

## Detailed saleyard report - cattle

Market information provided by MLA's National Livestock Reporting Service

### Gunnedah

report date 10 May 2011

Yarding Change 2580  
-1207

comparison date 03/05/2011

The numbers fell to pre-Easter levels after last weeks sharp increase. The overall quality of the offering was fair to good with young cattle in large numbers and cows also well supplied. The condition of the offering continued to decline with a limited supply of well finished young cattle available. The majority of the well finished young cattle came off crops or were supplementary feed. All regular buyers were in place, with the exception of an export order, yet this absence was covered by the inclusion of another Northern exporter who has been quiet for a while.

For the most part young cattle experienced cheaper trends, however there was some evidence of quality related improvement in some cases. Vealer steers to restock sold an average of 10c/kg cheaper, quality accounting for any other variations. Heifer vealers to both the trade and to restock sold 5c to 14c/kg cheaper with the well finished trade vealers least affected. Quality accounted for most of the price improvement seen in the medium and lightweight yearling steers to restock and feed with the trend firm to 5c/kg dearer. Heifer yearlings to the trade sold at dearer rates as supplies dwindle, which put pressure on buyers to secure requirements. Those heifers to restock and feed sold to a cheaper trend.

There was a limited supply of heavy steers with quality only fair. The market trend was cheaper, down 5c/kg overall and there was a large offering of fair to good condition cows. The market held up reasonably well, aided by the quality. The well finished medium and heavy cows sold slightly cheaper, down 2c to 3c/kg. The plainer condition cows and those lacking yield saw values ease a little more, down as much as 8c/kg.

| Category              | Sale Weight | Muscle 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>Vealer Steer</b>   |             |               |              |           |            |                  |              |              |              |                               |            |            |                   |            |            |            |     |
| 0-200                 | RS          | C             | 2            | 3         | 225.2      | -                | 225.2        | 225.2        | -28          | -                             | -          | -          | 383               | -          | 383        | 383        |     |
| 200-280               | RS          | C             | 2            | 124       | 220.2      | -                | 239.2        | 230.8        | -10          | -                             | -          | -          | 495               | -          | 659        | 591        |     |
|                       | FD          | C             | 2            | 21        | 212.2      | -                | 214.2        | 212.4        | N/Q          | -                             | -          | -          | 584               | -          | 600        | 585        |     |
| 280-330               | FD          | C             | 2            | 10        | 225.2      | -                | 226.2        | 225.3        | 2            | -                             | -          | -          | 642               | -          | 746        | 652        |     |
|                       | RS          | C             | 2            | 121       | 220.0      | -                | 240.2        | 230.0        | -14          | -                             | -          | -          | 645               | -          | 776        | 707        |     |
| 330+                  |             | C             | 3            | 1         | 230.0      | -                | 230.0        | 230.0        | N/Q          | 426                           | -          | 426        | 426               | 690        | -          | 690        | 690 |
|                       |             | C             | 2            | 2         | 206.2      | -                | 206.2        | 206.2        | N/Q          | 382                           | -          | 382        | 382               | 722        | -          | 722        | 722 |
|                       | FD          | C             | 2            | 13        | 212.2      | -                | 212.2        | 212.2        | N/Q          | -                             | -          | -          | 721               | -          | 721        | 721        |     |
|                       | RS          | C             | 2            | 7         | 224.2      | -                | 224.2        | 224.2        | -19          | -                             | -          | -          | 785               | -          | 785        | 785        |     |
|                       |             |               |              |           | <b>302</b> |                  | <b>206.2</b> | <b>240.2</b> | <b>227.8</b> |                               | <b>382</b> | <b>426</b> | <b>397</b>        | <b>383</b> | <b>785</b> | <b>648</b> |     |
| <b>Vealer Heifer</b>  |             |               |              |           |            |                  |              |              |              |                               |            |            |                   |            |            |            |     |
| 0-200                 | RS          | C             | 2            | 2         | 211.2      | -                | 211.2        | 211.2        | N/Q          | -                             | -          | -          | 380               | -          | 380        | 380        |     |
| 200-280               | RS          | C             | 2            | 129       | 192.2      | -                | 213.2        | 204.3        | -5           | -                             | -          | -          | 452               | -          | 594        | 549        |     |
|                       |             | C             | 2            | 35        | 203.2      | -                | 210.0        | 206.9        | -9           | 391                           | -          | 404        | 398               | 461        | -          | 586        | 525 |
| 280-330               |             | C             | 2            | 5         | 190.0      | -                | 190.0        | 190.0        | -18          | 365                           | -          | 365        | 365               | 627        | -          | 627        | 627 |
|                       | RS          | C             | 2            | 7         | 206.2      | -                | 206.2        | 206.2        | -3           | -                             | -          | -          | 619               | -          | 619        | 619        |     |
|                       |             | C             | 3            | 70        | 223.2      | -                | 243.2        | 233.6        | -11          | 421                           | -          | 459        | 439               | 670        | -          | 774        | 711 |
|                       |             |               |              |           | <b>248</b> |                  | <b>190.0</b> | <b>243.2</b> | <b>212.8</b> |                               | <b>365</b> | <b>459</b> | <b>422</b>        | <b>380</b> | <b>774</b> | <b>594</b> |     |
| <b>Yearling Steer</b> |             |               |              |           |            |                  |              |              |              |                               |            |            |                   |            |            |            |     |
| 0-330                 |             | C             | 2            | 5         | 180.0      | -                | 180.0        | 180.0        | N/Q          | 346                           | -          | 346        | 346               | 522        | -          | 522        | 522 |
|                       |             | FD            | C            | 2         | 19         | 184.2            | -            | 226.2        | 212.9        | -9                            | -          | -          | -                 | 589        | -          | 679        | 650 |
|                       |             | RS            | C            | 2         | 44         | 192.2            | -            | 227.2        | 205.2        | -27                           | -          | -          | -                 | 537        | -          | 732        | 638 |
| 330-400               | RS          | C             | 2            | 52        | 186.2      | -                | 233.2        | 217.0        | 19           | -                             | -          | -          | 708               | -          | 807        | 774        |     |
|                       | FD          | C             | 2            | 86        | 190.0      | -                | 229.2        | 219.3        | 17           | -                             | -          | -          | 732               | -          | 841        | 802        |     |

