Montana Weekly Livestock Auction Summary
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Livestock Weighted Average Report for 12/11/2020 - 12/17/2020

LIVESTOCK SUMMARY

	Current Week	Last Reported 12/7/2020	Last Year
Total Receipts:	15,051	23,442	14,379
Feeder Cattle:	7,439(49.4%)	12,429(53.0%)	8,015(55.7%)
Slaughter Cattle:	3,184(21.2%)	2,903(12.4%)	814(5.7%)
Replacement Cattle:	4,428(29.4%)	8,110(34.6%)	5,550(38.6%)

Compared to last week: Yearling steer were too lightly tested to develop any market trend. Yearling heifers sold mostly1.00-3.00 higher. Unweaned steer calves under 600 lbs sold steady to 6.00 higher. Steers 600 lbs and heavier sold unevenly, most sales were 3.00-4.00 lower, however instances of higher sale were seen on high quality offerings. Heifer calves under 450 lbs sold steady to 5.00 higher; heifers 450 lbs and heavier sold steady to 3.00 lower. Quality this week was mostly plain to average and overall lower than last week. Lots of odd and end cattle sold this week as ranchers cleaned out pastures and lots. Demand was mostly moderate. The best demand this week was seen for light weight heifers suitable to spay and run on grass. The January feeder cattle contract closed at140.975 and the March closed at 142.60. Market activity was mostly moderate to active. Weigh up cows sold on mostly moderate to good demand for moderate to heavy offerings. Packers were more aggressive as they purchased most cows for slaughter instead of short term feed this week. Slaughter cows sold mostly1.00 higher on boning and lean cows. Breaking cows sold steady to weak. Feeding and packer buyers both competed over high quality offerings suitable to feed to premium white. Feeding cows sold firm as a result. Slaughter bulls sold on mostly good demand this week. Bulls sold steady to 2.00 higher as feeding and slaughter buyers competed over limited offerings. 2 year old to young age cows sold on light to moderate demand for mostly moderate to heavy offerings. The best demand was seen for one iron home-raised offerings. These cows sold steady to firm. Quality was not as attractive this week as last. Supply included: 49% Feeder Cattle (54% Steers, 0% Dairy Steers, 42% Heifers, 3% Bulls, 0% Dairy Heifers); 21% Slaughter Cattle (92% Cows, 8% Bulls); 29% Replacement Cattle (20% Stock Cows, 61% Bred Cows, 19% Bred Heifers). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 20%.

FEEDER CATTLE

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
36	300-347	332	190.00-214.00	211.21	
20	308-349	335	187.50-211.00	202.72	Unweaned
99	351-396	378	188.00-210.75	194.52	
60	360-398	374	182.00-195.00	187.73	Unweaned
273	404-438	424	179.00-209.50	193.16	
76	405-445	425	177.50-190.00	185.61	Unweaned
246	450-491	467	169.00-191.00	181.94	
217	452-497	475	171.00-188.50	177.00	Unweaned
351	500-546	526	165.00-180.00	173.41	
322	507-546	535	159.00-182.00	168.15	Unweaned
472	552-593	578	148.00-168.00	158.26	
115	571-598	593	146.00-152.50	149.99	Unweaned
178	609-640	623	144.00-160.00	150.57	

132	600-647	616	142.00-153.50	146.81	Unweaned
89	653-686	671	140.00-156.00	147.81	
2	685	685	143.00	143.00	Unweaned
59	703-747	725	131.00-138.50	135.15	
3	718	718	131.00	131.00	Unweaned
2	795	795	133.00	133.00	
87	829	829	136.50	136.50	
2	930	930	125.00	125.00	
11	953	953	123.00	123.00	

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
24	335-338	336	167.50-190.00	184.33	
5	326	326	187.50	187.50	Unweaned
26	372-390	385	165.00-180.00	172.57	
7	362-375	364	180.00-181.00	180.85	Unweaned
4	410-440	429	162.50-182.00	176.09	
20	400-448	440	170.00-178.00	171.16	Unweaned
26	484-496	493	165.00-173.00	170.88	
43	475-490	488	159.00-170.50	160.95	Unweaned
10	500-545	518	145.00-163.00	152.39	
3	537	537	162.00	162.00	Unweaned
22	559-599	585	141.00-148.00	144.90	
18	561-589	572	138.00-149.00	145.62	Unweaned
12	607-623	614	139.00-142.00	140.92	
16	658-693	668	135.00-138.00	136.24	
9	846	846	131.00	131.00	
7	929	929	121.00	121.00	

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
6	341	341	167.00	167.00	
13	388	388	140.00	140.00	Unweaned
5	522	522	132.00	132.00	

