

## Detailed saleyard report - cattle

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### Wagga

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Confidence remained high after the public holiday last Monday and numbers remained strong, albeit back on the yarding two weeks ago. The market over all categories was very robust, with feedlot buyers dominating most classes. Yearling heifers and steers suitable for the trade were in shorter supply, while grown steers and bullocks were in reasonable numbers. Secondary cattle were in greater numbers, making up a large portion of the offering. The usual group of domestic and export buyers were in attendance along with a several lot feeder buyers and store orders from northern NSW.

The mixed quality supply of vealers sold to much stronger demand from lot feeders which contributed to trade prices lifting 5c, while light weight vealers sold up to 23c/kg higher. The better finished vealers to slaughter ranged from 224c to 247c/kg. Medium weight grass finished heifers suitable for the trade sold to increased feedlot competition, which resulted in a dearer trend of 5c, selling from 205c to 233c/kg. The better finished medium trade weight trade steers were keenly sought by feedlot buyers which resulted in a dearer trend of 9c/kg. Well-finished steers to slaughter made from 225c to 246c, to average 240.3c/kg.

Demand from northern restockers and store orders from the local area strengthened prices, as buyers looked to gather more cattle. The greatest lift in prices was for well-bred weaner steers. Well-bred lighter weight secondary steers, 280-330kg, sold 13c higher, reaching a top price of 269c and averaging 248c/kg. Well-bred heifers carrying more weight and condition were keenly sought by restockers and the better bred lines were unchanged, averaging 210.2c/kg.

Well-bred medium weight C2 yearling steers were well supplied and prices were buoyant, as buyers from Queensland and NSW competed strongly for market share. Prices for the better bred feeder steers purchased by feedlots ranged from 228c to 256.2c/kg. Secondary heifers suitable for lot feeding sold to much stronger competition, due to an extra feedlot buyer returning to the market after a lengthy absence. Light and medium weight heifers to feed-on generally sold 9c/kg higher, with the medium weights averaging 225.3c/kg.

The good quality offering of grown steers and bullocks sold to stronger demand from most export processors and northern feedlot buyers. Heavy bullocks and steers sold 5c to 10c dearer with heavy grown steers averaging 229.6c/kg. The better quality pens of C3 and C4 steers made from 220c to 242c/kg. Heavy grown steers were keenly sought by feedlots, with the better quality lines selling from 230c to 251.2c/kg. Heavy cows were well supplied, and competition was significantly stronger with a South Australian processor the market driver. Heavy well covered cows were 10c/kg dearer. Heavy D4 cows ranged from 189c to 214c/kg. There was solid competition across the D2 and D3 leaner categories with prices generally 4c to 5c/kg higher. The D3 medium weight lines averaged 187.5c/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+	RS	C	2	5	212.0	- 230.0	222.8	-64	-	-	-	269	- 442	373
				<b>5</b>	<b>212.0</b>	<b>230.0</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>269</b>	<b>442</b>	
<b>Vealer Steer</b>														
200-280		B	2	5	230.0	- 230.0	230.0	N/Q	426	- 426	426	529	- 529	529
	RS	C	2	23	210.0	- 252.2	250.4	1	-	-	-	536	- 699	660
280-330		B	2	2	231.0	- 231.0	231.0	N/Q	413	- 413	413	744	- 744	744
	RS	C	2	20	220.0	- 242.0	239.8	15	-	-	-	671	- 757	749
330+		B	2	26	238.0	- 246.0	241.2	1	425	- 439	431	854	- 903	874
	FD	B	2	5	253.2	- 253.2	253.2	N/Q	-	-	-	952	- 952	952
				<b>81</b>	<b>210.0</b>	<b>253.2</b>			<b>413</b>	<b>439</b>		<b>529</b>	<b>952</b>	
<b>Vealer Heifer</b>														
0-200	FD	C	2	5	241.2	- 241.2	241.2	N/Q	-	-	-	441	- 441	441
200-280		B	2	9	245.2	- 245.2	245.2	19	454	- 454	454	544	- 544	544
	FD	C	2	5	217.6	- 217.6	217.6	N/C	-	-	-	459	- 459	459
	RS	C	2	6	208.0	- 225.0	213.7	5	-	-	-	433	- 529	465

