

# MONTANA WEEKLY SUMMARY

For week ending February 9, 2019

Livestock, Poultry & Grain Market News

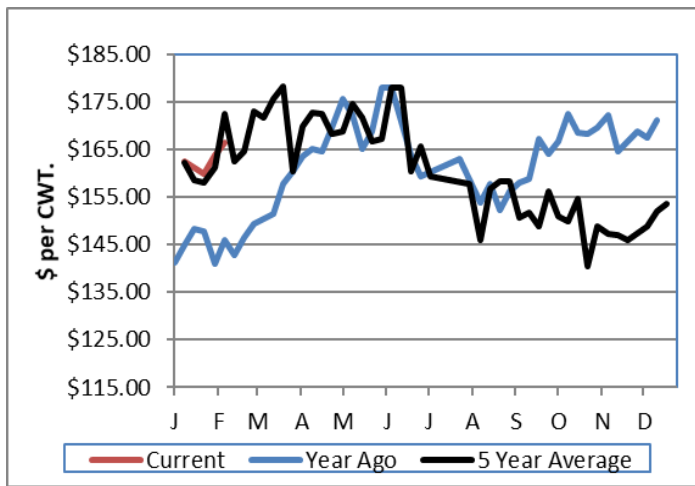
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**CATTLE:** Receipts: 4,219; Last Week 6,786; Last Year 4,003. Compared to last week: Feeder steer and heifer calves were all too lightly tested to develop an accurate market trend, however steady to firm undertones were noticed on steers, while generally steady undertones were noticed on heifers. Demand was mostly moderate on very light offerings. Quality this week was mostly average to attractive. Very cold temperatures were seen this week with most days failing to get above zero. This limited the movement of cattle this week as very light sales receipts were seen across the state. The Blue Ribbon 2 sale held Wednesday made up the majority of receipts this week. CME positions inched higher this week. From last Thursday through this Thursday the March closed 0.70 higher to settle at 143.25, April closed 0.825 higher to settle at 144.875, and the May contract closed at 145.90. Market activity this week was mostly moderate. Weigh up cows sold on mixed demand this week as packers showed good demand early in the week, lighter demand on Wednesday and stronger demand to end the week. Supply availability caused big swings in demand this week as snow storms disrupted availability near packing plants. Slaughter cows sold generally steady to weak. Slaughter bulls sold steady to firm. Feeding cows were too lightly tested to develop an accurate market trend, however steady undertones were noticed. Offerings this week consisted of 16 percent feeder cattle, 4 percent slaughter cows, half of one percent slaughter bulls, 7 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)

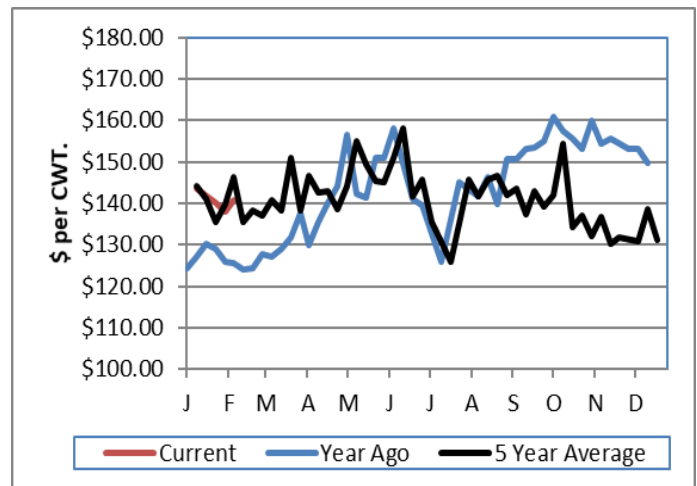
## MONTANA WEEKLY FEEDER CATTLE WEIGHTED AVERAGES

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	NA	300-400 lbs.	NA	NA
400-500 lbs.	201.00	186.00-198.00	400-500 lbs.	165.00	162.00-169.00
500-600 lbs.	165.50-185.50	173.00-178.00	500-600 lbs.	141.00-163.00	145.00-166.50
600-700 lbs.	147.00-155.50	154.00-167.00	600-700 lbs.	131.00-142.00	136.50-152.50
700-800 lbs.	137.00-148.00	147.00-149.50	700-800 lbs.	127.00-133.50	137.50-138.50
800-900 lbs.	NA	NA	800-900 lbs.	NA	NA
900-1000 lbs.	NA	NA	900-1000 lbs.	NA	NA

