

## Detailed saleyard report - cattle

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### Gunnedah

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Numbers remained steady with young cattle once again put forward in large numbers. Cows were also offloaded with around 700 penned. There was a limited supply of well finished heavy grown steers. The quality of the offering was only fair and condition reflected feed supply, with few well-finished lots. The only well-finished young cattle were those with access to a grain ration. There was limited export processor competition and a reduced number of feedlots operating on the light and medium weight young cattle.

There were cheaper trends through most of the young cattle, particularly those too light for the feedlots and the plainer quality lots. Breed quality played a part in price variations through both vealers and yearlings. Steer vealers to restock in the lighter weight categories attracted large discounts on the previous sale. Heifer vealers, although attracting little processor demand, were less affected on the cheaper market trend. The better quality light and medium weight yearling steers to restock and feed remained close to firm with the secondary quality lines selling to a cheaper trend. The best of the heavy feeder steers sold to a slightly dearer trend with breed contributing. Heifer yearlings to restock and feed sold to a cheaper trend with the light and medium weights averaging 7c to 18c/kg cheaper. Once again quality was a contributing factor in the price change.

The limited numbers of heavy grown steers sold to a cheaper trend with limited processor activity. Large numbers of plain condition cows were presented. The weight of numbers saw those cows sell to a much cheaper trend with processors and restockers struggling to absorb the numbers. Fortunately there were a couple of processors putting cows away for processing at a later date. A lack of competition from export processors saw the better 3 and 4 score cows sell to a cheaper trend.

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
<b>Vealer Steer</b>														
0-200	RS	C	2	7	148.2	- 160.0	156.6	-29	-	-	-	245	- 304	287
	RS	D	1	5	58.2	- 58.2	58.2	N/Q	-	-	-	76	- 76	76
	RS	D	2	13	90.2	- 168.2	150.2	-39	-	-	-	162	- 311	277
200-280	RS	C	2	97	148.2	- 175.2	169.8	-11	-	-	-	333	- 474	421
	RS	D	2	22	120.0	- 174.2	149.3	-36	-	-	-	252	- 366	320
280-330		C	2	8	171.2	- 171.2	171.2	-9	329	- 329	329	514	- 514	514
	RS	C	2	4	175.0	- 175.0	175.0	19	-	-	-	525	- 525	525
330+		C	3	3	170.0	- 190.0	176.7	N/Q	315	- 352	327	604	- 646	618
				<b>159</b>	<b>58.2</b>	<b>190.0</b>			<b>315</b>	<b>352</b>		<b>76</b>	<b>646</b>	
<b>Vealer Heifer</b>														
0-200		C	2	5	100.0	- 140.0	116.0	N/Q	192	- 269	223	175	- 180	178
	RS	C	2	6	130.2	- 130.2	130.2	-2	-	-	-	228	- 228	228
	RS	D	2	35	72.2	- 130.2	115.1	-4	-	-	-	126	- 260	223
200-280		C	2	10	126.2	- 140.0	129.0	-7	243	- 269	248	290	- 371	306
	RS	C	2	96	117.2	- 142.2	137.0	-5	-	-	-	264	- 384	329
		C	3	1	170.0	- 170.0	170.0	N/Q	321	- 321	321	417	- 417	417
280-330	RS	D	2	20	84.2	- 125.2	115.0	-13	-	-	-	189	- 294	268
		C	2	2	167.2	- 167.2	167.2	N/Q	322	- 322	322	485	- 485	485
		C	3	3	164.2	- 190.2	181.5	4	310	- 352	338	525	- 609	581
				<b>178</b>	<b>72.2</b>	<b>190.2</b>			<b>192</b>	<b>352</b>		<b>126</b>	<b>609</b>	
<b>Yearling Steer</b>														
0-330		C	2	5	140.0	- 169.2	159.7	N/Q	269	- 325	307	399	- 528	484
	FD	C	2	7	120.2	- 160.0	148.6	-17	-	-	-	361	- 528	480

