

## Detailed saleyard report - cattle

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### Wagga

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The Wagga cattle market reacted to rain in Queensland and gathered strength, as northern feedlot buyers and exporters set market trends. Yearling cattle benefited from stronger demand from northern buyers over all categories. The cow market also enjoyed stronger competition from Queensland and northern NSW which pushed prices generally up to 10c/kg higher. The yarding contained mostly yearling cattle more suited to restocking and lot feeding. All major export companies and feedlots were present and active.

The limited supply of vealers sold to stronger bidding from southern domestic processors with veal to slaughter making from 292c to 330c/kg. Restocker demand had the greatest influence over vealer steers and heifers lacking finish, which pushed both store and feedlot prices up by 10c to 20c/kg. Well-bred secondary vealer steers made from 316c to 378c/kg. Once again there was limited numbers of prime C3 medium weight trade steers purchased by domestic processors. The better shaped steers to slaughter made from 296c to 322c to average 318c/kg. The lack of quality steers to slaughter meant domestic buyers shifted their attentions to the medium weight heifer portion, which resulted in a dearer trend of 5c to average 291c/kg. Secondary weaner steers to turnout sold to strong northern competition selling at 313c to 341c/kg.

Strong bidding from Queensland and NSW feedlots lifted price by 10c/kg. Medium weight C2 feeder steers average 325c/kg. Lighter weight heifers 330-400kg sold to solid competition from the north making from 290c to 310c/kg.

The mixed quality supply of heavy grown steers sold to solid competition to sell 5c/kg dearer. Prime C4 Angus bullocks were in high demand and export processors paid up to 313c/kg. The bulk of the bullocks sold from 278c to 311c/kg.

Cow numbers eased and quality was mixed, with all weights and grades represented. Well finished heavy cows sold 6c dearer to average 240c/kg. The bulk of the better covered lean types sold to robust competition northern export buyers to sell 10c/kg dearer.

| 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>Calves</b>        |             |              |           |            |                  |              |       |        |                               |            |     |                   |             |      |
| 80+                  | RS          | C            | 2         | 23         | 330.0            | - 356.0      | 347.0 | 41     | -                             | -          | -   | 604               | - 673       | 649  |
|                      |             |              |           | <b>23</b>  | <b>330.0</b>     | <b>356.0</b> |       |        | <b>0</b>                      | <b>0</b>   |     | <b>604</b>        | <b>673</b>  |      |
| <b>Vealer Steer</b>  |             |              |           |            |                  |              |       |        |                               |            |     |                   |             |      |
| 200-280              | RS          | C            | 2         | 45         | 316.2            | - 378.2      | 343.8 | 20     | -                             | -          | -   | 717               | - 919       | 826  |
| 280-330              | FD          | C            | 2         | 26         | 324.0            | - 335.0      | 328.6 | 9      | -                             | -          | -   | 1036              | - 1099      | 1071 |
|                      |             | C            | 2         | 3          | 311.2            | - 311.2      | 311.2 | N/Q    | 599                           | - 599      | 599 | 906               | - 906       | 906  |
| 330+                 |             | B            | 2         | 15         | 330.0            | - 332.0      | 331.2 | 20     | 589                           | - 593      | 591 | 1234              | - 1315      | 1283 |
|                      | FD          | B            | 2         | 5          | 335.2            | - 335.2      | 335.2 | N/Q    | -                             | -          | -   | 1130              | - 1130      | 1130 |
|                      |             | C            | 2         | 5          | 312.0            | - 312.0      | 312.0 | 17     | 578                           | - 589      | 584 | 1051              | - 1126      | 1096 |
|                      | FD          | C            | 2         | 21         | 327.2            | - 334.0      | 329.6 | 15     | -                             | -          | -   | 1145              | - 1192      | 1159 |
|                      |             |              |           | <b>120</b> | <b>311.2</b>     | <b>378.2</b> |       |        | <b>578</b>                    | <b>599</b> |     | <b>717</b>        | <b>1315</b> |      |
| <b>Vealer Heifer</b> |             |              |           |            |                  |              |       |        |                               |            |     |                   |             |      |
| 200-280              |             | C            | 2         | 2          | 300.0            | - 300.0      | 300.0 | N/Q    | 566                           | - 566      | 566 | 840               | - 840       | 840  |
|                      | FD          | C            | 2         | 12         | 292.0            | - 292.0      | 292.0 | 12     | -                             | -          | -   | 730               | - 730       | 730  |
|                      | RS          | C            | 2         | 30         | 295.0            | - 318.2      | 312.2 | 17     | -                             | -          | -   | 627               | - 871       | 689  |
| 280-330              |             | B            | 2         | 3          | 317.0            | - 317.0      | 317.0 | N/Q    | 587                           | - 587      | 587 | 995               | - 995       | 995  |
|                      | FD          | C            | 2         | 29         | 290.0            | - 310.0      | 304.5 | 1      | -                             | -          | -   | 916               | - 930       | 926  |
|                      |             | C            | 2         | 26         | 292.0            | - 310.0      | 298.3 | -5     | 546                           | - 592      | 560 | 894               | - 992       | 917  |
|                      | RS          | C            | 2         | 4          | 307.0            | - 307.0      | 307.0 | N/Q    | -                             | -          | -   | 1001              | - 1001      | 1001 |
| 330+                 |             | B            | 2         | 10         | 315.0            | - 324.2      | 317.4 | N/Q    | 568                           | - 606      | 584 | 1094              | - 1216      | 1120 |

