Montana Weekly Livestock Auction Summary
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Livestock Weighted Average Report for 2/19/2023 - 2/25/2023

LIVESTOCK SUMMARY

	Current Week	Last Reported 2/13/2023	Last Year
Total Receipts:	3,100	6,252	2,469
Feeder Cattle:	1,879(60.6%)	912(14.6%)	1,974(80.0%)
Slaughter Cattle:	396(12.8%)	302(4.8%)	330(13.4%)
Replacement Cattle:	825(26.6%)	462(7.4%)	165(6.7%)
Feeder Sheep/Lambs:	0(0.0%)	1,859(29.7%)	0(0.0%)
Slaughter Sheep/Lambs:	0(0.0%)	938(15.0%)	0(0.0%)
Replacement Sheep/Lambs:	0(0.0%)	1,101(17.6%)	0(0.0%)
Feeder Goats:	0(0.0%)	118(1.9%)	0(0.0%)
Slaughter Goats:	0(0.0%)	341(5.5%)	0(0.0%)
Replacement Goats:	0(0.0%)	219(3.5%)	0(0.0%)

Compared to last week: Steer calves under 550 lbs too lightly tested last week to develop an accurate market trend, however higher undertones were noticed. 550-699 lbs steers sold mostly 10.00 higher. Steers over 700 lbs sold steady to 5.00 higher. All heifers were too lightly tested last week to develop an accurate market trend, however higher undertones were noticed on all offerings. Quality this week was mostly average to attractive. Demand for feeder cattle under 700 lbs for steers and 675 lbs for heifers was very good as these weights were mostly purchased to run on grass. Demand for heavy weight offerings was moderate to good. Several offerings were out of grow lots this week. Many of these were carrying light to moderate amounts of tag and mostly moderate to moderate plus flesh. Ranchers, looking for replacement heifers and order buyers looking for high quality heifers to spay competed over heifer offerings this week. This helped push heifer offerings sharply higher in places. Market activity was active again this week as a large crowd was on hand for all sales this week. Weigh up cows sold on mostly very good demand for light offerings. Packers continue to show good demand for cows and bulls for immediate harvest. Cold and snowy weather has kept cow offerings light as many ranchers are not bringing cattle to town in these conditions. Light offerings continue to drive cow prices higher as this weather pattern has been seen across the upper plains. Packers showed the best demand for lean grinding materials this week as lean cows and bulls sold with the best demand. Several offerings of fed cows were seen again this week. Fed cow offerings sold generally steady. Fed cows were noticeably fuller this week and offered buyers a lower yield than last. Demand for fed offerings was good. Breaking cows sold 2.00-3.00 higher, boning cows sold 4.00-6.00 higher, lean cows sold 6.00-10.00 higher. Feeding cow buyers were mostly pushed out of the market this week as packers pushed prices higher in order to secure offerings. Prices climbed as the week went on. Feeding cows were not well tested, no comparison is available. Slaughter bulls sold 3.00 to 5.00 higher in a narrow comparison. Cow and bull quality was mostly average. Weigh up conditions were mixed. Young age cows suitable to feed or rebreed sold with higher undertones in a narrow comparison. Slaughter cow buyers picked up some of these heavier weight offerings as prices for slaughter cows have increased enough for packer buyers to become competitive for young offerings. Supply included: 61% Feeder Cattle (47% Steers, 52% Heifers, 1% Bulls); 13% Slaughter Cattle (89% Cows, 11% Bulls); 27% Replacement Cattle (13% Stock Cows, 67% Bred Cows, 20% Bred Heifers). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 55%.

FEEDER CATTLE

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
51	466-487	483	252.50-269.50	265.91

25	482	482	273.00	273.00	Thin Fleshed
23	515-535	528	233.50-255.00	240.75	
83	552-595	565	219.00-237.00	231.60	
136	604-639	628	218.00-226.00	219.70	
124	653-674	664	199.00-213.00	208.63	
102	718-743	725	193.00-198.00	197.50	
44	766-787	773	182.50-188.50	186.56	
35	816-821	820	181.00-182.00	181.89	
97	877	877	180.00	180.00	
5	892	892	172.00	172.00	Fleshy
9	938	938	168.75	168.75	Fleshy

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
7	372	372	273.00	273.00
21	413-436	430	222.50-255.00	250.52
10	482	482	247.00	247.00
4	513	513	237.00	237.00
2	588	588	210.00	210.00
5	687-693	689	189.00-191.00	190.20

