

Detailed saleyard report - cattle

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Wagga

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Yarding Change 4850
-230

comparison date 30/03/2015

The sale recommenced after the two week Easter holiday break and numbers were only marginally lower. Secondary yearlings were well supplied however the lighter weight portion were in limited numbers. There was increased numbers of prime trade cattle offered with odd pen lots supplementary fed. Vealers were in greater supply and quality was very good. Grown steers and bullock supplies decreased while cow numbers lifted significantly. All the usual buyers attended along with an extra major processor who resumed buying after a lengthy absence.

The increased supply of prime vealers sold to strong southern competition and prices were 9c to 11c/kg dearer. European vealers and their crosses ranged in price from 220c to 260c/kg. Light weight steers suitable for the trade made from 232c to 250c, a dearer trend of 20c/kg. Medium weight steers to slaughter sold 3c dearer to average 244.6c/kg. Bidding strengthened noticeably for all classes of trade heifers, with domestic processors and lot feeder buyers scrambled to acquire adequate supplies. Medium weight trade heifers lifted 16c reaching a top price of 259.2c/kg. The lighter weight portion made from 212c to 240c/kg. Secondary lighter weight steers lacking finish were in very short supply after much needed rain across the supply area. Well-bred light weight steers returning to the paddock ranged from 220c to 252c/kg.

Light weight steers suitable to feed on sold to increased demand from several feedlot buyers, which contributed to a dearer trend of 12c/kg. Well-bred medium weight steers, were strongly contested by a larger field of feed lot buyers and prices strengthened as the sale progressed. The better bred lines made from 220c to 257c/kg.

Grown steer and bullocks were in shorter supply and prices were 8c to 15c/kg higher. The well finished C3 and C4 pens made from 230c to 257.6c/kg. Heavy bullocks 600 to 700kg averaged 239c/kg. Heavy heifers ignited bidding and prices jumped 19c to 29c/kg. The younger well finished lines made from 230c to 250c/kg.

A mixed quality yarding of 1630 cows sold to a larger field of export buyers and restockers. Due to stronger competition, heavy cows sold 17c higher, reaching a top price of 209c/kg. Medium weight D3 and D2 cows sold to spirited competition from both southern and northern processors resulting in a price lift of 20c/kg. Light weight cows met with robust competition with many store orders in place. Young cows with plenty of frame sold 17c dearer ranging from 174c to 185c/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 |
| Calves | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 80+ | | C | 2 | 3 | 229.2 | - 229.2 | 229.2 | N/Q | 433 | - 433 | 433 | 456 | - 456 | 456 |
| | | | | 3 | 229.2 | 229.2 | | | 433 | 433 | | 456 | 456 | |
| Vealer Steer | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 200-280 | | C | 2 | 37 | 230.0 | - 244.0 | 236.8 | 19 | 442 | - 469 | 455 | 538 | - 625 | 580 |
| | | FD | C | 2 | 225.2 | - 243.6 | 237.1 | N/Q | | - | | 477 | - 665 | 597 |
| | | RS | C | 2 | 224.0 | - 252.0 | 243.2 | 8 | | - | | 481 | - 689 | 635 |
| 280-330 | | B | 2 | 12 | 240.0 | - 252.6 | 249.9 | 3 | 429 | - 446 | 437 | 708 | - 801 | 768 |
| | | FD | C | 2 | 230.0 | - 246.0 | 242.6 | 13 | | - | | 685 | - 765 | 721 |
| | | | C | 2 | 238.2 | - 238.2 | 238.2 | 12 | 458 | - 458 | 458 | 672 | - 672 | 672 |
| | | RS | C | 2 | 212.0 | - 212.0 | 212.0 | N/Q | | - | | 604 | - 604 | 604 |
| | | | D | 4 | 242.0 | - 242.0 | 242.0 | N/Q | 432 | - 432 | 432 | 704 | - 704 | 704 |
| 330+ | | FD | B | 2 | 248.2 | - 248.2 | 248.2 | N/Q | | - | | 856 | - 856 | 856 |
| | | | B | 2 | 238.0 | - 260.2 | 250.6 | 9 | 422 | - 480 | 450 | 838 | - 1122 | 935 |
| | | FD | C | 2 | 238.0 | - 246.2 | 243.4 | 7 | | - | | 815 | - 912 | 858 |
| | | | | 335 | 212.0 | 260.2 | | | 422 | 480 | | 477 | 1122 | |
| Vealer Heifer | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 200-280 | | C | 2 | 65 | 205.0 | - 245.0 | 230.3 | 10 | 380 | - 454 | 424 | 437 | - 649 | 571 |
| 280-330 | | B | 2 | 38 | 228.0 | - 255.0 | 239.3 | 8 | 407 | - 455 | 427 | 682 | - 829 | 733 |