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					Low	High	Avg	Change	Low	High	Avg	Low	High	Avg
		C	2	4	247.0	- 247.0	247.0	23	466	- 466	466	531	- 531	531
280-330		B	2	13	232.0	- 234.0	232.9	5	414	- 433	423	676	- 756	719
330+		B	2	12	224.0	- 228.2	226.4	-10	400	- 408	404	775	- 789	782
		C	3	16	225.0	- 225.0	225.0	3	417	- 417	417	776	- 776	776
				<b>70</b>	<b>208.0</b>	<b>247.0</b>			<b>400</b>	<b>466</b>		<b>433</b>	<b>789</b>	
<b>Yearling Steer</b>														
200-280	FD	C	2	53	238.0	- 243.2	242.4	7	-	-	-	552	- 649	635
	RS	C	2	87	216.2	- 256.2	242.7	-6	-	-	-	519	- 684	627
	RS	D	1	4	175.0	- 175.0	175.0	N/Q	-	-	-	483	- 483	483
	RS	D	2	5	192.2	- 192.2	192.2	-13	-	-	-	427	- 427	427
	PT	D	2	2	205.0	- 205.0	205.0	N/Q	394	- 394	394	533	- 533	533
280-330		C	2	1	225.0	- 225.0	225.0	N/Q	433	- 433	433	675	- 675	675
	FD	C	2	99	198.0	- 251.0	237.1	4	-	-	-	644	- 826	757
	RS	C	2	159	222.0	- 269.2	248.5	13	-	-	-	626	- 802	760
	RS	D	2	32	172.0	- 215.0	201.2	-12	-	-	-	499	- 667	629
	FD	D	2	4	198.2	- 198.2	198.2	-4	-	-	-	628	- 628	628
330-400	FD	C	2	398	154.0	- 259.2	243.2	4	-	-	-	576	- 1016	884
	RS	C	2	67	214.2	- 252.0	238.8	8	-	-	-	718	- 931	855
		C	3	14	231.0	- 236.0	233.4	6	428	- 437	432	848	- 930	891
	RS	D	1	5	182.2	- 182.2	182.2	N/Q	-	-	-	629	- 629	629
	FD	D	2	14	202.0	- 215.0	207.6	N/Q	-	-	-	791	- 794	793
	RS	D	2	39	170.0	- 214.2	196.4	-9	-	-	-	576	- 810	711
400+	FD	B	2	8	245.0	- 245.0	245.0	N/Q	-	-	-	1090	- 1090	1090
		C	2	12	210.0	- 218.0	214.4	-6	389	- 411	402	918	- 1046	980
	FD	C	2	907	210.0	- 256.2	244.0	6	-	-	-	861	- 1263	1089
	RS	C	2	4	230.0	- 230.0	230.0	10	-	-	-	1051	- 1051	1051
	FD	C	3	37	234.0	- 248.0	242.0	-1	-	-	-	969	- 1185	1093
		C	3	24	225.0	- 246.2	240.3	9	417	- 456	445	987	- 1103	1047
	RS	D	2	2	196.2	- 196.2	196.2	N/Q	-	-	-	848	- 848	848
	FD	D	2	18	200.0	- 205.0	200.6	-15	-	-	-	882	- 916	912
		D	3	3	195.0	- 195.0	195.0	N/Q	368	- 368	368	807	- 807	807
				<b>1998</b>	<b>154.0</b>	<b>269.2</b>			<b>368</b>	<b>456</b>		<b>427</b>	<b>1263</b>	
<b>Yearling Heifer</b>														
200-280	RS	C	2	31	180.0	- 218.0	210.7	2	-	-	-	470	- 578	529
		C	2	2	190.2	- 190.2	190.2	N/C	366	- 366	366	523	- 523	523
	FD	C	2	22	211.6	- 229.0	220.1	14	-	-	-	487	- 580	525
		C	3	20	216.0	- 217.6	217.3	N/Q	400	- 403	402	463	- 467	464
	RS	D	2	12	170.0	- 178.2	174.8	-16	-	-	-	468	- 490	481
280-330	RS	C	2	24	202.6	- 220.0	210.2	N/C	-	-	-	583	- 674	620
	FD	C	2	146	205.0	- 230.2	226.2	9	-	-	-	620	- 760	735
		C	2	5	210.0	- 210.0	210.0	-6	404	- 404	404	590	- 590	590
		C	3	3	206.0	- 206.0	206.0	-13	382	- 382	382	680	- 680	680
	FD	C	3	7	215.0	- 215.0	215.0	N/Q	-	-	-	701	- 701	701
	RS	D	2	13	185.0	- 195.0	191.2	6	-	-	-	583	- 595	590
		D	2	4	170.0	- 170.0	170.0	N/C	327	- 327	327	520	- 520	520

