Montana Weekly Livestock Auction Summary

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Livestock Weighted Average Report for 11/15/2026 - 11/21/2026

LIVESTOCK SUMMARY

	Current Week	Last Reported 11/9/2026	Last Year
Total Receipts:	14,728	14,545	14,368
Feeder Cattle:	6,860(46.6%)	9,794(67.3%)	7,333(51.0%)
Slaughter Cattle:	2,493(16.9%)	3,137(21.6%)	2,414(16.8%)
Replacement Cattle:	5,375(36.5%)	1,614(11.1%)	4,621(32.2%)

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 steady undertones were noticed. 400-549 lbs steers sold mostly steady to 10.00 lower; steer calves 550-749 lbs sold mostly steady to 5.00 lower; steer calves 750 lbs and heavier were not well compared. Heifer calves under 450 lbs were too lightly tested to develop an accurate market trend, however steady to higher undertones were noticed. 450-499 lbs heifers sold generally mostly steady to 5.00 lower; 500-699 lbs heifers sold steady to 5.00 higher; heifers over 700 lbs were too lightly tested to develop an accurate market trend, however firm undertones were noticed. Quality this week was mixed, from plain to very attractive. Fewer front end sets of cattle were seen this week, as almost all calves offered were cutback cattle off summer videos. These calves sold on moderate to good demand. CME positions traded mostly sideways this past week allowing prices to stabilize slightly after 2 weeks of volatility. The November CME Feeder cattle contact had a final settlement price on Thursday at 337.49, 1.535 lower than last Fridays close; the January feeder contract closed at 335.425, 0.075 higher than last Fridays close; the March contract closed at 331.675, 0.375 lower than last Fridays close. The April contract closed Friday at 330.70. Some sales, especially early and late in the week, had very light receipts this week making it hard for buyers to build loads. The affected demand as buyers showed lighter interest on these sale days. Market activity was mostly moderate to active. A smaller buyer pool was seen at all sales this week. Weigh up cows sold on light to moderate demand for moderate to heavy offerings. Feeding cows sold mostly steady to 3.00 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 continue to show good demand for high quality feeding cows this week but were met with little resistance and mostly purchased cows lower. The bottom side of the cow market slid the most this week as private feeders have started to fill. Slaughter cows sold fully 4.00-6.00 on all offerings. Slaughter bulls sold steady to 2.00 lower. Young age cows suitable to feed or rebreed sold on mostly light to moderate demand. Buyers showed lighter demand for these offerings as many buyers state their customers have filled needs for the time being. Young age cows sold sharply lower with most sales 10.00-20.00 lower, and instances of 25.00-30.00 lower seen at times. Supply included: 47% Feeder Cattle (57% Steers, 41% Heifers, 2% Bulls); 17% Slaughter Cattle (91% Cows, 9% Bulls); 36% Replacement Cattle (12% Stock Cows, 44% Bred Cows, 42% Bred Heifers, 1% Open Heifers, 1% Bulls). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 38%.

FEEDER CATTLE

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
17	323-330	324	620.00-662.50	657.40	Unweaned
5	388	388	570.00	570.00	
44	353-399	385	561.00-615.00	578.00	Unweaned
202	400-441	431	505.00-565.00	534.32	Unweaned
57	451-498	487	470.00-485.00	473.19	
262	450-499	478	460.00-512.50	489.71	Unweaned
53	504-540	515	445.00-471.00	458.82	
411	500-548	533	420.00-475.00	449.26	Unweaned

36	565-589	573	415.00-420.00	417.99	
45	579-585	582	395.00-397.00	395.88	Full
553	550-598	577	395.00-450.00	419.18	Unweaned
70	619-635	627	396.50-404.00	400.42	
23	602-644	631	369.00-377.00	371.32	Full
529	601-646	619	343.00-413.50	395.88	Unweaned
14	683-696	687	345.00-367.00	358.64	Full
354	652-693	671	340.00-390.25	375.16	Unweaned
10	718	718	350.00	350.00	
114	700-744	726	330.00-365.00	349.13	Unweaned
6	758-780	773	327.00-342.50	332.07	
8	766	766	335.00	335.00	Unweaned
29	807-833	811	317.00-351.00	346.18	
10	833	833	316.00	316.00	Full
18	802-828	815	319.00-321.00	319.98	Unweaned
5	862	862	346.00	346.00	
22	961-994	985	305.50-326.00	310.95	