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| | | | | | Low | High | Avg | Change | Low | High | Avg | Low | High | Avg |
| 330+ | | C | 2 | 4 | 225.0 | - 228.0 | 226.3 | 5 | 417 | - 422 | 419 | 653 | - 707 | 681 |
| | | B | 2 | 55 | 220.0 | - 260.0 | 242.5 | 11 | 393 | - 462 | 442 | 777 | - 970 | 900 |
| | | C | 2 | 9 | 220.0 | - 238.0 | 230.7 | N/Q | 407 | - 441 | 424 | 730 | - 881 | 804 |
| | | C | 3 | 18 | 224.0 | - 239.0 | 234.3 | 6 | 415 | - 443 | 434 | 801 | - 929 | 880 |
| | | | | 189 | 205.0 | 260.0 | | 380 | 462 | | 437 | 970 | | |
| Yearling Steer | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 200-280 | FD | C | 2 | 26 | 225.0 | - 241.0 | 239.8 | 10 | - | | 500 | - 622 | 612 | |
| 280-330 | RS | B | 2 | 5 | 220.0 | - 220.0 | 220.0 | N/Q | - | | 724 | - 724 | 724 | |
| | | C | 2 | 8 | 240.0 | - 240.0 | 240.0 | 35 | 462 | - 462 | 462 | 684 | - 684 | 684 |
| | RS | C | 2 | 30 | 213.0 | - 224.2 | 214.1 | -6 | - | | 628 | - 688 | 634 | |
| | FD | C | 2 | 28 | 229.2 | - 238.6 | 232.7 | 11 | - | | 685 | - 738 | 714 | |
| 330-400 | RS | D | 2 | 4 | 197.0 | - 197.0 | 197.0 | N/Q | - | | 587 | - 587 | 587 | |
| | | C | 2 | 29 | 217.6 | - 224.2 | 219.5 | -12 | - | | 742 | - 796 | 772 | |
| | FD | C | 2 | 269 | 220.2 | - 253.0 | 240.2 | 12 | - | | 738 | - 985 | 910 | |
| | | C | 3 | 38 | 232.0 | - 250.0 | 243.1 | 20 | 430 | - 446 | 439 | 840 | - 993 | 945 |
| 400+ | RS | D | 2 | 8 | 200.0 | - 214.0 | 212.3 | 9 | - | | 710 | - 732 | 729 | |
| | | C | 2 | 11 | 225.0 | - 246.6 | 240.7 | 16 | 417 | - 474 | 460 | 911 | - 1060 | 1034 |
| | FD | C | 2 | 411 | 217.6 | - 257.0 | 239.7 | 6 | - | | 888 | - 1255 | 1061 | |
| | | C | 3 | 129 | 230.0 | - 253.2 | 244.6 | 4 | 424 | - 469 | 448 | 938 | - 1230 | 1118 |
| | | | | 996 | 197.0 | 257.0 | | 417 | 474 | | 500 | 1255 | | |
| Yearling Heifer | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 200-280 | C | 2 | 5 | 210.2 | - 210.2 | 210.2 | 24 | 397 | - 397 | 397 | 530 | - 530 | 530 | |