STEERS - Large 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
7	436	436	160.00	160.00	Unweaned
2	510	510	152.00	152.00	
61	528	528	161.00	161.00	Unweaned
19	622	622	146.00	146.00	Unweaned

STEERS - Medium 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
6	342	342	187.00	187.00
10	388	388	164.50	164.50
18	428	428	178.00	178.00
3	457	457	137.50	137.50
12	762	762	127.00	127.00

STEERS - Medium 2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
9	490	490	100.00	100.00
5	551	551	110.00	110.00

DAIRY STEERS - Large 3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
9	516	516	66.00	66.00
9	707	707	68.50	68.50

DAIRY STEERS - Large 3-4 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
4	419	419	60.00	60.00

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
38	308-342	328	165.00-183.00	173.22	
20	342-346	343	167.00-167.50	167.18	Unweaned
129	363-393	380	163.00-187.50	170.86	
57	350-391	379	163.00-169.50	168.45	Unweaned
125	411-449	433	158.00-175.00	161.38	
114	404-437	419	158.00-170.00	163.68	Unweaned
317	451-493	468	145.00-165.00	156.60	
110	460-478	463	161.00-169.50	162.59	Natural
154	462-496	480	149.50-158.00	153.75	Unweaned
337	500-547	524	140.00-158.50	149.57	
63	503-532	515	142.00-149.00	144.75	Unweaned
66	553-580	564	132.00-141.00	138.50	
16	555	555	145.00	145.00	Replacement
148	552-596	571	134.00-144.50	140.39	Unweaned
73	600-645	634	127.00-135.50	133.59	
13	600-638	634	131.00-135.50	134.78	Unweaned
83	666-691	680	128.25-134.00	130.83	
9	667-671	669	123.00-124.00	123.55	Unweaned

38	704-743	732	126.00-132.25	131.58	
14	707-711	709	124.00-125.50	124.86	Unweaned
22	750-792	782	129.00-133.00	131.39	
128	806-843	812	127.00-134.25	133.76	
63	851-894	874	127.00-133.50	130.74	
5	913	913	123.00	123.00	
24	980	980	121.75	121.75	

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
3	343	343	157.50	157.50	Unweaned
72	358-398	389	146.00-168.00	159.42	
30	359-388	371	150.00-155.00	153.96	Unweaned
15	424-448	433	132.00-158.00	152.71	
28	415-442	436	146.00-153.50	150.80	Unweaned
14	453-478	472	136.00-144.00	138.97	
8	492	492	142.00	142.00	Unweaned
24	501-529	514	137.00-144.00	139.04	
24	501-523	515	131.00-139.50	136.06	Unweaned
7	593-595	594	128.00-129.50	128.64	
14	553-592	575	124.00-132.00	127.30	Unweaned
17	674	674	120.50	120.50	
3	708	708	126.00	126.00	
15	797	797	125.00	125.00	

HEIFERS - Large 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
19	426-436	431	151.50-153.00	152.30	
14	549	549	146.00	146.00	Unweaned
7	585	585	131.50	131.50	
4	565	565	130.00	130.00	Unweaned

HEIFERS - Medium 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
13	322	322	172.50	172.50	
21	405-425	416	139.00-158.50	145.14	
8	417-424	421	147.00-150.00	148.11	Unweaned
7	467	467	133.00	133.00	

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
22	365-394	391	147.00-180.00	177.20

5	406	406	178.00	178.00	
41	460-478	477	159.00-164.00	163.65	
4	454	454	154.00	154.00	Unweaned
5	529	529	158.00	158.00	
7	560	560	151.00	151.00	
11	579	579	137.50	137.50	Unweaned
5	631	631	140.00	140.00	
2	680	680	124.00	124.00	
2	723	723	127.00	127.00	
5	751	751	126.00	126.00	
7	801	801	121.00	121.00	

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
14	490-496	494	130.00-144.00	134.96	
2	478	478	135.00	135.00	Unweaned
6	532	532	134.00	134.00	
10	593	593	130.50	130.50	
5	632	632	126.00	126.00	
1	720	720	126.00	126.00	Unweaned
5	978	978	97.00	97.00	

BULLS - Large 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
33	1065-1087	1080	94.00-104.00	100.36
4	1194	1194	89.00	89.00
2	1210	1210	87.00	87.00

DAIRY HEIFERS - Large 3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
13	835	835	60.50	60.50
16	930	930	59.00	59.00

SLAUGHTER CATTLE

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
27	1506-1955	1572	57.00-67.00	62.06	Average
5	1375-1880	1617	61.00-68.00	63.95	Average Return to Feed
28	1430-1840	1597	48.00-60.00	56.79	Low
12	1500-1845	1668	52.00-59.00	56.77	Low Return to Feed

