

MONTANA WEEKLY SUMMARY

For week ending August 18, 2018

Livestock, Poultry & Grain Market News

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CATTLE: Receipts: 1,246; Last Week: 1,149; Last Year: 3,723. The last tested markets were over a month ago thus no trends available. http://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/bl_ls754.txt

Please check individual reports for supply and demand trends as well as market updates:

Billings LS Commission, MT http://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/bl_ls751.txt

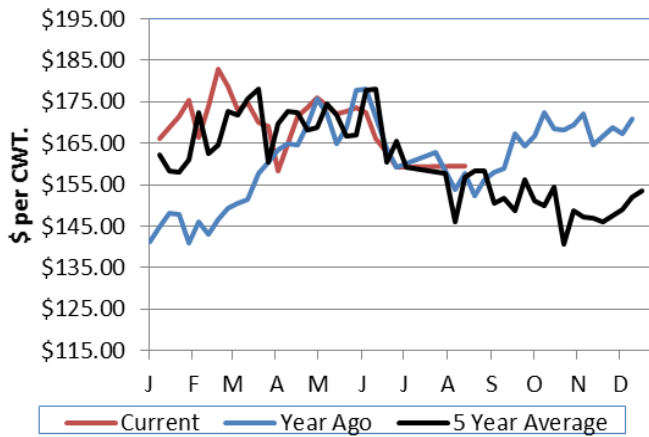
Miles City, MT http://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/bl_ls749.txt

Public Auction Yards - Cattle, MT http://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/bl_ls750.txt

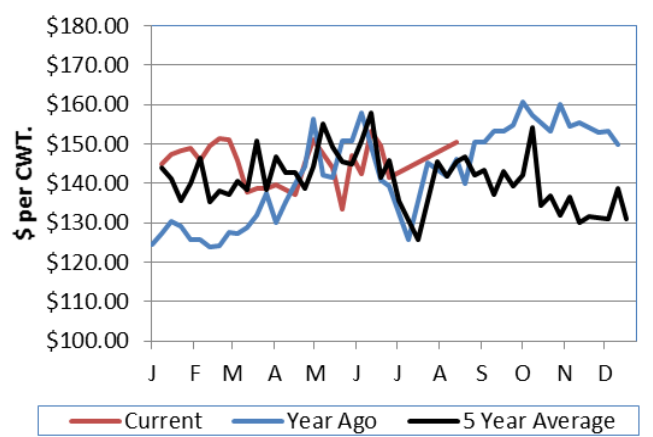
MONTANA WEEKLY FEEDER CATTLE WEIGHTED AVERAGES

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	192.50-215.00	300-400 lbs.	NA	184.50
400-500 lbs.	NA	189.50	400-500 lbs.	NA	170.50
500-600 lbs.	NA	NA	500-600 lbs.	NA	NA
600-700 lbs.	157.50	158.00-160.00	600-700 lbs.	148.00-149.00	138.00-142.00
700-800 lbs.	155.75	142.50-153.50	700-800 lbs.	146.00	136.00-151.50
800-900 lbs.	140.00-149.50	134.00-152.00	800-900 lbs.	136.25-144.00	121.50-139.50
900-1000 lbs.	141.00	130.50-140.00	900-1000 lbs.	127.00-141.00	118.00-134.75

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



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



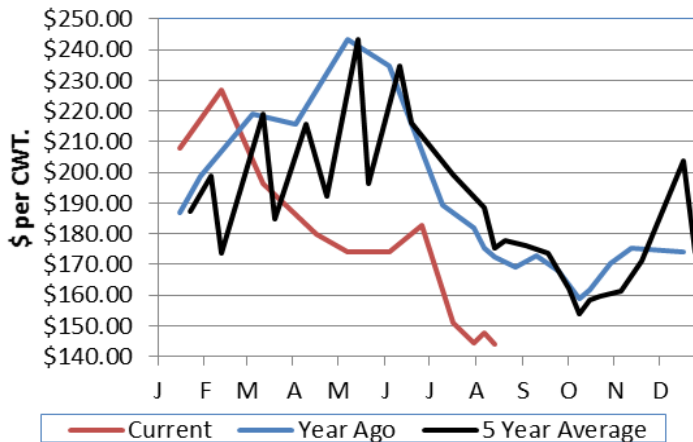
Weekly Montana Slaughter Cow and Bull Prices Average Dressing

	Percent Lean	This Week	Last Year
Breakers	75-80	58.50-63.00	67.00-73.50
Boners	80-85	58.00-63.00	68.00-73.50
Lean	85-90	57.00-63.00	68.00-73.50
Bulls	YG 1-2	73.00-80.00	85.00-94.00

