

# Public Auction Yards Livestock Cattle Auction - Billings, MT (Wed) AMS Livestock, Poultry, & Grain Market News Montana Dept of Ag Mrkt News

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Livestock Weighted Average Report for 5/7/2025 - Final

AUCTION			
	This Week	Last Reported 4/30/2025	Last Year
Total Receipts:	1,140	1,094	646
Feeder Cattle:	58(5.1%)	178(16.3%)	12(1.9%)
Slaughter Cattle:	321(28.2%)	499(45.6%)	233(36.1%)
Replacement Cattle:	761(66.8%)	417(38.1%)	401(62.1%)

Compared to last week: Feeder cattle were scarcely tested today as todays sale featured cow calf pairs, bred cows and weigh up cows. Feeder cattle were too lightly tested to develop any market trend. Weigh up cows comprised most of todays sale. Weigh up cows sold on moderate demand for moderate offerings. Packers showed lighter demand for all cows this week as they attempted to buy cows lower. Fewer buyers were on hand for todays sale and demand was lighter than the last few sales. Slaughter cows sold 6.00-8.00 lower on breaking cows, boning cows sold 2.00-5.00 lower, lean cows sold 4.00-6.00 lower in a narrow comparison. All packer buyers showed lighter demand for cows destined for immediate harvest, however very few cows were purchased for immediate slaughter as most were purchased to feed. Mostly extremely blemished cows were purchased for slaughter this week. Demand for feeding cows remains good but buyers showed slightly lighter demand this week compared to last week. A smaller crowd of private feeding cow buyers was seen this week. Feeding cows sold mostly 2.00-4.00 lower as all buyers tried to buy cows lower this week. Thin feeding cows showed the largest decline in price as demand for thin feeding cows was significantly lighter this week. Thin feeding cows sold mostly 3.00-6.00 lower. Cow quality was mostly plain to average today with a limited offering of attractive cows noticed. Quality this week was significantly lower this week compared to last week. Weigh up conditions were mostly average to below average today with many sets of cows pushing heavy amounts of fill. Slaughter bulls sold mostly steady in a narrow comparison. Bull quality this week was average to attractive. A portion of the bulls were purchased to feed again this week as buyers purchased light weight bulls, mostly under 1800 lbs for this purpose. Feeding bulls sold fully steady. Young age cows suitable to feed or rebreed were too lightly tested today to develop an accurate market trend, lower undertones were noticed on a poorer quality offering. Very few wet bagged cows were seen this week as most were baron heifers which were purchased to feed. Quality this week was plain to average and significantly lower than last week. A moderate offering of pairs were seen this sale. Demand for cow calf and heifer pairs was good to very good. A large crowd of buyers was on hand for todays sale. Supply included: 5% Feeder Cattle (31% Heifers, 69% Bulls); 28% Slaughter Cattle (87% Cows, 13% Bulls); 67% Replacement Cattle (20% Stock Cows, 21% Bred Cows, 1% Bred Heifers, 21% Cow-Calf Pairs, 35% Heifer Pairs, 2% Bulls). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 65%.

#### **FEEDER CATTLE**

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Price Range	Avg Price
8	515-545	541	322.50-325.00	322.80

#### BULLS - Medium and Large 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Price Range	Avg Price
1	425	425	417.50	417.50
1	865	865	246.00	246.00
6	904	904	246.00	246.00

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

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<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
3	933	933	230.00	230.00
5	1024-1045	1028	221.00-225.00	224.19
BULLS -	Large 1-2 (Per Cw	rt / Actual Wt	)	
<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	1180	1180	181.00	181.00

#### **SLAUGHTER CATTLE**

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Price Range	Avg Price	<u>Dressing</u>
9	1504-1788	1567	150.50-152.50	151.99	Average
3	1528-1545	1534	151.00-152.00	151.34	Average Return to Feed
6	1520-1975	1728	130.50-146.00	139.35	Low
2	2005	2005	142.00	142.00	Low Heavy Weight
6	1530-1715	1594	144.50-146.00	145.25	Low Return to Feed

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	<u>Dressing</u>
11	1310-1580	1454	137.00-148.00	145.18	Average
65	1230-1568	1419	149.00-159.00	153.40	Average Return to Feed
3	1568	1568	155.00	155.00	High
14	1270-1685	1359	160.00-161.00	160.55	High Return to Feed
4	1305-1390	1364	127.00-135.00	129.52	Low
25	1380-1645	1506	141.00-148.00	146.13	Low Return to Feed

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

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<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Price Range	Avg Price	<u>Dressing</u>
1	1215	1215	140.00	140.00	Average
26	920-1295	1139	144.00-157.50	150.48	Average Return to Feed
3	1060-1250	1172	159.00-160.00	159.70	High Return to Feed
13	1015-1310	1196	110.00-127.00	119.64	Low
2	890-995	943	105.00-107.50	106.18	Low Light Weight
41	940-1288	1152	124.00-142.50	133.72	Low Return to Feed
6	1015-1115	1073	105.00-106.00	105.50	Very Low

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

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
6	1805-2370	2001	170.00-184.00	176.23	Average
15	1353-1860	1559	167.00-182.00	173.87	Average Return to Feed
6	1785-2280	2115	185.00-205.00	193.87	High
6	1560-2005	1801	160.00-172.00	166.18	Low

