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Cattle numbers dipped slightly this week by just under 1500 head. However, the total was still a massive 12,131 head for the week, which rounds the month of February to 41,200 head offered. Across the four Eastern States Sales today, 464 bidders logged into the sales.

A large line of 327kg, 12 to 15 month old steers made 344c/kg live weight or \$1125 per head. The steers which were predominately Charolais and Charbray from Jericho Qld equated to a total of \$144,000. 300kg, 12 to 16 month old Brangus cross Hereford and Brangus steers from St George Qld made 350c/\$1050. 255kg, 10-11 month old Hereford cross Angus Steers from Omeo Vic made 402c/\$1025. 279kg, 10 to 16 month old Santa cross and Droughtmaster cross Heifers from Goondiwindi made 340c/\$950.

Cattle Breakdown by Weight

Steers weighing:

- Under 250kg made 323c/kg live to 415c/kg, averaging 371c/kg down 2c on last week
- 250kg to 300kg sold from 285c/kg to 402c/kg to average 353c, up 10c
- 300kg to 350kg ranged from 300c/kg to 350c/kg, averaging 329c, down 1c
- Over 350kg were high in numbers, making 270c/kg to 336c/kg to average 311c/kg, down 21c

Heifers weighing:

- Under 250kg sold from 287c/kg live to 411c/kg, averaging 354c/kg, up 23c
- 250kg to 300kg ranged from 303c/kg to 340c/kg, averaging 323c/kg, up 10c
- 300kg to 350kg were limited in numbers and ranged from 279c to 328c/kg, averaging 303c, down 5c
- Over 350kg were strong in numbers and sold in a large range from 258c/kg to 326c to average 300c/kg, up 11c

A large offering of young first-calf heifers represented the bulk of PTIC females today. Added to these the herd dispersal from Kilburnie Cattle Companies "Aberbaldie" property in Walcha NSW, which saw a number of lines of top quality PTIC females hit the market. First calvers saw a range of \$920 to \$1900, with a line of 519kg, 16 to 18 month old Ben Nevis blood Angus and Angus cross heifers from Walcha NSW making \$1750. The mob was Preg tested in calf to a Ben Nevis Angus Bull. While young breeders ranged from \$1190 to a top of \$1950 for 3 year old Dulverton blood Angus Cows also from Walcha NSW. This mob were 590kg, and pregnancy tested in calf to Angus-Bonsmara Composite bulls.

A smaller offering of cows with calves at foot this week were topped by 2 year old Alloura blood Angus cows. These cows from Murrumbateman NSW were 400kg and had 164kg Alloura blood calves at foot, and were pregnancy tested in calf to an Angus bull. 5 to 9 year old cows with calves at foot ranged from \$1530 to \$1800, with an average of \$1686, while mixed aged cows and calves ranged from \$1200 to \$1810 with an average of \$1566.