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|------------------------|-------------|--------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|--------------|-------|--------|-------------------------------|------------|-----|-------------------|-------------|------|
|                        |             |              |           |             | Low              | High         | Avg   | Change | Low                           | High       | Avg | Low               | High        | Avg  |
|                        |             | C            | 2         | 9           | 305.6            | - 305.6      | 305.6 | 19     | 566                           | - 566      | 566 | 1015              | - 1015      | 1015 |
|                        | FD          | C            | 2         | 13          | 296.0            | - 296.0      | 296.0 | N/C    |                               | -          |     | 1140              | - 1140      | 1140 |
|                        |             |              |           | <b>138</b>  | <b>290.0</b>     | <b>324.2</b> |       |        | <b>546</b>                    | <b>606</b> |     | <b>627</b>        | <b>1216</b> |      |
| <b>Yearling Steer</b>  |             |              |           |             |                  |              |       |        |                               |            |     |                   |             |      |
| 0-200                  | RS          | C            | 2         | 8           | 320.0            | - 320.0      | 320.0 | N/Q    |                               | -          |     | 640               | - 640       | 640  |
| 200-280                | RS          | C            | 2         | 75          | 313.0            | - 341.0      | 330.5 | -6     |                               | -          |     | 795               | - 920       | 846  |
| 280-330                | RS          | C            | 2         | 12          | 280.0            | - 330.2      | 309.3 | -19    |                               | -          |     | 795               | - 928       | 873  |
|                        | FD          | C            | 2         | 132         | 295.0            | - 339.2      | 319.4 | 2      |                               | -          |     | 917               | - 1062      | 995  |
|                        | RS          | D            | 2         | 34          | 270.0            | - 308.2      | 285.3 | 2      |                               | -          |     | 771               | - 992       | 863  |
| 330-400                | RS          | C            | 2         | 5           | 326.2            | - 326.2      | 326.2 | 20     |                               | -          |     | 1174              | - 1174      | 1174 |
|                        | FD          | C            | 2         | 344         | 302.0            | - 338.0      | 325.1 | 4      |                               | -          |     | 1076              | - 1295      | 1178 |
|                        | RS          | D            | 2         | 10          | 280.0            | - 288.0      | 284.0 | -8     |                               | -          |     | 1011              | - 1117      | 1064 |
| 400+                   | FD          | C            | 2         | 559         | 290.0            | - 339.0      | 324.4 | 8      |                               | -          |     | 1302              | - 1651      | 1420 |
|                        |             | C            | 2         | 3           | 285.0            | - 288.0      | 287.0 | -22    | 538                           | - 554      | 549 | 1382              | - 1382      | 1382 |
|                        |             | C            | 3         | 23          | 296.0            | - 322.2      | 318.3 | 12     | 548                           | - 597      | 590 | 1302              | - 1510      | 1431 |
|                        | FD          | C            | 3         | 12          | 321.2            | - 321.2      | 321.2 | N/Q    |                               | -          |     | 1487              | - 1487      | 1487 |
|                        | FD          | D            | 2         | 24          | 265.0            | - 286.2      | 272.7 | 3      |                               | -          |     | 1190              | - 1288      | 1249 |
|                        |             |              |           | <b>1241</b> | <b>265.0</b>     | <b>341.0</b> |       |        | <b>538</b>                    | <b>597</b> |     | <b>640</b>        | <b>1651</b> |      |
| <b>Yearling Heifer</b> |             |              |           |             |                  |              |       |        |                               |            |     |                   |             |      |
| 200-280                | RS          | C            | 2         | 13          | 296.2            | - 305.0      | 303.0 | 37     |                               | -          |     | 790               | - 820       | 797  |
|                        | RS          | D            | 2         | 33          | 271.0            | - 299.2      | 282.4 | 36     |                               | -          |     | 700               | - 763       | 718  |
