

## Detailed saleyard report - cattle

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### Wagga

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Yarding Change <sup>3995</sup>  
-900

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Numbers fell significantly this week, with the bulk of the offering young cattle. Another noticeable trend was greater numbers of weaners and very light weight calves split off cows, due to the ongoing dry seasonal conditions. Not all major feedlots operated or attended. There were less numbers of heavy cattle offered, while cows declined marginally.

There were increased numbers of vealers suitable to slaughter, with the best vealers selling up to 10c/kg dearer. European vealers and their crosses topped at 325c to average 318c/kg. Vealer steers and heifers lacking finish sold to weaker demand from restockers and feedlots, to sell at 285c to 317c/kg. Yearling steers suitable for the trade were limited and, buyer competition was from southern processors was stronger which contributed to a dearer trend of 13c, to average 312c/kg. Medium weight trade heifers lacked the quality of the previous market however this didn't prevent buyers, with prices lifting 4c/kg. Well finished heifers to slaughter made from 285c to 314c/kg. Medium weight C2 feeder steers sold to strong bidding from one northern feedlot buyer which pushed prices 8c higher, and averaging 311c/kg. Lighter weight well-bred feeder steers met strong demand from limited competition, which unexpectedly lifted prices 12c, to average 312c/kg. Yearling feeder heifers, lighter and medium weights, sold to a smaller group of buyers, with prices unchanged to average 288c/kg.

The limited supply of heavy grown steers sold to steady demand selling at 260c to 308c/kg. The restricted supply of 11 bullocks distorted the market, with data showing an increase of 18c to average 306c/kg. Not all buyers attended or competed fully in the cow market. Well finished heavy cows sold 9c cheaper making from 198c to 232c/kg. The bulk of the lean types sold from 170c to 215c/kg. Plainer conditioned cows returning to the paddock ranged from 150c to 194c/kg.

Category	Sale Weight	Muscle 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+		C	2	12	260.0	- 260.0	260.0	-80	500	- 500	500	484	- 484	484	
	RS	C	2	94	260.0	- 301.0	276.5	-72	-	-	-	452	- 558	513	
	RS	D	2	5	260.0	- 260.0	260.0	N/Q	-	-	-	676	- 676	676	
				<b>111</b>	<b>260.0</b>	<b>301.0</b>			<b>500</b>	<b>500</b>		<b>452</b>	<b>676</b>		
<b>Vealer Steer</b>															
200-280		C	2	2	318.0	- 318.0	318.0	N/Q	600	- 600	600	684	- 684	684	
	FD	C	2	5	292.0	- 292.0	292.0	-24	-	-	-	783	- 783	783	
	RS	C	2	71	285.2	- 306.2	296.9	-11	-	-	-	573	- 772	673	
280-330		B	2	1	310.0	- 310.0	310.0	N/Q	554	- 554	554	1008	- 1008	1008	
	FD	C	2	44	303.0	- 312.0	307.0	-3	-	-	-	945	- 1002	973	
		C	2	4	296.0	- 300.0	298.0	-8	566	- 569	568	903	- 963	933	
330+		B	2	19	315.2	- 325.0	318.5	N/Q	571	- 606	584	1138	- 1316	1192	
		C	2	10	308.0	- 320.0	312.8	3	570	- 604	590	1026	- 1075	1059	
	FD	C	2	30	302.0	- 317.0	310.5	1	-	-	-	1012	- 1097	1066	
				<b>186</b>	<b>285.2</b>	<b>325.0</b>			<b>554</b>	<b>606</b>		<b>573</b>	<b>1316</b>		
<b>Vealer Heifer</b>															
200-280		B	2	9	312.0	- 312.0	312.0	22	578	- 578	578	864	- 864	864	
		C	2	8	286.0	- 286.0	286.0	N/C	540	- 540	540	775	- 775	775	
	FD	C	2	3	255.0	- 255.0	255.0	-40	-	-	-	681	- 681	681	
	RS	C	2	49	260.0	- 280.0	275.9	-23	-	-	-	551	- 778	660	
280-330		B	2	7	315.0	- 320.0	315.7	1	571	- 583	582	929	- 1008	941	
	FD	C	2	25	275.0	- 292.2	287.0	-5	-	-	-	787	- 893	865	
		C	2	28	282.0	- 310.0	294.3	-4	532	- 585	556	795	- 969	914	

