Montana Weekly Livestock Auction Summary

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Livestock Weighted Average Report for 11/8/2026 - 11/14/2026

LIVESTOCK SUMMARY

	Current Week	Last Reported 11/2/2026	Last Year
Total Receipts:	14,545	15,528	13,902
Feeder Cattle:	9,794(67.3%)	5,668(36.5%)	8,677(62.4%)
Slaughter Cattle:	3,137(21.6%)	2,725(17.5%)	3,654(26.3%)
Replacement Cattle:	1,614(11.1%)	2,940(18.9%)	1,571(11.3%)
Feeder Sheep/Lambs:	0(0.0%)	1,405(9.0%)	0(0.0%)
Slaughter Sheep/Lambs:	0(0.0%)	1,395(9.0%)	0(0.0%)
Replacement Sheep/Lambs:	0(0.0%)	5(0.0%)	0(0.0%)
Feeder Goats:	0(0.0%)	425(2.7%)	0(0.0%)
Slaughter Goats:	0(0.0%)	965(6.2%)	0(0.0%)

Compared to last week: Yearling steers and heifers were both too lightly tested to develop any market trend. Steer calves under 400 lbs were too lightly tested to develop an accurate market trend, however sharply higher undertones were noticed. 400-499 lbs steers sold mostly steady to 15.00 higher; steer calves 500-649 lbs sold mostly steady to weak lower; steer calves 650 lbs and heavier sold mostly steady t0 5.00 lower. Heifer calves under 400 lbs were too lightly tested to develop an accurate market trend, however sharply higher undertones were noticed. 400-499 lbs heifers sold generally 15.00-25.00 higher, 500-649 lbs heifers sold steady to 5.00 higher; heifers over 650 lbs sold mostly steady. Quality this week was mixed, from plain to very attractive. Several front end sets of home raised cattle, that were never offered on the summer videos, were seen this week. These calves all sold on very good demand as buyers got a shot at every calf in their 2026 calf crop. Many cutback cattle continue to be seen and buys showed mostly moderate demand for these offerings. CME positions traded higher ever day this past week giving buyers more confidence each day. The November CME Feeder cattle contact close Friday at 339.025, 16.70 higher than last Fridays close; the January feeder contract closed at 335.35, 16.975 higher than last Fridays close; the March contract closed at 332.05, 17.70 higher than last Fridays close. Yard conditions were muddy to start the week but improved by weeks end as warm dry weather was seen all week. Heavier marketing's were seen this week as warmer and drier weather allowed ranchers to get out after last weeks heavy rains. Market activity was mostly active with a very large buyer pool seen at all sales this week. More buyers were noticed this week compared to last week as market confidence improved. Weigh up cows sold on light to moderate demand for moderate to heavy offerings. Feeding cows sold mostly 5.00-10.00 lower on all offerings. Demand was lighter for all feeding cows as buyers all say feedlots are starting to fill. American packers continue to show light demand for cows. Canadian buyers showed stronger demand for cows this week but were met with little resistance as they bid on feeding cows. The bottom side of the cow market was the closest to steady as packers and feeding buyers are staring to see price convergence between feeding and slaughter cows. Slaughter cows sold fully steady on all offerings. Slaughter bulls sold steady to firm. Young age cows suitable to feed or rebreed sold on moderate to good demand. Buyers showed lighter demand for these offerings after lower CME positions were seen two weeks ago. Young age cows sold mostly 10.00-12.00 lower. Supply included: 67% Feeder Cattle (56% Steers, 41% Heifers, 1% Bulls, 0% Beef/Dairy Steers, 0% Beef/Dairy Heifers); 22% Slaughter Cattle (95% Cows, 5% Bulls); 11% Replacement Cattle (68% Stock Cows, 27% Bred Cows, 1% Bred Heifers, 4% Open Heifers, 0% Cow-Calf Pairs). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 27%.

