

Detailed saleyard report - cattle

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Gunnedah

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Yarding Change ²³⁷⁵
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The numbers almost doubled with this being the second last sale for the year. Yearlings were well supplied along with grown steers and cows. The quality of the offering was mixed and plain condition cattle were plentiful through all categories. All but one of the regular processors were in attendance and there was extra restocker and feeder competition.

Demand for yearling steers from restockers and feedlots increased with a dearer trend evident through all weight classes. The increased numbers in the lightweight category brought about quality variations with this responsible for the negative price change. Competition from Eastern grass finishers on the heavy end of the medium weights as well as heavy steers pushed prices to a higher level. Heavy trade yearling steers were cheaper. Lightweight heifer yearlings to the trade and processors sold to a dearer trend, while the better quality lines to restock and feed were cheaper under increased supply. The exceptions were the very plain lightweights that represented little dollar value to purchasers. Medium weights to restock were dearer with trade cheaper.

There was a larger than usual penning of grown steers with quite a few lacking enough condition for the top of the processing specifications. Both restockers and feedlots competed on those steers with an odd pen going to process. The better finished steers sold to a dearer trend, up 3c to 9c/kg. Overall the cow market saw a firm to cheaper trend with the best heavyweights losing 3c/kg. Restockers competed strongly for a large line of plain condition cows joined in spring.

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
Vealer Steer														
200-280	RS	C	2	2	190.0	- 190.0	190.0	N/Q	-	-	-	532	- 532	532
280-330	RS	C	2	7	200.2	- 200.2	200.2	N/Q	-	-	-	651	- 651	651
330+	RS	C	2	5	182.0	- 182.0	182.0	N/Q	-	-	-	673	- 673	673
		C	2	1	192.0	- 192.0	192.0	N/Q	356	- 356	356	691	- 691	691
				15	182.0	200.2	192.2		356	356	356	532	691	645
Vealer Heifer														
200-280		C	2	9	170.0	- 186.2	174.7	-9	327	- 358	336	403	- 471	449
	RS	D	2	1	156.2	- 156.2	156.2	N/Q	-	-	-	375	- 375	375
280-330		C	3	5	185.0	- 195.0	191.0	N/Q	349	- 361	356	592	- 624	611
330+		C	3	5	174.2	- 180.0	176.5	N/Q	329	- 340	333	592	- 621	604
	FD	C	3	3	169.2	- 169.2	169.2	N/Q	-	-	-	584	- 584	584
				23	156.2	195.0	177.1		327	361	341	375	624	532
Yearling Steer														
0-330		C	2	3	152.2	- 161.2	155.2	-9	293	- 310	299	434	- 451	440
	FD	C	2	59	170.2	- 199.2	183.7	-5	-	-	-	509	- 657	566
	RS	C	2	116	150.0	- 209.2	192.4	-5	-	-	-	456	- 610	544
	RS	C	3	4	200.0	- 200.0	200.0	N/Q	-	-	-	650	- 650	650
	DA	D	1	17	73.2	- 73.2	73.2	N/Q	146	- 146	146	242	- 242	242
	RS	D	2	49	137.2	- 168.2	156.8	10	-	-	-	329	- 479	399
330-400	FD	C	2	126	167.2	- 201.2	188.1	11	-	-	-	585	- 767	686
	RS	C	2	43	176.2	- 198.2	190.9	20	-	-	-	608	- 684	659
	FD	C	3	9	178.2	- 192.2	179.8	-1	-	-	-	677	- 711	681
	RS	C	3	3	179.2	- 179.2	179.2	N/Q	-	-	-	690	- 690	690
	RS	D	2	2	130.0	- 130.0	130.0	N/Q	-	-	-	449	- 449	449

