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\*\*\* Correction on 07/29/2025 \*\*\*

Livestock Weighted Average Report for 7/28/2025 - 7/28/2025

## LIVESTOCK SUMMARY

	This Week	Last Reported 7/21/2025	Last Year
Total Receipts:	3,684	3,836	3,280
Feeder Cattle:	2,968(80.6%)	2,855(74.4%)	2,566(78.2%)
Slaughter Cattle:	360(9.8%)	422(11.0%)	445(13.6%)
Replacement Cattle:	356(9.7%)	559(14.6%)	269(8.2%)

Special Note: correction to slaughter cow weights

Cattle auctions at Forest (1,388), Grenada (84), Hattiesburg (908), Houston (82), Macon (221), Meridian (283), West Point (756). Compared to last week: Feeder steers sold 5.00 to 15.00 higher. Feeder heifers sold 5.00 to 15.00 higher. Slaughter cows sold 3.00 to 7.00 higher. Slaughter bulls sold steady. Supply included: 81% Feeder Cattle (46% Steers, 39% Heifers, 14% Bulls); 10% Slaughter Cattle (79% Cows, 21% Bulls); 10% Replacement Cattle (14% Stock Cows, 57% Bred Cows, 3% Bred Heifers, 26% Cow-Calf Pairs, 1% Bulls). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 37%.

## FEEDER CATTLE

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
7	200-245	219	475.00-575.00	533.82
14	250-295	273	465.00-560.00	523.94
25	300-345	319	422.50-525.00	491.91
8	355-390	379	380.00-450.00	430.06
41	400-445	420	380.00-460.00	418.90
33	450-495	470	367.50-410.00	388.79
55	500-545	520	330.00-405.00	370.71
54	550-595	574	332.50-385.00	350.44
57	600-645	623	317.50-357.00	339.37
60	650-695	672	310.00-350.00	324.70
15	700-745	724	300.00-325.00	312.75
4	760-795	775	290.00-317.50	308.13
2	820-825	823	308.00-310.00	309.00
2	875-890	883	282.50-290.00	286.22
3	910-930	923	270.00-290.00	281.61
1	1015	1015	270.00	270.00
1	1330	1330	204.00	204.00

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

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<u>Head</u>	<u>Wt Range</u>	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Avg Price</u>	
3	385	385	390.00	390.00	
4	439	439	400.00	400.00	
4	440	440	430.00	430.00	Value Added
18	463-470	468	400.00-430.00	406.60	Value Added
28	502-546	520	367.50-400.00	376.17	Value Added
27	586-592	589	343.00-368.00	355.83	
36	557-592	574	344.00-372.50	359.62	Value Added
2	620	620	350.00	350.00	
64	600-640	623	330.00-355.00	342.93	Value Added
5	663	663	344.00	344.00	
43	650-693	655	315.00-343.50	333.69	Value Added
49	705-742	727	324.00-337.50	335.55	
4	725	725	327.00	327.00	Value Added
53	810-836	825	312.00-323.50	316.82	
10	872	872	306.00	306.00	
7	928	928	290.00	290.00	
18	1032	1032	305.00	305.00	

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

<u>Head</u>	<u>Wt Range</u>	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Avg Price</u>	
1	205	205	475.00	475.00	
8	250-290	267	385.00-470.00	434.70	
10	300-340	317	350.00-470.00	436.10	
11	355-395	377	340.00-445.00	407.46	
11	415-445	432	320.00-440.00	393.66	
22	450-495	476	320.00-420.00	365.92	
14	500-545	526	315.00-375.00	350.67	
9	555-585	569	312.00-371.00	342.59	
9	600-645	629	290.00-330.00	312.92	
8	665-695	678	280.00-328.00	316.95	
3	765-780	775	290.00-297.50	294.98	
2	755	755	325.00	325.00	Fleshy
1	1005	1005	232.50	232.50	

