

Wednesday, April 9, 16, 23, 2025  
Cattle Marketed 3016

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## Market Snapshot



Choice Steers	Prices shown per CWT / per 100 pounds	Choice Heifers
\$325.00-\$450.00	300 LBS	\$275.00-\$400.00
\$300.00-\$425.00	400 LBS	\$275.00-\$400.00
\$285.00-\$400.00	500 LBS	\$250.00-\$365.00
\$250.00-\$325.00	600 LBS	\$225.00-\$300.00
\$225.00-\$300.00	700 LBS	\$200.00-\$275.00
\$215.00-\$275.00	800 LBS	\$200.00-\$265.00
\$205.00-\$265.00	900 LBS	\$195.00-\$255.00

Slaughter Bulls		Slaughter Cows
\$150.00-\$180.00	High Yield	\$140.00-\$165.00
\$130.00-\$150.00	Medium Yield	\$120.00-\$140.00
\$110.00-\$130.00	Low Yield	\$100.00-\$120.00
\$135.00-\$175.00	Feeder/Young	\$120.00-\$170.00
N/A	Heiferettes	\$125.00-\$175.00

Top Bull

\$178.50

Top Cow

\$161.00

## Looking Ahead:

NOTE WE WILL BE STARTING AT 9:30 AM W/COWS

Wednesday, April 30th

Early Spring Calf & Yearling Special many high quality bunches  
of calves & yearlings

Wednesday, May 7th

Spring Calf & Yearling Sale...large run on all classes

Wednesday, May 14th

TCCA Off the Grass Sale many high quality local calves & year-  
lings

Wednesday, May 21st

Late Spring Special

Wednesday, May 28th

Annual Parsons/Nock Memorial Sale

Save the Date:

Saturday June 21st

Annual Fall Calving Female Sale

In April 2025, Visalia Livestock Market reflected the broader cattle market trends of rising prices and tight supplies, driven by favorable conditions for herd expansion and high demand for breeding stock. Fed cattle prices continued to climb, with southern sales ranging from \$212-\$213 and northern sales at \$215-\$218 live, while dressed sales reached \$340. The market saw a slaughter of 555,000 cattle, down 21,000 from the previous week and 59,000 from the prior year, indicating a constrained supply. Recent rains across the plains supported pasture conditions, encouraging heifer retention and herd rebuilding, which further tightened feedlot placements and set the stage for potential beef shortages in to the future.

### Annual Female Replacement Sale - April 19, 2025

We hosted our Annual Female Replacement Sale on April 19, 2025, showcasing strong demand for breeding stock. Key highlights from the sale include:

- **Fall Bred First Calf Heifers:** The top end of fall bred first calf heifers commanded \$4,100 per head, reflecting robust interest in high-quality replacements. The overall average price for heifers was \$3,565 per head, aligning with regional trends where bred heifer prices have risen significantly due to herd expansion efforts.
- **Fall Calving Cows:** Fall calving cows averaged \$2,875 per head, indicating steady demand for mature breeding stock as producers capitalize on favorable pasture conditions and high calf prices.
- **Spring Pairs:** A limited number of spring pairs averaged \$2,876 per head, consistent with the strong market for cow-calf pairs amid tight female cattle supplies.

The sale underscored the market's optimism for cow-calf profitability, driven by low national cattle inventories and expectations of sustained high calf prices through 2026.

Here at VLM over the past few weeks we have seen the uptrend of prices continue with all classes, seemingly reaching new highs the past few weeks and finally leveling off at all time highs the past two weeks. Light calves showing very strong demand with stocker operators across the country scrambling for the lighter stocker type cattle. Topping last week with 365 pound steers at \$495.00/cwt. Not that this may be the norm but sure was exciting. Heavier weight stocker cattle also reaching new highs with added demand. Not only from the grass operators but coming from some feedyard operators trying to stock grow yard pens. Feeder cattle also seeing top prices with extreme demand on what has seemed to be a limited supply so far. All feedlots seem to be aggressive trying to fill holes on shorter term cattle. This Wednesday we will have a much larger run of feeder weight cattle and this should test the top end. Butcher cows also in a aggressive up mode topping two weeks ago. With some cows reaching as high as \$3.00 dressed. \$1.45-1.65 on higher end cows with bulls upper \$1.60-1.80. Look for this trend to continue as cows are short. The marketing season is upon us and don't forget vaccinations are important as well as timely marketing. Don't wait for the summer heat as most buyers will become less aggressive as they get a supply around them and the weather heats up around the country.

*See you at Ringside, Randy*

*Your Complete Marketing  
Service!*

**Basic Vac (At branding)**

Inforce 3

One Shot BVD

Ultrabac 8

Show this card where you  
purchase your vaccines to  
make sure you get the right  
ones!

**Premium Vac (3 to 6 weeks  
prior to marketing)**

First shot with Basic Vac  
protocol plus second shot with:  
Bovi-Shield Gold One Shot

Ultrabac 7 Somubac

The Zoetis logo, featuring the word "zoetis" in a white, lowercase, sans-serif font on an orange rectangular background.**Current Live Auction Schedule****Cows/Bulls start at 9:30 AM****Bred Cows/ Pairs/ Stockers and Feeders at  
11:00 AM or directly after cows and bulls.****Please plan accordingly when you drop  
off your livestock. Any questions please  
do not hesitate to ask. As always we will  
continue to receive cattle any days before  
Wednesday.**The Visalia Livestock Market logo, featuring the text "Visalia Livestock Market" in a curved, serif font above a black and white illustration of a cowboy on a horse herding two cows.

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**Spring & Summer Specials****4-30 Early Spring Calf & Yearling Special****5-7 Spring Calf & Yearling Sale****5-14 TCCA Off the Grass Sale****5-21 Late Spring Calf Special****5-28 Annual Parsons/Nock Memorial Sale****6-4 Early Summer Special****6-21 Annual Fall Calving Female Sale**