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
7	706	706	166.00	166.00

STEERS - Large 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
6	433	433	258.00	258.00

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
6	382	382	229.00	229.00	
33	400-440	435	223.00-235.00	230.07	
64	453-499	483	223.00-230.00	228.41	
140	505-525	520	214.50-220.50	217.40	
72	550-594	568	203.00-221.00	216.54	
40	571	571	198.50	198.50	Replacement
33	613-644	633	183.00-201.00	193.44	
78	621-648	622	202.00-210.50	210.16	Replacement
45	653-691	666	195.00-197.00	195.69	
61	708-718	717	179.50-184.00	180.16	
50	734	734	190.00	190.00	Fancy

21	754-768	760	173.00-182.50	181.59	
19	768-791	780	182.00-188.00	184.80	Replacement

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
3	340	340	212.50	212.50	
6	373	373	218.00	218.00	
28	414-438	424	212.00-217.50	213.54	
11	478-499	491	197.50-219.00	207.45	
7	501-538	512	176.00-201.00	193.49	
86	543	543	204.00	204.00	Replacement
7	601-633	610	187.00-190.00	187.89	
12	685	685	177.00	177.00	
14	724-747	740	168.00-175.00	169.96	

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
8	313-318	315	197.50-205.00	200.34
7	394	394	185.00	185.00
1	420	420	190.00	190.00

HEIFERS - Medium 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
7	599	599	191.00	191.00

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
10	667-677	670	158.00	158.00	Fleshy

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	505	505	210.00	210.00
5	610	610	202.00	202.00
3	702	702	198.00	198.00

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
3	523	523	202.50	202.50

BULLS - Large 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	1015	1015	134.00	134.00

SLAUGHTER CATTLE

COWS - Premium White 65-75% (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
44	1666-1690	1670	88.00-93.00	88.46	Average
5	1381	1381	107.50	107.50	High

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
43	1225-1797	1663	87.50-96.50	93.80	Average
32	1442-1604	1565	97.50-98.00	97.60	High
7	1692	1692	98.50	98.50	High Return to Feed
6	1598-1775	1664	80.25-89.00	83.57	Low

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
35	1283-1480	1387	86.00-98.00	92.14	Average
5	1492	1492	90.50	90.50	Average Return to Feed
15	1305-1535	1415	95.00-100.50	99.09	High
8	1335-1625	1403	80.00-86.50	83.49	Low

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
57	1040-1326	1231	85.00-99.00	91.42	Average
2	895-945	920	79.50-85.50	82.42	Average Light Weight
10	1110-1280	1220	93.00-100.00	98.22	High
25	1010-1273	1163	77.25-89.00	83.52	Low
13	773-958	905	73.00-90.00	84.78	Low Light Weight
5	1005-1198	1088	62.00-65.00	63.12	Very Low
1	880	880	62.00	62.00	Very Low Light Weight

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
9	1350-2490	1749	108.00-116.00	113.80	Average
6	1134	1134	118.00	118.00	Average Return to Feed
5	1840-2260	2019	117.00-124.00	120.62	High
13	1330-2000	1711	89.50-111.00	100.64	Low
1	1095	1095	95.50	95.50	Low Light Weight
3	1080-1285	1207	87.50-111.00	98.50	Low Return to Feed

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	44	802-1405	982	119.50-146.00	139.06	
2-4	O	51	835-1240	989	80.50-132.00	103.00	

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

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
<2	O	2	755-1145	950	119.00-122.50	120.39	
2-4	O	2	900-940	920	97.50-109.00	103.13	

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

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
2-4	T3	71	968-1180	1139	2025.00-2100.00	2052.36	
5-8	T3	153	1060-1473	1195	1650.00-1850.00	1734.18	
>5	T3	57	1205-1452	1302	1375.00-1660.00	1566.05	
>8	T3	86	1236-1457	1316	1300.00-1660.00	1440.57	Broken Mouth
>8	T3	6	1100-1215	1177	1100.00-1260.00	1210.14	Thin Fleshed

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

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
>5	T3	16	1570	1570	1550.00	1550.00	Registered

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

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2-4	T2	6	929	929	1200.00	1200.00
2-4	T3	110	885-967	955	1550.00-1875.00	1817.94

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

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
<2	T3	106	1045-1167	1067	1935.00-2125.00	1984.91

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

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
<2	T3	41	933-941	937	1860.00	1860.00

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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.