

# MONTANA WEEKLY SUMMARY

For week ending August 12, 2017

Livestock, Poultry & Grain Market News

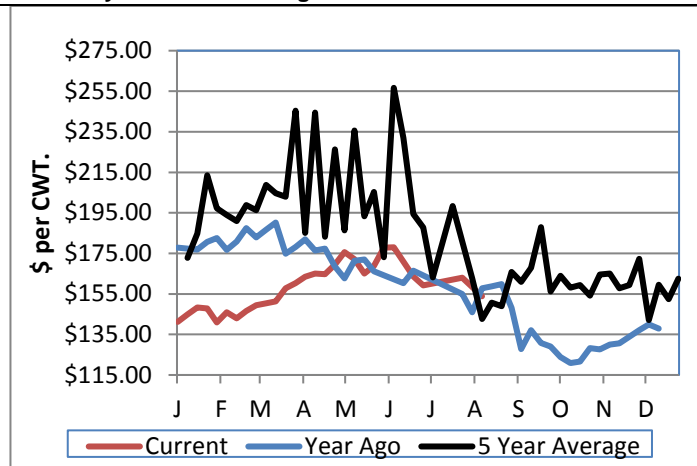
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**CATTLE:** Receipts: 1,454; Last Week: NA; Last Year: 1,477. Compared to two weeks ago: Feeder cattle were all very lightly tested this week and two weeks ago, thus no market trend is available. Quality was average to attractive and buyers purchased offerings on light to moderate demand. CME positions lost significant ground this week driven mostly by cash cattle prices which continue to drift lower. Cash cattle on Wednesday in the Southern Plains and Colorado traded were 115.00. In Nebraska live and dressed trades were at 116.00 and 185.00, respectively. In the Western Corn belt live and dressed trades were from 114.00-116.00 and mostly 185.00, respectively. CME Positions from last Thursday through this Thursday traded 9.125 lower on the August, 9.65 lower on the September and 9.70 lower on the October to settle at 141.175, 141.30, and 140.475 respectfully. Market activity this week was mostly slow. Weigh up cows sold on mostly light to moderate demand and offerings this week. Slaughter cows sold unevenly steady. Packer buyers absorbed the majority of offerings this week as feeding buyers were less active. Feeding cows were too lightly tested this week to develop any market trend. Cow quality this week was average to attractive. Notably, weigh up conditions on cows continue to be average to below average with many full cows coming off grass. Slaughter bulls sold mostly steady to 2.00 lower. Offerings this week consisted of 40 percent feeder cattle, 24 percent slaughter cows, 14 percent slaughter bulls, 20 percent feeding cows and bulls and cows returning to the country, balance bred cows, heifers, and pairs. [http://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/bl\\_ls754.txt](http://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/bl_ls754.txt)

