

## Detailed saleyard report - cattle

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### Gunnedah

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Yarding Change <sup>1940</sup>  
-185

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There was only a small reduction in numbers despite the Easter weekend with the deteriorating seasonal conditions a contributing factor. Vealers and yearlings made up a large percentage of the penning, while cows made up the bulk of the grown cattle. The regular buyers were in attendance for a market showing mostly cheaper trends.

Steer vealers to restock sold 8c/kg cheaper for the lighter weights, with the heavier steers less affected for an improved average quality. Heifer vealers were 12c/kg cheaper and more in places for the leaner grades. The limited supply suitable to the local butcher orders saw the best remain firm. Yearling steers to restock and feed sold to a cheaper trend, up to 20c/kg on the light and medium weights and once again the heavy feeders were less affected. Heifer yearlings were 5c to 13c/kg cheaper.

A drop in average quality of the heavy grown steers saw them average up to 13c cheaper with the trend 6c to 8c/kg cheaper. Included in the cow market were a line of PTIC cows sold on a \$/head basis and all going to restockers. Cows to the processors sold to a cheaper trend down 4c to 7c/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>Vealer Steer</b>  |             |              |           |            |                  |              |              |        |                               |            |            |                   |            |            |
| 0-200                | RS          | C            | 2         | 40         | 228.2            | - 267.2      | 245.7        | N/Q    | -                             |            |            | 401               | - 449      | 428        |
| 200-280              | RS          | C            | 2         | 102        | 197.2            | - 241.2      | 229.1        | -10    | -                             |            |            | 502               | - 664      | 586        |
|                      |             | C            | 2         | 2          | 211.2            | - 211.2      | 211.2        | N/Q    | 406                           | - 406      | 406        | 475               | - 475      | 475        |
|                      |             | RS           | D         | 2          | 6                | 174.2        | - 174.2      | 174.2  | N/Q                           | -          |            |                   | 418        | - 418      |
| 280-330              | FD          | C            | 2         | 13         | 218.2            | - 229.2      | 226.7        | -1     | -                             |            |            | 655               | - 745      | 724        |
|                      | RS          | C            | 2         | 121        | 199.2            | - 229.2      | 223.4        | N/C    | -                             |            |            | 613               | - 740      | 688        |
| 330+                 |             | C            | 3         | 3          | 215.0            | - 216.2      | 215.8        | -17    | 398                           | - 416      | 410        | 645               | - 713      | 691        |
|                      |             | C            | 2         | 5          | 210.0            | - 210.0      | 210.0        | N/Q    | 389                           | - 389      | 389        | 714               | - 788      | 773        |
|                      | RS          | C            | 2         | 8          | 228.2            | - 228.2      | 228.2        | 21     | -                             |            |            | 776               | - 776      | 776        |
|                      |             | C            | 3         | 10         | 204.2            | - 228.0      | 217.3        | -3     | 389                           | - 407      | 399        | 694               | - 775      | 741        |
|                      |             |              |           | <b>310</b> | <b>174.2</b>     | <b>267.2</b> | <b>226.9</b> |        | <b>389</b>                    | <b>416</b> | <b>399</b> | <b>401</b>        | <b>788</b> | <b>621</b> |
| <b>Vealer Heifer</b> |             |              |           |            |                  |              |              |        |                               |            |            |                   |            |            |
| 0-200                | RS          | C            | 2         | 29         | 213.2            | - 238.2      | 215.4        | -5     | -                             |            |            | 298               | - 430      | 392        |
| 200-280              | RS          | C            | 2         | 91         | 188.2            | - 212.2      | 198.3        | -12    | -                             |            |            | 449               | - 540      | 496        |
|                      | FD          | C            | 2         | 9          | 203.2            | - 225.2      | 211.3        | -11    | -                             |            |            | 543               | - 569      | 556        |
|                      |             | C            | 2         | 53         | 202.0            | - 215.2      | 208.4        | -12    | 389                           | - 414      | 401        | 452               | - 544      | 513        |
|                      |             | C            | 3         | 4          | 190.0            | - 190.0      | 190.0        | -30    | 365                           | - 365      | 365        | 532               | - 532      | 532        |
|                      | RS          | D            | 2         | 3          | 150.0            | - 150.0      | 150.0        | N/Q    | -                             |            |            | 330               | - 330      | 330        |
| 280-330              | FD          | C            | 2         | 10         | 200.0            | - 218.2      | 209.1        | -2     | -                             |            |            | 620               | - 687      | 654        |
|                      | RS          | C            | 2         | 34         | 190.0            | - 219.2      | 198.5        | 12     | -                             |            |            | 542               | - 658      | 577        |
|                      |             | C            | 2         | 6          | 227.2            | - 227.2      | 227.2        | 21     | 421                           | - 421      | 421        | 727               | - 727      | 727        |
|                      | FD          | C            | 3         | 17         | 224.2            | - 224.2      | 224.2        | N/Q    | -                             |            |            | 706               | - 706      | 706        |
|                      |             | C            | 3         | 26         | 195.0            | - 238.2      | 209.7        | -14    | 368                           | - 441      | 394        | 600               | - 715      | 664        |
|                      | RS          | C            | 3         | 6          | 193.2            | - 193.2      | 193.2        | N/Q    | -                             |            |            | 609               | - 609      | 609        |
|                      | FD          | C            | 4         | 2          | 200.0            | - 200.0      | 200.0        | N/Q    | -                             |            |            | 640               | - 640      | 640        |
| 330+                 |             | C            | 3         | 8          | 180.0            | - 210.0      | 195.0        | -21    | 346                           | - 389      | 368        | 612               | - 725      | 668        |

