

## **AuctionsPlus Cattle Market Comments: Week Ending Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2016**

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This week numbers for the Eastern States cattle sale decreased by 1,065 head to bring a total listing of 5,254 head. Breeder numbers along with Cow and calf numbers steadied, whilst young cattle numbers remained strong.

Young steers out of Queensland saw some outstanding prices which included two lines of EU Booroomooka blood Angus steers, 4 to 8 months old, weighing 148kg, from Talwood which sold for 547c/kg or \$810. Their heavier brothers weighing 190kg sold for 515c/kg or \$980. A line of EU accredited Droughtmaster cross and Brahman cross steers, 8 to 10 months old, weighing 191kg, from Springsure sold for 441c/kg or \$845. Heavier steers from the same property, weighing 257kg, sold for 399c/kg or \$1,026. A line of Brahman steers, 10 to 14 months old, weighing 306kg, from Boulia sold for 345c/kg or \$1,055. From NSW a line of KO and Hazeldean blood Angus steers, 10 to 11 months old, weighing 200kg, from Braidwood sold for 485c/kg or \$970. A line of Bongongo blood Angus steers, 10 to 11 months old, weighing 281kg, from Gunning, NSW sold for 427c/kg or \$1,200. A line of Limousin/ Murray Grey Steers, 12-16 months, weighing 305kg, from Gloucester sold for 397c/kg or \$1210. From Mortlake, VIC a line of Coolana blood Angus steers, 10 to 11 months old, weighing 398kg, sold for 410c/kg or \$1,630.

Standout young heifer lines include a line of Booroomooka blood Angus heifers, 4 to 8 months old, weighing 159kg, from Talwood, QLD which sold for 489c/kg or \$780. A line of Renneylea and Pine Creek blood heifers, 10 to 11 months old, weighing 258kg from Gundagai, NSW sold for 432c/kg or \$1115. A line of Morton Bay blood Shorthorn heifers, 10 to 12 months, weighing 298kg, from Mendooran, NSW sold for 366c/kg or \$1,090. A line of Droughtmaster cross heifers, 13 to 18 months old, weighing 348kg, from Surat, QLD sold for 385c/kg or \$1340. A line of Claredale and Dalkeith blood Hereford heifers, 12 to 14 months old, weighing 345kg, from Mendooran, NSW sold for 377c/kg or \$1300. A line of Booroomooka blood Angus heifers, 20-21 months old, weighing 377kg, from Bingara, NSW sold for 467c/kg or \$1,760.

Breakdown by weight:

Steers weighing:

Under 250kg sold from 350c to 547c to average 429c/kg, down 6c

250kg-300kg sold from 361c to 427c averaging 390c, up 1c

300kg to 350kg made 345c to 428c to average 396c, again up 24c

Heifers weighing:

Under 250kg sold from 311c to 489c to average 385c, down 22c

250kg to 300kg sold from 326c to 432c to average 364c, down 3c

300kg to 350kg sold from 372c to 385c to average 377c, up 31c

With the drop of PTIC female numbers dropping, prices remained steady. A line of Hill Angus blood Cows, 4 to 6.5 years old, PTIC to Angus bulls, from Glen Innes, NSW sold for \$1,650. A line of Wagyu Cows, 10 to 12 years old, PTIC to Wagyu bulls, from Ashford, NSW sold for \$1,300.

Cows and Calves this week sold for some cracking prices, which included a line of Millah Murrah and Gilmandyke blood Angus Cows and Calves. The cows are rising 3 years olds with Angus calves at foot weighing 180kg. These cows have been PTIC back to Angus Bulls. These cows and calves are from Molong, NSW and they sold for \$2,510. Another

line of Angus cows and calves from Kangaroo Valley, NSW sold for \$2,120. These cows are 6 to 9 years old, joined back to Angus bulls, with Angus calves at foot weighing 175kg.

AuctionsPlus conducted the first saleyard interface in the West, at the Muchae Store sale with a total yarding of 1,412 head. The cattle were exposed to buyers nationwide, with interest coming from both the east and the west.