| 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        |
|                        |             | C            | 3         | 1          | 217.2            | - 217.2      | 217.2        | N/Q    | 402                           | - 402      | 402        | 825               | - 825       | 825        |
|                        | RS          | C            | 3         | 24         | 217.2            | - 217.2      | 217.2        | 1      | -                             | -          | -          | 749               | - 749       | 749        |
| 400+                   | RS          | C            | 2         | 3          | 169.2            | - 169.2      | 169.2        | N/Q    | -                             | -          | -          | 744               | - 744       | 744        |
|                        | FD          | C            | 2         | 14         | 168.2            | - 199.2      | 188.1        | 2      | -                             | -          | -          | 791               | - 807       | 801        |
|                        |             | C            | 3         | 4          | 200.0            | - 200.0      | 200.0        | N/Q    | 364                           | - 364      | 364        | 860               | - 860       | 860        |
|                        |             |              |           | <b>252</b> | <b>168.2</b>     | <b>233.2</b> | <b>212.3</b> |        | <b>346</b>                    | <b>402</b> | <b>359</b> | <b>522</b>        | <b>860</b>  | <b>746</b> |
| <b>Yearling Heifer</b> |             |              |           |            |                  |              |              |        |                               |            |            |                   |             |            |
| 0-330                  | RS          | C            | 2         | 90         | 181.2            | - 210.2      | 202.4        | 18     | -                             | -          | -          | 489               | - 680       | 624        |
|                        |             | C            | 2         | 17         | 176.2            | - 205.2      | 193.0        | N/Q    | 352                           | - 395      | 374        | 508               | - 667       | 521        |
|                        | FD          | C            | 2         | 6          | 195.0            | - 195.0      | 195.0        | 8      | -                             | -          | -          | 624               | - 624       | 624        |
|                        |             | C            | 3         | 2          | 205.0            | - 205.0      | 205.0        | N/Q    | 387                           | - 387      | 387        | 636               | - 636       | 636        |
|                        |             | D            | 2         | 3          | 175.0            | - 175.0      | 175.0        | N/Q    | 350                           | - 350      | 350        | 438               | - 438       | 438        |
|                        | RS          | D            | 2         | 4          | 146.0            | - 146.0      | 146.0        | -14    | -                             | -          | -          | 438               | - 438       | 438        |
| 330-400                | RS          | C            | 2         | 34         | 174.2            | - 190.2      | 184.1        | -13    | -                             | -          | -          | 629               | - 675       | 651        |
|                        |             | C            | 2         | 15         | 180.2            | - 190.2      | 188.2        | 2      | 347                           | - 366      | 362        | 622               | - 694       | 680        |
|                        | FD          | C            | 2         | 15         | 180.0            | - 190.0      | 182.7        | -9     | -                             | -          | -          | 630               | - 675       | 642        |
|                        |             | C            | 3         | 41         | 186.2            | - 235.2      | 210.9        | 12     | 358                           | - 436      | 398        | 708               | - 906       | 803        |
|                        | RS          | C            | 3         | 10         | 193.2            | - 193.2      | 193.2        | 3      | -                             | -          | -          | 705               | - 705       | 705        |
|                        | FD          | C            | 3         | 5          | 190.2            | - 190.2      | 190.2        | -4     | -                             | -          | -          | 723               | - 723       | 723        |
|                        | FD          | D            | 2         | 6          | 195.0            | - 195.0      | 195.0        | N/Q    | -                             | -          | -          | 712               | - 712       | 712        |
|                        |             | D            | 2         | 1          | 150.2            | - 150.2      | 150.2        | N/Q    | 300                           | - 300      | 300        | 511               | - 511       | 511        |
| 400+                   |             | C            | 2         | 1          | 192.2            | - 192.2      | 192.2        | N/Q    | 363                           | - 363      | 363        | 788               | - 788       | 788        |