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
13	305-335	322	565.00-630.00	588.39	Unweaned
2	378	378	500.00	500.00	
52	352-398	375	497.50-575.00	534.32	Unweaned
11	404-440	420	455.00-515.00	480.15	Unweaned
6	452	452	462.50	462.50	
53	460-496	489	420.00-472.50	465.23	Unweaned
60	505-548	532	405.00-440.00	428.57	Unweaned
32	555-599	575	375.00-400.00	386.16	Unweaned
27	607-647	620	348.00-383.00	370.82	Unweaned
15	671-695	683	355.00-356.00	355.33	Unweaned
9	706-715	709	337.00-340.00	338.99	Unweaned
9	834	834	321.00	321.00	

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
4	381	381	520.00	520.00	Unweaned
2	625	625	320.00	320.00	Unweaned

STEERS - Large 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
2	520	520	420.00	420.00	Unweaned
8	576-594	585	385.00-407.50	396.08	Unweaned
6	633	633	385.00	385.00	Unweaned

11	692	692	357.00	357.00	Unweaned
2	705	705	344.00	344.00	Unweaned

STEERS - Medium 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
12	549	549	432.50	432.50	Unweaned
8	586	586	391.00	391.00	
14	698	698	349.50	349.50	Unweaned
9	823	823	318.00	318.00	

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
9	300-340	318	540.00-545.00	542.62	
6	308	308	525.00	525.00	Full

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
23	306-348	317	485.00-570.00	539.84	Unweaned
27	354-393	365	500.00-540.00	516.21	Unweaned
110	403-425	413	455.00-512.50	490.60	Unweaned
28	478-495	482	398.00-405.00	403.46	
205	450-498	475	394.00-441.00	424.65	Unweaned
14	519	519	406.00	406.00	
377	503-548	526	347.00-417.50	396.31	Unweaned
122	552	552	402.50	402.50	Replacement
359	550-599	575	335.00-392.00	368.06	Unweaned
199	604-617	612	358.50-369.50	365.32	Replacement
165	601-649	619	340.00-360.00	352.87	Unweaned
2	673	673	335.00	335.00	
4	674	674	325.00	325.00	Full
143	651-697	677	324.00-343.00	336.83	Unweaned
8	732	732	304.00	304.00	Full
26	705-748	738	324.00-333.00	326.45	Unweaned
5	790	790	301.00	301.00	Fleshy
7	813-831	823	321.00-332.50	325.87	
4	845	845	310.00	310.00	Unweaned
74	852-885	870	310.00-334.00	321.95	
77	901-941	920	295.00-320.00	306.23	
13	1000-1015	1005	282.00-290.00	285.09	

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
11	300-349	321	470.00-530.00	501.14	Unweaned

24	355-399	386	420.00-560.00	468.65	Unweaned
45	400-445	429	400.00-445.00	428.18	Unweaned
51	465-494	482	380.00-405.00	391.34	Unweaned
32	513-546	530	340.00-393.00	368.24	Unweaned
15	553-599	585	315.00-350.00	341.19	Unweaned
3	600	600	340.00	340.00	
37	603-647	621	310.00-342.50	331.75	Unweaned
7	832	832	320.00	320.00	
1	885	885	300.00	300.00	
9	949	949	280.00	280.00	
3	973	973	281.00	281.00	

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
2	428	428	360.00	360.00	Unweaned
3	503	503	300.00	300.00	Unweaned

HEIFERS - Large 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
7	578	578	335.00	335.00	Unweaned
7	615	615	346.00	346.00	Unweaned
5	696	696	321.00	321.00	Unweaned
5	836	836	292.50	292.50	
5	1097	1097	259.00	259.00	
22	1126-1140	1134	259.00-260.50	259.68	

