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Livestock Weighted Average Report for 12/9/2021 - Final

AUCTION

	This Week	Last Reported 12/2/2021	Last Year
Total Receipts:	4,492	4,214	5,120
Feeder Cattle:	3,607(80.3%)	3,923(93.1%)	3,949(77.1%)
Slaughter Cattle:	588(13.1%)	192(4.6%)	832(16.3%)
Replacement Cattle:	297(6.6%)	99(2.3%)	339(6.6%)

Compared to last week: Yearling steers and heifers sold with steady undertones in a narrow comparison. Quality this week was average to attractive and similar to last week. Demand for yearlings remains good to very good. Feeder steers less than 500 lbs sold generally steady. Steer calves over 500 lbs sold mostly 5.00 higher. Heifer calves under 450 lbs sold generally steady heifers over 450 lbs sold 3.00-6.00 higher. Quality this week was mixed from plain to attractive. Calves varied more in quality this week and buyers were more selective due to large quality variation. Demand for calves was mostly moderate to good. The best demand continues to be seen for light weight calves suitable to develop into yearlings. Calves were offered in a variety of package sizes this week with several load lots of calves on offer as well. Market activity this week was mostly active with a big buyer pool actively bidding on offerings. Weigh up cows sold on mostly moderate demand for moderate to heavy offerings. Packers were less aggressive in buying slaughter cows this week, opting to send most cows to feed. Slaughter cows sold generally steady in a narrow comparison. Demand for feeding cows was mostly good this week as a large pool of feeding buyers were active in buying cows. Feeding cows sold mostly steady to 5.00 higher, with the biggest increase in price coming from boning flesh cows which buyers were purchasing to feed to premium white. Slaughter bulls sold generally steady in a narrow comparison. Young age cows suitable to feed or rebreed were too lightly tested last week to develop an accurate market trend, however lower undertones were noticed. Quality was mostly plain to average this week. Supply included: 80% Feeder Cattle (45% Steers, 51% Heifers, 4% Bulls); 13% Slaughter Cattle (95% Cows, 5% Bulls); 7% Replacement Cattle (76% Stock Cows, 24% Bred Cows). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 13%.

FEEDER CATTLE

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
15	365-394	388	221.50-224.00	221.97	
40	373-387	378	220.00-229.50	227.51	Unweaned
22	436-443	438	203.50-210.00	207.04	
96	400-446	421	209.00-225.00	219.46	Unweaned
54	451-499	473	195.00-220.00	206.46	
64	457-497	480	199.00-205.00	201.81	Unweaned
73	504-548	519	183.00-198.50	191.18	
233	501-530	508	186.00-204.00	200.99	Unweaned
10	567	567	174.00	174.00	
294	566-591	584	171.00-181.00	176.92	Unweaned
60	609-626	624	163.00-170.00	167.27	
62	604-628	607	164.00-176.00	174.80	Unweaned
12	673-683	680	160.00-163.50	162.34	
24	673-688	680	157.00-166.50	162.99	Unweaned

8	715	715	160.00	160.00	
4	769	769	164.50	164.50	
53	825-837	836	162.00-170.00	162.45	
12	852-883	857	165.00-168.00	167.48	

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
18	349	349	212.00	212.00	
27	303-317	314	200.00-213.50	208.14	Unweaned
3	408	408	203.00	203.00	
34	402-446	424	197.00-208.50	203.89	Unweaned
4	486	486	191.00	191.00	
10	489	489	187.00	187.00	Unweaned
30	528-549	540	164.00-179.00	172.79	
2	525-530	528	170.00-176.00	172.99	Unweaned
10	565	565	160.50	160.50	
9	585-589	587	148.00-155.00	151.90	Unweaned
3	670	670	151.00	151.00	

STEERS - Large 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
3	1042	1042	139.50	139.50
5	1144	1144	132.00	132.00

STEERS - Medium 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
21	317-326	321	216.00-217.50	216.72	Unweaned
10	451	451	174.00	174.00	
23	508	508	178.00-183.00	179.74	
55	552-570	562	159.00-170.50	165.23	