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400+		C	2	6	16.0	- 16.0	16.0	N/Q	30	- 30	30	70	- 70	70
	RS	C	2	45	166.2	- 182.2	178.1	9	-	-	-	706	- 793	757
	RS	C	3	16	171.2	- 176.2	175.3	13	-	-	-	762	- 775	773
		C	3	17	173.2	- 178.2	177.0	-2	321	- 330	328	753	- 855	829
	FD	D	3	2	145.0	- 145.0	145.0	N/Q	-	-	-	638	- 638	638
		D	3	2	145.0	- 145.0	145.0	N/Q	284	- 284	284	638	- 638	638
				519	16.0	209.2	177.6		30	330	216	70	855	600
Yearling Heifer														
0-330		C	2	124	143.0	- 183.2	167.4	9	275	- 352	322	388	- 490	444
	FD	C	2	12	152.0	- 152.0	152.0	-7	-	-	-	494	- 494	494
	RS	C	2	100	140.0	- 165.2	154.3	-9	-	-	-	429	- 514	477
	RS	C	3	6	161.2	- 200.0	167.7	N/Q	-	-	-	532	- 660	553
		C	3	33	150.0	- 190.0	169.4	7	283	- 352	320	450	- 627	539
	RS	D	1	8	104.2	- 115.2	108.3	N/Q	-	-	-	250	- 288	264
	RS	D	2	43	141.2	- 184.2	161.3	37	-	-	-	308	- 424	365
		D	2	17	120.0	- 139.2	134.7	-5	240	- 278	269	300	- 334	326
330-400		C	2	25	157.2	- 166.2	165.5	5	302	- 320	318	565	- 582	566
	RS	C	2	20	166.2	- 166.2	166.2	17	-	-	-	590	- 590	590
	RS	C	3	5	150.2	- 200.0	170.1	N/Q	-	-	-	578	- 700	627
	FD	C	3	8	158.2	- 158.2	158.2	N/Q	-	-	-	577	- 577	577
		C	3	89	159.2	- 177.2	168.8	-1	302	- 334	320	552	- 681	597
		D	2	3	105.0	- 140.0	116.7	-14	210	- 275	232	389	- 560	446
		D	3	1	145.0	- 145.0	145.0	N/Q	284	- 284	284	500	- 500	500
				494	104.2	200.0	161.5		210	352	317	250	700	489
Grown Steer														
0-400	RS	C	2	19	166.2	- 166.2	166.2	15	-	-	-	623	- 623	623
	RS	D	2	17	136.2	- 148.2	141.8	6	-	-	-	409	- 489	446
400-500	FD	C	2	78	155.0	- 171.2	163.5	N/Q	-	-	-	745	- 825	781
	RS	C	2	11	171.2	- 171.2	171.2	22	-	-	-	813	- 813	813
		C	3	1	167.2	- 167.2	167.2	N/Q	310	- 310	310	836	- 836	836
	FD	D	3	15	150.0	- 157.2	153.8	N/Q	-	-	-	630	- 707	671
500-600		C	2	14	158.0	- 160.0	158.1	N/Q	304	- 308	304	832	- 869	866
	FD	C	2	43	159.2	- 173.2	167.2	N/Q	-	-	-	828	- 953	897
	RS	C	3	17	180.2	- 180.2	180.2	N/Q	-	-	-	919	- 919	919
		C	3	75	170.0	- 184.2	177.8	4	309	- 330	322	901	- 1050	1003
600-750		C	3	12	175.0	- 183.2	182.5	9	318	- 327	326	1118	- 1138	1119
				302	136.2	184.2	167.8		304	330	320	409	1138	845
Grown Heifer														
0-540	RS	C	2	9	150.0	- 150.0	150.0	4	-	-	-	630	- 630	630
		C	2	6	138.2	- 138.2	138.2	1	271	- 271	271	553	- 553	553
		C	3	26	140.0	- 165.0	149.9	-18	269	- 311	287	511	- 762	619
		C	4	10	166.2	- 173.2	172.5	7	314	- 321	320	897	- 918	916
		D	2	6	110.0	- 118.0	115.3	N/C	229	- 246	240	374	- 448	424
	RS	D	2	15	125.2	- 145.2	142.5	7	-	-	-	438	- 610	587
		D	3	32	125.0	- 157.2	148.1	25	245	- 308	291	472	- 685	583

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540+		C	3	1	162.2	- 162.2	162.2	N/Q	306	- 306	306	949	- 949	949	
					105	110.0	173.2	147.9		229	321	288	374	949	621
Cows															
0-400		D	1	13	90.0	- 90.0	90.0	4	214	- 214	214	333	- 333	333	
400-520		C	2	4	126.2	- 126.2	126.2	N/Q	269	- 269	269	631	- 631	631	
	RS	D	2	76	102.2	- 126.2	121.9	2	-	-	-	419	- 549	526	
		D	2	88	100.0	- 119.2	115.1	1	222	- 265	256	410	- 551	502	
		D	3	65	116.2	- 128.0	124.6	N/C	247	- 272	265	552	- 650	616	
		D	4	13	128.0	- 139.2	137.8	6	267	- 278	277	666	- 675	674	
520+		D	2	1	115.0	- 115.0	115.0	N/Q	256	- 256	256	633	- 633	633	
		D	3	14	125.0	- 140.0	136.8	4	266	- 288	282	688	- 868	797	
		D	4	70	129.2	- 141.2	135.5	-2	269	- 294	281	700	- 903	785	
		D	5	4	135.0	- 135.0	135.0	-1	281	- 281	281	810	- 810	810	
					348	90.0	141.2	123.6		214	294	265	333	903	603
Bulls															
0-450		C	2	2	135.0	- 135.0	135.0	N/Q	250	- 250	250	540	- 540	540	
		D	2	5	100.2	- 100.2	100.2	N/Q	200	- 200	200	331	- 331	331	
	RS	D	2	5	100.0	- 127.2	110.9	N/Q	-	-	-	254	- 260	258	
450-600		C	2	10	140.0	- 148.0	141.2	N/Q	255	- 264	256	665	- 799	687	
600+		B	2	25	145.0	- 171.2	160.7	-5	259	- 295	281	1006	- 1980	1396	
		C	2	21	125.0	- 158.2	149.9	4	232	- 283	271	900	- 1395	1206	
					68	100.0	171.2	145.6		200	295	266	254	1980	1046

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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