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|------------------------|-------------|--------------|-----------|------|------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------------------|------------|------------|-------------------|------------|------------|------------|
|                        |             |              |           |      | Low              | High         | Avg          | Change       | Low                           | High       | Avg        | Low               | High       | Avg        |            |
|                        |             |              |           |      | <b>298</b>       | <b>150.0</b> | <b>238.2</b> | <b>204.8</b> |                               | <b>346</b> | <b>441</b> | <b>396</b>        | <b>298</b> | <b>727</b> | <b>543</b> |
| <b>Yearling Steer</b>  |             |              |           |      |                  |              |              |              |                               |            |            |                   |            |            |            |
| 0-330                  | FD          | C            | 2         | 4    | 187.0            | - 187.0      | 187.0        | -19          | -                             |            |            |                   | 617        | - 617      | 617        |
|                        | RS          | C            | 2         | 53   | 168.0            | - 204.2      | 190.1        | -21          | -                             |            |            |                   | 493        | - 651      | 584        |
|                        |             | C            | 3         | 1    | 210.0            | - 210.0      | 210.0        | N/Q          | 389                           | - 389      | 389        |                   | 693        | - 693      | 693        |
| 330-400                |             | B            | 3         | 1    | 226.2            | - 226.2      | 226.2        | N/Q          | 404                           | - 404      | 404        |                   | 882        | - 882      | 882        |
|                        |             | C            | 2         | 2    | 175.2            | - 175.2      | 175.2        | N/Q          | 337                           | - 337      | 337        |                   | 666        | - 666      | 666        |
|                        | RS          | C            | 2         | 12   | 165.2            | - 185.2      | 175.1        | -30          | -                             |            |            |                   | 603        | - 694      | 645        |
|                        | FD          | C            | 2         | 121  | 168.0            | - 218.2      | 193.8        | -11          | -                             |            |            |                   | 580        | - 818      | 728        |
|                        | FD          | C            | 3         | 18   | 206.2            | - 223.2      | 214.4        | N/Q          | -                             |            |            |                   | 759        | - 825      | 796        |
|                        |             | C            | 3         | 5    | 181.2            | - 229.2      | 205.1        | N/Q          | 336                           | - 409      | 374        |                   | 652        | - 871      | 770        |
| 400+                   |             | C            | 2         | 2    | 188.0            | - 188.0      | 188.0        | N/Q          | 348                           | - 348      | 348        |                   | 808        | - 808      | 808        |
|                        | FD          | C            | 2         | 83   | 178.0            | - 197.2      | 186.7        | -12          | -                             |            |            |                   | 730        | - 855      | 824        |
|                        | RS          | C            | 2         | 9    | 182.2            | - 182.2      | 182.2        | -2           | -                             |            |            |                   | 783        | - 783      | 783        |
|                        | FD          | C            | 3         | 13   | 178.0            | - 183.2      | 181.6        | -10          | -                             |            |            |                   | 779        | - 783      | 780        |
|                        |             | C            | 3         | 39   | 168.0            | - 201.2      | 185.6        | -7           | 311                           | - 359      | 342        |                   | 776        | - 966      | 870        |
|                        |             |              |           |      | <b>363</b>       | <b>165.2</b> | <b>229.2</b> | <b>190.5</b> |                               | <b>311</b> | <b>409</b> | <b>347</b>        | <b>493</b> | <b>966</b> | <b>748</b> |
| <b>Yearling Heifer</b> |             |              |           |      |                  |              |              |              |                               |            |            |                   |            |            |            |
| 0-330                  | FD          | C            | 2         | 6    | 172.2            | - 172.2      | 172.2        | N/Q          | -                             |            |            |                   | 517        | - 517      | 517        |
|                        | RS          | C            | 2         | 59   | 175.2            | - 191.2      | 182.4        | N/C          | -                             |            |            |                   | 527        | - 621      | 571        |
|                        | RS          | C            | 3         | 3    | 190.2            | - 190.2      | 190.2        | 7            | -                             |            |            |                   | 628        | - 628      | 628        |
