.00	
16	413	413	179.00	179.00	
5	408	408	175.00	175.00	Unweaned

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
14	363	363	170.00	170.00	Unweaned

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
27	281-290	287	189.00-190.00	189.29	Unweaned
43	310-345	321	174.00-185.00	181.19	Unweaned
39	396	396	163.00	163.00	Full
213	350-399	378	167.00-177.00	172.76	Unweaned
210	405-438	424	157.00-172.00	165.81	Unweaned
101	454	454	168.00	168.00	Fancy
8	489	489	144.00	144.00	Full
322	450-497	478	150.50-160.00	154.81	Unweaned
335	502-531	513	145.00-159.50	154.31	Unweaned
15	551	551	148.00	148.00	
95	551-589	572	141.00-153.50	148.28	Unweaned
32	633-647	641	145.00-148.50	147.84	Unweaned
45	863-895	871	139.50-142.75	140.26	
6	927	927	139.25	139.25	
20	990-998	998	129.00-132.25	132.09	

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
6	333	333	167.00	167.00	Unweaned
24	369-374	373	162.00-166.00	165.18	Unweaned
4	403	403	145.00	145.00	
67	415-419	417	152.50-155.00	153.12	Unweaned
35	458-493	489	142.00-146.00	144.89	Unweaned
18	553-564	558	136.00-138.00	137.10	Unweaned
6	878	878	135.50	135.50	
10	933	933	125.50	125.50	

HEIFERS - Large 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
11	1030	1030	130.00	130.00
10	1083-1094	1087	122.50-127.50	125.49

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
4	831	831	114.00	114.00

HEIFERS - Medium 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
56	410-449	428	149.00-156.00	153.06	Unweaned
24	499	499	145.00	145.00	Unweaned
7	742-745	744	144.00	144.00	

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
8	307	307	160.00	160.00	Unweaned
15	391	391	146.00	146.00	Unweaned

HEIFERS - Medium 2-3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
8	410	410	125.00	125.00	Unweaned

HEIFERS - Small and Medium 2-3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
8	370	370	110.00	110.00	Unweaned

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
9	346	346	202.00	202.00	Unweaned
6	408	408	185.00	185.00	Unweaned
4	476	476	162.00	162.00	Unweaned
25	512	512	159.00	159.00	
32	503-547	522	146.00-155.50	151.44	Unweaned
16	580-599	587	137.00-144.50	142.28	Unweaned
8	610-646	637	140.00	140.00	Unweaned

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
4	440	440	164.00	164.00	Unweaned

SLAUGHTER CATTLE

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing	
1	1495	1495	57.00	57.00	Average	
40	1425-1583	1534	56.50-64.00	57.04	Average	Return to Feed
1	1435	1435	70.00	70.00	High	Return to Feed
5	1347-1465	1388	44.00-47.50	46.24	Low	
60	1318-1660	1462	44.00-57.00	51.58	Low	Return to Feed
4	1420	1420	41.00	41.00	Very Low	

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
3	1345	1345	51.50	51.50	Average
52	1290	1290	52.00	52.00	Average Return to Feed
27	1174-1382	1232	41.00-46.00	42.99	Low
70	910-1341	1178	31.00-42.00	37.85	Very Low
8	1125	1125	38.50	38.50	Very Low Return to Feed

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
5	1655-2010	1785	80.00-85.00	82.56	Average
1	1870	1870	84.00	84.00	Average Return to Feed
3	1630-1970	1753	63.00-74.00	67.12	Low

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	255	795-1010	891	84.00-115.75	104.69
2-4	O	49	810-1282	1114	59.00-80.00	72.38

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

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
<2	O	2	910-955	933	62.50-75.00	68.60
2-4	O	6	863	863	63.00	63.00

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

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2-4	T1	5	1163	1163	1050.00	1050.00
2-4	T1-2	15	1213	1213	1210.00	1210.00

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

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2-4	T1-2	11	824	824	142.50	142.50

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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.