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					Low	High	Avg	Change	Low	High	Avg	Low	High	Avg	
330-400	FD	C	2	262	205.0	- 238.0	224.6	6	-			729	- 917	825	
	RS	C	2	43	195.0	- 232.2	220.1	13	-			655	- 882	808	
	FD	C	3	13	200.0	- 209.0	205.5	-15	-			770	- 775	773	
		C	3	170	204.0	- 230.0	217.6	3	378	- 442	404	725	- 897	795	
	FD	D	2	4	200.0	- 200.0	200.0	-5	-			720	- 720	720	
		D	3	10	180.0	- 190.0	187.0	-4	340	- 359	353	599	- 684	659	
400+	FD	C	2	201	215.0	- 234.0	226.3	10	-			907	- 1091	966	
		C	2	7	220.0	- 220.0	220.0	N/Q	423	- 423	423	955	- 955	955	
		C	3	264	205.0	- 233.2	219.0	5	380	- 432	406	855	- 1110	964	
	FD	C	3	32	222.0	- 223.2	222.7	4	-			973	- 1035	998	
		C	4	5	210.0	- 210.0	210.0	N/Q	389	- 389	389	1075	- 1075	1075	
		D	3	7	190.0	- 195.0	192.1	-8	359	- 361	360	823	- 878	846	
				<b>1307</b>	<b>170.0</b>	<b>238.0</b>					<b>327</b>	<b>442</b>		<b>463</b>	<b>1110</b>
<b>Grown Steer</b>															
0-400		C	3	5	228.0	- 228.0	228.0	8	422	- 422	422	520	- 520	520	
400-500		C	2	2	200.0	- 200.0	200.0	N/Q	377	- 377	377	954	- 954	954	
		C	3	1	216.2	- 216.2	216.2	N/Q	400	- 400	400	1038	- 1038	1038	
500-600		C	3	292	206.0	- 242.2	229.6	5	382	- 448	421	1061	- 1436	1287	
	FD	C	3	202	205.0	- 251.2	233.4	N/C	-			1070	- 1369	1211	
		C	4	6	210.0	- 220.0	215.0	-5	375	- 407	391	1122	- 1124	1123	
600-750		D	3	2	198.0	- 198.0	198.0	N/Q	374	- 374	374	1109	- 1109	1109	
		C	3	13	200.0	- 232.0	212.3	N/Q	357	- 430	385	1470	- 1592	1517	
		C	4	87	217.0	- 232.0	226.3	10	388	- 430	412	1354	- 1605	1458	
				<b>610</b>	<b>198.0</b>	<b>251.2</b>					<b>357</b>	<b>448</b>		<b>520</b>	<b>1605</b>
<b>Grown Heifer</b>															
0-540		C	3	24	196.0	- 210.0	203.8	7	363	- 389	378	847	- 1023	927	
		C	4	60	196.0	- 226.0	218.4	3	380	- 419	407	970	- 1166	1119	
		D	3	9	186.0	- 188.0	186.9	N/C	344	- 392	365	800	- 940	862	
540+		C	3	10	215.0	- 215.0	215.0	N/Q	398	- 398	398	1170	- 1170	1170	
		C	4	108	200.0	- 223.0	212.6	N/C	376	- 424	396	1090	- 1451	1236	
		D	4	5	188.0	- 202.0	193.6	-13	376	- 381	378	1038	- 1196	1101	
				<b>216</b>	<b>186.0</b>	<b>226.0</b>					<b>344</b>	<b>424</b>		<b>800</b>	<b>1451</b>
<b>Manufacturing Steer</b>															
0-540		D	2	17	155.0	- 185.0	172.9	9	298	- 356	335	470	- 740	586	
		D	3	9	164.2	- 192.0	178.2	-10	310	- 369	339	626	- 703	661	
540+	DA	C	2	5	194.0	- 194.0	194.0	N/Q	373	- 373	373	1059	- 1059	1059	
		D	4	2	188.0	- 188.0	188.0	N/Q	355	- 355	355	1090	- 1090	1090	
				<b>33</b>	<b>155.0</b>	<b>194.0</b>					<b>298</b>	<b>373</b>		<b>470</b>	<b>1090</b>
<b>Cows</b>															
0-400	RS	D	1	15	137.0	- 187.6	160.6	23	-			508	- 698	597	
	RS	D	2	11	184.0	- 184.0	184.0	17	-			707	- 707	707	
		D	2	9	165.0	- 165.0	165.0	-15	375	- 375	375	639	- 639	639	
400-520		C	3	1	180.0	- 180.0	180.0	N/Q	375	- 375	375	817	- 817	817	
		D	1	13	140.0	- 165.0	145.8	-5	342	- 402	356	596	- 769	636	
	RS	D	1	23	120.0	- 154.2	138.3	-32	-			517	- 641	579	