HEIFERS - Medium 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
5	332	332	480.00	480.00	Unweaned
13	425-448	438	412.50-422.50	417.07	Unweaned
11	471	471	392.50	392.50	Unweaned
5	620	620	320.00	320.00	Unweaned
13	713-721	717	305.00-312.50	308.44	
14	776	776	312.50	312.50	
10	801	801	321.00	321.00	

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
4	329	329	440.00	440.00	
4	304	304	430.00	430.00	Full
14	382-390	383	405.00-425.00	422.09	

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
1	360	360	527.50	527.50	Unweaned
9	408-445	423	462.50-513.00	494.01	Unweaned
3	460	460	490.00	490.00	Unweaned
18	505-546	531	405.00-460.00	419.49	Unweaned
31	553-588	579	370.00-410.00	380.46	Unweaned
5	648	648	350.00	350.00	Unweaned
3	677	677	360.00	360.00	Unweaned
3	730	730	317.00	317.00	
6	773-783	780	304.00	304.00	Unweaned
14	1039-1040	1039	271.00	271.00	

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
15	404-438	415	470.00-546.00	519.28	Unweaned
12	465	465	480.00	480.00	Unweaned
7	629	629	322.50	322.50	Full
4	729	729	322.50	322.50	
4	921	921	260.00	260.00	

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	1120	1120	220.00	220.00

SLAUGHTER CATTLE

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing	
38	1515-1950	1693	109.00-121.00	115.90	Average	
51	1365-1740	1546	116.00-137.00	124.53	Average	Return to Feed
6	1520-1595	1558	130.00-138.50	133.24	High	Return to Feed
7	1630-1975	1765	102.50-113.00	107.17	Low	
29	1461-1793	1585	105.00-124.00	115.66	Low	Return to Feed

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing	
29	1280-1635	1443	100.00-116.00	108.58	Average	
628	1210-1650	1376	119.00-138.00	131.51	Average	Return to Feed
89	1246-1485	1287	135.00-143.50	140.97	High	Return to Feed
24	1268-1525	1361	86.00-100.00	93.31	Low	
137	1205-1665	1387	92.50-122.00	112.56	Low	Return to Feed
5	1305-1615	1402	75.00-85.00	80.28	Very Low	

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing	
17	1025-1230	1147	93.00-113.00	100.99	Average	
1	795	795	95.00	95.00	Average	Light Weight
223	995-1360	1208	116.00-135.00	128.55	Average	Return to Feed
2	1070-1125	1098	115.00-120.00	117.56	High	
31	1167-1215	1187	134.00-141.00	136.76	High	Return to Feed
94	1000-1280	1171	81.00-100.00	89.27	Low	
20	915-995	984	80.00-100.00	90.33	Low	Light Weight
133	945-1330	1172	90.00-122.00	107.74	Low	Return to Feed
31	985-1285	1091	60.00-82.50	74.61	Very Low	
4	800-980	916	60.00-77.50	68.44	Very Low	Light Weight

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing	
28	1590-2275	1909	169.00-180.00	172.60	Average	
29	1705-1975	1829	184.00-188.00	187.85	Average	Natural
1	1610	1610	177.00	177.00	Average	Return to Feed
4	1975-2370	2181	181.00-188.00	184.51	High	
55	1440-2465	1790	135.00-170.00	162.51	Low	
1	1450	1450	141.00	141.00	Low	Light Weight
38	1240-1960	1589	154.00-172.50	163.70	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		38	905-1168	1065	205.00-297.50	253.16	
2-4		6	1190-1560	1338	165.00-210.00	183.91	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		3	893	893	282.50	282.50

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

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
<2	O	250	860-1305	990	185.00-300.00	270.66	
<2	O	1	1285	1285	175.00	175.00	Fleshy
<2	O	18	745-784	780	300.00-337.50	335.51	Thin Fleshed
2-4	O	202	845-1488	1096	157.00-285.00	221.06	
2-4	O	4	1100-1300	1201	132.50-185.00	161.58	Fleshy
2-8	O	35	1133-1385	1243	145.00-185.00	166.19	
5-8	O	2	1278	1278	142.00	142.00	
>8	O	16	1245-1328	1261	136.00-145.00	143.22	

