Montana Weekly Livestock Auction Summary
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Livestock Weighted Average Report for 2/26/2023 - 3/4/2023

LIVESTOCK SUMMARY

	Current Week	Last Reported 2/20/2023	Last Year
Total Receipts:	6,951	3,100	6,734
Feeder Cattle:	4,489(64.6%)	1,879(60.6%)	2,386(35.4%)
Slaughter Cattle:	1,215(17.5%)	396(12.8%)	1,831(27.2%)
Replacement Cattle:	1,247(17.9%)	825(26.6%)	2,517(37.4%)

Compared to last week: Steer calves under 600 lbs sold 10.00-20.00 higher, steers 600 lbs and heavier sold steady to 5.00 higher. Heifers under 600 lbs sold steady to 5.00 higher, heifers 600-699 lbs sold 8.00-12.00 higher, heifers over 700 lbs sold steady to firm. Quality this week was mostly average to very attractive. Demand for grass cattle remains very good as buyers purchased steers up to 700 lbs and heifer up to 660 lbs for that purpose. Demand for heavy weight offerings was moderate to good. Several order buyers, buying for packers, reported that local feedlots backgrounding cattle are starting to fill and demand has lightened slightly. Several consignments of backgrounded offerings were seen this week. Many were in moderate flesh, with a few fleshy offerings seen as well. Tag was also somewhat concerning to buyers as many sets of backgrounded cattle were carrying moderate amounts of tag. Market activity was active again this week as large crowds were on hand for all sales. Weigh up cows sold on mostly good demand for moderate offerings. This weeks sales offered packers the largest volume of cows seen in weeks. Packers continue to show good demand for cows and bulls for immediate harvest, but also purchased cows to put away on feed. Breaking cows sold steady to weak, boning and lean cows sold steady to 2.00 lower. A higher volume of cows allowed packers to be more selective as they purchased cows this week. This was also the first sale in weeks feeding buyers stepped in to buy cows to feed. Feeding cows were too lightly tested last week to develop any market trend. Slaughter bulls sold steady to 3.00 lower. Bull quality this week was mostly below average as many younger, light weight bulls, with not much yield were seen. Young age cows suitable to feed or rebreed sold steady to 5.00 higher. Packer buyers continue to buy some young cow offerings for slaughter as cow prices have increased enough packers are competitive with feeding and rebreed buyers on these offerings. Supply included: 65% Feeder Cattle (61% Steers, 0% Dairy Steers, 37% Heifers, 2% Bulls); 17% Slaughter Cattle (90% Cows, 10% Bulls); 18% Replacement Cattle (24% Stock Cows, 74% Bred Cows, 1% Bred Heifers). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 64%.

FEEDER CATTLE

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
36	420-445	431	270.00-281.00	276.02	
68	475-498	489	261.00-274.00	272.41	
125	504-544	530	235.00-272.00	262.09	
147	521-526	523	261.00-278.50	271.56	Thin Fleshed
172	552-599	585	230.50-255.00	239.28	
4	584	584	218.00	218.00	Fleshy
63	559-562	561	248.00-259.00	253.05	Thin Fleshed
150	600-646	626	214.00-232.00	219.96	
20	603	603	240.50	240.50	Thin Fleshed
134	654-679	669	199.50-219.00	206.56	
10	693	693	187.00	187.00	Fleshy
47	658-661	658	224.00-228.50	228.02	Thin Fleshed

359	700-746	735	193.50-204.00	195.41	
10	731	731	189.00	189.00	Fleshy
244	756-799	766	184.00-195.00	191.65	
193	800-836	809	180.00-186.50	185.53	
37	811	811	187.00	187.00	Fancy
163	853-876	854	181.50-183.00	182.89	
53	901-914	905	177.00-179.75	178.62	
15	984	984	156.00	156.00	Fleshy