| 280-330                | RS          | C            | 2         | 19          | 294.0            | - 315.2      | 313.0 | 14     |                               | -          |     | 838               | - 908       | 900  |
|                        | FD          | C            | 2         | 137         | 297.0            | - 310.0      | 304.2 | 9      |                               | -          |     | 903               | - 1001      | 958  |
|                        | RS          | C            | 3         | 10          | 310.0            | - 310.0      | 310.0 | N/Q    |                               | -          |     | 970               | - 970       | 970  |
|                        | RS          | D            | 2         | 27          | 250.0            | - 304.0      | 283.0 | 11     |                               | -          |     | 703               | - 933       | 871  |
| 330-400                | FD          | C            | 2         | 355         | 284.0            | - 310.2      | 302.9 | 7      |                               | -          |     | 966               | - 1213      | 1094 |
|                        |             | C            | 2         | 2           | 292.0            | - 292.0      | 292.0 | N/Q    | 541                           | - 541      | 541 | 1042              | - 1042      | 1042 |
|                        |             | C            | 3         | 23          | 263.0            | - 309.2      | 282.6 | 5      | 487                           | - 573      | 523 | 928               | - 1098      | 1006 |
|                        | FD          | C            | 3         | 8           | 304.2            | - 304.2      | 304.2 | 8      |                               | -          |     | 1071              | - 1071      | 1071 |
| 400+                   | FD          | C            | 2         | 102         | 288.0            | - 304.2      | 294.7 | 3      |                               | -          |     | 1212              | - 1452      | 1307 |
|                        |             | C            | 2         | 11          | 288.0            | - 298.0      | 294.2 | N/Q    | 543                           | - 567      | 559 | 1382              | - 1460      | 1417 |
|                        |             | C            | 3         | 79          | 285.2            | - 300.0      | 291.4 | 5      | 530                           | - 556      | 545 | 1198              | - 1430      | 1324 |
|                        | FD          | C            | 3         | 12          | 298.0            | - 298.0      | 298.0 | 7      |                               | -          |     | 1445              | - 1445      | 1445 |
|                        |             |              |           | <b>831</b>  | <b>250.0</b>     | <b>315.2</b> |       |        | <b>487</b>                    | <b>573</b> |     | <b>700</b>        | <b>1460</b> |      |
| <b>Grown Steer</b>     |             |              |           |             |                  |              |       |        |                               |            |     |                   |             |      |
| 400-500                |             | C            | 2         | 2           | 280.0            | - 280.0      | 280.0 | N/Q    | 539                           | - 539      | 539 | 1319              | - 1319      | 1319 |
|                        |             | C            | 3         | 4           | 275.0            | - 276.0      | 275.3 | N/C    | 509                           | - 511      | 510 | 1339              | - 1375      | 1366 |
| 500-600                |             | C            | 2         | 2           | 265.0            | - 265.0      | 265.0 | N/Q    | 510                           | - 510      | 510 | 1550              | - 1550      | 1550 |
|                        | FD          | C            | 2         | 8           | 315.0            | - 315.0      | 315.0 | N/Q    |                               | -          |     | 1629              | - 1629      | 1629 |
|                        | FD          | C            | 3         | 84          | 295.0            | - 317.0      | 309.5 | 15     |                               | -          |     | 1586              | - 1632      | 1607 |
|                        |             | C            | 3         | 61          | 275.0            | - 295.0      | 289.0 | 5      | 511                           | - 546      | 535 | 1408              | - 1726      | 1597 |
|                        |             | C            | 4         | 10          | 278.0            | - 282.0      | 280.0 | -4     | 515                           | - 522      | 519 | 1407              | - 1424      | 1415 |
|                        | FD          | C            | 6         | 8           | 312.0            | - 312.0      | 312.0 | N/Q    |                               | -          |     | 1622              | - 1622      | 1622 |
|                        |             | D            | 3         | 3           | 254.0            | - 268.0      | 263.3 | N/Q    | 489                           | - 496      | 494 | 1412              | - 1486      | 1437 |
| 600-750                |             | C            | 4         | 66          | 265.0            | - 313.2      | 289.8 | 11     | 491                           | - 580      | 537 | 1706              | - 1988      | 1838 |