FEEDER CATTLE

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
2	205-240	223	740.00	740.00	Unweaned

22	303-341	323	550.00-655.00	618.25	Unweaned
106	356-398	376	530.00-630.00	586.91	Unweaned
26	401-425	420	552.50-565.00	554.79	
230	400-448	430	473.00-585.00	514.58	Unweaned
44	473-491	480	477.00-492.50	486.02	
543	455-498	472	460.00-518.00	498.90	Unweaned
16	501-505	502	465.00-467.50	467.19	
776	501-549	536	421.00-490.00	445.14	Unweaned
39	567-595	568	421.00-423.00	421.36	
1099	550-599	568	402.00-449.00	429.31	Unweaned
56	631	631	391.00	391.00	
11	600	600	366.00	366.00	Full
614	600-640	621	385.00-408.50	397.70	Unweaned
6	678	678	353.00	353.00	
512	650-699	667	320.00-396.50	381.20	Unweaned
30	712-744	721	339.00-345.00	343.35	Full
67	706-739	723	346.00-358.50	351.88	Unweaned
43	751-764	758	337.00-348.00	340.52	Unweaned
15	816	816	330.50	330.50	
9	848	848	340.00	340.00	Full
5	1004	1004	277.50	277.50	

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
2	250	250	570.00	570.00	Unweaned
9	300-333	322	570.00-610.00	593.66	Unweaned
11	350	350	590.00	590.00	
43	351-399	379	510.00-560.00	536.39	Unweaned
3	445	445	520.00	520.00	
35	414-441	428	482.00-525.00	497.46	Unweaned
36	450-498	481	410.00-470.00	446.00	Unweaned
107	500-546	519	385.00-451.00	427.71	Unweaned
3	560	560	404.00	404.00	
52	584-593	588	365.00-392.50	387.02	Unweaned
69	600-648	642	365.00-384.00	380.90	Unweaned
35	652-695	669	317.50-361.00	344.49	Unweaned
5	703	703	340.00	340.00	Full
9	723	723	343.00	343.00	Unweaned
8	765	765	336.00	336.00	Full

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
7	246	246	655.00	655.00	Unweaned

4	306	306	530.00	530.00	Unweaned
3	360	360	470.00	470.00	Unweaned
4	410	410	440.00	440.00	Unweaned
7	490	490	375.00	375.00	Unweaned
10	640-648	645	320.00-330.00	323.97	Unweaned
6	653	653	332.00	332.00	Unweaned

STEERS - Large 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
2	410	410	500.00	500.00	Unweaned
8	547	547	425.00	425.00	Unweaned
5	586	586	394.00	394.00	Unweaned
7	705	705	321.00	321.00	Unweaned

STEERS - Medium 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
8	319	319	595.00	595.00	Unweaned
3	388	388	525.00	525.00	Unweaned
4	450	450	425.00	425.00	Unweaned
3	537	537	415.00	415.00	Unweaned

BEEF/DAIRY STEERS - Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
18	808	808	312.50	312.50
22	933	933	294.00	294.00

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
1	225	225	675.00	675.00	Unweaned
9	266-275	267	595.00-605.00	596.14	Unweaned
29	319-342	334	520.00-550.00	541.66	Unweaned
61	350-388	368	457.50-535.00	495.12	Unweaned
15	425-437	435	440.00-470.00	445.87	
297	401-449	420	420.00-525.00	478.44	Unweaned
24	476-486	481	410.00-422.50	416.71	
511	453-499	477	392.00-466.50	433.70	Unweaned
9	503	503	390.00	390.00	
8	540	540	397.50	397.50	Replacement
547	502-549	527	350.00-415.00	390.17	Unweaned
63	550-580	570	360.00-386.00	381.80	
287	558-598	576	402.00-410.50	408.45	Replacement
349	550-599	580	342.50-387.50	366.31	Unweaned
15	609	609	345.00	345.00	

93	605-648	634	353.50-360.00	355.08	Replacement
230	600-649	620	337.50-357.50	346.14	Unweaned
5	684	684	355.00	355.00	Replacement
107	650-695	667	315.00-343.00	333.98	Unweaned
16	709-749	721	315.00-333.00	328.00	Unweaned
48	803	803	354.50	354.50	Thin Fleshed
33	857-897	878	283.00-319.00	308.83	
15	1035	1035	286.50	286.50	
17	1018-1027	1023	232.50-240.00	236.01	Fleshy

