

Detailed saleyard report - cattle

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Roma Prime

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Recent cattle price falls restricted the numbers coming forward. Tough market conditions have resulted in many local livestock producers opting to hold cattle rather than sell at current market price averages. A full panel of export buyers were present and all were operating. The supply shortfall and increased processor demand pushed price averages up across all classes of prime cattle. Heavy steers jumped 4c and fair quality bullocks added 8c/kg. Good numbers of grown heifers rose 7c/kg on average, while local 4 score cows increased 4c/kg.

A small sample of heavy weight yearling heifers to the trade averaged 155c, up 6c/kg. Heavy weight grown steers topped at 176c and averaged around 173c, up 4c/kg. Good bullocks hit 174c and most sold for 172c, up 8c/kg. Heavy weight grown heifers to processors reached 166c and averaged 163c, up 7c/kg.

Medium weight 3 score cows made to 138c and averaged 133c, up 9c/kg, while medium weight 4 score cows earned to 142c and averaged 140c, up 1c/kg. Heavy weight 4 score cows reached 151c and averaged 146c, up 4c/kg. Heavy bulls averaged 157c/kg.

Category Weight	Sale Prefix	Muscle Score	Fat Score	Head	Live Weight c/kg				Estimated Carcase Weight c/kg			Estimated \$/Head		
					Low	High	Avg	Change	Low	High	Avg	Low	High	Avg
Yearling Steer														
400+		C	4	3	170.2	- 170.2	170.2	N/Q	310	- 310	310	911	- 911	911
				3	170.2	170.2	170.3		310	310	309	911	911	911
Yearling Heifer														
400+		D	3	12	155.0	- 155.0	155.0	6	287	- 287	287	775	- 775	775
				12	155.0	155.0	155.0		287	287	287	775	775	775
Grown Steer														
400-500		D	4	2	167.2	- 167.2	167.2	N/Q	304	- 304	304	836	- 836	836
500-600		C	4	101	168.2	- 176.2	172.5	4	306	- 320	314	935	- 1015	979
		D	4	20	160.2	- 168.2	164.2	7	291	- 306	299	961	- 967	965
600-750		C	4	131	169.2	- 174.2	172.0	8	308	- 317	313	1091	- 1173	1126
		D	4	16	150.0	- 165.2	159.9	4	273	- 300	291	1050	- 1156	1104
				270	150.0	176.2	170.9		273	320	311	836	1173	1056
Grown Heifer														
0-540		D	3	3	150.0	- 150.0	150.0	N/Q	278	- 278	278	750	- 750	750
		D	4	48	140.0	- 158.2	149.2	-8	259	- 293	276	728	- 823	770
540+		D	4	65	155.0	- 166.2	163.2	7	287	- 308	302	853	- 947	912
				116	140.0	166.2	157.1		259	308	291	728	947	849
Manufacturing Steer														
540+		D	4	5	150.0	- 150.0	150.0	N/Q	273	- 273	273	1050	- 1050	1050
				5	150.0	150.0	150.0		273	273	273	1050	1050	1050
Cows														
400-520		C	2	3	111.2	- 111.2	111.2	N/Q	242	- 242	242	556	- 556	556
		D	2	6	102.2	- 111.2	108.0	1	222	- 242	235	531	- 572	550
		D	3	45	123.2	- 138.2	132.9	9	251	- 282	271	616	- 691	649
		D	4	35	138.2	- 142.2	140.3	1	271	- 279	275	691	- 711	701
		D	5	10	137.2	- 137.2	137.2	16	280	- 280	280	686	- 686	686

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520+	D	2	2	2	120.0	- 120.0	120.0	N/Q	261	- 261	261	636	- 636	636
	D	3	16	16	120.0	- 136.2	130.7	4	245	- 278	267	630	- 744	697
	D	4	153	153	133.2	- 151.2	146.1	4	261	- 297	286	713	- 975	818
	D	5	30	30	102.2	- 138.2	129.5	N/Q	209	- 272	259	542	- 858	746
			300	102.2	151.2	139.4		209	297	277	531	975	752	
Bulls														
450-600	C	3	5	5	144.2	- 161.2	153.2	14	258	- 288	274	793	- 887	843
600+	C	3	6	6	145.2	- 176.2	156.5	17	259	- 315	280	944	- 1430	1074
			11	144.2	176.2	155.0		258	315	277	793	1430	969	

Abbreviations

CATTLE FD: Feeder RS: Restocker GF: Grainfed DA: Dairy PC: Pastoral Cattle SHEEP & LAMB RS: Restocker MR: Merino RM: Restocker Merino 1X: 1st Cross FD: Feeder

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