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



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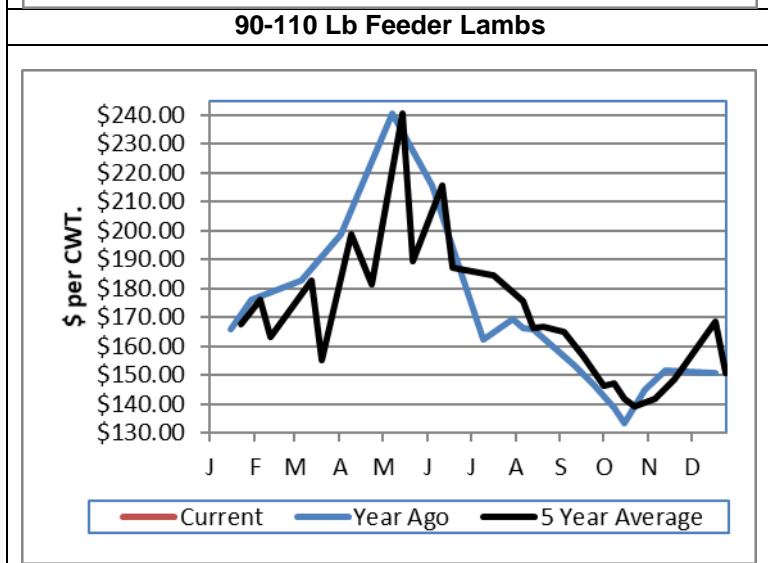
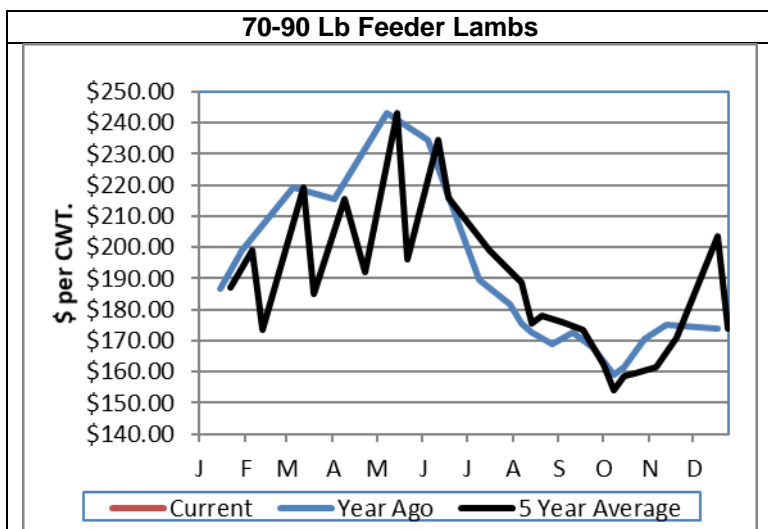


## Weekly Montana Slaughter Cow and Bull Prices Average Dressing

	Percent Lean	This Week	Last Year
<b>Breakers</b>	75-80	57.00	63.00-65.75
<b>Boners</b>	80-85	54.00-58.00	63.50-71.00
<b>Lean</b>	85-90	52.50-60.00	62.50-70.75
<b>Bulls</b>	YG 1-2	71.50-80.00	80.50-90.00

**Feeding Cows and Cows Returning to the Country:** Coming 2 yrs old 980 lbs 91.00, heifers 933-1189 lbs 109.00-120.50. Coming 3 yrs old: 966-1150 lbs 65.00-93.00. Coming 4 yrs old: 905-1375 lbs 56.00-86.50. Young age: 1028-1695 lbs 54.00-68.00, full 53.00, rebreed quality 71.00-75.50. Middle age: 1175-1850 lbs 53.50-61.50. Aged: 1273-1426 lbs 55.00-55.50. **Bred heifers:** Medium and large 1 calving before May 15th 927-1111 lbs 1,350.00-1,600.00. Medium and large 1-2 calving before May 15th 1142 lbs 1,200.00. Medium 1 calving before May 15th 789-963 lbs 1,085.00-1,280.00. Medium 1-2 836-873 lbs 1,025.00-1,100.00. **Bred cows:** 3-4 yrs old Medium and large 1 calving before May 15th 1112-1465 lbs 1,475.00-1,750.00, Fancy 1,850.00-1,900.00, calving in May-June 1181-1375 lbs 1,150.00-1,385.00, calving in July-Aug 1121 lbs 1,050.00. 3-6 yrs old Medium and large 1 calving before May 15th 1240 lbs 1,575.00, calving in May-June 1215-1345 lbs 1,300.00-1,500.00. 5-6 yrs old Medium and large 1 calving before May 15th 1086-1639 lbs 1,295.00-1,675.00, fancy 1,700.00-1,750.00, calving in May-June 1245-1353 lbs 1,150.00-1,350.00. Middle age (Solid mouth) Medium and large 1 calving before May 15th 1318-1618 lbs 1,160.00-1,325.00, Fancy package 1419 lbs 1,500.00, calving May-June 1318-1412 lbs 1,000.00-1,125.00. Medium and large 1-2 calving before May 15th 1203-1216 lbs 975.00-1,050.00, calving in May-June 1152 lbs 725.00. Small and Medium 2 871-891 lbs calving before May 15th 475.00-535.00. Aged (Broken mouth) Medium and large 1 calving before May 15th 1265-1510 lbs 925.00-1,125.00 fancy 1,250.00-1,300.00, calving in May-June 1319-1323 lbs 700.00-925.00. Medium and large 1-2 calving before May 15th 1266-1382 lbs 835.00-885.00.