| | | RS | C | 2 | 5 | 200.0 | - 200.0 | 200.0 | 7 | - | | 544 | - 544 | 544 |
| | | C | 3 | 10 | 224.0 | - 238.0 | 231.0 | N/Q | 415 | - 441 | 428 | 502 | - 567 | 534 |
| 280-330 | C | 2 | 9 | 215.0 | - 215.0 | 215.0 | 11 | 414 | - 414 | 414 | 611 | - 611 | 611 | |
| | | FD | C | 2 | 71 | 202.0 | - 224.0 | 220.1 | 30 | - | | 632 | - 721 | 698 |
| | | C | 3 | 16 | 230.2 | - 232.0 | 231.2 | 7 | 426 | - 430 | 428 | 737 | - 761 | 750 |
| 330-400 | B | 2 | 1 | 236.2 | - 236.2 | 236.2 | N/Q | 437 | - 437 | 437 | 827 | - 827 | 827 | |
| | | C | 2 | 6 | 205.0 | - 205.0 | 205.0 | -7 | 394 | - 394 | 394 | 699 | - 699 | 699 |
| | FD | C | 2 | 212 | 213.6 | - 247.0 | 231.6 | 22 | - | | 728 | - 975 | 883 | |
| | | RS | C | 2 | 3 | 200.0 | - 200.0 | 200.0 | N/Q | - | | 730 | - 730 | 730 |
| 400+ | C | 3 | 104 | 212.0 | - 240.0 | 228.1 | 14 | 393 | - 458 | 424 | 710 | - 942 | 811 | |
| | | FD | D | 2 | 5 | 211.2 | - 211.2 | 211.2 | N/Q | - | | 803 | - 803 | 803 |
| | D | 3 | 36 | 180.0 | - 212.2 | 208.0 | 26 | 340 | - 400 | 387 | 644 | - 738 | 725 | |
| | | FD | C | 2 | 84 | 220.0 | - 242.0 | 230.0 | 12 | - | | 910 | - 1142 | 1031 |
| | FD | C | 3 | 27 | 228.0 | - 247.0 | 236.6 | 10 | - | | 990 | - 1099 | 1044 | |
| | | C | 3 | 407 | 215.0 | - 259.2 | 241.3 | 16 | 398 | - 480 | 448 | 874 | - 1252 | 1109 |
| | | | | 1001 | 180.0 | 259.2 | | 340 | 480 | | 502 | 1252 | | |
| Grown Steer | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 400-500 | C | 3 | 14 | 208.2 | - 220.0 | 217.6 | N/C | 386 | - 407 | 403 | 864 | - 1060 | 1012 | |
| | | D | 3 | 8 | 208.0 | - 208.0 | 208.0 | N/Q | 393 | - 393 | 393 | 951 | - 951 | 951 |
| 500-600 | C | 2 | 1 | 205.6 | - 205.6 | 205.6 | N/Q | 381 | - 381 | 381 | 1192 | - 1192 | 1192 | |
| | | 3 | 124 | 212.2 | - 257.0 | 240.0 | 8 | 389 | - 476 | 440 | 1103 | - 1486 | 1282 | |
| | D | 3 | 2 | 198.6 | - 198.6 | 198.6 | N/Q | 375 | - 375 | 375 | 1132 | - 1132 | 1132 | |
| 600-750 | | C | 4 | 89 | 216.0 | - 250.0 | 240.5 | 16 | 386 | - 463 | 431 | 1309 | - 1738 | 1600 |