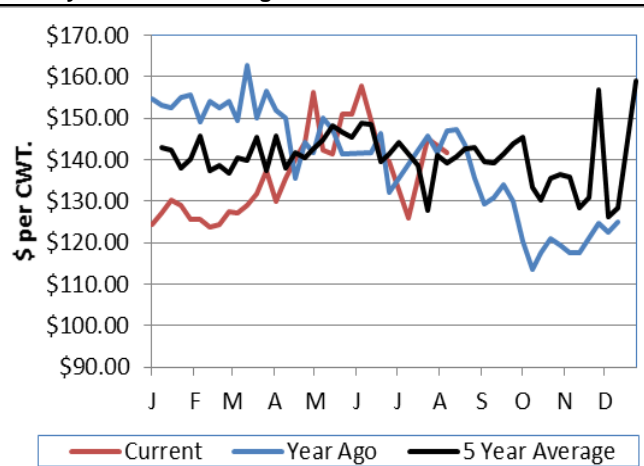
## MONTANA WEEKLY FEEDER CATTLE WEIGHTED AVERAGES

Feeder Steers Medium and Large 1			Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 1		
Weight Range	This Week	Year Ago	Weight Range	This Week	Year Ago
300-400 lbs.	NA	175.00	300-400 lbs.	158.00	162.00
400-500 lbs.	191.00	166.00	400-500 lbs.	NA	NA
500-600 lbs.	160.00	161.50	500-600 lbs.	NA	NA
600-700 lbs.	152.00	153.00-155.00	600-700 lbs.	NA	135.00-145.50
700-800 lbs.	146.50	154.50-155.00	700-800 lbs.	129.00-135.00	138.00-140.50
800-900 lbs.	138.50-145.50	144.00-147.25	800-900 lbs.	127.00-135.00	132.00-136.50
900-1000 lbs.	131.00	NA	900-1000 lbs.	129.50-133.00	123.00-134.50

Weekly Medium and Large 1 500-700 lb. Feeder Steer Price



Weekly Medium and Large 1 700-900 lb. Feeder Steer Price



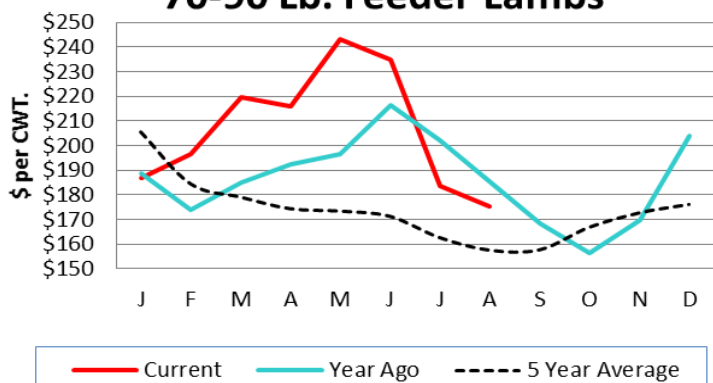
## Weekly Montana Slaughter Cow and Bull Prices Average Dressing

	Percent Lean	This Week	Last Year
<b>Breakers</b>	<b>75-80</b>	69.00-73.50	76.00-80.00
<b>Boners</b>	<b>80-85</b>	71.00-76.50	75.00-80.00
<b>Lean</b>	<b>85-90</b>	70.00-74.50	73.00-76.00
<b>Bulls</b>	<b>YG 1-2</b>	85.00-94.25	88.50-94.50

**Feeding bulls** 1210-1610 lbs 81.00-93.00. **Feeding Cows and Cows Returning to the Country:** 2 yrs old 840-1554 lbs 80.00-110.00, exposed 1395 lbs 79.00. 3 yrs old 920-1365 lbs 72.00-107.00. Young 1030-1630 lbs 70.50-80.00. Middle age 1545-1640 lbs 68.00-74.00. Aged 1020-1415 lbs 64.00-70.00, Very thin 62.00-66.00.