## MONTANA SHEEP MONTHLY SUMMARY



### SHEEP 01/14/19

Receipts: 3,661; Last Sale(12-17-18): 5,055; Year Ago: 3,200. Compared to last sale (Dec 17th): Feeder lambs 60-119 lbs sold sharply higher, with most sales 15.00-20.00 higher. Demand was mostly very good on moderate offerings. Feed lot demand was mostly good this sale and it drove demand most of the sale. Ethnic buyers were present again this sale however they were more active in bidding on hair sheep than traditional lambs. Lamb quality was mostly attractive overall. Many long strings of lambs were in the offering this week. One full load lot of lambs all off one ranch was available this sale and these offerings were met with very good demand. Ethnic demand was very good this sale and remains the driver in the ewe market. Slaughter ewes sold mostly 10.00 higher on good and utility ewes, cull ewes were too lightly tested to develop an accurate market trend, however higher undertones were noticed. Demand for blackface ewes continues to be very good, and they continue to offer a strong 10.00-15.00 premium to whiteface ewes. Ethnic demand was good for goats this sale as well. Slaughter kids sold mostly steady to 8.00 higher. Quality this week was mostly attractive with many high quality heavy muscled goats in the offering. Sheep receipts were 9 percent slaughter ewes and bucks, 1.5 percent slaughter lambs, 87 percent feeder lambs, balance ewes returning to the country and breeding stock. Goat receipts were 80 percent slaughter kids, 11 percent nannies, balance billies, weathers and replacement goats. Sheep comprised 90 percent of all receipts while goat comprised 10 percent. All sheep and goats sold on a per cwt basis, all breeding stock sold on a per head basis unless otherwise noted. [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	188.00-196.00	Good (2-3)	61.00-82.00
80-90 lbs	174.00-189.50	Good (3-4)	65.00
90-100 lbs	167.00-174.00	Utility (1-2)	55.00-69.00
100-110 lbs	156.00-169.00	Cull (1)	68.00
110-120 lbs	155.00-156.00	---	---

**Slaughter bucks:** 183-285 lbs Average dressing 60.00-69.00, High dressing 72.00-94.00, hair sheep 110 lbs 87.50, low dressing 52.00. **Ewes returning to the country:** 133-183 lbs Middle age to Aged 60.50-66.50, young 95.00. Exposed 67.00-80.00 cwt. Exposed ewe lambs 120 lbs 147.00 cwt.

**HAY:** 2/08/19 Compared to last week: Alfalfa hay sold fully steady. Demand remains mostly good for squares, and light to moderate for rounds. Supplies of squares are very tight as out of state buyers continue to absorb square supplies. Round supplies remain very large. Large supplies of lower quality hay are available in rounds and sales continue to be made at steady money. Straw sales continue to be made at steady money. All prices are dollars per ton and FOB unless otherwise noted. **Alfalfa:** Supreme: Small squares, 200.00-250.00; Large squares, 150.00; Large rounds, 110.00. Premium: Large squares, 150.00; Small squares, 200.00. Good: Large squares, 120.00-135.00; Large rounds, 110.00-120.00. Fair/Good: Large squares, 105.00-125.00; Large rounds, 85.00-115.00; Small Squares, 125.00-140.00. Utility Large rounds, 75.00-80.00; Large squares, 80.00-120.00. **Grass/Alfalfa:** Good: Small squares, 180.00; Large squares, 125.00. Fair: Large squares, 110.00-115.00; Large rounds, 90.00-100.00; Small squares, 120.00-130.00. Utility: Large squares, 70.00-90.00. **Grass:** Premium Small squares, 200.00. Good: Small squares, 185.00; Large rounds, 110.00-120.00. Fair: Large squares, 125.00; Large rounds, 90.00-100.00; Small squares, 130.00. Utility: Large rounds, 70.00. **Timothy Grass:** Premium: Small squares, 225.00-240.00. Good: Small squares, 160.00-180.00. **Barley Straw:** Large squares, 40.00-45.00; Large rounds, 40.00-45.00. **Wheat straw:** South central Large squares, 35.00-40.00. Northern Large squares, 35.00-40.00. [www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/bl\\_gr310.txt](http://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/bl_gr310.txt)

**GRAIN:** 2/08/19 Compared to 2/01/19, Winter Wheat closed .04 to .15 cents per bushel lower; Spring Wheat closed .02 to .11 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	5.19-5.34	5.29-5.44	---
Great Falls	5.35-5.44	5.46-5.58	6.25-6.50
Northeast MT	4.74-5.09	4.88-5.18	---