

Detailed saleyard report - cattle

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Roma Prime

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Livestock producers across south-west Queensland took advantage of the dry and cool weather conditions to move cattle to sale. Yarding numbers increased 30 percent to make the largest prime sale of 2012, but livestock agents do not expect the big turn-off numbers to continue. All the usual buyers were present but not all the export processor buyers were active for the entire sale. Only a few pens of half-finished trade steers were penned and prices dropped 8c/kg. Heavy weight yearling heifers to the trade struggled to maintain the previous sale prices, while plainer muscled lines did continue to make some small gains of up to 2c/kg. Export buyers became more selective when buying bullocks as the sale progressed and as a result prices declined 2c/kg to 5c/kg. Meanwhile, grown heifers continued their bullish run and prices jumped 1c/kg to 2c/kg. A large number of cows penned were over-fat and averages declined slightly, while lean bull meat was in high demand by processors and prices rose 2c/kg.

Heavy weight yearling steers to the trade sold to 182c/kg and averaged 179c, down 8c/kg. Heavy weight yearling heifers to the trade reached 176c and averaged around 175c, down 1c/kg, while D muscled lines sold to 170c and averaged 168c, up 2c/kg. Grainfed D muscled heifers to the trade made to 165c and averaged 164c/kg.

Medium weight grown steers reached 187c and averaged 184c, down 2c/kg, while good bullocks hit 191c, and averaged 185c, down 5c/kg. Heavy weight grown heifers earned to 175c and averaged 171c, up 1c/kg, while lighter grown heifers topped at 177c and most averaged around 169c, up 2c/kg.

Medium weight 3 score cows sold to 153c and averaged 148c, down 1c/kg. Heavy weight 3 score cows made to 155c and averaged 149c, down 6c/kg. Heavy weight 4 score cows earned to almost 172c and averaged 161c, down 1c/kg. Heavy bulls reached 179c and averaged 169c, up 2c/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
Yearling Steer														
0-330	RS	D	2	3	170.0	- 170.0	170.0	N/Q	-	-	-	425	- 425	425
400+		C	3	17	178.2	- 182.2	179.4	-8	324	- 337	328	947	- 980	970
		C	4	43	182.2	- 185.2	184.5	N/Q	331	- 337	336	1002	- 1046	1026
				63	170.0	185.2	182.4		324	337	333	425	1046	983
Yearling Heifer														
0-330		D	2	2	150.2	- 150.2	150.2	N/Q	278	- 278	278	496	- 496	496
330-400		D	3	13	155.0	- 161.2	159.8	2	287	- 299	296	596	- 620	602
400+		C	3	89	173.2	- 176.2	174.7	-1	321	- 326	324	849	- 964	906
		D	3	96	165.0	- 170.0	167.9	2	306	- 315	311	784	- 910	832
		D	4	40	146.2	- 160.2	155.0	-10	271	- 297	287	709	- 769	747
	GF	D	4	38	162.2	- 165.2	163.8	N/Q	300	- 306	303	787	- 793	790
				278	146.2	176.2	167.1		271	326	310	496	964	824
Grown Steer														
400-500		C	3	14	180.2	- 180.2	180.2	N/Q	328	- 328	328	901	- 901	901
		FD	C	3	10	175.0	- 175.0	175.0	N/C	-	-	875	- 875	875
		FD	D	3	20	172.0	- 172.0	172.0	N/Q	-	-	860	- 860	860
500-600		C	3	34	173.2	- 179.2	177.1	-4	315	- 326	322	953	- 979	962
		C	4	148	180.2	- 187.2	184.1	-2	328	- 340	335	991	- 1105	1052
		D	3	5	179.6	- 179.6	179.6	N/Q	327	- 327	327	988	- 988	988
		D	4	74	171.2	- 180.2	176.0	-2	311	- 328	320	963	- 1081	972
600-750		C	4	543	179.2	- 190.6	185.0	-5	326	- 347	336	1142	- 1308	1199

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		D	3	4	165.2	- 165.2	165.2	N/Q	300	- 300	300	1074	- 1074	1074
		D	4	35	165.2	- 177.2	176.0	N/C	300	- 322	320	1074	- 1163	1130
				887	165.2	190.6	182.8		300	347	333	860	1308	1126
Grown Heifer														
0-540		D	3	12	168.2	- 168.2	168.2	6	312	- 312	312	841	- 841	841
		D	4	80	159.2	- 177.2	168.9	2	295	- 328	313	728	- 939	866
540+		D	4	193	160.0	- 175.0	171.4	1	296	- 342	320	880	- 1039	987
				285	159.2	177.2	170.6		295	342	318	728	1039	947
Manufacturing Steer														
540+		D	4	22	162.0	- 172.2	169.4	N/Q	295	- 313	308	1119	- 1286	1208
				22	162.0	172.2	169.4		295	313	308	1119	1286	1208
Cows														
400-520		D	2	9	102.2	- 122.2	115.5	N/Q	222	- 266	251	460	- 611	561
		D	3	197	130.0	- 153.2	148.3	-1	265	- 313	303	650	- 797	749
		D	4	40	158.2	- 158.2	158.2	-1	310	- 310	310	823	- 823	823
		D	5	17	141.2	- 149.2	145.5	N/Q	287	- 293	289	706	- 776	738
520+		D	2	20	118.0	- 118.0	118.0	N/Q	257	- 257	257	732	- 732	732
		D	3	197	137.2	- 154.6	149.2	-6	280	- 316	304	720	- 913	848
		D	4	265	153.2	- 171.6	161.3	-1	300	- 337	318	825	- 1455	957
		D	5	142	139.2	- 155.2	149.6	-2	284	- 316	299	814	- 970	874
				887	102.2	171.6	152.0		222	337	305	460	1455	854
Bulls														
0-450	FD	C	3	1	160.0	- 160.0	160.0	N/Q				720	- 720	720
450-600	FD	C	3	5	168.0	- 168.0	168.0	N/Q				924	- 924	924
		C	3	24	149.2	- 180.2	167.5	2	266	- 322	299	821	- 991	921
600+		C	3	84	123.2	- 179.2	168.5	2	220	- 320	301	801	- 1403	1140
				114	123.2	180.2	168.2		220	322	301	720	1403	1081

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

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