

Feeder report - cattle

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Eastern States

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Following on from the cheaper trend of last week, a number of contributors have again lowered their prices. There were also a number of contributors that left their prices unchanged and are taking a wait and see approach. Demand for grain fed product is still stagnant which is not enticing feeders to increase their competition. The drier and cooler weather may force some extra numbers on to the market.

There was a dramatic reduction to throughput at physical markets last week in the lead up to the long weekend. This assisted some categories purchased by feeders. However a cheaper trend was evident again for some categories.

Domestic Paddock Sales

Category	Weight Range	Dentition	Low Price c/kg (live)	High Price c/kg (live)	Average c/kg (live)	Trend
Steers	280-350	0	190	250	215	-4
Heifer	280-350	0	180	210	200	-3

Export Paddock Sales

Category	Weight Range	Breed	Dentition	Low Price c/kg (live)	High Price c/kg (live)	Average c/kg (live)	Trend
Short Fed Steers (100-120 DOF)	380-500	Angus	0-2	185	215	200	-1
		Hereford	0-2	180	200	193	-2
		Shorthorn	0-2	180	200	191	-3
		Other Breeds	0-2	175	190	186	-3
		Bos Indicus	0-2	170	180	176	NC
Medium Fed Steers (120-220 DOF)	360-460	Angus	0-2	190	210	203	-3
		Hereford	0-2	190	205	198	-3
Long Fed Steers (200 DOF +)	300-420	Angus	0-2	200	230	217	-4

Saleyard Prices

Category	Weight Range	Muscle Score	Fat Score	Low Price c/kg (live)	High Price c/kg (live)	Average c/kg (live)	Trend
Yearling Steer	0-330	C	2	160	252	216	3
		C	2	158	240	209	5
	330-400	C	3	163	223	200	-4
		C	2	170	210	196	2
		C	3	176	211	194	-1
Yearling Heifers	0-330	C	2	150	216	201	NC
		C	2	165	211	192	1
	330-400	C	3	176	209	189	-7
Grown Steer	400-500	C	3	170	198	184	1

