

# MONTANA WEEKLY SUMMARY

For week ending April 21, 2018

Livestock, Poultry & Grain Market News

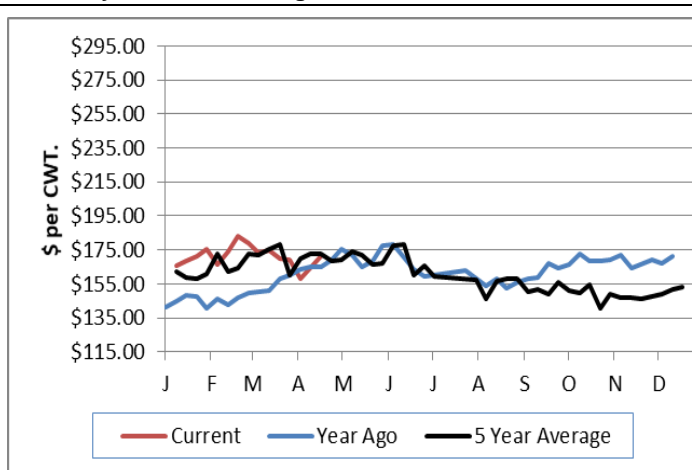
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**CATTLE:** Receipts: 7,089; Two weeks ago: 1,061; Last Year: 4,681. Compared to two weeks ago: All feeder cattle were too lightly tested to develop an accurate market trend, however higher to sharply higher undertones were noticed on cattle weighing less than 725 lbs while backgrounded or heavier fleshed cattle sold with firm to higher undertones. With spring weather being seen most of the week, both farmer feeders and order buyers were very active in procuring offerings suitable to run on grass. Demand for grass cattle was good to very good, while demand for backgrounded offerings was mostly moderate. Backgrounded offerings were in mostly moderate to moderate plus flesh and showed some tag. Quality this week was average to attractive. CME contract prices from last Thursday through this Thursday traded down 1.65 on the April, down 1.55 on the May and down 1.25 on the August, to settle at 137.225, 138.425 and 143.70 respectively. Market activity this week was mostly active. Weigh up cows sold on mostly moderate demand for moderate to heavy offerings. Slaughter cows sold mostly 2.00-4.00 lower than two weeks ago. Packers purchased mostly lower quality cows to send to harvest this week, while opting to feed higher quality cows. Demand for feeding cows was mostly good as both packers and feeding buyers bid aggressively for high quality offerings. Feeding cows sold steady to firm. Slaughter bulls sold on mostly good demand for light offerings. Slaughter bulls sold steady 2.00 lower on like yielding offerings. A very heavy offering of 2-3 year olds were seen this week. With stronger feeding demand seen this week these offerings sold mostly firm to 5.00 higher, with instances of 10.00 higher seen at times. Offerings this week consisted of 61 percent feeder cattle, 8 percent slaughter cows, near 1 percent slaughter bulls, 27 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)

