

Feeder report - cattle

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Eastern States

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After the reduced rates recently there was a mixed trend across all categories, despite most contributors leaving their rates unchanged. Supply has been good in all areas, although suitable light yearling steers are becoming harder to source.

Physical market prices were also varied with the steer portion generally dearer.

Domestic Paddock Sales

| Category | Weight Range | Dentition | Low Price c/kg (live) | High Price c/kg (live) | Average c/kg (live) | Trend |
|----------|--------------|-----------|-----------------------|------------------------|---------------------|-------|
| Steers | 280-350 | 0 | 190 | 245 | 208 | 1 |
| Heifer | 280-350 | 0 | 180 | 205 | 194 | -2 |

Export Paddock Sales

| Category | Weight Range | Breed | Dentition | Low Price c/kg (live) | High Price c/kg (live) | Average c/kg (live) | Trend |
|---------------------------------|--------------|--------------|-----------|-----------------------|------------------------|---------------------|-------|
| Short Fed Steers (100-120 DOF) | 380-500 | Angus | 0-2 | 180 | 210 | 199 | 1 |
| | | Hereford | 0-2 | 180 | 200 | 193 | 1 |
| | | Shorthorn | 0-2 | 180 | 200 | 191 | 2 |
| | | Other Breeds | 0-2 | 180 | 190 | 186 | 2 |
| | | Bos Indicus | 0-2 | 170 | 185 | 176 | -1 |
| Medium Fed Steers (120-220 DOF) | 360-460 | Angus | 0-2 | 190 | 210 | 204 | NC |
| | | Hereford | 0-2 | 185 | 205 | 196 | NC |
| Long Fed Steers (200 DOF +) | 300-420 | Angus | 0-2 | 200 | 225 | 215 | -6 |

Saleyard Prices

| Category | Weight Range | Muscle Score | Fat Score | Low Price c/kg (live) | High Price c/kg (live) | Average c/kg (live) | Trend |
|------------------|--------------|--------------|-----------|-----------------------|------------------------|---------------------|-------|
| Yearling Steer | 0-330 | C | 2 | 150 | 216 | 193 | -6 |
| | | C | 2 | 150 | 224 | 191 | -1 |
| | 400+ | C | 3 | 160 | 214 | 200 | 7 |
| | | C | 2 | 154 | 205 | 187 | 4 |
| | | C | 3 | 167 | 240 | 186 | 3 |
| Yearling Heifers | 0-330 | C | 2 | 140 | 194 | 177 | -8 |
| | | C | 2 | 140 | 205 | 183 | 7 |
| | C | 3 | 155 | 213 | 182 | -2 | |
| Grown Steer | 400-500 | C | 3 | 159 | 187 | 174 | 5 |

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