Montana Weekly Livestock Auction Summary

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Livestock Weighted Average Report for 4/30/2023 - 5/6/2023

LIVESTOCK SUMMARY

	Current Week	Last Reported 4/24/2023	Last Year
Total Receipts:	2,721	8,153	3,530
Feeder Cattle:	724(26.6%)	6,608(81.0%)	1,480(41.9%)
Slaughter Cattle:	1,205(44.3%)	712(8.7%)	992(28.1%)
Replacement Cattle:	792(29.1%)	833(10.2%)	1,058(30.0%)

Compared to last week: All feeder cattle were too lightly tested to develop an accurate market trend, however steady to firm undertones were noticed on all cattle on offer. Demand was mostly good to very good this week for light offerings. Quality was mostly plain to average. Local ranchers and order buyers bid aggressively this week over limited offerings which helped keep prices similar to last weeks feeder special week. CME positions struggled this week as several days saw triple digit losses. However, many ranchers continue to push to fill summer pastures and prices remained generally steady for another week. The best demand continues to be seen for grass cattle. Recent timely rains have been great for pasture and range conditions as much of the countryside had greened. Market activity was mostly active this week with a large crowd on hand at all sales. Weigh up cows sold on mostly moderate to good demand for light to moderate offerings. Packers opted to send much of the cow offering to feed this week. heavier supplies of cows are being seen as seasonal culling is taking place. Additionally pockets of drought around the country are starting to drive cows to market as well. Slaughter cows sold mostly 2.00 higher on breaking cows, boning and lean cows sold steady to 2.00 lower. Slaughter bulls sold generally steady. Feeding cows sold firm in a narrow comparison. Cow and bull quality was average this week. Weigh up conditions were mixed. Young age cows suitable to feed or rebreed sold on very good demand. These offerings sold steady. Supply included: 27% Feeder Cattle (39% Steers, 45% Heifers, 16% Bulls); 44% Slaughter Cattle (77% Cows, 23% Bulls); 29% Replacement Cattle (78% Stock Cows, 8% Bred Cows, 3% Bred Heifers, 11% Cow-Calf Pairs, 0% Bulls). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 44%.

FEEDER CATTLE

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
7	450-478	474	280.00-282.50	282.16	
5	508-528	520	275.00-276.00	275.39	
7	543	543	251.00	251.00	Fleshy
17	555-573	572	275.00-282.00	275.40	
9	583	583	246.00	246.00	Fleshy
22	600-633	613	250.50-260.00	256.37	
55	665-696	674	235.00-254.00	247.12	
19	708-722	721	231.00-234.00	233.69	
11	753-759	758	211.00-213.00	212.27	
8	857-869	865	189.00-190.00	189.37	

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
7	411	411	265.00	265.00

8	461-490	465	255.00-279.00	271.11
3	543	543	249.00	249.00
4	555-557	557	232.50-250.00	236.86
2	648	648	242.00	242.00
11	687	687	214.00	214.00
8	710-730	719	207.00-210.00	208.86
5	884	884	175.50	175.50

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
14	742-745	743	168.00-198.00	174.45

STEERS - Medium 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
3	355	355	287.50	287.50

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
19	421-449	440	254.00-257.50	255.75	
14	458-490	476	247.50-260.00	250.63	
4	456	456	230.00	230.00	Unweaned
58	505-547	530	237.00-258.50	249.37	
2	543	543	218.00	218.00	Unweaned
32	555-592	569	224.00-244.00	237.12	
20	630-646	637	224.00-230.00	227.97	
2	663	663	218.00	218.00	
15	773	773	197.50	197.50	
6	800	800	188.00	188.00	
5	897	897	174.00	174.00	

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	65-80	73	200.00	200.00

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	85	85	200.00	200.00

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
5	382	382	240.00	240.00
15	455-496	476	230.00-240.00	238.68

5	505-543	530	215.00-226.00	221.18
10	558-593	577	200.00-226.00	219.64
6	653-658	656	200.00-208.00	205.35

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
9	417	417	232.50	232.50
2	483	483	212.50	212.50

HEIFERS - Medium 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
9	387	387	250.00	250.00
12	405	405	230.00-237.50	233.75

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
4	341	341	225.00	225.00

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
5	466	466	250.00	250.00	
8	547	547	285.00	285.00	Unweaned
17	550-583	568	237.50-255.00	246.17	
3	617	617	246.50	246.50	
25	650-668	665	219.00-228.00	220.16	
4	710-740	725	189.00-196.00	192.43	
3	765	765	185.00	185.00	
6	964-995	969	175.00	175.00	