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

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
<2	O	7	895-1045	981	205.00-242.50	223.18	
<2	O	1	1520	1520	151.00	151.00	Fleshy
<2	O	1	810	810	380.00	380.00	Registered
2-4	O	64	928-1405	1084	140.00-257.50	195.10	
2-4	O	3	1293-1375	1320	155.00-157.50	156.63	Fleshy
2-4	O	2	1165-1240	1203	340.00-370.00	355.47	Registered
2-8	O	10	1205-1276	1238	132.00-140.00	136.60	
5-8	O	2	1490-1640	1565	131.00	131.00	
5-8	O	1	1085	1085	260.00	260.00	Registered
>8	O	1	1240	1240	280.00	280.00	Registered

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

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
<2	O	2	1285	1285	185.00	185.00
2-4	O	1	1055	1055	141.00	141.00

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

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
<2	O	12	785-880	851	240.00-285.00	276.00
2-4	O	1	865	865	260.00	260.00

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

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
>5	T1	20	1169-1250	1222	141.00-151.00	144.35

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

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
2-4	T1	58	1073-1290	1121	2700.00-3900.00	3328.87	
2-4	T1-2	272	980-1506	1116	3000.00-4250.00	4025.58	
2-4	T2	1385	1010-1317	1142	4550.00-5600.00	5062.35	
2-4	T2	144	1265-1302	1274	4100.00-4600.00	4278.57	Fleshy
2-8	T1	58	1156-1182	1177	2700.00-3650.00	3428.95	
2-8	T1-2	32	1189-1417	1267	3125.00-3800.00	3540.58	
2-8	T2	152	1200	1200	4100.00-4150.00	4117.76	
5-8	T1	6	1282-1402	1342	2300.00-2400.00	2352.24	
5-8	T1-2	16	1040-1485	1240	2550.00-3700.00	3026.11	
5-8	T2	40	1300-1424	1336	3800.00-4100.00	3915.24	
>5	T1	6	1265-1475	1336	1900.00-2300.00	2127.67	
>5	T1-2	17	1011-1636	1343	2350.00-4000.00	3384.50	
>5	T2	11	1008	1008	4000.00	4000.00	
>8	T1	5	1300-1368	1341	2100.00-2125.00	2115.30	Broken Mouth

>8	T1-2	2	1490	1490	2150.00	2150.00	
>8	T1-2	39	1280-1589	1378	2100.00-2350.00	2290.42	Broken Mouth

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	1	1305	1305	2000.00	2000.00	
2-4	T1	2	1043	1043	2150.00	2150.00	Thin Fleshed
2-8	T1	2	1085	1085	2000.00	2000.00	
2-8	T1-2	6	1445	1445	2300.00	2300.00	
5-8	T1-2	1	1270	1270	2500.00	2500.00	
>5	T1	3	1302	1302	2000.00	2000.00	
>5	T1-2	2	1198	1198	2100.00	2100.00	
>8	T1	2	1203	1203	1650.00	1650.00	Thin Fleshed
>8	T1-2	2	1325	1325	2150.00	2150.00	
>8	T1-2	12	1180-1358	1301	1850.00-2000.00	1931.85	Broken Mouth
>8	T1-2	1	1225	1225	1550.00	1550.00	Thin Fleshed

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

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2-4	T2	10	1010-1106	1077	4250.00-4300.00	4264.06

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

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
<2	T2	1826	985-1224	1047	3600.00-4900.00	4045.25
<2	T3	391	990-1133	1037	4000.00-4600.00	4347.59

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

Age	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
2-8	1	1765	1765	180.00	180.00	Registered

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

Age	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
<2	8	820-1095	943	2800.00-4750.00	3349.34	Registered
2-4	1	895	895	3250.00	3250.00	Registered

BULLS - Medium 1-2 (Per Unit / Actual Wt)

Age	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
<2	20	775-1055	872	2150.00-2600.00	2302.78	Registered

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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.