

Public Auction Yards Livestock Cattle Auction - Billings, MT (Wed) AMS Livestock, Poultry, & Grain Market News Montana Dept of Ag Mrkt News

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Livestock Weighted Average Report for 1/8/2025 - Final

AUCTION			
	This Week	Last Reported 12/4/2024	Last Year
Total Receipts:	1,134	2,011	1,635
Feeder Cattle:	363(32.0%)	626(31.1%)	98(6.0%)
Slaughter Cattle:	569(50.2%)	950(47.2%)	735(45.0%)
Replacement Cattle:	202(17.8%)	435(21.6%)	802(49.1%)

Compared to last sale (12-04-24): All feeder cattle were too lightly tested either this week or last sale to develop an accurate market trend, however mostly higher undertones were noticed last week to develop an accurate market trend, however higher undertones were noticed. Quality was mostly average today. Most feeders were offered in small packages or as singles. Demand for limited feeders was very good. CME positions have seen significant improvement since the beginning of December and buyers continue to show very good demand for all feeder cattle on offer. The largest gains in price were seen in cattle over 600 lbs. Demand for both steers and heifers of this weight was very good. Market activity was mostly active today, with buyers both ringside and over the internet rapidly bidding on offerings. Weigh up cows comprised most of the sale today. Demand was mostly good to very good for moderate offerings. A very large pool of cow buyers were on hand for todays sale. Cow quality this sale was mostly average to attractive. Most cows were purchased to go to feed in some capacity. High quality feeding cows, suitable to feed to premium white sold mostly 3.00-5.00 higher. Thin, short term feeding cows sold mostly steady to firm. Many low yielding, slightly lame, or slightly blemished cows were purchased for this purpose. Slaughter cow demand was mostly moderate today. Buyers picked around and purchased cows that fit slaughter orders. Very few cows were purchased to slaughter this sale as feeding cow buyers pushed most cows over slaughter cow orders. Slaughter cows sold steady to 2.00 higher on lean and boning cows breaking cows sold mostly 3.00 higher. Slaughter bulls sold mostly 3.00-6.00 lower in a narrow comparison. Demand for slaughter bulls was lighter this sale as fewer buyers were noticed. Bull quality was average today. Weigh up conditions were mostly average to below average today. Young age cows suitable to feed or rebreed sold mostly steady in a narrow comparison. Demand from rebreed buyers remains good to very good. Quality this week was average to attractive. Offerings this sale were significantly heavier than last sale. Supply included: 32% Feeder Cattle (46% Steers, 49% Heifers, 5% Bulls); 50% Slaughter Cattle (95% Cows, 5% Bulls); 18% Replacement Cattle (76% Stock Cows, 24% Bred Cows). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 68%.

FEEDER CATTLE

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Price Range	Avg Price
23	470	470	381.00	381.00
9	530	530	358.00	358.00
44	610-645	634	310.00-327.00	316.82
10	835-847	842	260.00	260.00
6	980	980	241.00	241.00

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	575	575	310.00-313.00	311.50
2	635	635	290.00	290.00
2	690	690	290.00	290.00

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<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	Avg Price
3	515	515	325.00	325.00

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
3	433	433	347.50	347.50
17	558-575	564	297.00-313.00	308.65
6	614	614	292.00	292.00
17	657-667	665	275.00-283.00	281.61
11	703-737	731	267.00-275.00	268.40
15	855-868	857	240.00-251.00	241.49
14	985-997	996	230.50-233.00	230.68

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	318	318	345.00	345.00
6	453	453	315.00	315.00
4	563-595	571	287.00-289.00	288.48
1	615	615	284.00	284.00
4	829	829	236.00	236.00
1	1040	1040	210.00	210.00

HEIFERS - Large 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

<u>Head</u>	<u>Wt Range</u>	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Price Range	Avg Price
1	1100	1100	213.00	213.00

HEIFERS - Medium 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Price Range	Avg Price
4	674	674	249.00	249.00

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
3	677	677	282.00	282.00
5	715	715	268.00	268.00
3	802	802	248.00	248.00

SLAUGHTER CATTLE

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
3	1540-1790	1683	125.00-130.00	127.89	Average

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1	1545	1545	131.00	131.00	Average Return to Feed
3	1440-1700	1613	131.50-133.50	132.90	High
40	1266-1428	1408	136.00-138.00	137.78	High Return to Feed
1	1980	1980	107.00	107.00	Very Low

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Price Range	Avg Price	<u>Dressing</u>
4	1515-1810	1618	108.00-117.00	114.57	Average
80	1265-1690	1366	118.00-132.00	127.40	Average Return to Feed
41	1270-1750	1425	131.00-137.50	132.60	High Return to Feed
6	1305-1560	1435	96.00-106.00	102.36	Low
37	1315-1695	1422	108.00-117.00	113.72	Low Return to Feed

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
1	1205	1205	105.00	105.00	Average
19	1100-1285	1188	115.00-123.00	120.42	Average Return to Feed
22	1125-1283	1223	127.00-133.50	129.08	High Return to Feed
16	1025-1388	1206	89.00-102.00	93.80	Low
4	818	818	93.00	93.00	Low Light Weight
31	1000-1260	1191	96.50-111.00	100.90	Low Return to Feed
2	835-1055	945	82.50-88.00	85.57	Very Low
1	925	925	87.50	87.50	Very Low Light Weight
2	1125	1125	88.00	88.00	Very Low Return to Feed

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Price Range	Avg Price	<u>Dressing</u>
6	1615-2395	2073	138.00-145.00	142.39	Average
2	2510-2565	2538	136.00-139.00	137.52	Average Heavy Weight
6	1680-2053	1923	128.00-136.00	132.54	Low
2	1325-1830	1578	122.00-134.50	129.25	Low Return to Feed

REPLACEMENT CATTLE

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

	Avg Price	Price Range	Avg Wt	Wt Range	<u>Head</u>	<u>Stage</u>	<u>Age</u>
	166.07	142.00-211.00	1126	820-1480	51	0	<2
Fleshy	173.00	173.00	1373	1373	2	0	<2
	168.20	133.00-185.50	1095	975-1423	67	Ο	2-4

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

<u>Age</u>	<u>Stage</u>	<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Price Range	Avg Price
<2	Ο	4	830-1185	980	129.00-192.50	148.40

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2-4	C	4	1078-1095	1087	130.00-136.00	133.02
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BRED COWS - Medium and Large 1 (Per Unit / Actual Wt)

	Avg Price	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Wt Range	<u>Head</u>	<u>Stage</u>	<u>Age</u>
	2294.33	2250.00-2300.00	1044	987-1052	25	T1	2-4
Non-Legible Bangs	2000.00	2000.00	977	977	3	T1	2-4
Non-Legible Bangs	2400.00	2400.00	1423	1423	6	T2-3	2-4

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

<u>Age</u>	<u>Stage</u>	<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
2-4	T2	2	1400	1400	2250.00	2250.00	
>8	T2-3	5	1160-1385	1340	1700.00-1875.00	1730.30	Broken Mouth

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.