

## Detailed saleyard report - cattle

Market information provided by MLA's National Livestock Reporting Service

### Wagga

report date 16 Feb 2015

Yarding Change 5295  
-1680

comparison date 09/02/2015

Numbers were considerably lower and quality was quite mixed over all secondary categories. Yearling heifers and steers suitable for the trade were in reasonable numbers, while grown steer and bullocks were in reduced numbers to the previous sale. Secondary cattle and well finished yearling steers and heifers sold once again to strong competition from southern and northern feedlot operators. Not all the usual domestic or export buyers were in attendance. There was strong northern restocker competition along with strong local restocker enquiry across all plainer conditioned lines of cattle.

The improved quality supply of vealers sold to steady demand with prices lifting 6c to 7c/kg. The better finished vealers to slaughter ranged from 222c to 254c/kg. Medium weight grass finished heifers suitable for the trade sold to steady demand with prices unchanged to 2c easier, averaging 219.2c/kg. The better finished medium trade weight trade steers were keenly sought by feedlot buyers which resulted in domestic buyers struggling to fill orders. Well finished steers to slaughter ranged from 224c to 250c/kg. Demand from restockers increased for the well-bred vealer steers which lacked finish which pushed prices 13c/kg higher. Well-bred lighter weight vealer steers returning to the paddock weighing 200 to 280kg were unchanged to average 243.7c/kg. Well-bred secondary steers carrying more weight and frame were keenly sought, with several northern store orders in place. The better bred lines made from 219c to 251c/kg.

Well-bred medium weight C2 yearling steers were well supplied and this category was keenly sought by Victorian, NSW and Queensland feedlots. Prices were generally unchanged to average 240.6c/kg. Secondary heifers suitable for lot feeding sold to solid competition from most feedlot buyers with medium weight heifers to place on feed making from 210c to 227c/kg.

The mixed quality offering of grown steers and bullocks sold to a smaller group of export and domestic processors which resulted in a cheaper trend of 8c to 12c/kg. The better quality pens of prime finished C3 and C4 steers made from 215c to 240c/kg. Young lines of well-bred heavy grown steers to place on feed sold 3c cheaper to average 238.4c/kg.

Cow numbers more than halved, with only 795 head penned. Heavy cows sold to weakened demand with not all major processors operating. Heavy well finished cows eased 5c to average 192c/kg. The bulk of the leaner grades eased 3c to 5c/kg with the D3 medium weight cows averaging 178.6c/kg. There was limited restocker competition for younger plainer conditioned cows to turnout and buyers paid from 140c to 180c/kg.

Category	Sale Weight	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	4	215.0	- 215.0	215.0	-12	406	- 406	406	391	- 391	391
				<b>4</b>	<b>215.0</b>	<b>215.0</b>			<b>406</b>	<b>406</b>		<b>391</b>	<b>391</b>	
<b>Vealer Steer</b>														
0-200	RS	C	2	12	249.2	- 249.2	249.2	N/Q	-	-	-	498	- 498	498
200-280		C	2	1	218.0	- 218.0	218.0	N/Q	404	- 404	404	600	- 600	600
280-330	RS	C	2	3	250.0	- 250.0	250.0	13	-	-	-	805	- 805	805
330+		B	2	29	237.2	- 254.0	251.8	7	424	- 454	447	949	- 1056	979
	RS	B	2	7	240.0	- 240.0	240.0	N/Q	-	-	-	804	- 804	804
		C	2	3	225.0	- 230.0	228.3	-4	402	- 442	429	879	- 923	893
	FD	C	2	30	216.0	- 253.2	239.7	N/Q	-	-	-	825	- 1037	936
	RS	C	2	6	245.0	- 245.0	245.0	N/Q	-	-	-	933	- 933	933
		C	3	8	244.0	- 244.0	244.0	N/Q	436	- 436	436	917	- 917	917
				<b>99</b>	<b>216.0</b>	<b>254.0</b>			<b>402</b>	<b>454</b>		<b>498</b>	<b>1056</b>	
<b>Vealer Heifer</b>														
200-280	RS	C	2	2	205.0	- 205.0	205.0	N/Q	-	-	-	435	- 435	435
	RS	C	5	10	204.2	- 204.2	204.2	N/Q	-	-	-	517	- 517	517
280-330		B	2	27	222.0	- 241.0	227.9	-6	402	- 430	412	639	- 759	712

