

## Detailed saleyard report - cattle

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### Wagga

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On the back of widespread rain and a resumption of the market after the ANZAC holiday, numbers fell short of the agents draw. The quality was mixed, with a similar trend emerging to the previous sale of light weight calves split off cows, due to the seasonal conditions. Restocker demand had the greatest influence across this category, benefiting from stronger local competition. There were reasonable supplies of heavy cattle offered, while cows lifted. A major export processor was operating in the market after a lengthy absence, while not all feedlot orders were active.

There were increased numbers of light vealers suitable to slaughter or to feed. The better finished vealers to slaughter made from 295c to 320c to average 293c/kg for the heifer portion. Vealer steers and heifers lacking finish sold to stronger demand from restockers and feedlots, to sell at 280c to 335c/kg. Yearling steers suitable for the trade were limited and competition was strongest for the supplementary fed portion. Trade steers sold 5c cheaper, making from 298c to 320c/kg. Medium weight trade heifers were well supplied and all buyers were eager for a market share. Well finished heifers to slaughter made from 276c to 302c/kg.

Medium weight C2 feeder steers sold to strong bidding from one Queensland feedlot buyer which kept prices unchanged to 2c dearer to average 313c/kg. Lighter weight well-bred feed steers met strong demand from limited competition, which lifted prices 4c/kg. Yearling feeder heifers, lighter and medium weights, sold to a smaller group of buyers and prices were firm to 2c higher, averaging 289c/kg.

In the export market heavy grown steers sold to strong demand selling from 278c to 315c/kg. The limited supply of mixed quality bullocks averaged 291c/kg. A major export processor began operating again after a lengthy absence, which helped push prices higher. Well finished heavy cows sold 10c dearer, making from 205c to 241c/kg. The bulk of the lean types sold from 180c to 235c/kg. Plainer conditioned cows returning to the paddock ranged from 184c to 224c/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
<b>Calves</b>														
80+		C	2	8	310.0	- 310.0	310.0	50	585	- 585	585	574	- 574	574
	RS	C	2	34	281.0	- 325.0	306.0	30	-	-	-	534	- 644	584
	RS	D	2	2	220.0	- 220.0	220.0	N/Q	-	-	-	427	- 427	427
				<b>44</b>	<b>220.0</b>	<b>325.0</b>			<b>585</b>	<b>585</b>		<b>427</b>	<b>644</b>	
<b>Vealer Steer</b>														
200-280	RS	C	2	64	302.0	- 335.2	320.2	23	-	-	-	707	- 866	748
	FD	C	2	21	320.2	- 320.2	320.2	28	-	-	-	845	- 845	845
280-330		B	2	7	315.0	- 319.0	315.6	6	583	- 602	586	960	- 1040	1028
		C	2	6	300.0	- 311.0	305.5	8	566	- 587	576	880	- 978	929
	FD	C	2	74	306.0	- 319.2	313.9	7	-	-	-	889	- 1021	958
	RS	C	2	1	294.0	- 294.0	294.0	N/Q	-	-	-	853	- 853	853
330+		B	2	2	314.0	- 315.0	314.5	N/Q	561	- 563	562	1162	- 1181	1172
		C	2	5	291.2	- 316.0	301.1	-12	549	- 585	564	1130	- 1264	1184
	FD	C	2	89	285.0	- 325.2	313.0	3	-	-	-	1029	- 1433	1139
				<b>269</b>	<b>285.0</b>	<b>335.2</b>			<b>549</b>	<b>602</b>		<b>707</b>	<b>1433</b>	
<b>Vealer Heifer</b>														
200-280		C	2	25	275.0	- 294.0	284.1	-2	519	- 565	539	558	- 795	682
	RS	C	2	65	280.0	- 300.0	283.5	8	-	-	-	591	- 750	608
	FD	C	2	8	290.2	- 290.2	290.2	35	-	-	-	775	- 775	775
280-330	FD	C	2	27	295.2	- 298.6	296.2	9	-	-	-	896	- 956	938
	RS	C	2	31	273.0	- 273.0	273.0	N/Q	-	-	-	775	- 775	775