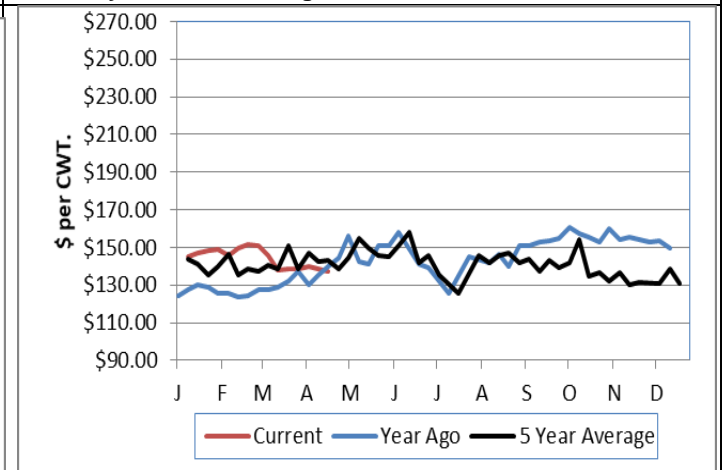
## MONTANA WEEKLY FEEDER CATTLE WEIGHTED AVERAGES

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	190.00-215.00	300-400 lbs.	170.00-175.00	165.00-172.00
400-500 lbs.	189.50-195	184.00-192.00	400-500 lbs.	160.00-172.50	159.00-166.00
500-600 lbs.	175.00-184.00	168.00-183.00	500-600 lbs.	150.00-160.00	148.00-164.50
600-700 lbs.	157.00-179.00	151.00-169.00	600-700 lbs.	140.00-155.75	137.00-151.50
700-800 lbs.	138.50-159.50	139.50-152.00	700-800 lbs.	129.50-142.00	123.50-135.00
800-900 lbs.	130.00-138.25	133.25-137.50	800-900 lbs.	123.50-128.00	121.00-126.50
900-1000 lbs.	124.50-128.00	122.00-127.00	900-1000 lbs.	NA	120.00

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>	64.00-69.25	72.00-76.50
<b>Boners</b>	<b>80-85</b>	63.50-68.00	65.00-69.00
<b>Lean</b>	<b>85-90</b>	61.00-67.50	62.00-67.00
<b>Bulls</b>	<b>YG 1-2</b>	83.00-91.00	85.00-91.50

**Feeding Bulls/Bulls returning to the country:** 1115-1400 lbs 91.00-118.00, 1465-2315 lbs 82.50-87.50 full/thin 73.50-78.50. **Baby calves** 70-205 lbs 200.00-400.00, lower quality 150.00. **Feeding Cows and Cows Returning to the Country:** 2 yrs old: 760-1360 lbs 73.00-118.00. 3 yrs old: 760-1525 lbs 65.00-111.00. Young age: 965-1505 lbs 61.00-79.00. Middle aged: 965-1715 lbs 59.50-69.50, full 53.00-59.00. Aged 1165-1865 lbs 57.00-65.00, thin 54.00.

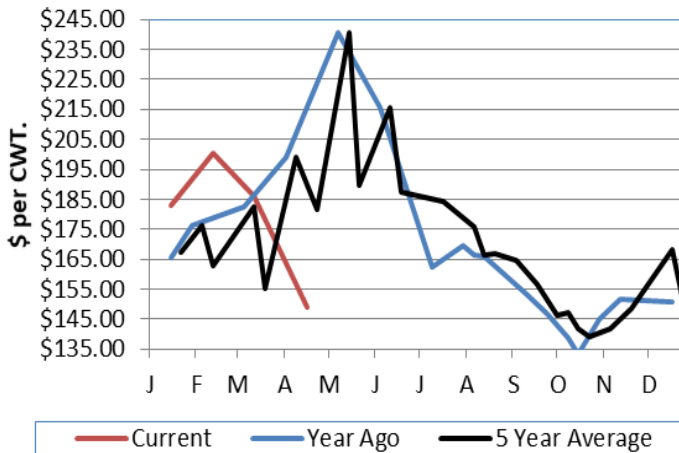
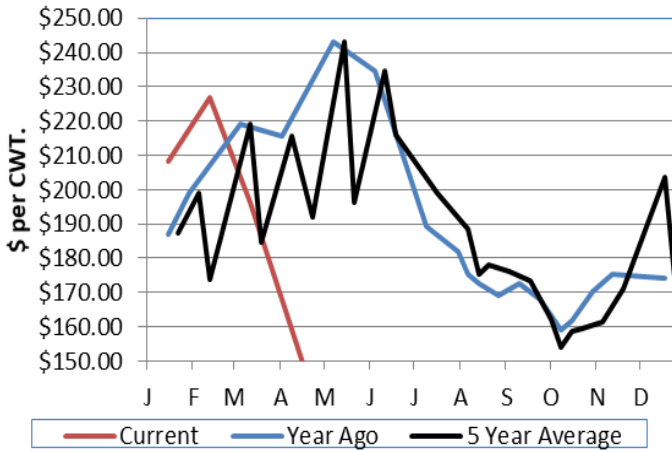
**MONTANA SHEEP MONTHLY SUMMARY**

