

Detailed saleyard report - cattle

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Great Southern Saleyard

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Yarding Change 2343

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The first of Mt Barker's two day sale formats saw 1,781 weaners sold on the Thursday, with 562 head in the trade sale Friday. Heavy weight steer and heifer numbers were lower this week, while trade weight steer and heifer supplies remained fair, with good numbers of cows again available.

Bullocks peaked at 139c on very limited supply, with export weight beef steers weighing 500kg to 600kg remaining firm to sell from 154c to 171c and average 161c/kg. Heavy weight mature heifer sales in excess of 540kg were also in minimal supply, returning from 125c to 135c/kg.

Trade weight yearling steer and heifer quality remained reasonable, with live exporters again operating in the market. Steer sales in excess of 400kg realised higher price, up 3c, to sell from 154c to 170c and average 165c/kg. Heifer sales rose 5c to make from 145c to 163c and average 156c/kg.

As has been the case in recent weeks, the weight, quality and condition of the vealer yarding remained high. The switch to the Thursday format brings with it the non-curfew basis of this sale, which must be factored into quotations. Weaner steers in excess of 400kg returned from 159c to 163c, while weights over 330kg remained firm and sold between 173c to 195c to average 185c/kg. Lightweight drafts were slightly higher due to the curfew, making from 190c to 234c to average 209c/kg. Weaner heifers in excess of 400kg sold at 159c to 163c, while those that were 330kg and over lifted 10c and sold from 166c to 185c to average 173c/kg. Lightweights were unchanged to be from 164c to 184c and average 166c/kg.

Cow quality and weight remained solid. Prime heavy weight cow sales were equal in price, despite the lack of one processor, selling at 122c to 130c to average 127c/kg. Over conditioned grades sold from 70c to 118c, with plainer conditioned grades remaining firm to make from 110c to 117c/kg. Heavy weight bull sales in excess of 1,000kg sold between 83c to 92c, while the majority were unchanged to return from 98c to 125c/kg. Lightweight sales to export feeders were from 135c to 170c/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	2		2343	154.0	- 154.0	154.0	N/Q	291	- 291	291	847	- 847	847
				2343	154.0	154.0	154.0		291	291	291	847	847	847

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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