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| | | | | | Low | High | Avg | Change | Low | High | Avg | Low | High | Avg |
| 750+ | | C | 4 | 15 | 215.0 | - 232.0 | 229.9 | N/Q | 384 | - 430 | 425 | 1699 | - 1772 | 1765 |
| | | | | 253 | 198.6 | 257.0 | | | 375 | 476 | | 864 | 1772 | |
| Grown Heifer | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 0-540 | FD | C | 2 | 7 | 199.0 | - 199.0 | 199.0 | N/Q | - | | | 850 | - 850 | 850 |
| | | C | 3 | 34 | 202.2 | - 228.0 | 219.2 | 17 | 382 | - 422 | 407 | 861 | - 1130 | 1033 |
| | | C | 4 | 85 | 220.0 | - 250.2 | 240.7 | 28 | 407 | - 471 | 447 | 1111 | - 1325 | 1249 |
| | | D | 3 | 3 | 199.2 | - 199.2 | 199.2 | 23 | 376 | - 376 | 376 | 876 | - 876 | 876 |
| | | D | 4 | 18 | 195.0 | - 245.0 | 231.1 | N/Q | 368 | - 471 | 443 | 985 | - 1262 | 1185 |
| 540+ | | C | 4 | 104 | 200.0 | - 248.2 | 227.8 | 19 | 366 | - 460 | 422 | 1206 | - 1542 | 1376 |
| | | D | 4 | 4 | 195.2 | - 202.0 | 200.3 | 5 | 381 | - 390 | 383 | 1121 | - 1259 | 1156 |
| | | | | 255 | 195.0 | 250.2 | | | 366 | 471 | | 850 | 1542 | |
| Manufacturing Steer | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 0-540 | | C | 2 | 15 | 194.6 | - 194.6 | 194.6 | N/Q | 367 | - 367 | 367 | 648 | - 648 | 648 |
| | FD | D | 2 | 6 | 193.6 | - 193.6 | 193.6 | N/Q | - | | | 1042 | - 1042 | 1042 |
| 540+ | DA | D | 3 | 3 | 195.6 | - 195.6 | 195.6 | N/Q | 369 | - 369 | 369 | 1428 | - 1428 | 1428 |
| | | | | 24 | 193.6 | 195.6 | | | 367 | 369 | | 648 | 1428 | |
| Cows | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 0-400 | RS | D | 1 | 4 | 152.2 | - 152.2 | 152.2 | N/Q | - | | | 578 | - 578 | 578 |
| | RS | D | 2 | 25 | 170.0 | - 185.0 | 173.8 | 24 | - | | | 624 | - 692 | 672 |
| | | D | 2 | 5 | 164.0 | - 170.0 | 166.4 | N/Q | 373 | - 386 | 378 | 633 | - 634 | 633 |
| | | E | 2 | 2 | 145.0 | - 145.0 | 145.0 | N/Q | 330 | - 330 | 330 | 579 | - 579 | 579 |
| 400-520 | | D | 1 | 13 | 144.0 | - 156.2 | 153.2 | 28 | 351 | - 381 | 374 | 603 | - 804 | 699 |
| | | D | 2 | 15 | 155.0 | - 175.2 | 162.1 | 5 | 352 | - 398 | 368 | 688 | - 897 | 746 |
| | RS | D | 2 | 100 | 174.2 | - 185.2 | 179.3 | 17 | - | | | 725 | - 919 | 802 |
| | | D | 3 | 187 | 165.0 | - 218.0 | 186.7 | 20 | 344 | - 419 | 390 | 826 | - 1134 | 933 |
| | | D | 4 | 103 | 150.0 | - 240.0 | 199.1 | 21 | 300 | - 462 | 396 | 780 | - 1217 | 1007 |
| 520+ | | D | 2 | 6 | 165.0 | - 176.0 | 166.8 | 1 | 375 | - 400 | 379 | 899 | - 933 | 905 |
| | DA | D | 3 | 1 | 186.0 | - 186.0 | 186.0 | N/Q | 388 | - 388 | 388 | 1423 | - 1423 | 1423 |
| | | D | 3 | 189 | 170.0 | - 198.2 | 190.1 | 14 | 339 | - 413 | 389 | 932 | - 1359 | 1152 |
| | RS | D | 4 | 12 | 180.0 | - 180.0 | 180.0 | N/Q | - | | | 1107 | - 1107 | 1107 |
| | | D | 4 | 714 | 178.0 | - 209.0 | 197.7 | 17 | 342 | - 413 | 386 | 1037 | - 1648 | 1241 |
| | | D | 5 | 69 | 165.0 | - 195.0 | 179.8 | 12 | 344 | - 388 | 367 | 1015 | - 1420 | 1295 |
| | | D | 6 | 20 | 140.0 | - 165.0 | 146.7 | 16 | 304 | - 359 | 319 | 936 | - 1302 | 1192 |
| | | | | 1465 | 140.0 | 240.0 | | | 300 | 462 | | 578 | 1648 | |
| Bulls | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 0-450 | | C | 2 | 17 | 204.0 | - 247.0 | 225.2 | 21 | 364 | - 441 | 402 | 632 | - 895 | 738 |
| | RS | C | 2 | 1 | 195.0 | - 195.0 | 195.0 | N/Q | - | | | 708 | - 708 | 708 |
| | | D | 2 | 1 | 190.0 | - 190.0 | 190.0 | N/Q | 339 | - 339 | 339 | 779 | - 779 | 779 |
| 450-600 | | C | 2 | 9 | 200.0 | - 206.0 | 204.2 | 16 | 357 | - 368 | 365 | 1010 | - 1205 | 1093 |
| 600+ | | B | 2 | 7 | 242.2 | - 242.2 | 242.2 | N/Q | 404 | - 404 | 404 | 2337 | - 2422 | 2398 |
| | | | | 35 | 190.0 | 247.0 | | | 339 | 441 | | 632 | 2422 | |

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 DP: Dorper

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| | | | | | Low | High | Avg | Change | Low | High | Avg | Low | High | Avg |

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