**SHEEP 04/16/18**

Receipts: 2,583; Last Sale (March 12th): 1,162; Year Ago: 1,532. Compared to last Sale (Mar 12): Feeder lambs were all too lightly tested to develop any market trend. Ethnic buyers were present today and competed with feeding buyers over limited offerings. Demand for all lambs was moderate to good. Quality this week was mostly plain. Market activity was mostly moderate for lambs. Slaughter ewes were lightly tested last sale thus all comparisons are narrow, however good ewes sold mostly 2.00-3.00 lower, utility ewes sold unevenly steady with most sale firm, and cull ewes sold mostly 5.00 lower. This sale was largely comprised of ewes. Slaughter kids sold mostly steady to firm this week as ethnic demand for goats was very good. Winter weather was hard on all livestock this year and many goats were in lighter body condition as a result. Kid quality this sale was mostly average. Sheep receipts were 88 percent slaughter ewes, 5 percent feeder lambs, 5 percent slaughter lambs, balance ewes returning to the country and breeding stock. Goat receipts were 49 percent slaughter kids, 37 percent slaughter nannies, 2 percent feeding kids, balance replacement goats, billies, yearlings and weathers. Sheep comprised 84 percent of all receipts while goats comprised 16 percent. Next sale will be May 7th 2018. All feeding and slaughter stock sold by cwt, all bred stock sold per head. **For the full report:** [www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/BL\\_LS350.txt](http://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/BL_LS350.txt)

FEEDER LAMBS M&L 1-2		SLAUGHTER EWES	
70-80 lbs	NA	Good (2-3)	56.00-62.00
80-90 lbs	180	Good (3-4)	48.00
90-100 lbs	175.00-177.50	Utility (1-2)	54.00-66.00
100-110 lbs	NA	Cull (1)	48.00-58.00
110-120 lbs	NA	---	---

**Slaughter Bucks:** Average dress 190-270 lbs 54.00-63.00, low dress 41.00-50.00. **Ewes returning to the country:** Yearlings: 125-158 lbs 81.00-100.00, Young age: 149-268 lbs 61.00-75.00. **Bred ewes:** Young age Medium and large 1-2 199 lbs 187.50. Young to Middle age (Solid mouth) Medium and large 1-2 210 lbs 175.00.



**HAY:** 04/20/18 Compared to last week: Hay prices sold fully steady. Demand for hay remains good to very good. Supplies are very tight. A very limited amount of hay has been sold over the last week within the state as available supplies are extremely difficult to find. The majority of hay seen this week was delivered out of surrounding states. Delivered hay prices ranged from 175.00-215.00. Straw supplies continue to run near zero. All prices are dollars per ton and FOB unless otherwise noted. **Alfalfa:** Supreme: Small squares, 200.00-250.00. Premium: Large squares, 150.00-175.00; Large rounds, 150.00-170.00; Small squares, 180.00. Good: Large squares, 150.00-175.00; Large rounds, 150.00-165.00. Fair: Large squares, 130.00-160.00; Large rounds, 150.00-160.00. Utility Large squares, 115.00. **Grass/Alfalfa:** Good: Large rounds, 150.00-160.00. Fair: Large rounds, 150.00-160.00. **Grass:** Good: Large rounds, 145.00-150.00. Fair: Large squares, 110.00. Utility: Large rounds, 100.00. **Timothy Grass:** Premium: Small squares, 210.00-240.00. **Barley straw:** Large squares, 90.00-125.00; Large rounds, 100.00. **Wheat straw:** South central Montana Large rounds, 90.00-125.00. Northern Montana Large squares, 90.00; Large rounds, 90.00. **Pea/oat/barley Hay:** Large rounds, 115.00. [www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/bl\\_gr310.txt](http://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/bl_gr310.txt)

**GRAIN:** 04/20/18 Compared to 04/13/18, Winter Wheat closed .10 to .18 cents per bushel lower; Spring Wheat closed .11 to .17 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	5.02-5.17	5.95-6.10	---
Great Falls	5.27-5.36	6.20-6.33	6.00-6.25
Northeast MT	4.75-5.05	5.60-6.03	---