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330+		B	2	4	310.0	- 320.0	315.0	-4	571	- 585	578	1147	- 1168	1158
		C	2	9	308.2	- 308.2	308.2	16	582	- 582	582	1042	- 1042	1042
	FD	C	2	10	303.0	- 303.0	303.0	9		-		1142	- 1142	1142
				<b>152</b>	<b>255.0</b>	<b>320.0</b>		<b>532</b>	<b>585</b>		<b>551</b>	<b>1168</b>		
<b>Yearling Steer</b>														
200-280	FD	C	2	23	285.0	- 307.0	299.3	N/Q	-			744	- 829	799
	RS	C	2	88	285.0	- 328.0	316.2	-2	-			619	- 728	677
	RS	D	2	4	200.0	- 200.0	200.0	-60	-			552	- 552	552
280-330	RS	C	2	30	289.0	- 300.0	290.1	-19	-			824	- 960	837
	FD	C	2	124	291.2	- 314.2	302.7	4	-			857	- 970	954
	RS	D	2	8	260.0	- 272.0	267.5	N/Q	-			858	- 898	883
330-400	FD	C	2	258	285.0	- 325.2	311.9	11	-			993	- 1251	1145
		C	2	1	280.0	- 280.0	280.0	N/Q	528	- 528	528	1092	- 1092	1092
400+		C	2	5	288.0	- 290.0	289.2	3	543	- 558	552	1158	- 1444	1330
	FD	C	2	699	288.6	- 327.2	311.7	8	-			1183	- 1583	1376
		C	3	22	302.0	- 321.2	312.2	13	565	- 595	581	1357	- 1513	1485
	FD	C	3	8	312.0	- 312.0	312.0	17	-			1485	- 1485	1485
				<b>1270</b>	<b>200.0</b>	<b>328.0</b>		<b>528</b>	<b>595</b>		<b>552</b>	<b>1583</b>		
<b>Yearling Heifer</b>														
200-280	FD	C	2	82	275.0	- 294.0	285.4	-4	-			619	- 786	730
	RS	C	2	5	266.2	- 266.2	266.2	-37	-			666	- 666	666
280-330	FD	C	2	123	280.0	- 291.2	286.5	-1	-			843	- 943	894
		C	3	3	285.0	- 285.0	285.0	N/Q	528	- 528	528	835	- 835	835
	FD	D	2	7	280.0	- 280.0	280.0	15	-			868	- 868	868
330-400	FD	C	2	213	272.0	- 297.0	288.4	N/C	-			938	- 1147	1076
		C	3	28	288.0	- 290.0	289.6	11	533	- 547	544	1103	- 1151	1141
400+	FD	C	2	42	288.0	- 293.0	289.8	-1	-			1260	- 1314	1296
		C	3	133	274.0	- 314.2	291.5	5	507	- 582	542	1151	- 1460	1311
				<b>636</b>	<b>266.2</b>	<b>314.2</b>		<b>507</b>	<b>582</b>		<b>619</b>	<b>1460</b>		
<b>Grown Steer</b>														
0-400		C	4	10	290.0	- 290.0	290.0	N/Q	537	- 537	537	841	- 841	841
400-500		C	3	1	282.0	- 282.0	282.0	N/Q	522	- 522	522	1142	- 1142	1142
500-600		C	2	1	260.0	- 260.0	260.0	N/Q	482	- 482	482	1352	- 1352	1352
	FD	C	3	26	274.0	- 308.0	288.2	N/C	-			1408	- 1543	1467
		C	3	100	260.0	- 310.2	281.8	-1	482	- 574	522	1398	- 1708	1515
		C	4	2	295.0	- 295.0	295.0	N/Q	546	- 546	546	1682	- 1682	1682
600-750		C	4	11	292.0	- 310.2	306.9	18	541	- 574	568	1810	- 1892	1877
				<b>151</b>	<b>260.0</b>	<b>310.2</b>		<b>482</b>	<b>574</b>		<b>841</b>	<b>1892</b>		
<b>Grown Heifer</b>														
0-540		C	3	9	260.0	- 276.0	270.7	3	482	- 511	501	1292	- 1317	1308
		C	4	7	260.0	- 278.2	265.2	-16	482	- 515	491	1318	- 1419	1347
	RS	D	2	8	182.0	- 224.0	208.3	N/Q	-			559	- 748	677
		D	3	2	242.0	- 242.0	242.0	N/Q	457	- 457	457	1077	- 1077	1077
		D	4	4	230.0	- 230.0	230.0	-5	460	- 460	460	1235	- 1235	1235
540+		C	4	32	260.0	- 297.0	291.4	18	491	- 550	541	1521	- 1726	1670