#### STEERS - Medium and Large 3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

<u>Head</u>	<u>Wt Range</u>	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Avg Price</u>
2	360-380	370	415.00-428.00	421.68
8	405-440	429	285.00-400.00	370.46
3	455-480	470	285.00-390.00	322.43
1	545	545	354.00	354.00
4	560-590	570	285.00-348.00	316.22



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

<u>Head</u>	<u>Wt Range</u>	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Avg Price</u>	
1	140	140	500.00	500.00	
1	170	170	555.00	555.00	
6	210-235	223	400.00-510.00	443.63	
11	260-295	271	385.00-490.00	433.87	
35	300-345	328	385.00-460.00	412.48	
34	350-395	369	370.00-450.00	396.59	
46	400-445	420	340.00-403.00	364.22	
53	450-495	470	325.00-375.00	350.62	
78	500-545	521	310.00-360.00	341.48	
1	510	510	400.00	400.00	Fancy
33	550-595	570	300.00-348.00	324.95	
49	600-645	622	295.00-340.00	319.40	
12	650-695	667	275.00-322.00	305.21	
6	705-740	720	250.00-315.00	288.80	
5	750-795	772	265.00-290.00	276.33	
6	815-845	835	224.00-280.00	260.56	
2	855-885	870	275.00	275.00	
3	910-920	915	255.00-275.00	268.37	
1	995	995	230.00	230.00	
2	1010-1025	1018	230.00	230.00	
1	1070	1070	230.00	230.00	
1	1210	1210	260.00	260.00	

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

<u>Head</u>	<u>Wt Range</u>	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Avg Price</u>	
2	385	385	345.00	345.00	
2	402	402	353.00	353.00	
3	425	425	360.00	360.00	Value Added
7	450-490	461	345.00-357.00	353.36	
24	450-475	465	355.00-360.00	358.51	Value Added
16	500-544	527	320.00-342.00	336.28	
2	500	500	335.00	335.00	Fleshy
40	505-526	516	340.00-367.50	356.08	Value Added
7	566	566	328.00	328.00	Value Added
18	606-648	637	320.00-325.00	323.06	
27	600-636	615	318.00-326.50	323.59	Value Added
15	671	671	335.50	335.50	
6	744	744	282.00	282.00	Value Added
35	753-780	769	297.00-317.50	309.72	



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

<u>Head</u>	<u>Wt Range</u>	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Avg Price</u>
1	205	205	405.00	405.00
5	255-290	264	340.00-435.00	381.80
14	300-345	327	330.00-395.00	369.61
16	350-385	372	320.00-420.00	368.99
20	400-445	421	280.00-403.00	341.29
22	450-495	473	275.00-358.00	321.94
15	500-545	522	285.00-337.00	316.46
8	555-590	572	290.00-343.00	315.72
7	600-635	619	265.00-319.00	288.49
7	655-690	675	250.00-326.00	282.65
3	700-725	717	245.00-285.00	266.92
1	755	755	265.00	265.00
1	835	835	200.00	200.00
1	875	875	265.00	265.00
1	905	905	185.00	185.00
1	1090	1090	240.00	240.00

**HEIFERS - Medium and Large 3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)**

<u>Head</u>	<u>Wt Range</u>	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Avg Price</u>
1	220	220	350.00	350.00
1	295	295	350.00	350.00
1	330	330	332.00	332.00
5	370-395	388	345.00-360.00	350.09
6	492-495	493	347.00-349.00	348.66
3	502-505	503	318.00-328.00	321.35
4	575-577	577	325.00-329.00	328.00
1	620	620	308.00	308.00
1	680	680	293.00	293.00

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

<u>Head</u>	<u>Wt Range</u>	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Avg Price</u>
8	913	913	271.00	271.00

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

<u>Head</u>	<u>Wt Range</u>	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Avg Price</u>
2	170-190	180	545.00-570.00	558.19
2	200-205	203	540.00-550.00	544.94
4	265-275	269	472.50-520.00	503.27