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|                            |             |              |           |            | Low              | High         | Avg   | Change | Low                           | High       | Avg | Low               | High        | Avg  |
| 750+                       |             | C            | 4         | 17         | 278.2            | - 279.2      | 278.9 | N/Q    | 515                           | - 517      | 517 | 2119              | - 2128      | 2122 |
|                            |             |              |           | <b>265</b> | <b>254.0</b>     | <b>317.0</b> |       |        | <b>489</b>                    | <b>580</b> |     | <b>1319</b>       | <b>2128</b> |      |
| <b>Grown Heifer</b>        |             |              |           |            |                  |              |       |        |                               |            |     |                   |             |      |
| 0-540                      |             | C            | 2         | 1          | 280.0            | - 280.0      | 280.0 | N/Q    | 528                           | - 528      | 528 | 1414              | - 1414      | 1414 |
|                            |             | C            | 3         | 43         | 265.0            | - 286.0      | 270.7 | 9      | 491                           | - 530      | 507 | 1065              | - 1376      | 1171 |
|                            |             | C            | 4         | 36         | 266.0            | - 298.2      | 283.6 | N/C    | 496                           | - 552      | 529 | 1250              | - 1610      | 1480 |
|                            | RS          | D            | 2         | 5          | 231.2            | - 231.2      | 231.2 | -14    | -                             | -          | -   | 1110              | - 1110      | 1110 |
|                            |             | D            | 3         | 34         | 230.0            | - 254.0      | 244.9 | 20     | 434                           | - 508      | 472 | 886               | - 1219      | 1065 |
|                            |             | D            | 4         | 8          | 248.2            | - 248.2      | 248.2 | N/C    | 517                           | - 517      | 517 | 1335              | - 1335      | 1335 |
| 540+                       |             | C            | 4         | 28         | 258.0            | - 285.0      | 271.8 | -16    | 480                           | - 538      | 507 | 1406              | - 1906      | 1691 |
|                            | RS          | C            | 5         | 5          | 266.0            | - 266.0      | 266.0 | N/Q    | -                             | -          | -   | 1551              | - 1551      | 1551 |
|                            |             | D            | 4         | 8          | 245.0            | - 274.0      | 254.5 | N/Q    | 462                           | - 517      | 480 | 1402              | - 1711      | 1617 |
|                            |             |              |           | <b>168</b> | <b>230.0</b>     | <b>298.2</b> |       |        | <b>434</b>                    | <b>552</b> |     | <b>886</b>        | <b>1906</b> |      |
| <b>Manufacturing Steer</b> |             |              |           |            |                  |              |       |        |                               |            |     |                   |             |      |
| 0-540                      |             | C            | 2         | 13         | 248.0            | - 248.0      | 248.0 | N/Q    | 477                           | - 477      | 477 | 942               | - 942       | 942  |
|                            |             | D            | 2         | 16         | 210.0            | - 260.0      | 235.9 | 27     | 420                           | - 500      | 459 | 777               | - 1269      | 1010 |
|                            |             | D            | 3         | 3          | 266.0            | - 266.0      | 266.0 | N/Q    | 502                           | - 502      | 502 | 1077              | - 1077      | 1077 |
| 540+                       |             | C            | 3         | 4          | 262.0            | - 262.0      | 262.0 | N/Q    | 485                           | - 485      | 485 | 1559              | - 1559      | 1559 |
|                            |             |              |           | <b>36</b>  | <b>210.0</b>     | <b>266.0</b> |       |        | <b>420</b>                    | <b>502</b> |     | <b>777</b>        | <b>1559</b> |      |
| <b>Cows</b>                |             |              |           |            |                  |              |       |        |                               |            |     |                   |             |      |