|                        |             | C            | 3         | 33         | 182.0            | - 204.2      | 187.8        | 3      | 337                           | - 385      | 353        | 805               | - 919       | 833        |
|                        |             |              |           | <b>283</b> | <b>146.0</b>     | <b>235.2</b> | <b>195.2</b> |        | <b>300</b>                    | <b>436</b> | <b>374</b> | <b>438</b>        | <b>919</b>  | <b>677</b> |
| <b>Grown Steer</b>     |             |              |           |            |                  |              |              |        |                               |            |            |                   |             |            |
| 0-400                  |             | C            | 2         | 14         | 149.2            | - 172.2      | 157.4        | -11    | 287                           | - 331      | 303        | 567               | - 654       | 598        |
| 400-500                |             | C            | 2         | 11         | 145.2            | - 164.2      | 160.8        | -17    | 279                           | - 316      | 309        | 639               | - 805       | 770        |
|                        | FD          | C            | 2         | 20         | 160.0            | - 172.2      | 167.8        | -10    | -                             | -          | -          | 711               | - 861       | 776        |
|                        | FD          | C            | 3         | 5          | 171.2            | - 171.2      | 171.2        | N/Q    | -                             | -          | -          | 822               | - 822       | 822        |
|                        | FD          | D            | 2         | 14         | 170.0            | - 175.0      | 170.7        | N/Q    | -                             | -          | -          | 714               | - 735       | 717        |
| 500-600                |             | C            | 2         | 8          | 167.2            | - 167.2      | 167.2        | -5     | 310                           | - 310      | 310        | 886               | - 886       | 886        |
|                        |             | C            | 3         | 21         | 168.2            | - 189.2      | 179.6        | -5     | 306                           | - 338      | 326        | 893               | - 1037      | 980        |
| 600-750                |             | C            | 3         | 4          | 171.2            | - 171.2      | 171.2        | N/Q    | 317                           | - 317      | 317        | 1096              | - 1096      | 1096       |
|                        |             |              |           | <b>97</b>  | <b>145.2</b>     | <b>189.2</b> | <b>168.8</b> |        | <b>279</b>                    | <b>338</b> | <b>314</b> | <b>567</b>        | <b>1096</b> | <b>810</b> |
| <b>Grown Heifer</b>    |             |              |           |            |                  |              |              |        |                               |            |            |                   |             |            |
| 0-540                  |             | C            | 2         | 35         | 140.2            | - 185.2      | 152.6        | -2     | 280                           | - 349      | 299        | 512               | - 689       | 646        |
|                        | FD          | C            | 2         | 12         | 150.2            | - 150.2      | 150.2        | N/Q    | -                             | -          | -          | 586               | - 586       | 586        |
|                        | RS          | C            | 2         | 11         | 130.0            | - 147.2      | 142.5        | -31    | -                             | -          | -          | 546               | - 574       | 566        |
|                        |             | C            | 3         | 33         | 150.0            | - 187.2      | 170.1        | 2      | 289                           | - 360      | 327        | 660               | - 866       | 747        |
|                        |             | C            | 4         | 1          | 170.2            | - 170.2      | 170.2        | N/Q    | 327                           | - 327      | 327        | 851               | - 851       | 851        |
|                        |             | D            | 2         | 8          | 139.2            | - 139.2      | 139.2        | -5     | 278                           | - 278      | 278        | 508               | - 508       | 508        |
|                        |             | D            | 3         | 4          | 140.0            | - 145.0      | 142.5        | -9     | 275                           | - 284      | 279        | 616               | - 630       | 623        |
| 540+                   |             | C            | 3         | 3          | 172.2            | - 172.2      | 172.2        | N/Q    | 325                           | - 325      | 325        | 938               | - 938       | 938        |
|                        |             |              |           | <b>107</b> | <b>130.0</b>     | <b>187.2</b> | <b>156.0</b> |        | <b>275</b>                    | <b>360</b> | <b>308</b> | <b>508</b>        | <b>938</b>  | <b>661</b> |