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4	305-340	318	420.00-500.00	456.81	
21	355-395	380	415.00-440.00	429.65	
23	400-445	423	370.00-465.00	410.50	
14	450-495	472	352.50-415.00	385.47	
28	500-545	519	315.00-378.00	345.61	
19	550-585	568	320.00-370.00	345.60	
15	600-645	615	290.00-354.00	314.84	
9	650-685	669	290.00-313.00	302.42	
4	705-740	728	275.00-311.00	294.25	
5	750-790	771	270.00-316.00	291.10	
5	805-840	831	228.00-285.00	248.31	
1	975	975	200.00	200.00	
1	950	950	197.00	197.00	Fleshy
1	1005	1005	220.00	220.00	

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

<u>Head</u>	<u>Wt Range</u>	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Avg Price</u>	
5	415-420	418	405.00	405.00	
5	455-460	457	361.00-365.00	362.61	
2	500	500	365.00	365.00	
2	600	600	315.00	315.00	

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

<u>Head</u>	<u>Wt Range</u>	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Avg Price</u>	
2	215-220	218	490.00-500.00	494.94	
1	265	265	350.00	350.00	
7	300-345	325	350.00-450.00	419.23	
3	375-390	382	385.00-430.00	410.15	
21	400-445	431	350.00-410.00	382.90	
25	450-495	478	300.00-410.00	358.83	
14	500-545	523	295.00-360.00	331.21	
10	550-595	574	285.00-351.00	326.24	
5	615-645	635	300.00-335.00	314.50	
4	665-695	675	250.00-300.00	284.71	
1	725	725	275.00	275.00	
1	795	795	220.00	220.00	
1	880	880	210.00	210.00	Full
1	940	940	210.00	210.00	
1	955	955	178.00	178.00	

**BULLS - Medium and Large 3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)**

<u>Head</u>	<u>Wt Range</u>	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Avg Price</u>	
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1	475	475	375.00	375.00
2	520-545	533	329.00-344.00	336.32
1	555	555	345.00	345.00
1	750	750	285.00	285.00
1	990	990	140.00	140.00

## SLAUGHTER CATTLE

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

<u>Head</u>	<u>Wt Range</u>	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Avg Price</u>	<u>Dressing</u>
12	850-1610	1269	146.00-175.00	163.08	Average
1	1795	1795	148.00	148.00	Low

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

<u>Head</u>	<u>Wt Range</u>	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Avg Price</u>	<u>Dressing</u>
49	850-1610	1145	147.00-176.00	167.75	Average
22	1005-1625	1287	162.00-187.00	178.72	High
17	960-1375	1156	154.00-163.00	157.45	Low

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

<u>Head</u>	<u>Wt Range</u>	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Avg Price</u>	<u>Dressing</u>
36	720-1345	1063	128.00-169.00	151.54	Average
5	980-1280	1157	164.00-173.00	168.38	High
21	725-1115	898	111.00-158.00	146.75	Low
6	780-1175	949	139.00-146.00	142.72	Very Low

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

<u>Head</u>	<u>Wt Range</u>	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Avg Price</u>	<u>Dressing</u>
3	1750-1945	1842	190.00-203.50	196.41	Average
1	2040	2040	199.00	199.00	High
1	1320	1320	183.00	183.00	Low

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

<u>Head</u>	<u>Wt Range</u>	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Avg Price</u>	<u>Dressing</u>
15	1100-2080	1712	181.00-216.00	200.01	Average
16	1400-2200	1741	191.00-225.00	209.44	High
8	1070-1600	1363	171.00-195.00	181.75	Low

## REPLACEMENT CATTLE

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

<u>Age</u>	<u>Stage</u>	<u>Head</u>	<u>Wt Range</u>	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Avg Price</u>
2-4	O	1	1255	1255	2125.00	2125.00
2-8	O	1	1100	1100	2150.00	2150.00



