

Detailed saleyard report - cattle

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Gunnedah

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There was an increase in numbers compared to the last sale prior to the Christmas break. Young cattle were in large numbers and cows were also well represented. There was a fair supply of grown heifers, however very few showing much condition. Heavy grown steers were in numbers too small to quote. Most of the regular processors were in attendance along with the usual feeder orders. There was some restocker activity, although at a reduced level. The quality and condition was very mixed throughout all categories, with trade buyers struggling to secure sufficient numbers of well finished young cattle. A number of cattle were forced onto the market through a lack of feed and water.

There were varying trends through the young cattle, with limited competition for yearling steers deemed not heavy enough to put onto a grain ration. Numbers and quality contributed to cheaper prices than the pre-Christmas levels. Medium and heavy yearling steers to restock and feed attracted strong competition and greater demand, with the better quality lines holding up well, although still slightly cheaper than the sale before Christmas. There were discounts for the secondary quality lines. Trends were similar through the yearling heifers, with the plain lightweights attracting limited interest at times. The better medium weights suitable to feed sold to a cheaper trend, although were the least affected of any class. The limited supply of well finished vealers and yearlings suitable to the trade remained close to firm in price.

There were too few heavy grown steers to quote a trend. The best of the heavyweight cows sold to a dearer trend on the back of increased competition, up to 5c/kg higher. Plain condition cows were in large numbers and those with a better yield potential sold firm to slightly dearer, while the very plain condition cows struggled to maintain their levels under limited competition.

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
Calves														
0-80	RS	C	1	23	106.7	- 127.3	112.0	N/Q	-	-	-	70	- 80	77
	RS	D	1	31	66.7	- 122.2	88.0	N/Q	-	-	-	30	- 65	54
80+	RS	C	1	32	100.9	- 136.9	115.5	N/Q	-	-	-	116	- 178	141
	RS	D	1	12	100.0	- 111.8	106.9	N/Q	-	-	-	85	- 95	91
				98	66.7	136.9	104.9		0	0		30	178	92
Vealer Steer														
0-200		C	1	2	89.2	- 89.2	89.2	N/Q	172	- 172	172	138	- 138	138
		RS	C	2	50	145.2	- 156.2	150.0	N/Q	-	-	240	- 312	264
		RS	D	2	10	135.2	- 135.2	135.2	N/Q	-	-	243	- 243	243
200-280	RS	C	2	52	133.2	- 164.2	151.1	N/Q	-	-	-	313	- 411	375
		C	2	28	140.0	- 162.2	151.9	N/Q	269	- 312	292	322	- 446	401
		FD	C	2	1	160.0	- 160.0	160.0	N/Q	-	-	448	- 448	448
		C	3	2	180.0	- 180.0	180.0	N/Q	346	- 346	346	504	- 504	504
280-330	RS	C	2	2	145.0	- 145.0	145.0	N/Q	-	-	-	457	- 457	457
				147	89.2	180.0	149.3		172	346	288	138	504	333
Vealer Heifer														
0-200		C	2	23	128.2	- 157.2	147.2	N/Q	247	- 302	283	173	- 291	246
		RS	C	2	33	128.2	- 128.2	128.2	N/Q	-	-	212	- 212	212
200-280	RS	C	2	21	137.2	- 155.2	150.1	N/Q	-	-	-	336	- 380	368
		C	2	22	150.0	- 159.2	155.9	N/Q	289	- 306	300	360	- 391	373
		C	3	2	180.0	- 180.0	180.0	N/Q	340	- 340	340	495	- 495	495
280-330		C	2	2	145.0	- 145.0	145.0	N/Q	279	- 279	279	457	- 457	457
				103	128.2	180.0	144.2		247	340	293	173	495	296