| 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>Cows</b>     |             |              |           |      |                  |              |              |              |                               |            |            |                   |            |             |             |
| 0-400           | RS          | D            | 2         | 13   | 102.0            | - 107.2      | 103.6        | N/Q          | -                             |            |            | 408               | - 418      | 411         |             |
|                 |             | D            | 2         | 34   | 80.0             | - 125.0      | 111.7        | -14          | 191                           | - 278      | 252        | 304               | - 500      | 443         |             |
| 400-520         | RS          | D            | 2         | 120  | 100.2            | - 125.2      | 115.8        | -8           | 223                           | - 271      | 257        | 431               | - 645      | 499         |             |
|                 |             | D            | 2         | 30   | 111.2            | - 127.2      | 119.2        | -7           | -                             |            |            | 489               | - 534      | 511         |             |
|                 |             | PT           | D         | 2    | 16               | 145.2        | - 145.2      | 145.2        | -1                            | 323        | - 323      | 323               | 653        | - 653       | 653         |
| 520+            | PT          | D            | 3         | 124  | 125.0            | - 142.2      | 135.1        | -1           | 266                           | - 300      | 286        | 538               | - 713      | 666         |             |
|                 |             | D            | 4         | 40   | 137.2            | - 142.0      | 139.3        | 1            | 286                           | - 296      | 290        | 686               | - 738      | 710         |             |
|                 |             | C            | 3         | 7    | 153.2            | - 153.2      | 153.2        | 1            | 306                           | - 306      | 306        | 881               | - 881      | 881         |             |
|                 |             | C            | 4         | 12   | 149.2            | - 151.2      | 151.0        | -3           | 298                           | - 302      | 302        | 907               | - 970      | 912         |             |
|                 |             | D            | 3         | 18   | 135.0            | - 142.2      | 135.5        | -9           | 287                           | - 296      | 288        | 716               | - 818      | 725         |             |
| 520+            | PT          | D            | 4         | 147  | 138.2            | - 152.2      | 144.7        | -2           | 288                           | - 309      | 299        | 774               | - 943      | 835         |             |
|                 |             | D            | 5         | 2    | 138.2            | - 138.2      | 138.2        | N/Q          | 288                           | - 288      | 288        | 967               | - 967      | 967         |             |
|                 |             |              |           |      | <b>563</b>       | <b>80.0</b>  | <b>153.2</b> | <b>131.7</b> |                               | <b>191</b> | <b>323</b> | <b>283</b>        | <b>304</b> | <b>970</b>  | <b>660</b>  |
|                 |             | <b>Bulls</b> |           |      |                  |              |              |              |                               |            |            |                   |            |             |             |
|                 |             | 450-600      | PT        | B    | 2                | 5            | 176.2        | - 176.2      | 176.2                         | N/Q        | 304        | - 304             | 304        | 881         | - 881       |
| C               | 2           |              |           | 2    | 113.2            | - 113.2      | 113.2        | N/Q          | 218                           | - 218      | 218        | 600               | - 600      | 600         |             |
| 600+            | PT          | B            | 2         | 9    | 150.0            | - 171.2      | 162.3        | 3            | 268                           | - 288      | 281        | 1042              | - 1421     | 1231        |             |
|                 |             | C            | 2         | 8    | 132.0            | - 148.2      | 138.8        | -6           | 244                           | - 266      | 255        | 906               | - 1220     | 1013        |             |
|                 |             |              |           |      | <b>24</b>        | <b>113.2</b> | <b>176.2</b> | <b>153.3</b> |                               | <b>218</b> | <b>304</b> | <b>272</b>        | <b>600</b> | <b>1421</b> | <b>1033</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

#### Disclaimer:

© MLA 2011. 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.