Public Auction Yards Livestock Cattle Auction - Billings, MT (Wed)

AMS Livestock, Poultry, & Grain Market News

Montana Dept of Ag Mrkt News

Wed Nov 11, 2026

Email us with accessibility issues with this report.

Livestock Weighted Average Report for 11/11/2026 - Final

AUCTION

	This Week	Last Reported 11/4/2026	Last Year
Total Receipts:	2,093	1,878	2,283
Feeder Cattle:	42(2.0%)	182(9.7%)	478(20.9%)
Slaughter Cattle:	1,229(58.7%)	1,257(66.9%)	1,261(55.2%)
Replacement Cattle:	822(39.3%)	439(23.4%)	544(23.8%)

Compared to last week (11-04-26): Feeder cattle were all too lightly tested to develop any market trend. Todays sale mostly featured bred cows, weigh cows and bulls. Weigh up cows sold on mostly light to moderate demand for heavy offerings. Demand for feeding cows was light to moderate. Demand overall was not as strong as last week. Canadian packers were active this week and remained in the market throughout the sale. Demand for feeding cows continues to lighten as buyers say lots have started to fill. Private feeders continue to be active buyers of feeding cows and continue to be willing to take lame or slightly blemished cows to feed. Feeding cows sold mostly steady to 5.00 lower on all classes. A wide variety of quality was noticed today, but overall cows were average to attractive. Packer buyers were willing to put some lame and slightly blemished cows on feed as they purchased some cows to hold for the upcoming holidays. Slaughter cows sold generally steady on all classes in a very narrow comparison. The vast majority of cows were purchased to feed in some capacity this week. Weigh up conditions were mostly average today. Slaughter bulls sold mostly steady to 2.00 higher. Young age cows suitable to feed or rebreed sold on moderate to good demand today with several buyers purchasing this class of cow this week. Young age offerings sold mostly 5.00 lower. A light offering of bred cows was seen today and demand was mostly moderate. Quality was mostly plain to average. Supply included: 2% Feeder Cattle (100% Bulls); 59% Slaughter Cattle (91% Cows, 9% Bulls); 39% Replacement Cattle (64% Stock Cows, 31% Bred Cows, 1% Bred Heifers, 4% Open Heifers, 0% Cow-Calf Pairs). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 100%.

FEEDER CATTLE

BULLS - Large 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	1195	1195	240.00	240.00
3	1293	1293	220.00	220.00

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
4	1084	1084	267.50	267.50

SLAUGHTER CATTLE

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing	
1	2025	2025	122.00	122.00	Average	Heavy Weight
27	1509-1705	1609	121.00-131.50	123.02	Average	Return to Feed
24	1564-1665	1568	133.00-135.00	133.09	High	Return to Feed
8	1597-1890	1722	106.00-112.00	109.17	Low	
4	1550-2005	1695	111.00-119.00	116.43	Low	Return to Feed

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing	
3	1445-1610	1545	108.00-115.00	110.86	Average	
348	1138-1584	1354	124.00-136.00	132.55	Average	Return to Feed
4	1327-1450	1364	137.00-140.00	139.26	High	Return to Feed
5	1355-1595	1429	87.50-102.50	95.08	Low	
39	1070-1650	1370	110.00-123.50	117.91	Low	Return to Feed

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing	
4	1025-1130	1104	107.00-109.00	108.54	Average	
1	965	965	105.00	105.00	Average	Light Weight
122	995-1288	1194	124.50-135.00	130.35	Average	Return to Feed
4	1170-1260	1226	136.00-139.00	137.77	High	Return to Feed
9	1175-1380	1242	85.00-97.50	87.42	Low	
2	945-950	948	82.50-95.00	88.77	Low	Light Weight
62	945-1275	1150	100.00-124.00	113.31	Low	Return to Feed
1	1190	1190	82.50	82.50	Very Low	
4	890-988	942	65.00-75.00	71.43	Very Low	Light Weight

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing	
33	1717-2130	1906	172.50-181.00	175.83	Average	
17	1755-1820	1816	182.50-183.00	182.53	High	
8	1600-2165	1908	157.50-169.50	166.80	Low	
7	1503-1613	1534	159.00-164.00	162.50	Low	Return to Feed

REPLACEMENT CATTLE

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

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
2-4		21	920-1165	1068	244.00-290.00	272.66	
2-4		1	1375	1375	192.50	192.50	Fleshy

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

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2-4		2	1075-1320	1198	150.00-180.00	163.47

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

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
<2	O	265	753-1175	1029	235.00-325.00	278.12	
<2	O	22	984	984	285.00	285.00	Thin Fleshed
2-4	O	71	968-1285	1121	180.00-280.00	230.43	
2-4	O	3	1285-1330	1315	140.00-167.50	148.96	Fleshy

2-8	O	1	1255	1255	155.00	155.00

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

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
<2	O	13	830-1270	1042	185.00-295.00	238.69
2-4	O	19	900-1178	1055	175.00-255.00	218.60

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

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
<2	O	18	798-933	858	280.00-307.50	302.06

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

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2-8	T1	6	1185	1185	217.50	217.50
>8	T1	24	1268-1509	1318	140.00-151.00	148.38

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

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
2-4	T1	22	993-1310	1132	2800.00-3000.00	2931.52	
2-4	T1-2	36	1005-1277	1192	3000.00-3350.00	3153.10	
5-8	T1-2	6	1390-1548	1464	2500.00-2850.00	2683.74	
>5	T1	5	1330-1570	1383	2200.00-2300.00	2267.50	
>5	T1-2	9	1360-1510	1450	2400.00-2500.00	2444.44	
>8	T1	9	1322-1328	1325	2100.00-2150.00	2122.28	Broken Mouth
>8	T1-2	31	1280-1713	1411	2200.00-2350.00	2287.19	Broken Mouth

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

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
>8	T1	7	1261	1261	126.00	126.00	Thin Fleshed

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

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
2-4	T1	18	1028-1245	1156	2400.00-2650.00	2556.89	
2-4	T1-2	6	1073-1530	1278	2500.00-2750.00	2649.82	
>5	T1	3	1147	1147	1900.00	1900.00	
>8	T1	2	1208	1208	2000.00	2000.00	Broken Mouth
>8	T1	6	1195	1195	1600.00	1600.00	Thin Fleshed
>8	T1-2	2	1290-1310	1300	2000.00-2100.00	2050.38	Broken Mouth
>8	T1-2	4	1114	1114	1450.00	1450.00	Thin Fleshed

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

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2-4	T1	1	940	940	2900.00	2900.00

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

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2-4	T1-2	4	920	920	2350.00	2350.00

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

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
<2	T1	2	1068	1068	2700.00	2700.00

BRED HEIFERS - Medium 1 (Per Unit / Actual Wt)

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
<2	T1	6	965-973	969	2750.00	2750.00

COW-CALF PAIRS - Medium and Large 1 w/ 150-300 lbs calf (Per Unit / Actual Wt)

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2-8	O	2	1668	1668	4450.00	4450.00

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.