

## Detailed saleyard report - cattle

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### Gunnedah

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Yarding Change <sup>4320</sup>  
1070

comparison date 19/11/2013

There was a large increase in numbers of over 1,000 head due to an influx of western cattle. A combination of factors, including rain on standing dry feed diminishing its value, as well as stronger market prices influencing decisions to opt out before the heat of summer, may have contributed to the larger yarding. There were large numbers of young cattle penned and a good supply of heavy grown steers, while cow numbers were down. The overall quality of the offering was good and in possibly the best for quite some time. There were very few secondary quality cattle penned through all categories. All regular buyers were in attendance, with demand high for all categories.

Young cattle to go onto feed were particularly well sought after for both the domestic and export markets. Throughout the light and medium weight classes of yearlings buyers were keen to purchase the heavier end of the range in an effort to turn off heavier carcasses within specification. Yearling steers to restock and feed were dearer, up 1c to 3c/kg. Restockers were also active, with confidence boosted. The large numbers brought about some negative average price change, however the trend remained dearer. This was also the case for the good quality yearling heifers to restock and feed, which followed a similar trend. Secondary quality young cattle sold to a cheaper trend, selling in much smaller lots and therefore not as attractive to some buyers. Well finished yearlings suitable to the trade also sold to a dearer trend.

The quality of the heavy grown steers improved, as did prices, with the market trend up to 3c/kg dearer. Well finished heavy grown heifers sold to a dearer trend also. Grown steers and heifers suitable to feed sold to a dearer trend, with premiums for those carrying only 2 teeth. Plain condition cows sold to a cheaper trend and there was also a drop off in the overall quality. The well finished heavy cows remained firm.

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>Calves</b>														
80+	RS	C	1	6	160.0	- 160.0	160.0	-14	-	-	-	160	- 160	160
				<b>6</b>	<b>160.0</b>	<b>160.0</b>	<b>160.0</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>160</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>160</b>
<b>Vealer Steer</b>														
0-200	RS	C	2	1	145.2	- 145.2	145.2	N/Q	-	-	-	254	- 254	254
200-280	RS	C	2	120	178.2	- 203.2	195.1	9	-	-	-	430	- 527	493
280-330	RS	C	2	4	185.2	- 185.2	185.2	-5	-	-	-	528	- 528	528
				<b>125</b>	<b>145.2</b>	<b>203.2</b>	<b>194.4</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>254</b>	<b>528</b>	<b>492</b>
<b>Vealer Heifer</b>														
0-200	RS	C	2	9	146.2	- 146.2	146.2	N/Q	-	-	-	292	- 292	292
		C	2	2	131.2	- 131.2	131.2	N/Q	252	- 252	252	243	- 243	243
200-280		C	2	86	155.2	- 170.2	164.9	3	299	- 327	317	357	- 463	411
	RS	C	2	77	165.2	- 173.2	171.8	N/Q	-	-	-	398	- 463	416
280-330		C	3	1	178.2	- 178.2	178.2	N/Q	336	- 336	336	535	- 535	535
				<b>175</b>	<b>131.2</b>	<b>178.2</b>	<b>166.7</b>		<b>252</b>	<b>336</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>535</b>	<b>406</b>
<b>Yearling Steer</b>														
0-330		C	2	2	141.2	- 141.2	141.2	N/Q	272	- 272	272	402	- 402	402
	FD	C	2	72	156.2	- 194.2	182.4	1	-	-	-	445	- 641	563
	RS	C	2	216	156.2	- 195.2	175.2	-9	-	-	-	367	- 644	495
	RS	D	1	42	121.2	- 174.2	159.1	-20	-	-	-	224	- 348	317
	RS	D	2	24	142.2	- 165.2	157.5	-33	-	-	-	284	- 438	372
	FD	D	2	4	151.2	- 151.2	151.2	-9	-	-	-	484	- 484	484
330-400	FD	C	2	236	163.2	- 197.2	187.7	3	-	-	-	571	- 765	687
	RS	C	2	260	180.2	- 196.2	189.5	-3	-	-	-	626	- 781	687