| 0-400                      |             | D            | 1         | 1          | 185.0            | - 185.0      | 185.0 | N/Q    | 451                           | - 451      | 451 | 638               | - 638       | 638  |
|                            | RS          | D            | 2         | 2          | 200.0            | - 200.0      | 200.0 | N/Q    | -                             | -          | -   | 800               | - 800       | 800  |
|                            |             | D            | 2         | 15         | 215.0            | - 322.0      | 280.2 | 65     | 489                           | - 732      | 637 | 802               | - 1285      | 1102 |
| 400-520                    |             | D            | 1         | 12         | 198.0            | - 205.0      | 201.5 | 12     | 483                           | - 500      | 492 | 794               | - 1033      | 914  |
|                            |             | D            | 2         | 49         | 206.0            | - 228.2      | 215.8 | 10     | 448                           | - 519      | 487 | 873               | - 1089      | 988  |
|                            | RS          | D            | 2         | 4          | 210.0            | - 240.6      | 233.0 | 26     | -                             | -          | -   | 882               | - 1155      | 1087 |
|                            |             | D            | 3         | 152        | 214.0            | - 238.6      | 231.0 | 10     | 454                           | - 497      | 482 | 959               | - 1205      | 1089 |
|                            |             | D            | 4         | 21         | 226.0            | - 244.6      | 240.3 | 14     | 452                           | - 470      | 467 | 1107              | - 1233      | 1209 |
| 520+                       |             | D            | 1         | 1          | 195.0            | - 195.0      | 195.0 | N/Q    | 476                           | - 476      | 476 | 1053              | - 1053      | 1053 |
|                            |             | D            | 2         | 3          | 224.2            | - 224.2      | 224.2 | 11     | 467                           | - 467      | 467 | 1386              | - 1386      | 1386 |
|                            | RS          | D            | 3         | 3          | 243.0            | - 243.0      | 243.0 | N/Q    | -                             | -          | -   | 1672              | - 1672      | 1672 |
|                            |             | D            | 3         | 136        | 224.0            | - 244.0      | 235.3 | 7      | 452                           | - 508      | 488 | 1217              | - 1591      | 1394 |
|                            |             | D            | 4         | 330        | 226.0            | - 249.6      | 240.5 | 6      | 452                           | - 496      | 471 | 1268              | - 1934      | 1563 |
|                            |             | D            | 5         | 13         | 235.2            | - 236.6      | 236.4 | 8      | 470                           | - 493      | 490 | 1475              | - 1614      | 1592 |
|                            |             |              |           | <b>742</b> | <b>185.0</b>     | <b>322.0</b> |       |        | <b>448</b>                    | <b>732</b> |     | <b>638</b>        | <b>1934</b> |      |
| <b>Bulls</b>               |             |              |           |            |                  |              |       |        |                               |            |     |                   |             |      |
| 0-450                      | RS          | C            | 2         | 17         | 255.0            | - 288.0      | 279.6 | -52    | -                             | -          | -   | 730               | - 997       | 808  |
|                            | RS          | D            | 2         | 2          | 220.0            | - 220.0      | 220.0 | N/Q    | -                             | -          | -   | 484               | - 484       | 484  |
| 450-600                    | RS          | C            | 2         | 14         | 255.0            | - 255.0      | 255.0 | N/Q    | -                             | -          | -   | 1168              | - 1168      | 1168 |
| 600+                       |             | C            | 2         | 4          | 200.0            | - 242.2      | 219.1 | -11    | 345                           | - 418      | 378 | 1870              | - 2315      | 2140 |
|                            |             |              |           | <b>37</b>  | <b>200.0</b>     | <b>288.0</b> |       |        | <b>345</b>                    | <b>418</b> |     | <b>484</b>        | <b>2315</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 DP: Dorper

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

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