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
13	285	285	572.50	572.50	Unweaned
8	319	319	530.00	530.00	
10	340-345	341	490.00-512.50	507.95	Unweaned
42	350-399	370	440.00-490.00	470.12	Unweaned
84	400-445	425	407.50-457.00	428.73	Unweaned
5	480	480	417.50	417.50	
41	465-495	483	370.00-406.00	382.80	Unweaned
16	523-526	524	355.00-385.00	371.83	
150	500-548	525	345.00-385.00	368.81	Unweaned
39	553-595	581	320.00-362.50	339.56	Unweaned
19	605-645	615	329.00-342.50	337.19	Unweaned
3	692	692	322.00	322.00	
10	674-687	681	310.00-329.00	319.41	Unweaned
10	904-942	923	277.50-304.00	294.03	

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
4	440	440	375.00	375.00	Unweaned
2	473	473	335.00	335.00	Unweaned

HEIFERS - Large 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
4	435	435	405.00	405.00	Unweaned
6	550	550	345.00	345.00	Unweaned
26	1050-1088	1071	246.00-281.00	251.21	
1	1120	1120	252.50	252.50	
15	1150	1150	255.00	255.00	
4	1166	1166	220.00	220.00	Fleshy
7	1224	1224	254.00	254.00	

HEIFERS - Medium 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
7	332	332	485.00	485.00	
25	379	379	485.00	485.00	
27	356-391	378	442.00-480.00	455.25	Unweaned
31	418-443	432	417.50-430.00	422.14	Unweaned
8	496	496	375.00	375.00	
48	488-489	488	361.00-398.00	389.51	Unweaned
17	537	537	349.00	349.00	Unweaned
21	668-689	679	315.00-321.00	318.19	

BEEF/DAIRY HEIFERS - Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
16	785	785	310.00	310.00
18	915	915	286.00	286.00

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
8	476	476	482.50	482.50	Unweaned
18	500-533	506	402.50-412.50	404.26	Unweaned
9	571-583	578	375.00-430.00	399.16	Unweaned
23	606-626	615	342.00-355.00	347.48	Unweaned
4	671	671	317.50	317.50	Unweaned
3	937	937	292.50	292.50	
4	978	978	287.00	287.00	

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
8	386-387	386	515.00-540.00	524.39	Unweaned
1	405	405	510.00	510.00	Unweaned
14	450-481	469	420.00-482.50	441.99	Unweaned
21	566-572	570	330.00-352.50	346.12	Unweaned
2	610	610	340.00	340.00	Unweaned
2	1015	1015	270.00	270.00	

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
2	1223	1223	210.00	210.00

SLAUGHTER CATTLE

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing	
7	1710-1930	1767	115.00-120.00	117.57	Average	
1	2025	2025	122.00	122.00	Average	Heavy Weight
58	1310-1705	1544	121.00-138.00	126.28	Average	Return to Feed
24	1564-1665	1568	133.00-135.00	133.09	High	Return to Feed
29	1498-1910	1697	101.00-114.00	109.01	Low	
21	1310-2005	1612	111.00-127.00	117.24	Low	Return to Feed

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing	
45	1227-1665	1396	107.50-120.00	111.95	Average	
854	1138-1610	1371	105.00-140.00	132.49	Average	Return to Feed
22	1210-1565	1345	137.00-148.00	142.10	High	Return to Feed
51	1243-1770	1392	82.50-110.00	98.77	Low	
263	1070-1650	1379	100.00-125.00	116.66	Low	Return to Feed

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing	
36	978-1280	1145	105.00-115.00	111.90	Average	
3	965-995	978	100.00-105.00	101.64	Average	Light Weight
251	995-1292	1198	121.00-138.00	129.32	Average	Return to Feed
6	1055-1295	1209	136.00-141.00	138.67	High	Return to Feed
86	950-1435	1192	82.00-107.50	94.01	Low	
5	935-990	958	82.50-95.00	88.50	Low	Light Weight
292	810-1410	1172	100.00-125.00	113.38	Low	Return to Feed
31	955-1315	1128	62.50-85.00	78.25	Very Low	
7	890-988	951	65.00-77.50	72.65	Very Low	Light Weight