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400+	RS	C	2	18	183.2	- 190.2	188.0	N/Q	-			789	- 824	792
	FD	C	2	270	171.2	- 193.2	185.7	3	-			766	- 870	797
	FD	C	3	43	182.0	- 188.2	186.3	2	-			819	- 921	863
		C	3	16	190.0	- 192.0	191.5	3	343	- 352	345	817	- 931	903
				<b>1203</b>	<b>121.2</b>	<b>197.2</b>	<b>183.3</b>		<b>272</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>337</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>931</b>	<b>660</b>
<b>Yearling Heifer</b>														
0-330		C	2	52	140.2	- 153.2	151.6	2	270	- 295	292	392	- 460	454
	FD	C	2	169	145.0	- 172.2	164.1	1	-			400	- 565	503
	RS	C	2	137	148.2	- 176.2	159.1	N/C	-			371	- 555	485
	FD	C	3	43	158.0	- 175.2	170.0	10	-			521	- 569	555
		C	3	17	151.2	- 180.0	173.2	N/C	291	- 333	327	499	- 594	564
	RS	D	2	8	126.2	- 131.2	128.7	-11	-			328	- 366	347
	FD	D	2	8	135.0	- 135.0	135.0	-31	-			425	- 425	425
		D	2	41	123.2	- 135.2	129.9	-8	246	- 270	260	283	- 352	309
330-400	RS	E	1	13	100.0	- 100.0	100.0	N/Q	-			180	- 180	180
	RS	C	2	51	160.2	- 169.2	165.0	-10	-			553	- 575	563
		C	2	8	145.2	- 180.0	162.2	17	279	- 333	310	494	- 630	577
	FD	C	2	292	147.2	- 178.2	168.8	1	-			508	- 646	595
	FD	C	3	115	165.2	- 174.2	172.0	9	-			562	- 653	628
		C	3	57	151.2	- 182.0	166.5	1	291	- 337	316	550	- 685	620
400+	RS	C	3	6	177.2	- 177.2	177.2	-2	-			665	- 665	665
	C	3	54	142.0	- 182.2	164.7	-5	273	- 337	312	611	- 865	729	
FD		C	3	13	173.2	- 173.2	173.2	1	-			727	- 727	727
				<b>1084</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>182.2</b>	<b>163.2</b>		<b>246</b>	<b>337</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>865</b>	<b>551</b>
<b>Grown Steer</b>														
0-400	FD	C	2	29	165.2	- 179.2	172.6	13	-			635	- 681	658
	RS	D	2	17	130.2	- 130.2	130.2	N/Q	-			391	- 391	391
400-500	FD	C	2	92	172.2	- 186.2	182.8	4	-			706	- 875	793
		C	2	17	169.2	- 169.2	169.2	N/Q	325	- 325	325	804	- 804	804
		C	3	3	175.2	- 175.2	175.2	-7	324	- 324	324	815	- 815	815
500-600		C	2	25	172.0	- 172.2	172.2	N/Q	319	- 331	329	912	- 913	912
		C	3	129	178.2	- 194.2	188.9	-2	330	- 347	342	927	- 1146	1051
		C	4	63	184.2	- 198.2	193.9	14	341	- 354	346	1004	- 1169	1099
600-750		C	3	26	175.0	- 195.2	192.7	8	324	- 349	345	1191	- 1331	1243
		C	4	71	187.2	- 197.2	196.6	-4	341	- 352	352	1179	- 1453	1230
				<b>472</b>	<b>130.2</b>	<b>198.2</b>	<b>184.9</b>		<b>319</b>	<b>354</b>	<b>343</b>	<b>391</b>	<b>1453</b>	<b>979</b>
<b>Grown Heifer</b>														
0-540	FD	C	2	7	166.2	- 166.2	166.2	3	-			723	- 723	723
		C	3	45	159.2	- 177.2	169.0	8	300	- 334	322	722	- 921	819
	FD	D	2	18	135.0	- 135.0	135.0	-24	-			540	- 540	540
		D	2	20	103.2	- 131.2	125.6	-9	206	- 262	251	294	- 572	441
		D	3	9	139.2	- 139.2	139.2	-9	273	- 273	273	647	- 647	647
540+		C	4	1	173.2	- 173.2	173.2	N/Q	321	- 321	321	996	- 996	996
				<b>100</b>	<b>103.2</b>	<b>177.2</b>	<b>151.4</b>		<b>206</b>	<b>334</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>996</b>	<b>673</b>

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					Low	High	Avg	Change	Low	High	Avg	Low	High	Avg
<b>Cows</b>														
0-400		D	1	40	95.2	- 105.2	98.5	N/Q	227	- 251	234	352	- 405	373
		D	2	10	107.2	- 107.2	107.2	-5	238	- 238	238	407	- 407	407
400-520	RS	D	2	14	123.2	- 123.2	123.2	N/Q	-	-	-	493	- 493	493
	RS	D	1	14	105.0	- 105.0	105.0	N/Q	-	-	-	436	- 436	436
	RS	D	2	6	118.0	- 118.0	118.0	N/Q	-	-	-	537	- 537	537
		D	2	78	100.0	- 135.0	117.5	-7	222	- 287	259	453	- 675	521
520+		D	3	36	126.0	- 150.2	134.2	-6	268	- 300	281	567	- 781	653
		D	3	55	130.0	- 150.2	143.9	4	277	- 313	301	683	- 850	780
		D	4	88	138.0	- 157.2	151.2	3	288	- 314	304	745	- 1060	898
				<b>341</b>	<b>95.2</b>	<b>157.2</b>	<b>129.4</b>		<b>222</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>1060</b>	<b>649</b>
<b>Bulls</b>														
0-450		C	2	2	134.2	- 151.2	142.7	N/Q	258	- 280	269	463	- 650	557
450-600		C	2	6	158.2	- 158.2	158.2	8	293	- 293	293	831	- 831	831
600+		B	2	13	169.2	- 186.2	178.6	12	300	- 313	303	1443	- 1757	1564
		C	2	8	142.2	- 169.2	153.3	2	263	- 302	281	1138	- 1368	1240
				<b>29</b>	<b>134.2</b>	<b>186.2</b>	<b>164.9</b>		<b>258</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>463</b>	<b>1757</b>	<b>1253</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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