|                        |             | C            | 3         | 2    | 216.2            | - 216.2      | 216.2        | N/Q          | 408                           | - 408      | 408        |                   | 713        | - 713      | 713        |
|                        | RS          | D            | 2         | 7    | 162.2            | - 162.2      | 162.2        | -5           | -                             |            |            |                   | 406        | - 406      | 406        |
| 330-400                | RS          | C            | 2         | 15   | 179.2            | - 185.0      | 180.4        | -13          | -                             |            |            |                   | 629        | - 672      | 663        |
|                        | FD          | C            | 2         | 23   | 160.2            | - 193.2      | 183.2        | -3           | -                             |            |            |                   | 585        | - 678      | 652        |
|                        |             | C            | 2         | 1    | 178.2            | - 178.2      | 178.2        | N/Q          | 343                           | - 343      | 343        |                   | 659        | - 659      | 659        |
|                        | FD          | C            | 3         | 22   | 175.0            | - 190.2      | 186.3        | N/Q          | -                             |            |            |                   | 649        | - 694      | 670        |
|                        |             | C            | 3         | 45   | 165.0            | - 200.0      | 186.5        | -5           | 317                           | - 377      | 354        |                   | 633        | - 760      | 687        |
|                        | RS          | C            | 3         | 10   | 179.2            | - 190.0      | 185.7        | -9           | -                             |            |            |                   | 654        | - 656      | 655        |
| 400+                   | FD          | C            | 2         | 14   | 165.2            | - 165.2      | 165.2        | -3           | -                             |            |            |                   | 710        | - 710      | 710        |
|                        | FD          | C            | 3         | 4    | 173.2            | - 173.2      | 173.2        | N/Q          | -                             |            |            |                   | 719        | - 719      | 719        |
|                        |             | C            | 3         | 21   | 175.2            | - 186.2      | 179.7        | -6           | 337                           | - 351      | 342        |                   | 718        | - 873      | 763        |
|                        |             | C            | 4         | 11   | 180.0            | - 181.2      | 180.9        | -1           | 340                           | - 342      | 341        |                   | 765        | - 797      | 788        |
|                        |             |              |           |      | <b>243</b>       | <b>160.2</b> | <b>216.2</b> | <b>181.7</b> |                               | <b>317</b> | <b>408</b> | <b>350</b>        | <b>406</b> | <b>873</b> | <b>651</b> |
| <b>Grown Steer</b>     |             |              |           |      |                  |              |              |              |                               |            |            |                   |            |            |            |
| 0-400                  | FD          | D            | 2         | 2    | 145.0            | - 145.0      | 145.0        | N/Q          | -                             |            |            |                   | 508        | - 508      | 508        |
| 400-500                | FD          | C            | 2         | 11   | 160.0            | - 180.0      | 173.1        | -6           | -                             |            |            |                   | 672        | - 821      | 760        |
|                        |             | C            | 2         | 2    | 155.0            | - 155.0      | 155.0        | N/Q          | 298                           | - 298      | 298        |                   | 682        | - 682      | 682        |
|                        |             | C            | 3         | 6    | 162.0            | - 162.0      | 162.0        | -31          | 300                           | - 300      | 300        |                   | 810        | - 810      | 810        |
|                        | FD          | C            | 3         | 16   | 179.2            | - 188.2      | 185.4        | 4            | -                             |            |            |                   | 788        | - 913      | 874        |
|                        |             | D            | 2         | 5    | 147.2            | - 147.2      | 147.2        | N/Q          | 294                           | - 294      | 294        |                   | 626        | - 626      | 626        |
| 500-600                |             | C            | 3         | 57   | 165.0            | - 186.2      | 169.9        | -6           | 306                           | - 339      | 314        |                   | 891        | - 987      | 924        |
|                        |             | C            | 4         | 14   | 170.0            | - 181.2      | 179.3        | -13          | 309                           | - 336      | 332        |                   | 978        | - 1024     | 1005       |
| 600-750                |             | C            | 3         | 1    | 171.2            | - 171.2      | 171.2        | N/Q          | 317                           | - 317      | 317        |                   | 1284       | - 1284     | 1284       |
|                        |             | C            | 4         | 1    | 172.2            | - 172.2      | 172.2        | N/Q          | 319                           | - 319      | 319        |                   | 1068       | - 1068     | 1068       |