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
41	450-496	466	237.50-265.00	256.82	
17	471	471	229.00	229.00	Unweaned
17	522-548	540	233.00-252.50	243.90	
7	578-589	584	227.00-229.00	227.85	
5	560	560	219.00	219.00	Unweaned
12	603-639	627	202.00-214.00	210.69	
47	653-699	681	188.00-204.00	197.95	
3	715-723	720	185.00-186.00	185.67	
12	804-825	809	174.50-179.50	178.24	

STEERS - Large 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
3	408	408	250.00	250.00
15	781	781	180.00	180.00
25	832-839	836	169.00-174.50	171.87
12	867-884	876	166.00-172.50	169.28
20	1005-1037	1034	159.50-165.00	160.03

STEERS - Medium 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
7	466	466	250.00	250.00
3	528	528	215.00	215.00

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
6	435	435	230.00	230.00
6	459	459	222.50	222.50

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
3	738	738	50.00	50.00

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
21	383-385	384	227.00-229.00	227.86	
7	374	374	225.00	225.00	Unweaned
33	423	423	230.00	230.00	Unweaned
68	450-496	472	223.00-234.00	228.99	
20	483-494	486	213.00-214.50	213.46	Unweaned
48	503-545	518	217.50-228.50	226.83	
101	558-595	575	208.00-224.50	215.48	
47	555-580	568	224.00-228.00	225.83	Thin Fleshed
173	607-643	619	190.00-212.00	199.39	
38	638	638	193.25	193.25	Replacement
12	603-613	611	214.00-217.50	216.64	Thin Fleshed
53	667-696	686	185.50-189.50	188.11	
4	676	676	179.00	179.00	Replacement
61	655	655	209.00	209.00	Thin Fleshed
278	700-745	728	175.00-186.50	181.47	
21	705-731	717	188.50	188.50	Fancy
4	711	711	172.50	172.50	Replacement
77	760-798	786	169.50-177.50	171.88	
11	775	775	147.00	147.00	Fleshy
8	844	844	144.00	144.00	Fleshy
13	867	867	143.00	143.00	Fleshy

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
8	391	391	215.00	215.00	
11	376	376	190.00	190.00	Unweaned
77	455-488	474	209.00-221.00	214.76	
58	508-546	524	199.00-215.50	205.07	
20	558-581	573	190.00-206.00	200.34	
4	623	623	188.00	188.00	
32	655-699	680	172.00-183.00	177.03	
1	795	795	168.00	168.00	
3	800	800	153.00	153.00	
4	889	889	141.00	141.00	Fleshy

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
4	426	426	192.50	192.50

HEIFERS - Large 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
5	390	390	222.50	222.50
20	454-483	476	214.00-216.00	214.59
7	651	651	174.00	174.00
17	778	778	170.50	170.50

HEIFERS - Medium 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
23	410-423	417	212.00-220.00	215.76
10	451	451	211.00	211.00
4	539	539	208.00	208.00

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
7	382-393	388	230.00-232.00	230.84	
2	488	488	217.50	217.50	
25	523-544	534	205.00-221.00	215.19	
16	554-575	562	191.00-208.00	202.34	
4	633	633	191.00	191.00	
3	720	720	175.00	175.00	
2	878	878	143.00	143.00	Fleshy
1	980	980	154.00	154.00	

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
5	645	645	162.00	162.00
5	852	852	131.00	131.00

BULLS - Large 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	1040	1040	130.00	130.00

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	1063	1063	126.00	126.00

SLAUGHTER CATTLE

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
1	1885	1885	85.50	85.50	Low

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
43	1278-1754	1479	90.50-95.50	92.45	Average
156	1394-1664	1470	92.00-94.50	93.22	Average Return to Feed
12	1425-1810	1556	95.00-100.00	98.16	High
24	1548-1860	1646	83.00-92.00	89.20	Low

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
194	1030-1568	1399	86.00-95.00	89.88	Average
37	1313-1445	1407	92.00-93.00	92.71	Average Return to Feed
40	1290-1655	1470	94.50-100.00	96.14	High
8	1456	1456	96.75	96.75	High Return to Feed
55	1200-1780	1414	78.00-88.50	83.12	Low
2	1315-1330	1323	82.00-87.00	84.51	Low Return to Feed