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
330+		C	2	23	215.0	- 221.0	216.2	1	398	- 411	401	647	- 707	697
	FD	C	2	32	210.0	- 215.0	213.9	-4		-		660	- 672	663
	RS	C	2	20	225.0	- 225.0	225.0	N/Q		-		698	- 698	698
		B	2	46	230.0	- 245.0	239.6	6	411	- 438	428	771	- 1028	865
	FD	C	2	9	213.0	- 217.2	216.7	-3		-		749	- 809	756
		C	2	3	223.0	- 223.0	223.0	7	413	- 413	413	781	- 781	781
		C	3	21	219.2	- 230.0	224.5	-4	406	- 426	416	748	- 863	834
				<b>193</b>	<b>204.2</b>	<b>245.0</b>		<b>398</b>	<b>438</b>		<b>435</b>	<b>1028</b>		
<b>Yearling Steer</b>														
200-280	RS	C	2	81	236.0	- 263.2	245.9	-11		-		519	- 690	638
	RS	D	2	68	158.0	- 231.2	215.7	1		-		412	- 520	510
	FD	D	2	8	225.0	- 225.0	225.0	12		-		623	- 623	623
280-330	FD	C	2	106	218.0	- 255.2	247.8	7		-		669	- 817	762
	RS	C	2	252	230.0	- 259.2	243.7	1		-		646	- 810	725
	RS	D	2	59	212.0	- 219.2	214.2	N/Q		-		652	- 715	674
	FD	D	2	9	204.2	- 204.2	204.2	-28		-		637	- 637	637
330-400		C	2	3	216.2	- 216.2	216.2	-6	416	- 416	416	854	- 854	854
	FD	C	2	458	220.0	- 258.0	240.7	-4		-		780	- 991	886
	RS	C	2	117	219.0	- 251.2	240.9	11		-		754	- 983	903
		C	3	10	236.0	- 244.0	242.4	6	437	- 452	449	878	- 939	927
	FD	D	2	2	195.0	- 195.0	195.0	N/Q		-		673	- 673	673
	RS	D	2	8	205.0	- 228.2	222.4	N/Q		-		769	- 849	829
400+	FD	C	2	1081	212.0	- 255.2	240.6	-1		-		880	- 1247	1081
	RS	C	2	63	220.0	- 247.2	241.1	3		-		968	- 1125	1038
		C	2	20	210.0	- 232.0	220.5	-2	389	- 430	413	1000	- 1056	1021
		C	3	37	224.0	- 250.0	237.8	N/C	415	- 463	439	1022	- 1248	1131
	FD	C	3	8	238.2	- 238.2	238.2	-5		-		1139	- 1139	1139
	FD	D	2	5	190.0	- 190.0	190.0	-20		-		785	- 785	785
		D	2	3	205.2	- 205.2	205.2	N/Q	395	- 395	395	936	- 936	936
				<b>2398</b>	<b>158.0</b>	<b>263.2</b>			<b>389</b>	<b>463</b>		<b>412</b>	<b>1248</b>	
<b>Yearling Heifer</b>														
200-280	RS	C	2	22	198.2	- 222.2	211.7	-8		-		545	- 620	581
		D	2	1	170.0	- 170.0	170.0	N/Q	321	- 321	321	451	- 451	451
280-330	RS	B	2	2	222.0	- 222.0	222.0	N/Q		-		677	- 677	677
	RS	C	2	32	208.0	- 216.0	212.4	N/C		-		620	- 638	628
	FD	C	2	37	200.0	- 215.0	208.5	-11		-		564	- 679	651
		C	3	31	208.0	- 218.0	213.0	N/Q	385	- 404	394	672	- 719	692
		D	2	3	190.0	- 190.0	190.0	N/Q	365	- 365	365	536	- 536	536
		D	3	8	194.0	- 201.2	196.2	N/Q	368	- 373	371	574	- 664	621
330-400	FD	C	2	318	210.0	- 232.6	219.1	-4		-		729	- 928	828
	RS	C	2	13	210.0	- 214.0	211.8	-10		-		721	- 798	766
	FD	C	3	30	215.0	- 222.0	218.3	-4		-		775	- 866	814
		C	3	101	195.0	- 228.0	214.1	-1	361	- 432	397	670	- 889	801
	FD	D	2	19	207.2	- 211.0	208.8	3		-		812	- 844	826
		D	2	5	183.2	- 183.2	183.2	-2	352	- 352	352	608	- 608	608

