

Public Auction Yards Livestock Cattle Auction - Billings, MT (Wed) AMS Livestock, Poultry, & Grain Market News

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Livestock Weighted Average Report for 2/19/2025 - Final

AUCTION						
	This Week	Last Reported 2/12/2025	Last Year			
Total Receipts:	661	86	1,169			
Feeder Cattle:	155(23.4%)	28(32.6%)	315(26.9%)			
Slaughter Cattle:	448(67.8%)	43(50.0%)	580(49.6%)			
Replacement Cattle:	58(8.8%)	15(17.4%)	274(23.4%)			

Compared to last week: All feeder cattle were too lightly tested last week to develop any market trend. Demand for limited feeder cattle was mostly good. Quality this week was mostly plain to average. Most feeders were offered in very small groups or as singles. Temperatures have been well below 0 for the last few days and feeder cattle movement has been slow as a result. Lows to start the sell were 20 to 35 below 0. Market activity was mostly moderate with a small crowd on hand bidding on offerings. Weigh up cows comprised most of todays light offering. Slaughter cows sold on very good demand as small regional packers and major packers were both active in bidding on offerings. Several sets of cows were on offer today that had been on feed, however most were far from finished. This didn't slow demand as packers showed very good demand for all classes of cows for immediate harvest. All cows were too lightly tested last week to develop an accurate market trend, however steady undertones were noticed on breaking cows and higher undertones were noticed on boning and lean cows. Most slaughter cows sold for \$290.00-315.00 on a dressed basis. Feeding cows sold on very good demand as private feeders tried to buy cows away from packer buyers. Feeding cows sold mostly 2.00-5.00 higher in a narrow comparison. Slaughter bulls were too lightly tested to develop an accurate market trend, however higher undertones were noticed. Demand for slaughter bulls was mostly good this sale. Weigh up conditions were mostly average to above average with most cows very empty come sale time. Young age cows suitable to feed or rebreed were too lightly tested last sale to develop any market trend. Demand from both rebreed buyers and feeders continues to be very good. Quality this week was plain to attractive. Supply included: 23% Feeder Cattle (60% Steers, 34% Heifers, 6% Bulls); 68% Slaughter Cattle (99% Cows, 1% Bulls); 9% Replacement Cattle (87% Stock Cows, 13% Bred Cows). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 45%.

FEEDER CATTLE

STEERS -	hac muibald.	Large 1 (Per Cwt	/ Actual \A/t\
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<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Price Range	Avg Price	
1	410	410	440.00	440.00	
29	943	943	237.00	237.00	Fleshy

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
3	460	460	370.00	370.00
4	535	535	352.50	352.50
2	973	973	232.50	232.50

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Price Range	Avg Price
2	318	318	400.00	400.00

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STEERS -	STEERS - Medium 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)							
<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price				
10	720	720	257.50	257.50				
STEERS -	Medium 2 (Per	Cwt / Actual \	Nt)					
<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price				
10	464	464	295.00	295.00				
HEIFERS -	Medium and L	arge 1-2 (Per	Cwt / Actual Wt)					
<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price				
6	400	400	342.50	342.50				
11	470-490	479	320.00-337.50	329.36				
13	521-536	530	315.00-325.00	318.78				
HEIFERS -	· Medium and L	arge 2 (Per Cv	vt / Actual Wt)					
HEIFERS - <u>Head</u>	Medium and L	arge 2 (Per Cv <u>Avg Wt</u>	vt / Actual Wt) <u>Price Range</u>	Avg Price				
			=	<u>Avg Price</u> 255.00				
<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	=				
Head 1	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u> 645	Price Range 255.00	=				
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Head 1 HEIFERS - Head 3	Wt Range 645 Medium 1 (Per Wt Range	Avg Wt 645 CWt / Actual Avg Wt 470	Price Range 255.00 Wt) Price Range 322.00	255.00 Avg Price				
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Avg Price

263.00

SLAUGHTER CATTLE

<u>Head</u>

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

Avg Wt

625

Wt Range

625

Dressing	Avg Price	Price Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Wt Range	<u>Head</u>
Average	149.69	142.00-151.00	1690	1528-1870	48
High	152.65	152.00-154.00	1549	1535-1685	14

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

	<u>Dressing</u>	Avg Price	Price Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Wt Range	<u>Head</u>
	Average	146.21	138.00-150.50	1429	1309-1703	90
Return to Feed	Average	145.83	137.00-148.00	1322	1292-1485	136
	High	154.68	151.50-156.50	1463	1379-1550	44
Return to Feed	High	152.77	152.50-153.00	1353	1265-1440	2

Price Range

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5	1335-1620	1494	125.00-136.00	132.69	Low
4	1260-1460	1336	131.00-135.00	132.84	Low Return to Feed

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	<u>Dressing</u>
9	1198-1240	1219	133.00-143.00	138.17	Average
42	1120-1266	1229	134.00-144.00	141.99	Average Return to Feed
30	1075-1285	1250	145.50-146.50	146.45	High Return to Feed
4	1025-1150	1089	114.00-127.00	123.93	Low
9	920-1288	1159	115.50-132.00	125.92	Low Return to Feed
1	1205	1205	95.00	95.00	Very Low

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
1	1645	1645	162.00	162.00	Average
1	2050	2050	188.00	188.00	High
1	1685	1685	155.00	155.00	Low

REPLACEMENT CATTLE

STOCK COWS - Medium and Large 1 (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	Ο	17	987-1081	1031	185.00-215.00	204.63
2-4	0	20	845-1360	1106	148.00-215.00	172.57

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>	Price Range	Avg Price
<2	0	2	873	873	155.00	155.00
2-4	0	5	970-1070	1029	145.00-165.00	153.22

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

<u>Age</u>	<u>Stage</u>	<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Price Range	Avg Price
2-4	0	3	1077	1077	146.00	146.00

BRED COWS - Medium and Large 1 (Per Unit / 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	T1-2	5	1044-1305	1096	2200.00-2300.00	2223.81

BRED COWS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Unit / Actual Wt)

<u>Age</u>	<u>Stage</u>	<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Price Range	Avg Price
2-4	T2-3	2	1345	1345	2500.00	2500.00

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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.