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		D	5	3	221.0	- 221.0	221.0	N/Q	442	- 442	442	1204	- 1204	1204
				<b>65</b>	<b>182.0</b>	<b>297.0</b>			<b>442</b>	<b>550</b>		<b>559</b>	<b>1726</b>	
<b>Manufacturing Steer</b>														
0-540		D	3	8	210.0	- 242.0	230.0	-2	396	- 457	434	861	- 987	940
				<b>8</b>	<b>210.0</b>	<b>242.0</b>			<b>396</b>	<b>457</b>		<b>861</b>	<b>987</b>	
<b>Cows</b>														
0-400	RS	D	1	28	150.0	- 151.0	150.3	-31	-	-	-	492	- 581	521
	RS	D	2	37	160.0	- 160.0	160.0	N/Q	-	-	-	451	- 451	451
		D	2	13	165.0	- 170.0	168.1	22	340	- 375	354	495	- 635	549
		D	4	8	154.0	- 154.0	154.0	N/Q	376	- 376	376	585	- 585	585
400-520	RS	D	1	28	158.0	- 194.2	182.9	-28	-	-	-	686	- 788	754
		D	1	13	140.0	- 171.0	160.7	-5	342	- 417	392	616	- 781	736
	FD	D	2	40	168.2	- 182.0	173.1	N/Q	-	-	-	792	- 868	831
	RS	D	2	41	165.0	- 198.2	170.1	-27	-	-	-	663	- 882	729
		D	2	47	170.0	- 185.0	177.0	-3	375	- 421	401	796	- 914	832
		D	3	85	178.0	- 205.0	195.3	-3	371	- 427	407	874	- 1014	979
		D	4	28	205.0	- 213.0	212.4	-3	410	- 426	425	988	- 1074	1067
520+		C	4	3	202.0	- 202.0	202.0	-13	404	- 404	404	1252	- 1252	1252
	RS	D	1	2	175.0	- 175.0	175.0	N/Q	-	-	-	1006	- 1006	1006
	DA	D	2	12	170.0	- 182.0	177.0	N/Q	370	- 396	385	932	- 1283	1137
		D	2	5	175.0	- 196.0	187.6	5	398	- 426	415	1006	- 1090	1056
		D	3	248	180.0	- 215.0	195.2	-9	375	- 448	405	958	- 1276	1103
		D	4	376	198.0	- 232.0	211.3	-9	396	- 464	422	1072	- 1624	1276
		D	5	5	210.0	- 210.0	210.0	-7	420	- 420	420	1348	- 1348	1348
				<b>1019</b>	<b>140.0</b>	<b>232.0</b>			<b>340</b>	<b>464</b>		<b>451</b>	<b>1624</b>	
<b>Bulls</b>														
0-450	RS	C	2	15	266.0	- 298.0	284.2	12	-	-	-	587	- 829	719
				<b>15</b>	<b>266.0</b>	<b>298.0</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>587</b>	<b>829</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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