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	75	75	200.00	200.00

BULLS - Medium and Large 1 (Per Unit / Estimate Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	100	100	350.00	350.00

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
6	500-547	528	240.00-252.50	245.19
2	603	603	230.00	230.00

BULLS - Large 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
4	1060	1060	158.00	158.00
2	1155	1155	144.00	144.00

BULLS - Medium 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
7	354	354	275.00	275.00

SLAUGHTER CATTLE

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing	
20	1500-1947	1695	94.00-101.00	98.02	Average	
19	1413-1690	1550	95.00-99.00	97.40	Average	Return to Feed
37	1715-1815	1801	99.00-107.00	102.11	High	
4	2017-2070	2030	104.00-106.00	105.49	High	Heavy Weight
1	1595	1595	101.00	101.00	High	Return to Feed
3	1520-1575	1538	88.00	88.00	Low	
1	1645	1645	92.00	92.00	Low	Return to Feed

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing	
48	1293-1765	1398	86.50-97.00	91.54	Average	
106	1255-1595	1421	87.00-100.50	95.93	Average	Return to Feed
6	1445-1485	1476	99.00-104.50	102.86	High	
43	1290-1655	1439	99.75-107.00	102.70	High	Return to Feed
28	1230-1645	1440	75.00-86.00	83.98	Low	
10	1310-1500	1378	84.00-88.00	86.23	Low	Return to Feed

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing	
74	1060-1313	1207	84.00-93.00	88.38	Average	
80	910-1410	1197	84.00-99.00	89.88	Average	Return to Feed
5	1160-1290	1233	93.50-97.00	95.03	High	
3	1210-1295	1238	95.00-97.50	95.87	High	Return to Feed
127	950-1357	1159	72.00-84.50	81.48	Low	
6	785-965	920	70.00-79.00	73.04	Low	Light Weight
9	970-1145	1068	83.00-85.00	84.20	Low	Return to Feed
3	1055-1235	1115	54.00-69.50	63.78	Very Low	
1	765	765	60.00	60.00	Very Low	Light Weight

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing	
48	1490-2260	1830	111.00-122.00	115.95	Average	
11	1618-1875	1667	112.00-118.00	114.38	Average	Natural
10	1143-1760	1395	111.00-123.00	117.38	Average	Return to Feed
51	1630-2395	1897	121.00-133.00	128.79	High	
3	1900-2295	2032	125.00	125.00	High	Natural
3	1225-1555	1445	130.00-141.00	137.89	High	Return to Feed
34	1075-1890	1613	73.00-111.00	101.56	Low	
2	1200-1265	1233	87.00-107.00	97.26	Low	Light Weight
3	1470-1825	1588	96.00-108.00	100.60	Low	Natural
19	1155-1550	1372	102.00-109.00	106.65	Low	Return to Feed

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
2	2378	2378	123.50	123.50	High
1	1570	1570	102.00	102.00	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	214	780-1285	960	130.00-188.00	167.79
2-4	O	158	853-1450	1070	91.00-161.00	117.67
2-8	O	14	995-1345	1187	85.00-103.00	94.10

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

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
<2	O	4	720-880	800	151.00-160.00	155.05	
<2	O	8	753	753	142.00	142.00	Thin Fleshed
2-4	O	15	880-1130	915	100.00-111.00	105.93	

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

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
<2	O	22	915-967	962	148.00-161.00	151.65

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

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
<2	O	8	690-765	746	150.00-165.00	155.22	
<2	O	1	725	725	120.00	120.00	Thin Fleshed

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

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2-4	T3	36	983-1316	1198	1925.00-2250.00	2086.41

>5	T3	3	1522	1522	1835.00	1835.00	
>8	T3	8	1274	1274	1350.00	1350.00	Broken Mouth

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

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
<2	T3	6	1100	1100	2100.00	2100.00

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

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
<2	T3	9	991	991	1935.00	1935.00

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

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2-4	O	14	1173	1173	2450.00	2450.00
>5	O	6	1345	1345	2050.00	2050.00

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

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
2-4	O	10	1387	1387	2400.00	2400.00	
5-8	O	8	1387	1387	2300.00	2300.00	
>5	O	3	1540	1540	2000.00	2000.00	
>8	O	10	1482	1482	2050.00	2050.00	Broken Mouth

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

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2-8	O	7	1596	1596	1900.00	1900.00
>5	O	3	1503	1503	1850.00	1850.00

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

Age	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
<2	2	1070	1070	164.00	164.00

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.