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing	
42	1670-2130	1901	168.00-181.00	175.42	Average	
12	1510-1910	1716	167.00-175.00	169.89	Average	Return to Feed
18	1755-2130	1834	181.00-183.00	182.43	High	
25	1560-2325	1831	145.00-169.50	161.20	Low	
17	1453-1820	1572	155.00-171.00	163.62	Low	Return to Feed

BULLS - 2-3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
1	2245	2245	174.00	174.00	Average

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		40	851-1165	1000	244.00-290.00	273.57	
2-4		2	1260-1375	1318	185.00-192.50	188.91	Fleshy

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

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
2-4		1	1225	1225	170.00	170.00	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		8	820-1320	986	150.00-265.00	227.40

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

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
<2	O	420	753-1223	1025	215.00-325.00	277.73	
<2	O	22	984	984	285.00	285.00	Thin Fleshed
2-4	O	222	950-1395	1123	175.00-285.00	231.42	
2-4	O	3	1285-1330	1315	140.00-167.50	148.96	Fleshy
2-8	O	22	1227-1438	1313	150.00-170.00	160.49	

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

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
<2	O	50	794-1285	1009	180.00-295.00	238.60	
2-4	O	64	878-1250	1049	160.00-280.00	222.91	
2-4	O	3	955-1045	987	155.00-195.00	169.74	Thin Fleshed

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

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2-4	O	6	960-979	976	160.00-185.00	180.90

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

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2-4	O	2	1343	1343	143.00	143.00

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

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
<2	O	31	760-933	857	240.00-307.50	286.72

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

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
<2	O	2	745-755	750	215.00-250.00	232.38

2-4	O	13	898	898	250.00	250.00

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
2-8	T1-2	6	1205-1270	1216	205.00-232.50	227.71
>8	T1	24	1268-1509	1318	140.00-151.00	148.38
>8	T1-2	16	1365-1433	1395	140.00-144.00	142.20

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

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
2-4	T1	28	993-1620	1164	2650.00-3000.00	2896.91	
2-4	T1-2	41	1005-1355	1189	3000.00-3350.00	3150.15	
5-8	T1	1	1580	1580	2600.00	2600.00	
5-8	T1-2	6	1390-1548	1464	2500.00-2850.00	2683.74	
>5	T1	6	1330-1570	1381	2200.00-2300.00	2256.34	
>5	T1-2	14	1325-1510	1429	2200.00-2500.00	2359.42	
>8	T1	20	1148-1575	1320	2050.00-2325.00	2150.24	Broken Mouth
>8	T1-2	1	1435	1435	2100.00	2100.00	
>8	T1-2	65	1140-1713	1402	1900.00-2350.00	2235.47	Broken Mouth
>8	T1-2	9	1309	1309	146.00	146.00	Thin Fleshed

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	19	1020-1245	1149	2300.00-2650.00	2544.89	
2-4	T1-2	7	1008-1530	1239	2500.00-2750.00	2632.41	
>5	T1	4	1147-1240	1170	1800.00-1900.00	1873.51	
>5	T1-2	2	1508	1508	2000.00	2000.00	
>8	T1	7	1195-1208	1199	1800.00-2000.00	1857.59	Broken Mouth
>8	T1	6	1195	1195	1600.00	1600.00	Thin Fleshed
>8	T1-2	6	1248-1543	1396	2100.00-2250.00	2167.07	
>8	T1-2	23	1289-1384	1313	1700.00-2100.00	1872.50	Broken Mouth
>8	T1-2	6	1114-1365	1198	1450.00-1800.00	1582.97	Thin Fleshed

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

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
>5	T1-2	2	1333	1333	1925.00	1925.00

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
2-4	T2	2	930	930	3000.00	3000.00

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.