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Yearling Steer														
0-330		C	2	67	137.2	- 149.2	141.7	N/Q	264	- 287	273	364	- 448	398
	FD	C	2	124	134.2	- 175.0	154.1	N/Q	-			403	- 535	484
	RS	C	2	133	132.2	- 171.2	143.0	N/Q	-			292	- 565	392
		C	3	2	165.0	- 165.0	165.0	N/Q	306	- 306	306	545	- 545	545
	RS	D	2	222	120.0	- 158.2	139.9	N/Q	-			290	- 522	384
330-400	RS	C	2	118	158.0	- 185.2	172.6	N/Q	-			545	- 741	631
	FD	C	2	71	151.2	- 177.2	166.5	N/Q	-			529	- 700	598
		C	2	1	157.2	- 157.2	157.2	N/Q	291	- 291	291	542	- 542	542
	RS	D	2	24	110.0	- 160.2	141.4	N/Q	-			385	- 601	520
400+	FD	C	2	112	150.0	- 187.2	179.8	N/Q	-			645	- 870	786
	RS	C	2	48	164.2	- 186.2	179.6	N/Q	-			690	- 775	760
		C	3	1	175.0	- 175.0	175.0	N/Q	324	- 324	324	735	- 735	735
	FD	C	3	8	180.2	- 180.2	180.2	N/Q	-			901	- 901	901
	FD	D	2	5	144.2	- 144.2	144.2	N/Q	-			678	- 678	678
				936	110.0	187.2	155.8		264	324	274	290	901	525
Yearling Heifer														
0-330		C	2	37	129.2	- 150.0	142.6	N/Q	249	- 289	274	342	- 475	431
	FD	C	2	46	160.2	- 163.2	161.8	N/Q	-			521	- 530	526
	RS	C	2	88	125.0	- 140.0	131.1	N/Q	-			353	- 462	381
		C	3	3	150.0	- 170.0	156.7	N/Q	289	- 315	297	480	- 553	504
	RS	D	1	4	89.2	- 89.2	89.2	N/Q	-			161	- 161	161
	RS	D	2	163	86.2	- 145.0	121.6	N/Q	-			228	- 471	346
330-400	RS	C	2	53	140.0	- 169.2	166.1	N/Q	-			490	- 626	610
	FD	C	2	92	149.2	- 172.2	164.2	N/Q	-			535	- 651	583
		C	2	2	140.0	- 140.0	140.0	N/Q	269	- 269	269	476	- 476	476
		C	3	44	140.0	- 186.2	167.6	N/Q	269	- 351	318	544	- 708	628
	RS	D	2	2	110.0	- 110.0	110.0	N/Q	-			374	- 374	374
400+	FD	C	2	1	140.0	- 140.0	140.0	N/Q	-			574	- 574	574
	FD	C	3	2	169.2	- 169.2	169.2	N/Q	-			694	- 694	694
		C	3	8	150.0	- 170.2	162.6	N/Q	289	- 321	309	630	- 706	678
				545	86.2	186.2	144.0		249	351	298	161	708	468
Grown Steer														
0-400	FD	D	2	14	157.2	- 157.2	157.2	N/Q	-			629	- 629	629
400-500	FD	C	2	21	172.2	- 184.2	177.9	N/Q	-			766	- 846	805
	FD	D	2	1	142.2	- 142.2	142.2	N/Q	-			640	- 640	640
500-600		C	2	4	137.2	- 150.0	146.8	N/Q	254	- 289	280	755	- 825	807
		C	3	1	175.2	- 175.2	175.2	N/Q	324	- 324	324	981	- 981	981
600-750		C	4	2	185.2	- 185.2	185.2	N/Q	331	- 331	331	1176	- 1176	1176
				43	137.2	185.2	167.7		254	331	301	629	1176	765
Grown Heifer														
0-540	RS	C	2	80	113.2	- 141.2	123.9	N/Q	-			374	- 565	454
		C	2	18	128.2	- 142.2	139.6	N/Q	247	- 274	269	538	- 668	632
		C	3	9	156.2	- 157.2	157.0	N/Q	300	- 302	302	742	- 817	801
	RS	D	2	38	70.0	- 125.0	112.0	N/Q	-			238	- 525	432

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540+		D	2	37	75.0	- 115.0	98.6	N/Q	150	- 230	198	270	- 479	391
		C	4	1	161.2	- 161.2	161.2	N/Q	304	- 304	304	943	- 943	943
				183	70.0	161.2	119.7		150	304	234	238	943	474
Cows														
0-400		D	1	34	55.0	- 65.0	57.9	N/Q	138	- 163	145	202	- 244	216
		D	2	2	70.0	- 70.0	70.0	N/Q	156	- 156	156	270	- 270	270
400-520		D	1	49	50.0	- 70.0	65.1	N/Q	125	- 175	159	205	- 301	271
	RS	D	1	11	63.2	- 63.2	63.2	N/Q		-		262	- 262	262
		D	2	188	80.0	- 115.2	95.0	N/Q	178	- 245	209	328	- 551	424
		D	3	115	90.2	- 135.2	122.2	N/Q	196	- 282	259	451	- 703	602
520+		C	3	8	148.2	- 148.2	148.2	N/Q	296	- 296	296	889	- 889	889
		D	2	13	108.2	- 122.0	113.5	N/Q	235	- 260	245	595	- 671	624
		D	3	38	102.0	- 145.2	128.2	N/Q	217	- 290	267	576	- 871	707
		D	4	76	132.2	- 147.2	139.7	N/Q	270	- 296	286	707	- 909	797
				534	50.0	148.2	105.0		125	296	228	202	909	516
Bulls														
0-450		C	2	32	105.0	- 115.0	108.8	N/Q	202	- 213	206	420	- 495	452
		D	2	26	50.0	- 80.0	73.1	N/Q	96	- 154	141	135	- 304	265
450-600		D	2	5	80.0	- 80.0	80.0	N/Q	154	- 154	154	376	- 376	376
600+		B	2	2	145.0	- 145.0	145.0	N/Q	259	- 259	259	1233	- 1334	1283
		C	2	24	115.0	- 145.2	135.3	N/Q	213	- 269	251	858	- 1307	1025
		D	2	2	115.0	- 115.0	115.0	N/Q	221	- 221	221	828	- 828	828
				91	50.0	145.2	104.9		96	269	198	135	1334	572

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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