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
9	462	462	155.00	155.00

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
6	349	349	177.00	177.00	
47	366-398	384	172.00-181.00	176.20	
47	355-388	375	181.00-189.00	184.68	Unweaned
63	403-444	435	168.00-183.00	171.15	
37	417	417	190.00	190.00	Fancy

52	436	436	179.00	179.00	Unweaned
181	452-489	480	152.00-169.00	163.08	
161	450-499	484	153.00-170.00	164.10	Unweaned
244	510-549	531	151.50-166.00	157.91	
4	526	526	170.00	170.00	Fancy
112	505-544	531	155.50-158.50	157.53	Unweaned
58	554-590	559	146.00-158.75	155.07	
204	551-598	560	146.00-158.25	156.13	Unweaned
29	630	630	147.00	147.00	
17	601	601	156.50	156.50	Fancy
26	616-640	626	144.00-150.00	146.88	Unweaned
6	762	762	158.00	158.00	
18	851	851	155.50	155.50	
14	948	948	145.50	145.50	
11	997	997	147.50	147.50	

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
10	311	311	160.00	160.00	Unweaned
23	366-390	379	162.00-170.00	166.08	Unweaned
24	401-444	435	161.00-162.00	161.83	
33	418-428	419	152.00-160.00	152.99	Unweaned
3	485	485	149.50	149.50	
10	465-466	466	148.00-151.00	148.90	Unweaned
5	506	506	139.00	139.00	
13	584	584	140.00	140.00	
10	702-724	717	145.00	145.00	
8	989	989	134.00	134.00	

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
8	1033	1033	125.00	125.00

HEIFERS - Medium 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
14	308-347	333	152.50-155.00	153.33	
6	352	352	163.00	163.00	
3	395	395	152.50	152.50	Unweaned
19	421	421	152.00	152.00	
35	494	494	151.00	151.00	
17	507-517	512	130.00-132.00	130.93	Unweaned

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
14	304	304	130.00	130.00	Unweaned
7	467	467	120.00	120.00	Unweaned

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
1	345	345	228.00	228.00	Unweaned
69	435	435	201.00	201.00	
13	598	598	151.00	151.00	Unweaned
7	654	654	137.00	137.00	
3	805	805	133.00	133.00	Unweaned

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
11	343	343	180.00	180.00	
4	564	564	147.00	147.00	Unweaned

BULLS - Large 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
10	1132	1132	100.00	100.00

SLAUGHTER CATTLE

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
5	1746	1746	64.50	64.50	Average
1	1590	1590	64.50	64.50	Average Return to Feed
2	1640-1695	1668	54.00-54.50	54.25	Low
3	1603	1603	58.00	58.00	Low Return to Feed

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
67	1325-1650	1391	54.50-62.50	57.41	Average Return to Feed
24	1200-1485	1379	65.00-70.00	67.26	High Return to Feed
5	1330-1770	1484	44.00-52.50	47.77	Low
12	1345-1528	1425	50.75-53.50	52.12	Low Return to Feed

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
3	1158-1210	1175	46.00	46.00	Average
80	1065-1293	1217	48.00-55.00	51.57	Average Return to Feed
77	1050-1310	1138	36.25-44.50	39.71	Low

3	860-975	903	38.50-42.00	40.57	Low	Light Weight
23	1085-1315	1159	41.00-47.00	45.04	Low	Return to Feed
3	825-955	877	27.00-31.00	29.34	Very Low	Light Weight

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing	
4	1605-1898	1763	84.00-87.00	84.93	Average	
1	2500	2500	80.00	80.00	Average	Heavy Weight
8	1250-1795	1528	84.00-87.50	85.35	Average	Return to Feed
1	2325	2325	94.00	94.00	High	
1	2245	2245	76.00	76.00	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	85	850-1403	899	61.00-95.00	85.95	
2-4	O	64	822-1315	1035	51.00-84.00	70.40	
2-8	O	7	1040-1160	1074	44.00-50.00	45.85	
2-8	O	3	965-1020	983	43.00	43.00	Thin Fleshed

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

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2-4	O	3	887	887	51.00	51.00

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

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2-4	T1	10	965-1255	1073	800.00-850.00	821.18
2-4	T1-2	14	952-1167	1029	1000.00-1050.00	1020.26
2-4	T2-3	28	1042-1316	1143	1100.00-1125.00	1112.21

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.