## MONTANA SHEEP MONTHLY SUMMARY

### 70-90 Lb. Feeder Lambs

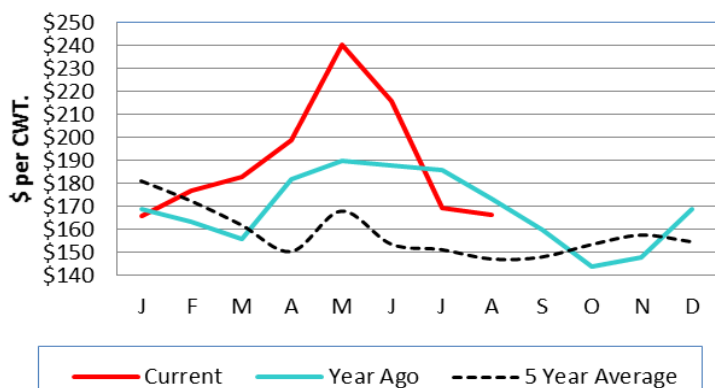


### SHEEP 8/07/17

Receipts: 2,604; Last Week: 4,262; Year Ago: 5,595. Compared to last week: Feeder lambs 70-119 lbs sold mostly weak to 4.00 lower. Quality this week was mostly average to attractive. Demand mostly light to moderate throughout the sale. Lambs continue to be offered in mostly small to moderate sized packages, with very few long strings of lambs seen. Weigh up conditions were mostly average as cooler weather has lambs offering less fill. Market activity today was mostly slow to moderate. Slaughter ewes were lightly tested this sale, however most ewes sold weak to 3.00 lower in a narrow comparison. Slaughter kids were too lightly tested to develop an accurate market trend, however steady to weak undertones were noticed. The majority of kids continue to be very light weight and most of these offerings returned to the country to feed. Sheep receipts were 10.5 percent slaughter ewes, 87 percent feeder lambs, 1 percent slaughter lambs, balance ewes returning to the country and breeding stock. Goat receipts were 23 percent slaughter kids, 31 percent slaughter nannies, 33 percent feeder kids, balance replacement goats billies and weathers. Sheep comprised 88 percent of all receipts while goats comprised 12 percent. Next sale will be Aug 14th 2017.

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### 90-110 Lb. Feeder Lambs



FEEDER LAMBS M&L 1-2		SLAUGHTER EWES	
70-80 lbs	178.00-188.00	Good (2-3)	47.00-52.50
80-90 lbs	149.00-184.00	Good (3-4)	48.50-52.50
90-100 lbs	150.00-171.50	Utility (1-2)	47.00-52.00
100-110 lbs	140.00-166.50	Cull (1)	41.00-49.00
110-120 lbs	153.00-157.50	---	---

**Ewes returning to the country:** Yearling-Young age: 100-138 lbs 75.00-80.00, Young to Middle age 173-185 lbs 53.00-61.00, Aged 128 lbs 47.50.

**Slaughter bucks:** 192-275 lbs average Dressing 51.00-60.00. Young age 145 lbs 72.00.

**HAY:** 8/11/17 Compared to last week: Hay prices sold generally steady. Demand was good to very good on mostly light to moderate supplies and active market activity. Hay prices are deeply divided based on FOB location, with lower prices seen in Western Montana and higher prices seen closer to the drought stricken areas of Eastern Montana. Grass hay sold steady to mostly 5.00 higher on good to very good demand for light supplies. Market activity for all hay and grass this week was moderate to active. While price spreads for hay are very wide, delivered hay prices remain fairly tight ranging mostly from 180.00-200.00 delivered. All prices are dollars per ton and FOB unless otherwise noted. **Alfalfa:** Supreme: Small squares, 200.00. Premium: Large rounds, 150.00. Good: Large squares, 140.00-180.00; Large rounds, 140.00-185.00. Fair: Large squares, 110.00-170.00; Large rounds, 120.00-170.00. Utility Large squares, 100.00. **Grass/Alfalfa:** Fair: Large squares, 130.00-135.00. **Grass:** Good: Large squares, 140.00; Large rounds, 130.00-135.00. Fair: Large rounds, 120.00-130.00. **Timothy Grass:** Premium: Small squares, 200.00-240.00. **Barley straw:** Large squares, 50.00-60.00. **Wheat straw:** South central Montana Large squares, 45.00-55.00.

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**GRAIN:** 8/11/17 Compared to 8/04/17, Winter Wheat closed .08 to .23 cents per bushel lower; Spring Wheat closed .42 to .52 cents per bushel lower; Feed barley closed steady. [www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/bl\\_gr110.txt](http://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/bl_gr110.txt)

MONTANA WEEKLY GRAIN PRICES			
	12 Percent Winter Wheat	14 Percent Spring Wheat	Feed Barley/CWT
Billings Area	4.16-4.31	6.41-6.59	---
Great Falls	4.11-4.55	6.64-6.76	4.50-4.60
Northeast MT	3.56-4.30	6.16-6.54	---