

Valentine Livestock Auction Company

Valentine, Nebraska



Market Report Thursday, March 23, 2023

A good offering (over 1000) of weigh ups, everything is higher except bulls steady. Demand on straight twos was good-selling from 1.40 to 1.67. Overall average per head was 1209. Just a good day.

Weigh Ups

Feeding Cows: \$90 to \$1.15
High Yielding Cows: \$88 to \$1.01
Full & Low Yielding Cows: \$70 to \$88

Bulls: \$97 to \$1.17
Heiferettes: \$97 to \$1.60

A remembrance of Jerry Shelbourn 1937 to 2023

In 1993, I'm the new guy of Valentine Livestock and the old guy, yard foreman is Jerry Shelbourn. He started with the new owners in 1992. Jerry, upon introduction, looks at me with a scrutinizing eye, like should we trust you?

It's May and rain with spring warmth has made for mud and messy yards. Being under new ownership, there are growing pains. Repairs, personnel changes, and equipment updates. Personnel matters were and continue to be around the next corner. Within day or so, being at VLA I could see we want a high character place. Jerry brought a "get it done" work ethic and zero tolerance for sitting around. He would get it done! At first his contribution was more than labor, provided machinery from his previous work experiences.

I always admired his stockman skills and how he treated his horse "Andy", and dog. Dedicated family man, he and his wife Mitzi had 4 children, Robert, Steve, Scott and Elizabeth.

Over the years, Jerry was in charge of almost all of our major yard improvements. Our redo of sorting area, from dirt and wood corrals to concrete and steel, redesign of loadout, putting in water and redoing water lines, total remodel of vet area, and sorting facilities. The one thing, that stands out from 25 years ago, with the capable help of Jim Wilson and Hank Latimer they figured out how the water could be drained from the sort area to the outside. Huge improvement for man and beast. Jerry left a mark of "better than I found it" at Valentine Livestock. We are very grateful for his contribution and dedication as a yard foreman, family man and most of all-friend.

Upcoming Sales

Thurs., March 30: Special Feeder, Fall & Spring Bred Female Sale
Thurs., April 6: No Sale-Happy Easter
Thurs., April 13: Special Feeder Sale (fall cfs & yearlings) including R-Calf Rollover Auction
Thurs., April 20: Regular Sale
Thurs., April 27: Special Bred, Feeder & Regular Sale

Thurs., May 4:
Thurs. May 11: All Breeds Bull Sale, Special Pair, Bred Female & Regular Sale, Nebkota Genetics Annual Bull Sale (20 Charolais & 10 Angus) fall yearlings
Thurs., May 18: Special Feeder (fall cfs & yearlings)

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