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
400+	RS	D	2	3	195.0	- 195.0	195.0	N/Q	-			745	- 745	745
	RS	D	3	5	192.2	- 192.2	192.2	N/Q	-			717	- 717	717
		D	3	10	175.0	- 196.0	189.1	-9	330	- 370	357	613	- 702	678
		C	2	7	211.0	- 215.0	212.1	-12	398	- 406	404	985	- 1107	1020
	FD	C	2	221	210.0	- 227.2	222.7	-2	-			844	- 1030	954
	FD	C	3	2	214.2	- 214.2	214.2	N/Q	-			902	- 902	902
		C	3	181	206.2	- 238.0	219.2	-2	382	- 441	406	866	- 1258	975
	D	3	3	205.0	- 205.0	205.0	10	380	- 380	380	867	- 867	867	
				<b>1054</b>	<b>170.0</b>	<b>238.0</b>		<b>321</b>	<b>441</b>		<b>451</b>	<b>1258</b>		
<b>Grown Steer</b>														
0-400		C	2	2	183.2	- 183.2	183.2	N/Q	346	- 346	346	733	- 733	733
	RS	D	2	11	192.2	- 192.2	192.2	N/Q	-			646	- 646	646
400-500		C	2	18	212.0	- 212.2	212.1	N/Q	400	- 400	400	888	- 1014	932
		C	3	2	199.2	- 199.2	199.2	N/Q	356	- 356	356	996	- 996	996
	FD	D	2	4	192.0	- 192.0	192.0	N/Q	-			776	- 776	776
500-600		C	2	2	226.0	- 226.0	226.0	N/Q	419	- 419	419	1209	- 1209	1209
		C	3	227	202.0	- 240.2	224.1	-8	366	- 441	408	1071	- 1384	1242
	FD	C	3	84	218.0	- 247.2	238.4	-3	-			1110	- 1250	1212
		C	4	2	208.0	- 208.0	208.0	N/Q	371	- 371	371	1248	- 1248	1248
600-750		C	4	60	205.0	- 230.0	218.0	-12	371	- 419	393	1265	- 1441	1369
750+		C	5	4	175.0	- 175.0	175.0	-5	324	- 324	324	1393	- 1393	1393
				<b>416</b>	<b>175.0</b>	<b>247.2</b>		<b>324</b>	<b>441</b>		<b>646</b>	<b>1441</b>		
<b>Grown Heifer</b>														
0-540		C	3	43	192.0	- 237.0	218.9	12	356	- 439	405	768	- 1242	1048
		C	4	24	200.0	- 227.2	215.7	-5	370	- 421	399	1004	- 1193	1112
		D	3	1	178.0	- 178.0	178.0	N/Q	336	- 336	336	765	- 765	765
540+		C	4	36	188.0	- 215.0	202.3	-12	348	- 398	376	1043	- 1428	1226
		C	5	5	186.0	- 186.0	186.0	N/Q	372	- 372	372	1051	- 1051	1051
		D	5	6	178.0	- 178.0	178.0	N/Q	336	- 336	336	1015	- 1015	1015
				<b>115</b>	<b>178.0</b>	<b>237.0</b>		<b>336</b>	<b>439</b>		<b>765</b>	<b>1428</b>		
<b>Manufacturing Steer</b>														
0-540		D	2	3	205.0	- 205.0	205.0	29	387	- 387	387	933	- 933	933
		D	3	4	192.2	- 192.2	192.2	N/Q	363	- 363	363	767	- 767	767
540+	DA	D	2	12	185.0	- 185.0	185.0	N/Q	349	- 349	349	1295	- 1295	1295
		D	3	3	190.0	- 195.2	191.7	N/Q	352	- 368	357	1045	- 1474	1188
				<b>22</b>	<b>185.0</b>	<b>205.0</b>		<b>349</b>	<b>387</b>		<b>767</b>	<b>1474</b>		
<b>Cows</b>														
0-400	RS	D	1	13	140.0	- 140.0	140.0	-33	-			552	- 552	552
	RS	D	2	6	179.2	- 180.2	179.9	N/Q	-			690	- 705	700
		D	2	12	155.0	- 157.2	155.9	1	352	- 357	354	439	- 543	499
		D	3	3	174.0	- 174.0	174.0	N/Q	370	- 370	370	611	- 611	611
400-520		C	3	1	180.0	- 180.0	180.0	N/Q	375	- 375	375	794	- 794	794
	RS	D	1	22	140.0	- 172.6	165.2	-1	-			584	- 777	733
		D	1	4	165.0	- 165.0	165.0	10	375	- 375	375	784	- 784	784
		D	2	26	161.2	- 175.0	169.9	-3	366	- 398	386	706	- 900	792