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|                            |             |              |           |      | Low              | High         | Avg          | Change       | Low                           | High       | Avg        | Low               | High       | Avg         |             |
|                            |             |              |           |      | <b>115</b>       | <b>145.0</b> | <b>188.2</b> | <b>171.4</b> |                               | <b>294</b> | <b>339</b> | <b>314</b>        | <b>508</b> | <b>1284</b> | <b>885</b>  |
| <b>Grown Heifer</b>        |             |              |           |      |                  |              |              |              |                               |            |            |                   |            |             |             |
| 0-540                      | FD          | C            | 2         | 1    | 165.0            | - 165.0      | 165.0        | N/Q          | -                             |            |            |                   | 602        | - 602       | 602         |
|                            | PT          | C            | 3         | 20   | 180.0            | - 180.0      | 180.0        | N/Q          | 340                           | - 340      | 340        |                   | 900        | - 900       | 900         |
|                            | FD          | C            | 3         | 8    | 165.0            | - 165.0      | 165.0        | N/Q          | -                             |            |            |                   | 726        | - 726       | 726         |
|                            |             | C            | 3         | 39   | 152.0            | - 180.2      | 169.6        | -1           | 292                           | - 340      | 324        |                   | 654        | - 875       | 765         |
|                            |             | C            | 4         | 3    | 172.0            | - 175.0      | 173.7        | 4            | 325                           | - 330      | 328        |                   | 735        | - 827       | 770         |
| 540+                       |             | C            | 4         | 15   | 177.2            | - 177.2      | 177.2        | 12           | 328                           | - 328      | 328        |                   | 1010       | - 1010      | 1010        |
|                            |             |              |           |      | <b>86</b>        | <b>152.0</b> | <b>180.2</b> | <b>173.0</b> |                               | <b>292</b> | <b>340</b> | <b>329</b>        | <b>602</b> | <b>1010</b> | <b>834</b>  |
| <b>Manufacturing Steer</b> |             |              |           |      |                  |              |              |              |                               |            |            |                   |            |             |             |
| 0-540                      | DA          | D            | 2         | 3    | 145.2            | - 145.2      | 145.2        | N/Q          | 290                           | - 290      | 290        |                   | 762        | - 762       | 762         |
| 540+                       | DA          | D            | 2         | 9    | 140.0            | - 140.0      | 140.0        | N/Q          | 280                           | - 280      | 280        |                   | 770        | - 770       | 770         |
|                            |             |              |           |      | <b>12</b>        | <b>140.0</b> | <b>145.2</b> | <b>141.3</b> |                               | <b>280</b> | <b>290</b> | <b>283</b>        | <b>762</b> | <b>770</b>  | <b>768</b>  |
| <b>Cows</b>                |             |              |           |      |                  |              |              |              |                               |            |            |                   |            |             |             |
| 0-400                      |             | D            | 1         | 3    | 85.0             | - 85.0       | 85.0         | N/Q          | 202                           | - 202      | 202        |                   | 340        | - 340       | 340         |
| 400-520                    |             | D            | 2         | 28   | 95.0             | - 122.0      | 108.1        | -14          | 211                           | - 271      | 240        |                   | 404        | - 523       | 466         |