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5-8	O	1	915	915	1700.00	1700.00
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#### 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	5	765-1395	1045	170.00-220.00	200.83

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

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
<2	O	18	650-800	725	2200.00-2300.00	2255.17

#### STOCK COWS - Medium and Large 2-3 (Per Unit / Actual Wt)

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2-4	O	1	890	890	1875.00	1875.00

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

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2-4	T2	1	1090	1090	2000.00	2000.00
2-4	T2-3	1	950	950	2800.00	2800.00
5-8	T1	3	1030-1480	1325	2300.00-2600.00	2503.84
5-8	T2	4	1080-1600	1313	1975.00-3300.00	2751.02
5-8	T2-3	1	1135	1135	2650.00	2650.00
5-8	T3	3	1125-1260	1210	2200.00-2275.00	2231.82
>8	T1	2	1005-1010	1008	1525.00-1650.00	1587.66
>8	T2	1	1140	1140	1975.00	1975.00

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

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2-4	T1	1	1295	1295	180.00	180.00
5-8	T1	2	1235-1450	1343	163.00-172.00	167.86
5-8	T3	1	1180	1180	160.00	160.00
>8	T1	1	1195	1195	148.00	148.00
>8	T2	1	1000	1000	158.00	158.00
>8	T3	1	1170	1170	170.00	170.00

#### BRED COWS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Unit / Actual Wt)

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2-4	T2	1	955	955	1900.00	1900.00
2-4	T3	3	970-1435	1162	2200.00-2800.00	2540.03
2-8	T1-2	6	1090-1540	1308	2800.00-3450.00	3184.03
2-8	T2-3	1	1255	1255	2150.00	2150.00
5-8	T1	3	930-1280	1053	1800.00-2850.00	2387.18
5-8	T2	7	975-1570	1169	1900.00-2450.00	2200.18



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5-8	T2-3	38	970-1395	1183	2500.00-3100.00	2853.91
5-8	T3	2	905-1150	1028	1500.00-2500.00	2059.61
>8	T2-3	4	1055-1260	1164	1950.00-3000.00	2659.99
>8	T3	2	950-1135	1043	1800.00-2250.00	2044.96

#### BRED COWS - Medium and Large 2 (Per Unit / Actual Wt)

<u>Age</u>	<u>Stage</u>	<u>Head</u>	<u>Wt Range</u>	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Avg Price</u>
2-4	T1-2	1	955	955	2250.00	2250.00
5-8	T2	1	1365	1365	2350.00	2350.00

#### BRED COWS - Medium and Large 2-3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

<u>Age</u>	<u>Stage</u>	<u>Head</u>	<u>Wt Range</u>	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Avg Price</u>
5-8	T2	1	1145	1145	150.00	150.00

#### BRED COWS - Medium and Large 2-3 (Per Unit / Actual Wt)

<u>Age</u>	<u>Stage</u>	<u>Head</u>	<u>Wt Range</u>	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Avg Price</u>
5-8	T1	2	765-790	778	1250.00-1350.00	1299.20
5-8	T2	3	825-1000	905	1350.00-1750.00	1542.91
>8	T2	1	1055	1055	1900.00	1900.00

#### BRED COWS - Small and Medium 1-2 (Per Unit / Actual Wt)

<u>Age</u>	<u>Stage</u>	<u>Head</u>	<u>Wt Range</u>	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Avg Price</u>
2-8	T1-2	1	750	750	1950.00	1950.00
5-8	T1-2	6	915-1050	983	1900.00-2500.00	2220.61
>8	T1-2	1	900	900	1650.00	1650.00
>8	T2-3	1	695	695	1200.00	1200.00

#### BRED HEIFERS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Unit / Actual Wt)

<u>Age</u>	<u>Stage</u>	<u>Head</u>	<u>Wt Range</u>	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Avg Price</u>
<2	T2	2	750-1125	938	1500.00-2800.00	2280.00

