

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

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*** Correction on 03/03/2025 ***

Livestock Weighted Average Report for 2/28/2025 - Final

AUCTION			
	This Week	Last Reported 1/17/2025	Last Year
Total Receipts:	3,426	4,900	0
Feeder Cattle:	3,346(97.7%)	4,833(98.6%)	0(0.0%)
Slaughter Cattle:	35(1.0%)	49(1.0%)	0(0.0%)
Replacement Cattle:	45(1.3%)	18(0.4%)	0(0.0%)

Special Note: ***Correction to per unit price on bred cattle***

Year ago receipts: 6,017

Compared to last sale (1-17-25): The last Friday feeder special was in the middle of January. All comparisons are to last months feeder special. Feeder steer calves sold 8.00-12.00 higher on all classes. Heifer calves under 550 lbs sold mostly 10.00 higher in a narrow comparison. Heifers over 550 lbs sold mostly 15.00-20.00 higher, with instances of as much as 25.00 higher seen on attractive offerings. Demand for all feeder cattle was good to very good. Offerings were moderate. Feeder quality was mixed from plain to very attractive this sale. Most calves were weaned over 60 days with some offerings weaned over 100 days. Demand for all calves to go to grass remains good to very good. Package sizes were mixed today, however buyers showed good demand for all calves on offer. Demand remained constant throughout the sale which stretched well into the afternoon. A moderate size buyer pool was on hand for todays sale and buyers bid rapidly on feeders as they pushed to fill loads. Demand for heifers was very good today especially on heifers over 650 lbs. Several packages of attractive heifers were purchased to make replacements and feeding buyers and replacement buyers both showed good demand for this weight of heifers. Market activity was mostly active today with bidders both ringside as well as over the internet actively bidding on offerings. Weigh up cows and bulls were too lightly tested to develop any market trend. Demand was mostly light for very light offerings. Weigh up conditions were mostly below average as many cows were very full. Cow quality today was mostly average. Slaughter bulls sold on mostly moderate demand. Supply included: 98% Feeder Cattle (46% Steers, 53% Heifers, 1% Bulls); 1% Slaughter Cattle (84% Cows, 16% Bulls); 1% Replacement Cattle (95% Stock Cows, 5% Bred Cows). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 61%.

FEEDER CATTLE

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
26	360-379	378	427.50-436.00	433.02	
15	405-415	414	425.00-435.00	430.01	
58	458-482	469	390.00-410.00	395.91	
95	502-542	528	368.00-395.00	379.06	
39	550-592	568	347.00-370.00	359.08	
232	604-639	622	324.00-345.00	335.40	
41	603	603	353.00	353.00	Thin Fleshed
114	653-694	667	310.00-326.00	319.88	
147	700-735	721	301.00-311.00	306.32	
30	758-773	772	286.00-294.00	286.52	

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4	778	778	270.00	270.00	Fleshy
103	802-807	805	282.50-286.50	284.83	
49	800-811	809	255.00-263.00	261.22	Fleshy
5	866	866	266.00	266.00	
4	881	881	255.00	255.00	Fleshy
15	939	939	256.00	256.00	
6	1077	1077	232.00	232.00	Fleshy

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
6	361	361	425.00	425.00	
12	410-436	434	400.00-405.00	400.39	
9	482	482	374.00	374.00	
42	526-549	542	361.00-364.00	361.80	
43	587-598	592	337.00-342.00	340.81	
14	645-648	646	315.00-316.00	315.43	
86	650-694	679	290.00-297.00	296.04	
10	715-732	730	290.00-293.00	290.29	
8	728	728	268.00	268.00	Fleshy
10	780-786	785	275.00-281.00	276.19	
5	845	845	267.00	267.00	

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Price Range	Avg Price
7	384	384	390.00	390.00
12	656	656	295.00	295.00

STEERS - Large 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Price Range	Avg Price
8	495	495	394.00	394.00
14	595	595	337.50	337.50
9	676	676	289.00	289.00
2	818	818	271.00	271.00
19	925	925	253.00	253.00

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
86	413-444	432	367.00-385.00	373.60	
81	450-493	466	339.00-374.00	350.65	
81	506-544	530	330.00-349.50	338.26	
80	550-591	572	312.00-330.00	323.01	
10	563	563	345.00	345.00	Thin Fleshed

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202	604-646	623	287.00-313.00	302.78	
47	657-695	677	283.00-293.00	289.00	
112	703-738	723	277.00-291.00	286.75	
63	717-730	723	291.00-297.00	294.12	Replacement
113	752-795	769	262.00-277.50	274.43	
10	774	774	290.00	290.00	Replacement
138	825-846	838	261.00-266.00	261.57	
38	1063-1078	1064	199.00-209.00	208.20	Fleshy

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
25	354-398	384	345.00-367.50	357.86
45	423-438	437	342.50-351.00	347.90
82	456-498	490	329.00-337.00	333.99
42	508-545	532	302.00-332.50	321.51
14	568-598	578	295.00-309.00	301.27
20	623	623	269.00	269.00
19	688-693	689	274.00-276.00	274.21
19	703-747	731	267.00-270.00	268.45
4	765-790	771	259.00	259.00

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Price Range	Avg Price
8	388	388	340.00	340.00
16	461-477	470	315.00	315.00
11	545	545	300.00	300.00
18	575-578	578	285.00-288.00	287.50
13	675	675	260.00	260.00

HEIFERS - Large 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Price Range	Avg Price
23	555	555	295.00	295.00
12	620	620	267.00	267.00

HEIFERS - Medium 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
4	325	325	350.00	350.00
18	356	356	347.50	347.50
12	421	421	325.00	325.00
5	492	492	331.00	331.00
4	586	586	298.00	298.00
6	608	608	285.00	285.00

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6	984	984	188.00	188.00	Fleshy
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HEIFERS - Medium 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Avg Price</u>
11	357	357	330.00	330.00
10	405	405	330.00	330.00

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Price Range	Avg Price
13	422-433	427	380.00-405.00	393.30
11	451-455	454	365.00-380.00	374.58
4	612-645	620	284.00-285.00	284.74
3	753-755	754	267.00-273.00	271.00

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	418	418	370.00	370.00
3	493	493	349.00	349.00

SLAUGHTER CATTLE

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	<u>Dressing</u>
3	1620-1668	1652	125.00-127.00	125.65	Low
4	1540-1768	1675	131.00-133.00	132.30	Low Return to Feed

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	Avg Price	<u>Dressing</u>
8	1300-1401	1388	131.00-134.00	131.35	Average Return to Feed
1	1590	1590	124.00	124.00	Low

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
1	1225	1225	125.00	125.00	Low
4	1125-1258	1195	82.50-98.00	92.42	Very Low

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
4	1765-1898	1840	159.00-165.00	163.29	Average

REPLACEMENT CATTLE

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

<u>Age</u>	<u>Stage</u>	<u>Head</u>	<u>Wt Range</u>	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Avg Price</u>
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<2	0	34	799-1034	905	202.00-244.00	226.20
2-4	Ο	4	1105-1335	1233	144.00-170.00	156.80

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>	<u>Price Range</u>	Avg Price
2-4	0	1	1020	1020	155.00	155.00

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

<u>Age</u>	<u>Stage</u>	<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2-4	T3	2	1280	1280	2850.00	2850.00

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.