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330+		C	2	41	288.0	- 300.2	293.9	N/C	541	- 569	553	852	- 934	900
		B	2	5	308.0	- 320.0	311.2	-4	550	- 571	556	1047	- 1215	1126
		C	2	21	294.0	- 305.0	301.0	-7	544	- 569	560	1064	- 1167	1133
	FD	C	2	12	285.0	- 285.0	285.0	-18	-	-	-	975	- 975	975
		C	3	6	305.0	- 305.0	305.0	N/Q	565	- 565	565	1235	- 1235	1235
				<b>241</b>	<b>273.0</b>	<b>320.0</b>		<b>519</b>	<b>571</b>		<b>558</b>	<b>1235</b>		
<b>Yearling Steer</b>														
200-280	RS	C	2	54	289.6	- 314.0	303.6	-13	-	-	-	633	- 823	761
	RS	D	2	5	279.0	- 279.0	279.0	N/Q	-	-	-	728	- 728	728
280-330	FD	C	2	226	286.2	- 317.0	305.2	3	-	-	-	850	- 992	940
		C	2	2	284.0	- 284.0	284.0	N/Q	546	- 546	546	909	- 909	909
	RS	C	2	32	301.0	- 320.0	311.8	22	-	-	-	881	- 987	924
330-400	FD	C	2	362	292.0	- 327.2	315.4	3	-	-	-	1017	- 1282	1161
		C	3	2	337.2	- 337.2	337.2	N/Q	624	- 624	624	1322	- 1322	1322
	RS	D	2	9	251.0	- 281.0	264.3	N/Q	-	-	-	836	- 936	880
400+	FD	C	2	507	288.0	- 327.2	312.9	1	-	-	-	1198	- 1523	1399
		C	2	6	255.0	- 285.0	272.0	-17	481	- 528	512	1160	- 1368	1293
	RS	C	2	11	322.0	- 322.0	322.0	N/Q	-	-	-	1349	- 1349	1349
	1X	C	3	9	306.0	- 306.0	306.0	N/Q	567	- 567	567	1460	- 1460	1460
		C	3	38	298.0	- 321.2	307.7	-5	552	- 595	572	1365	- 1558	1464
		D	2	11	264.0	- 264.0	264.0	N/Q	528	- 528	528	1214	- 1214	1214
	FD	D	3	12	319.2	- 319.2	319.2	N/Q	-	-	-	1542	- 1542	1542
				<b>1286</b>	<b>251.0</b>	<b>337.2</b>		<b>481</b>	<b>624</b>		<b>633</b>	<b>1558</b>		
<b>Yearling Heifer</b>														
200-280	RS	C	2	3	275.0	- 275.0	275.0	9	-	-	-	759	- 759	759
		C	2	8	293.0	- 293.0	293.0	N/Q	564	- 564	564	815	- 815	815
	FD	C	2	5	294.2	- 294.2	294.2	9	-	-	-	800	- 800	800
	RS	D	2	11	250.0	- 250.0	250.0	N/Q	-	-	-	608	- 608	608
280-330	RS	C	2	4	268.0	- 268.0	268.0	N/Q	-	-	-	764	- 764	764
	FD	C	2	115	269.2	- 300.0	292.8	6	-	-	-	861	- 962	947
		C	2	9	290.0	- 290.0	290.0	N/Q	558	- 558	558	957	- 957	957
	FD	C	3	15	289.2	- 289.2	289.2	N/Q	-	-	-	940	- 940	940
	RS	D	1	3	210.0	- 210.0	210.0	N/Q	-	-	-	666	- 666	666
	RS	D	2	33	250.0	- 283.0	275.0	N/Q	-	-	-	793	- 815	810
	FD	D	2	3	264.0	- 264.0	264.0	-16	-	-	-	779	- 779	779
330-400	FD	C	2	137	280.0	- 296.0	289.8	1	-	-	-	979	- 1118	1061
		C	2	4	274.0	- 274.0	274.0	N/Q	507	- 507	507	973	- 973	973
		C	3	85	260.0	- 307.0	289.8	N/C	482	- 590	541	900	- 1182	1113
	FD	C	3	12	292.0	- 292.0	292.0	N/Q	-	-	-	1118	- 1118	1118
	FD	D	2	21	244.2	- 244.2	244.2	N/Q	-	-	-	842	- 842	842
400+	FD	C	2	67	288.0	- 294.2	292.2	2	-	-	-	1166	- 1226	1191
		C	3	226	276.0	- 302.2	290.5	-1	511	- 560	539	1158	- 1420	1291
	FD	D	2	10	240.0	- 255.0	247.5	N/Q	-	-	-	1034	- 1084	1059
		D	2	5	246.0	- 246.0	246.0	N/Q	464	- 464	464	1124	- 1124	1124