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	
520+	RS	D	2	22	162.0	- 179.0	172.6	-3	-			708	- 794	777	
	FD	D	3	4	173.0	- 173.0	173.0	N/Q	-			851	- 851	851	
		D	3	91	172.0	- 185.0	178.6	-5	342	- 387	372	714	- 923	850	
		D	4	8	184.0	- 185.2	185.0	-12	356	- 370	366	883	- 944	903	
		D	5	2	180.0	- 180.0	180.0	N/Q	346	- 346	346	896	- 896	896	
		A	1	3	191.6	- 191.6	191.6	N/Q	369	- 369	369	1111	- 1111	1111	
		DA	D	1	9	145.0	- 145.0	145.0	-29	354	- 354	354	979	- 979	979
		DA	D	2	9	169.2	- 169.2	169.2	-9	360	- 360	360	1151	- 1151	1151
			D	2	5	155.0	- 173.0	165.8	-7	352	- 393	377	957	- 980	966
			D	3	78	172.0	- 193.0	181.8	-5	354	- 402	378	968	- 1391	1104
		DA	D	3	1	175.0	- 175.0	175.0	N/Q	365	- 365	365	1129	- 1129	1129
			D	4	346	182.0	- 202.6	192.0	-5	350	- 402	374	991	- 1690	1213
			D	5	76	165.0	- 186.0	175.7	-6	330	- 372	358	896	- 1381	1208
		D	6	3	132.0	- 132.0	132.0	-16	287	- 287	287	858	- 858	858	
				<b>744</b>	<b>132.0</b>	<b>202.6</b>			<b>287</b>	<b>402</b>		<b>439</b>	<b>1690</b>		
<b>Bulls</b>															
0-450		B	2	2	202.0	- 202.0	202.0	N/Q	361	- 361	361	616	- 616	616	
		C	2	26	180.0	- 207.2	188.9	-32	319	- 372	339	564	- 912	717	
450-600	RS	C	2	7	170.2	- 215.0	195.8	N/C	-			546	- 677	621	
		C	2	2	195.0	- 195.0	195.0	N/Q	348	- 348	348	1004	- 1004	1004	
				<b>37</b>	<b>170.2</b>	<b>215.0</b>			<b>319</b>	<b>372</b>		<b>546</b>	<b>1004</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

#### Disclaimer:

© MLA 2015. No part of this publication may be reproduced in any form or by any means without prior written permission of MLA. MLA makes no representations and to the extent permitted by law excludes all warranties in relation to the information contained in this publication. MLA is not liable to you or to any third party for any losses, costs or expenses, including any direct, indirect, incidental, consequential, special or exemplary damages or lost profit, resulting from any use or misuse of the information contained in this publication. Information contained in this publication has been obtained from a variety of third party sources which have not been verified by MLA.