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
60	1035-1318	1238	84.00-93.00	87.46	Average
2	855-950	903	84.00-85.00	84.53	Average Light Weight
15	1055-1282	1241	86.50-88.50	87.91	Average Return to Feed
1	1260	1260	91.00	91.00	High
217	1025-1467	1210	70.00-86.00	79.25	Low
2	960-965	963	74.00-79.00	76.51	Low Light Weight
46	1014-1315	1210	74.00-86.00	81.25	Low Return to Feed
24	1049-1255	1112	61.00-69.50	67.91	Very Low
2	770-980	875	57.50-62.50	60.30	Very Low Light Weight

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
15	1515-2140	1826	105.00-115.00	109.82	Average
7	1720-2255	1955	119.00-123.50	121.36	High
6	1085-1172	1129	121.00-129.00	124.85	High Return to Feed
55	1337-2425	1634	87.00-109.00	96.58	Low
4	1190-1390	1268	77.00-91.00	82.28	Low Light Weight
13	1158-1370	1271	84.00-100.00	93.03	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	91	760-1310	1027	113.00-159.00	123.14
2-4	O	161	800-1525	1065	79.00-124.00	101.63

2-4	O	3	1168	1168	116.00	116.00	Fancy

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

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
<2	O	14	735-1298	927	107.50-128.00	116.76
2-4	O	19	860-1230	980	82.00-99.00	89.94

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

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
<2	O	3	660-760	717	122.50-151.00	136.51

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

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
>5	T1	4	1388	1388	90.50	90.50
>5	T2	29	1304-1366	1339	80.00-87.50	84.45

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

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
2-4	T1	6	998-1196	1130	1000.00-1100.00	1029.44	
2-4	T2	32	1048-1325	1153	1150.00-1575.00	1428.32	
2-4	T2-3	78	1202-1266	1245	1875.00-2000.00	1959.76	
2-4	T3	198	1032-1471	1152	2000.00-2275.00	2119.12	
2-4	T3	50	945-1011	984	1700.00-1985.00	1846.70	Thin Fleshed
2-8	T2	3	1136	1136	1100.00	1100.00	Thin Fleshed
2-8	T2-3	16	1349	1349	1850.00	1850.00	
5-8	T2	4	1274	1274	1450.00	1450.00	
5-8	T2-3	24	1213-1343	1319	1475.00-1875.00	1700.68	
5-8	T3	78	1233-1500	1318	1900.00-2225.00	2078.83	
5-8	T3	40	1330-1388	1339	1750.00-1850.00	1765.55	Thin Fleshed
>5	T2	3	1427	1427	1425.00	1425.00	
>5	T2-3	35	1308-1490	1354	1375.00-1450.00	1421.53	
>5	T3	129	1188-1548	1322	1310.00-1850.00	1625.42	
>8	T2-3	17	1330	1330	1350.00	1350.00	Broken Mouth
>8	T3	3	1320	1320	1225.00	1225.00	
>8	T3	77	1295-1630	1352	1285.00-1450.00	1397.47	Broken Mouth
>8	T3	13	1200-1254	1237	1100.00	1100.00	Thin Fleshed

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

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2-4	T2-3	3	1168	1168	1500.00	1500.00
2-4	T3	3	1443	1443	1775.00	1775.00
5-8	T3	7	1479	1479	1750.00	1750.00

5-8	T3	4	1213	1213	1210.00	1210.00	Non-Legible Bangs
>5	T3	10	1351	1351	1425.00	1425.00	
>8	T3	9	1351	1351	1200.00	1200.00	Broken Mouth

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

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
2-4	T2	5	984	984	1100.00	1100.00	Thin Fleshed
2-4	T2-3	2	1178	1178	1300.00	1300.00	
2-4	T2-3	4	924	924	1400.00	1400.00	Thin Fleshed

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

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
<2	T2-3	4	1105-1140	1131	1825.00	1825.00
<2	T3	2	1158	1158	1725.00	1725.00

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

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
<2	T3	7	879	879	1800.00	1800.00

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.