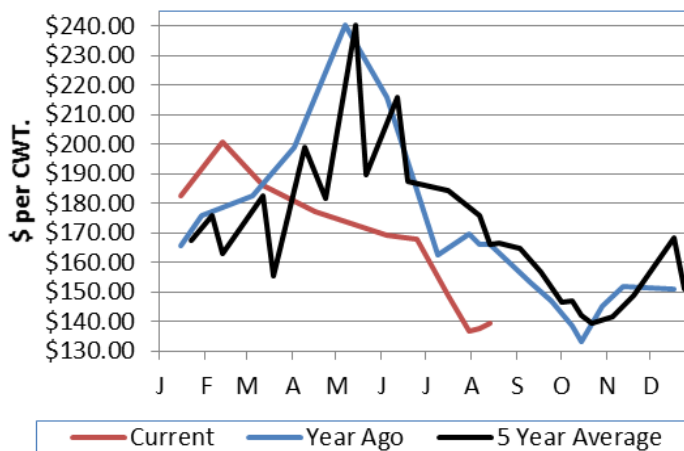
Feeding bulls: 1275-1730 lbs 71.50-81.00. **Feeding Cows and Cows Returning to the Country:** 2 yrs old: 1118-1300 lbs 65.00-70.50. 3 yrs old: 1285-1340 lbs 64.50-67.50. Young age: 1090-1585 lbs 60.00-65.50. Middle age: 1275-2090 lbs 58.50-65.50. Aged: 870-1655 lbs 53.00-62.50, thin 51.00-56.00. **Bred cows:** Middle age (Solid mouth) Medium and large 1 calving Aug-Sept 1754 lbs 1,025.00. **Bred cows:** Aged (Broken mouth) Medium and large 1 calving Aug-Sept 1752 lbs 1,000.00.

MONTANA SHEEP MONTHLY SUMMARY

70-90 Lb Feeder Lambs



90-110 Lb Feeder Lambs



SHEEP 08/13/18

Receipts: 2,352; Last Week: 1,345; Year Ago: 2,835. Compared to last week: Feeder lambs weighing less than 70 lbs sold with steady to firm undertones. 70-89 lbs lambs sold mostly weak to 3.00 lower, 90-99 lbs lambs sold fully steady, 100-119 lbs lambs sold firm to 4.00 higher. Demand from feedlots was mostly light again this week, however competition for high quality lambs did push prices higher in places. Feedlots are still back logged in many locations with old crop lambs; however, seeing high quality lambs come to market at lower values has help spur demand slightly. Quality this week was average to very attractive and overall better than last week. Demand was mixed as buyers were aggressive to start the sale as they pushed to fill loads and backed off as loads become full. Market activity was moderate to active and slightly more active than last week. Slaughter ewes sold on moderate to good demand. Demand for black face ewes remains good, however light supplies were seen today. Slaughter ewes were too lightly tested last sale to develop an accurate market trend, however higher undertones were noticed. Slaughter kids sold on light to moderate demand for light to moderate offerings. Slaughter kids were too lightly tested last week to develop an accurate market trend, however sharply lower undertones were noticed. Ethnic demand has lighted significantly from last week, but remains the main marketing channel for today's goats brought to auction. Sheep receipts were 13 percent slaughter ewes, 71 percent feeder lambs, 15 percent slaughter lambs, balance ewes returning to the country and slaughter bucks. Goat receipts were 50 percent slaughter kids, 18 percent slaughter nannies, 8 percent feeding kids, 5 percent slaughter yearlings, balance billies and weathers. Sheep comprised 87 percent of all receipts while goats comprised 13 percent. Next sale will be August 27th, 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

FEEDER LAMBS M&L 1-2		SLAUGHTER EWES	
70-80 lbs	121.00-151.00	Good (2-3)	47.00-55.50
80-90 lbs	140.00-150.00	Good (3-4)	46.00-49.00
90-100 lbs	129.00-145.50	Utility (1-2)	44.00-54.00
100-110 lbs	125.00-142.00	Cull (1)	46.00-48.00
110-120 lbs	128.00-141.50	---	---

HAY: 08/17/18 Compared to last week: Hay prices sold mostly 5.00-10.00 lower as the hay market tries to find its footing. Hay sales were mostly moderate this week with significantly larger sales seen compared to last week. Demand for hay continues to be mostly light as supplies are heavy across the state. With heavy supplies seen ranchers haven't seen a need to step up and buy hay. Bids and asking prices are often far apart and have led to slow market establishment. Export demand for hay is light to moderate and buyers have spent some time in the state over the past two weeks trying to pick up sales. Straw sales are starting to pick up. Demand for straw was light to moderate this week on significantly higher sales volume. Prices sold steady to firm. All prices are dollars per ton and FOB unless otherwise noted. **Alfalfa:** Supreme: Small squares, 200.00-250.00; Large squares, 180.00 old crop. Good: Large rounds, 140.00. Fair/Good: Large squares, 105.00-125.00; Large rounds, 100.00-115.00. Utility Large rounds, 90.00-100.00; Large squares, 100.00. **Grass/Alfalfa:** Good: Large squares, 135.00; Fair: Large squares, 115.00; Small squares, 120.00-130.00. Utility: Large squares, 90.00-110.00. **Grass:** Premium Small squares, 200.00. Good: Small squares, 185.00; Large rounds, 120.00. Fair: Large squares, 125.00; Large rounds, 100.00-125.00. Utility: Large rounds, 100.00; Small squares, 130.00. **Timothy Grass:** Premium: Small squares, 240.00, old crop; 210.00, new crop. Good: Small squares, 160.00-180.00. **Barley straw:** Large squares, 40.00-45.00; Large rounds, 40.00-45.00. **Wheat straw:** Northern Large squares, 35.00-40.00. www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/bl_gr310.txt

GRAIN: 08/17/18 Compared to 08/10/18, Winter Wheat closed .steady to .14 cents per bushel higher; Spring Wheat closed steady to .05 cents per bushel lower; Feed barley closed .10 cents higher to .50 cents per cwt lower. 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	5.21-5.46	5.58-5.76	---
Great Falls	5.41-5.62	5.73-5.86	5.85-6.00
Northeast MT	4.90-5.27	5.18-5.61	---