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					Low	High	Avg	Change	Low	High	Avg	Low	High	Avg	
	RS	C	2	48	154.2	- 171.2	159.5	-7	-				370	- 515	443
	RS	D	2	71	70.0	- 174.2	132.8	-4	-				193	- 566	416
	FD	D	2	26	60.0	- 95.0	87.3	-66	-				180	- 270	251
330-400	FD	C	2	27	126.2	- 185.2	151.9	-27	-				442	- 693	546
	RS	C	2	33	170.2	- 190.2	178.2	2	-				621	- 732	670
		C	3	1	178.2	- 178.2	178.2	N/Q	330	- 330	330		624	- 624	624
	FD	D	2	25	100.0	- 170.2	164.6	10	-				365	- 587	569
	RS	D	2	43	159.2	- 177.2	171.3	N/Q	-				541	- 620	595
400+	FD	C	2	39	162.0	- 198.2	177.8	-10	-				664	- 872	764
		C	3	1	164.2	- 164.2	164.2	N/Q	304	- 304	304		690	- 690	690
	RS	D	2	8	171.2	- 171.2	171.2	N/Q	-				702	- 702	702
				<b>334</b>	<b>60.0</b>	<b>198.2</b>			<b>269</b>	<b>330</b>		<b>180</b>	<b>872</b>		
<b>Yearling Heifer</b>															
0-330	FD	C	2	23	116.2	- 116.2	116.2	-17	-				372	- 372	372
	RS	C	2	98	100.0	- 150.0	132.0	-18	-				275	- 480	407
		C	2	8	130.0	- 135.0	131.9	-6	250	- 260	254		390	- 432	412
		C	3	7	155.0	- 160.2	158.0	-23	293	- 302	298		504	- 521	513
	FD	D	2	80	72.0	- 134.2	109.3	-9	-				173	- 436	344
	RS	D	2	171	70.0	- 115.0	100.3	-18	-				182	- 380	291
330-400	FD	C	2	45	153.2	- 157.2	154.4	-7	-				517	- 542	524
	RS	C	2	30	135.0	- 151.2	146.9	-18	-				459	- 544	511
		C	2	1	165.0	- 165.0	165.0	N/Q	306	- 306	306		586	- 586	586
		C	3	25	140.0	- 175.2	155.2	-13	269	- 331	294		522	- 680	560
	FD	C	3	8	169.2	- 169.2	169.2	N/Q	-				626	- 626	626
	FD	D	2	14	110.2	- 110.2	110.2	N/Q	-				386	- 386	386
	RS	D	2	20	121.2	- 127.2	123.3	N/Q	-				412	- 445	424
400+		C	3	2	165.2	- 165.2	165.2	N/Q	306	- 306	306		719	- 719	719
		D	3	1	111.2	- 111.2	111.2	N/Q	218	- 218	218		478	- 478	478
				<b>533</b>	<b>70.0</b>	<b>175.2</b>			<b>218</b>	<b>331</b>		<b>173</b>	<b>719</b>		
<b>Grown Steer</b>															
0-400	FD	D	2	10	121.2	- 121.2	121.2	-57	-				461	- 461	461
	RS	D	2	27	95.0	- 127.2	114.1	N/Q	-				314	- 477	419
400-500	FD	C	2	10	150.0	- 169.2	167.3	-5	-				645	- 728	719
	FD	D	2	73	134.2	- 160.2	159.8	N/Q	-				644	- 657	657
500-600		C	3	29	170.0	- 177.2	174.5	-9	315	- 316	316		957	- 961	958
				<b>149</b>	<b>95.0</b>	<b>177.2</b>			<b>315</b>	<b>316</b>		<b>314</b>	<b>961</b>		
<b>Grown Heifer</b>															
0-540		C	3	20	120.0	- 140.0	130.9	-36	231	- 269	252		582	- 721	651
	RS	D	2	31	89.2	- 110.0	96.7	-15	-				317	- 462	380
		D	3	16	102.0	- 139.2	121.3	-19	200	- 273	238		439	- 606	543
540+		C	3	1	142.2	- 142.2	142.2	N/Q	263	- 263	263		775	- 775	775
		D	3	3	135.2	- 135.2	135.2	N/Q	265	- 265	265		771	- 771	771
				<b>71</b>	<b>89.2</b>	<b>142.2</b>			<b>200</b>	<b>273</b>		<b>317</b>	<b>775</b>		
<b>Cows</b>															
0-400		D	1	31	50.2	- 78.2	67.1	-1	126	- 186	162		176	- 313	256

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400-520	RS	D	1	130	50.0	- 81.2	66.4	-27	-			185	- 325	255
		D	2	32	65.0	- 75.2	71.1	-15	144	- 167	158	247	- 293	271
	RS	E	1	9	30.0	- 30.0	30.0	N/Q	-			108	- 108	108
	RS	D	1	44	50.0	- 80.0	71.9	-22	-			205	- 344	304
		D	1	11	60.0	- 73.2	62.4	-22	150	- 174	154	252	- 300	261
		D	2	149	81.2	- 99.2	89.9	-17	180	- 226	201	333	- 481	395
520+	RS	D	2	33	60.0	- 95.0	85.2	-17	-			252	- 475	375
		D	3	52	90.0	- 120.0	104.2	-19	192	- 250	222	383	- 600	496
	C	3	3	130.0	- 130.0	130.0	-15	260	- 260	260	832	- 832	832	
		D	2	16	104.2	- 106.0	105.0	N/Q	232	- 236	233	562	- 589	577
		D	3	46	105.0	- 123.2	115.6	-19	223	- 262	245	579	- 702	639
		D	4	40	115.0	- 132.0	128.0	-15	240	- 269	262	633	- 827	774
			<b>596</b>	<b>30.0</b>	<b>132.0</b>			<b>126</b>	<b>269</b>		<b>108</b>	<b>832</b>		
<b>Bulls</b>														
0-450	RS	C	2	4	130.0	- 130.0	130.0	N/Q	-			234	- 234	234
		C	2	1	110.0	- 110.0	110.0	N/Q	204	- 204	204	407	- 407	407
450-600	RS	D	2	9	114.2	- 114.2	114.2	N/Q	-			263	- 263	263
		C	2	1	150.2	- 150.2	150.2	N/Q	278	- 278	278	856	- 856	856
	D	2	5	96.2	- 96.2	96.2	N/Q	185	- 185	185	452	- 452	452	
600+	B	2	4	166.2	- 166.2	166.2	-3	287	- 287	287	1438	- 1438	1438	
		C	2	11	135.0	- 162.2	150.1	24	250	- 293	274	918	- 1415	1226
		D	2	6	141.2	- 141.2	141.2	N/Q	272	- 272	272	1031	- 1031	1031
			<b>41</b>	<b>96.2</b>	<b>166.2</b>			<b>185</b>	<b>293</b>		<b>234</b>	<b>1438</b>		

#### 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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