|                            | PT          | D            | 2         | 18   | 159.1            | - 160.0      | 159.5        | N/Q          | 354                           | - 356      | 354        |                   | 740        | - 760       | 748         |
|                            | RS          | D            | 2         | 16   | 127.2            | - 139.2      | 134.0        | -1           | -                             |            |            |                   | 598        | - 626       | 614         |
|                            | PT          | D            | 3         | 20   | 181.3            | - 184.0      | 182.8        | N/Q          | 378                           | - 383      | 381        |                   | 870        | - 920       | 898         |
|                            |             | D            | 3         | 47   | 124.2            | - 141.2      | 133.5        | 2            | 264                           | - 294      | 283        |                   | 559        | - 706       | 659         |
|                            |             | D            | 4         | 17   | 125.0            | - 138.0      | 128.6        | -7           | 260                           | - 288      | 268        |                   | 650        | - 693       | 656         |
| 520+                       |             | C            | 4         | 3    | 151.2            | - 151.2      | 151.2        | N/Q          | 302                           | - 302      | 302        |                   | 877        | - 877       | 877         |
|                            | PT          | D            | 3         | 10   | 170.5            | - 170.5      | 170.5        | N/Q          | 355                           | - 355      | 355        |                   | 895        | - 895       | 895         |
|                            |             | D            | 3         | 26   | 128.0            | - 136.2      | 128.8        | -4           | 272                           | - 290      | 274        |                   | 678        | - 735       | 683         |
|                            |             | D            | 4         | 69   | 135.0            | - 149.2      | 139.9        | -4           | 278                           | - 298      | 288        |                   | 766        | - 907       | 791         |
|                            |             | D            | 5         | 11   | 130.0            | - 133.2      | 132.4        | -14          | 271                           | - 278      | 276        |                   | 827        | - 910       | 849         |
|                            |             |              |           |      | <b>268</b>       | <b>85.0</b>  | <b>184.0</b> | <b>138.2</b> |                               | <b>202</b> | <b>383</b> | <b>292</b>        | <b>340</b> | <b>920</b>  | <b>711</b>  |
| <b>Bulls</b>               |             |              |           |      |                  |              |              |              |                               |            |            |                   |            |             |             |
| 450-600                    |             | C            | 2         | 1    | 148.2            | - 148.2      | 148.2        | N/Q          | 274                           | - 274      | 274        |                   | 815        | - 815       | 815         |
| 600+                       |             | B            | 2         | 8    | 152.0            | - 167.2      | 160.2        | -5           | 271                           | - 290      | 281        |                   | 1135       | - 1421      | 1282        |
|                            |             | C            | 2         | 5    | 130.0            | - 156.2      | 148.5        | -3           | 241                           | - 287      | 271        |                   | 1040       | - 1367      | 1202        |
|                            |             |              |           |      | <b>14</b>        | <b>130.0</b> | <b>167.2</b> | <b>155.1</b> |                               | <b>241</b> | <b>290</b> | <b>277</b>        | <b>815</b> | <b>1421</b> | <b>1220</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

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