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		D	3	3	258.0	- 258.0	258.0	N/Q	487	- 487	487	1109	- 1109	1109
				<b>779</b>	<b>210.0</b>	<b>307.0</b>			<b>464</b>	<b>590</b>		<b>608</b>	<b>1420</b>	
<b>Grown Steer</b>														
400-500		D	2	4	245.0	- 245.0	245.0	N/Q	471	- 471	471	1103	- 1103	1103
	RS	D	2	17	220.2	- 220.2	220.2	N/Q	-	-	-	1097	- 1097	1097
500-600	FD	C	3	8	300.2	- 300.2	300.2	12	-	-	-	1528	- 1528	1528
		C	3	271	278.0	- 315.2	297.6	16	515	- 584	551	1466	- 1824	1635
		C	4	6	293.0	- 298.0	295.5	1	543	- 552	547	1524	- 1654	1589
	RS	D	1	12	221.2	- 221.2	221.2	N/Q	-	-	-	1301	- 1301	1301
600-750		C	4	38	267.0	- 308.0	291.9	-15	494	- 570	541	1752	- 2143	1907
				<b>356</b>	<b>220.2</b>	<b>315.2</b>			<b>471</b>	<b>584</b>		<b>1097</b>	<b>2143</b>	
<b>Grown Heifer</b>														
0-540		C	3	9	260.0	- 296.2	282.3	12	482	- 549	525	1131	- 1259	1209
		C	4	73	266.0	- 299.2	286.1	21	493	- 554	530	1333	- 1571	1475
		D	2	2	242.0	- 242.0	242.0	N/Q	448	- 448	448	992	- 992	992
	RS	D	2	2	224.0	- 224.0	224.0	N/Q	-	-	-	795	- 795	795
	RS	D	3	15	203.0	- 213.6	209.4	N/Q	-	-	-	909	- 974	948
		D	3	5	233.0	- 244.0	237.4	-5	466	- 469	467	1097	- 1115	1104
540+		C	4	46	268.2	- 282.0	278.5	-13	497	- 522	516	1521	- 1802	1629
		D	4	2	255.0	- 255.0	255.0	N/Q	472	- 472	472	1632	- 1632	1632
				<b>154</b>	<b>203.0</b>	<b>299.2</b>			<b>448</b>	<b>554</b>		<b>795</b>	<b>1802</b>	
<b>Manufacturing Steer</b>														
0-540		D	2	28	170.0	- 252.0	214.7	N/Q	340	- 485	423	595	- 1247	917
		D	3	11	254.0	- 255.0	254.5	24	479	- 531	503	1211	- 1328	1275
				<b>39</b>	<b>170.0</b>	<b>255.0</b>			<b>340</b>	<b>531</b>		<b>595</b>	<b>1328</b>	
<b>Cows</b>														
0-400	RS	D	1	32	170.0	- 189.0	178.8	29	-	-	-	624	- 701	645
		D	2	2	170.0	- 170.0	170.0	N/Q	386	- 386	386	646	- 646	646
	RS	D	2	8	170.0	- 195.0	185.6	26	-	-	-	617	- 751	701
		D	4	5	224.0	- 224.0	224.0	70	509	- 509	509	896	- 896	896
400-520	RS	D	1	17	185.0	- 205.0	196.8	14	-	-	-	818	- 1023	938
		D	1	5	160.0	- 180.0	172.0	11	390	- 439	420	664	- 875	790
	RS	D	2	86	185.0	- 203.2	193.9	24	-	-	-	794	- 980	900
	FD	D	2	8	185.0	- 185.0	185.0	12	-	-	-	810	- 810	810
		D	2	25	175.0	- 198.0	188.8	12	396	- 450	421	779	- 1028	916
		D	3	142	180.0	- 218.0	201.3	6	375	- 459	428	740	- 1107	966
		D	4	27	218.0	- 230.6	223.1	11	446	- 461	455	903	- 1102	1009
	RS	D	4	14	188.0	- 188.0	188.0	N/Q	-	-	-	754	- 754	754
		D	5	9	186.0	- 186.0	186.0	N/Q	423	- 423	423	880	- 880	880
520+		D	2	7	205.2	- 205.2	205.2	18	446	- 446	446	1272	- 1272	1272
		D	3	185	182.0	- 235.0	214.3	19	379	- 490	444	956	- 1722	1285
		D	4	367	205.0	- 241.0	220.4	9	410	- 482	441	1098	- 1755	1428
		D	5	4	200.0	- 200.0	200.0	-10	417	- 417	417	1060	- 1060	1060
				<b>943</b>	<b>160.0</b>	<b>241.0</b>			<b>375</b>	<b>509</b>		<b>617</b>	<b>1755</b>	
<b>Bulls</b>														

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					Low	High	Avg	Change	Low	High	Avg	Low	High	Avg
0-450		C	2	5	242.0	- 310.0	296.4	N/Q	448	- 574	549	1001	- 1077	1016
	RS	C	2	24	265.0	- 320.2	301.4	17		-		587	- 876	770
		D	2	2	210.0	- 210.0	210.0	N/Q	396	- 396	396	655	- 655	655
450-600		C	2	11	240.0	- 255.0	242.7	N/Q	444	- 472	450	1190	- 1250	1201
				<b>42</b>	<b>210.0</b>	<b>320.2</b>			<b>396</b>	<b>574</b>		<b>587</b>	<b>1250</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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