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			d Large 1 (Per C	=	-	Ava Drica		
<u>Age</u> <2	<u>Stage</u> ○	<u>Head</u> 27	<u>Wt Range</u> 760-1280	<u>Avg Wt</u> 1109	<u>Price Range</u> 185.00-257.50	<u>Avg Price</u> 218.30		
						176.94		
2-4	0	27	820-1485	1157	161.00-225.00 155.00-162.00			
2-8	0	4	1253-1385	1295	155.00-162.00	159.65		
STOCK CC	OWS - Me	dium and	d Large 1-2 (Per	Cwt / Actual \	Nt)			
<u>Age</u>	<u>Stage</u>	<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price		
<2	0	12	770-1212	1000	189.50-232.50	198.93		
2-4	Ο	11	895-1175	1047	152.00-200.00	172.75		
STOCK CC	)\\/S _ \\/o	dium an	d Large 2 (Per C	wt / Actual \A/t	·\			
Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	., <u>Price Range</u>	Avg Price		
	0	3	838-890	855	205.00-210.00	206.73		
		J			200.00 210.00	200170		
STOCK CC	OWS - Lar	ge 1 (Per	Cwt / Actual W	=				
<u>Age</u>	<u>Stage</u>	<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	Avg Price		
<2	Ο	2	730-970	850	180.00-272.50	219.72		
STOCK CC	)WS - Me	dium 1 (	Per Cwt / Actual	Wt)				
Age	<u>Stage</u>	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price		
<2	0	1	755	755	225.00	225.00		
		_	Large 1 (Per Un					
<u>Age</u>	<u>Stage</u>	<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price		
2-4	T2	6	1096	1096	2500.00	2500.00		
2-4	T3	11	1013-1600	1272	3150.00-3600.00	3321.36		
5-8	T2-3	4	1391	1391	2400.00	2400.00		
5-8	T3	13	1230-1570	1473	2800.00-3300.00	3115.92		
>5	T2	2	1625	1625	2500.00	2500.00		
>5	T2-3	7	1501	1501	2500.00	2500.00		
>5	Т3	23	1398-1755	1544	2900.00-3250.00	3024.92		
>8	T3	15	1255-1580	1475	2800.00-3025.00	2925.73	Broken Mouth	
BRED COV	WS - Med	lium and	Large 1-2 (Per U	Jnit / Actual W	/t)			
Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price		
5-8	T3	1	1475	1475	2750.00	2750.00		
>5	T2	7	1119-1367	1225	1975.00-2000.00	1986.95		
>8	T3	1	1175	1175	2400.00	2400.00	Broken Mouth	
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Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
<2	T2	1	1325	1325	2550.00	2550.00	
<2	T3	5	1030-1115	1067	3200.00-3300.00	3259.51	
COW-CALF	PAIRS -	Medium	and Large 1 w/ <	150 lbs calf	(Per Unit / Actual W	t)	
<u>Age</u>	<u>Stage</u>	<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
>5	Ο	4	1573	1573	2925.00	2925.00	
COW-CALF	PAIRS -	Medium	and Large 1 w/ 15	50-300 lbs c	alf (Per Unit / Actua	l Wt)	
<u>Age</u>	<u>Stage</u>	<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
2-4	Ο	3	1317	1317	3750.00	3750.00	
>5	Ο	27	1447-1695	1546	3325.00-3500.00	3425.78	
>8	Ο	42	1331-1553	1473	2850.00-3275.00	3055.75	Broken Mouth
>8	Ο	6	1273	1273	2800.00	2800.00	Thin Fleshed
COW-CALF	PAIRS -	Medium	and Large 1-2 w/	150-300 lbs	s calf (Per Unit / Actu	ual Wt)	
<u>Age</u>	<u>Stage</u>	<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
2-4	Ο	3	1302	1302	3500.00	3500.00	
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					alf (Per Unit / Actua		
<u>Age</u>	<u>Stage</u>	<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	Avg Price	
2-4	Ο	2	1158	1158	3100.00	3100.00	
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			w/ 150-300 lbs cal			Ave Deise	
<u>Age</u>	Stage	<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price 3800.00	
2-4	0	2	1643	1643	3800.00	3800.00	
HEIFED DAI	IDC Ma	dium and	1 Large 1 w/ <150	lbs salf /Dar	Linit / Actual \A/t\		
	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Unit / Actual Wt) Price Range	Avg Price	
<u>Age</u>	_	<u>пеаи</u> 94	1185-1294	1253	4150.00-4425.00	4305.86	
<2	0	94	1165-1294	1255	4130.00-4423.00	4303.60	
HEIEED DAI	IRS - Ma	dium and	1 Large 1 w/ 150-3	OO lbs calf (	Per Unit / Actual Wt	-1	
Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	42	1227-1390	1278	3900.00-4500.00	4421.11	
^_	J	72	1227-1330	1270	3300.00-4300.00	777.11	
HEIFER PAI	IRS - Ma	dium 1 w	// <150 lbs calf (Pe	r I Init / Δct	ual Wt)		
Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	12	1046	1046	3500.00	3500.00	
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<2	8	1260-1313	1273	195.00-202.50	200.57

#### Please Note:

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.