#### BRED HEIFERS - Large 1 (Per Unit / Actual Wt)

<u>Age</u>	<u>Stage</u>	<u>Head</u>	<u>Wt Range</u>	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Avg Price</u>
2-4	T2	4	1500-1600	1550	3500.00-4000.00	3758.06

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#### COW-CALF PAIRS - Medium and Large 1 w/ <150 lbs calf (Per Unit / Actual Wt)

<u>Age</u>	<u>Stage</u>	<u>Head</u>	<u>Wt Range</u>	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Avg Price</u>
5-8	O	3	1285-1360	1310	2950.00-3050.00	3015.39

#### COW-CALF PAIRS - Medium and Large 1 w/ 150-300 lbs calf (Per Unit / Actual Wt)

<u>Age</u>	<u>Stage</u>	<u>Head</u>	<u>Wt Range</u>	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Avg Price</u>
2-4	O	2	1005	1005	3300.00	3300.00





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>8	O	1	1085	1085	2850.00	2850.00
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**COW-CALF PAIRS - Medium and Large 1 w/ >300 lbs calf (Per Unit / Actual Wt)**

<u>Age</u>	<u>Stage</u>	<u>Head</u>	<u>Wt Range</u>	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Avg Price</u>
5-8	T1	2	1465	1465	4000.00	4000.00

**COW-CALF PAIRS - Medium and Large 1-2 w/ <150 lbs calf (Per Unit / Actual Wt)**

<u>Age</u>	<u>Stage</u>	<u>Head</u>	<u>Wt Range</u>	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Avg Price</u>
2-8	O	4	995-1170	1083	3000.00-3050.00	3022.98
5-8	O	2	955-1140	1048	2450.00-2500.00	2477.21
>8	O	2	945	945	1850.00	1850.00

**COW-CALF PAIRS - Medium and Large 1-2 w/ 150-300 lbs calf (Per Unit / Actual Wt)**

<u>Age</u>	<u>Stage</u>	<u>Head</u>	<u>Wt Range</u>	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Avg Price</u>
2-8	O	6	910-1075	1005	2500.00-3150.00	2927.94
5-8	O	13	1100-1250	1165	2700.00-3300.00	3029.09
>8	O	5	940-1150	992	2750.00-3050.00	2838.51

**COW-CALF PAIRS - Medium and Large 1-2 w/ >300 lbs calf (Per Unit / Actual Wt)**

<u>Age</u>	<u>Stage</u>	<u>Head</u>	<u>Wt Range</u>	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Avg Price</u>
2-4	O	1	930	930	3450.00	3450.00
5-8	O	2	845-1070	958	2950.00-3000.00	2977.94
>8	O	2	1315	1315	4000.00	4000.00

**COW-CALF PAIRS - Medium and Large 2-3 w/ 150-300 lbs calf (Per Unit / Actual Wt)**

<u>Age</u>	<u>Stage</u>	<u>Head</u>	<u>Wt Range</u>	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Avg Price</u>
>8	O	1	735	735	2000.00	2000.00

**COW-CALF PAIRS - Small and Medium 1-2 w/ <150 lbs calf (Per Unit / Actual Wt)**

<u>Age</u>	<u>Stage</u>	<u>Head</u>	<u>Wt Range</u>	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Avg Price</u>
>8	O	2	820	820	2400.00	2400.00

**COW-CALF PAIRS - Small and Medium 1-2 w/ 150-300 lbs calf (Per Unit / Actual Wt)**

<u>Age</u>	<u>Stage</u>	<u>Head</u>	<u>Wt Range</u>	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Avg Price</u>
5-8	O	1	530	530	1500.00	1500.00

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

<u>Age</u>	<u>Head</u>	<u>Wt Range</u>	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Avg Price</u>
2-4	1	1335	1335	3000.00	3000.00



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**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.