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing	
81	1283-1670	1446	49.50-59.00	52.95	Average	
333	1181-1680	1351	50.50-61.00	55.83	Average	Return to Feed
14	1300-1505	1483	60.00-62.00	60.78	High	
21	1340-1468	1398	61.50-66.00	62.37	High	Return to Feed
102	1231-1775	1414	42.00-51.00	47.63	Low	
49	1100-1485	1324	43.00-51.00	47.91	Low	Return to Feed

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing	
42	1005-1343	1262	49.50-54.00	51.33	Average	
200	1005-1298	1210	48.50-56.50	52.14	Average	Return to Feed
1	1250	1250	59.00	59.00	High	
8	1146-1205	1153	58.00-59.50	59.30	High	Return to Feed
348	905-1449	1175	38.00-50.00	45.04	Low	
17	815-993	960	35.00-48.00	40.91	Low	Light Weight
284	850-1380	1167	39.00-50.00	46.06	Low	Return to Feed
96	1005-1373	1096	30.00-41.00	36.84	Very Low	
48	845-995	966	34.00-39.00	35.38	Very Low	Light Weight

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing	
17	1565-2160	1928	79.00-83.00	81.47	Average	
16	1599-1810	1693	84.00-88.00	84.96	Average	Natural
23	1152-2105	1596	79.00-82.50	81.61	Average	Return to Feed
8	1815-2400	2112	82.00-88.00	85.62	High	
19	1743-1850	1839	90.00-91.50	91.35	High	Natural
3	1317	1317	84.50	84.50	High	Return to Feed
35	1440-2415	1770	61.00-77.50	71.59	Low	
1	1810	1810	81.00	81.00	Low	Natural
14	1310-1550	1457	65.00-77.00	71.54	Low	Return to Feed

BULLS - 2-3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
9	1958-2240	2018	76.00-83.00	78.46	Average
1	2135	2135	75.50	75.50	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	472	787-1445	917	60.50-94.25	82.15	
<2	O	10	740-965	824	42.50-77.50	70.11	Thin Fleshed

2-4	O	118	839-1290	1029	48.50-80.00	67.63	
2-4	O	3	940-1085	988	48.00-51.00	49.90	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	O	10	754-1200	977	52.00-74.00	68.18	

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

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
2-4	T1	1	1230	1230	1000.00	1000.00	
2-4	T1-2	110	1076-1339	1174	1200.00-1350.00	1296.27	
2-4	T2	469	1007-1559	1203	1300.00-1550.00	1425.18	
2-4	T2	29	904-1200	966	950.00-1200.00	1104.22	Thin Fleshed
2-8	T1	3	1308	1308	900.00	900.00	
2-8	T1	11	1121	1121	835.00	835.00	Thin Fleshed
2-8	T1-2	40	1063-1263	1225	1075.00-1200.00	1143.63	
2-8	T2	12	1293	1293	1300.00	1300.00	
5-8	T1-2	28	1221-1314	1278	1000.00-1075.00	1029.47	
5-8	T2	182	1160-1531	1310	900.00-1450.00	1224.32	
5-8	T2	9	1245	1245	760.00	760.00	Non-Legible Bangs
>5	T1-2	33	1166-1376	1303	775.00-925.00	888.64	
>5	T2	230	1147-1715	1275	850.00-1250.00	1003.08	
>5	T2	22	1207-1348	1290	810.00-1085.00	979.76	Non-Legible Bangs
>5	T2-3	11	1266-1333	1296	910.00	910.00	
>8	T1-2	33	1253-1408	1294	800.00-925.00	880.67	Broken Mouth
>8	T2	507	1056-1544	1262	725.00-985.00	851.23	Broken Mouth
>8	T2	54	1055-1267	1197	550.00-725.00	639.42	Thin Fleshed
>8	T2-3	25	1271-1306	1284	760.00-800.00	774.65	Broken Mouth
>8	T3	12	1338	1338	775.00	775.00	Broken Mouth

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

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
2-4	T2	22	1293	1293	1250.00	1250.00	
5-8	T2	30	1430-1457	1444	810.00-1110.00	961.40	
>8	T2	19	1230-1485	1341	710.00-775.00	748.59	Broken Mouth

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

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
>5	T2	6	1421	1421	885.00	885.00

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

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price

<2	T2	376	913-1186	1013	1285.00-1625.00	1413.78	
<2	T2	3	1025	1025	1585.00	1585.00	Registered
<2	T2-3	6	1178	1178	1300.00	1300.00	
<2	T3	16	1204	1204	1300.00	1300.00	

BRED HEIFERS - Medium 1 (Per Head / Actual Wt)

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
<2	T1-2	16	769-846	817	925.00-1000.00	973.53
<2	T2	185	793-883	837	1025.00-1250.00	1183.43

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; E = Exposed; B = Bred)

Age - Numerical representation of age in years.