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					Low	High	Avg	Change	Low	High	Avg	Low	High	Avg
		D	2	14	167.0	- 184.2	177.2	3	348	- 403	388	718	- 881	844
	RS	D	2	19	150.0	- 186.0	173.1	-5	-			671	- 850	739
	RS	D	3	16	188.0	- 188.0	188.0	N/Q	-			859	- 895	877
		D	3	133	175.0	- 206.2	187.4	4	365	- 430	394	709	- 977	854
		D	4	52	192.0	- 202.2	196.4	9	384	- 421	389	864	- 1046	941
		D	5	1	184.2	- 184.2	184.2	N/Q	384	- 384	384	949	- 949	949
	DA	E	1	3	125.0	- 125.0	125.0	N/Q	305	- 305	305	520	- 520	520
520+		C	3	1	187.0	- 187.0	187.0	N/Q	390	- 390	390	1075	- 1075	1075
		C	4	19	198.0	- 210.0	203.5	N/Q	381	- 404	386	1040	- 1317	1179
	DA	D	1	6	166.0	- 166.0	166.0	N/Q	405	- 405	405	979	- 979	979
	DA	D	2	4	185.2	- 185.2	185.2	16	386	- 386	386	1254	- 1254	1254
		D	2	3	172.0	- 172.0	172.0	-3	391	- 391	391	1149	- 1149	1149
		D	3	135	185.0	- 200.0	191.7	4	381	- 417	398	1004	- 1394	1120
		D	4	539	189.6	- 218.0	203.7	10	365	- 436	397	1039	- 1570	1253
		D	5	123	156.0	- 192.0	185.1	6	325	- 400	385	974	- 1481	1274
		D	6	11	150.0	- 175.0	166.8	3	313	- 380	355	1279	- 1395	1322
				<b>1151</b>	<b>120.0</b>	<b>218.0</b>			<b>305</b>	<b>436</b>		<b>508</b>	<b>1570</b>	
<b>Bulls</b>														
0-450		B	2	1	194.0	- 194.0	194.0	N/Q	346	- 346	346	786	- 786	786
		C	2	22	175.0	- 202.0	190.4	-7	324	- 361	343	453	- 751	699
		D	1	5	141.2	- 158.2	151.4	N/Q	282	- 299	292	431	- 530	490
		D	2	2	184.2	- 184.2	184.2	N/Q	329	- 329	329	746	- 746	746
	RS	D	2	10	165.0	- 170.0	167.5	N/Q	-			461	- 645	553
450-600		C	2	9	191.0	- 198.0	194.4	-6	343	- 354	350	879	- 1012	959
600+		B	2	3	230.0	- 240.0	236.7	21	411	- 414	413	1734	- 2316	2070
		C	2	11	130.0	- 240.0	208.2	2	224	- 429	372	1138	- 2354	1860
		D	2	3	190.0	- 198.0	195.3	N/Q	339	- 354	349	1433	- 1687	1602
				<b>66</b>	<b>130.0</b>	<b>240.0</b>			<b>224</b>	<b>429</b>		<b>431</b>	<b>2354</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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