

## Detailed saleyard report - cattle

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### Gunnedah

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An increase of 1000 head was apparent as producers make the decision to offload stock as poor seasonal conditions continue with no break in sight. There were large numbers of young cattle penned and included quite a few early vealers, not up to the usual standard. There were very few well finished heavy steers, although there were large numbers of grown steers suitable to feed. Those steers would normally have been held and finished on property. Cows were penned in large numbers, the biggest offering for some time. All regular processors and feedlot orders were in place for a market that saw supply outweigh demand with this resulting in cheaper trends through most classes.

With the exception of an odd very well finished lot, vealers sold to a cheaper trend with some significant price falls that also included a quality variation. With feedlot pens filling as quickly as they are emptied and little competition from backgrounders and grass finishers yearlings to restock and feed suffered a cheaper market trend. Light and medium weight yearling steers were 7c to 9c/kg cheaper and more in places with some of the very plain quality lines attracting little interest. The bright spot in the market were the heavy feeder steers with those suitable remaining close to firm. Heifer yearlings to restock and feed saw significant price reductions on a cheaper market trend with the plain lightweights experiencing the worst of the market. There was an isolated sale in the medium weights that remained firm. The limited supply of well finished light and medium weights to the trade were slightly dearer.

There were too few heavy grown steers to quote, while heavy feeder steers with permanent teeth sold to a cheaper trend. The large offering of cows was very mixed in condition with good numbers of well finished lines alongside bigger numbers of plain condition seasonally affected cows. The market struggled to absorb the numbers resulting in a cheaper trend through all categories with heavyweights up to 9c/kg cheaper. Heavy bulls sold to a dearer trend under increased competition.

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	D	2	12	113.2	- 113.2	113.2	N/Q	-	-	-	142	- 142	142
				<b>12</b>	<b>113.2</b>	<b>113.2</b>	<b>113.2</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>142</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>142</b>
<b>Vealer Steer</b>														
0-200		C	2	53	138.2	- 148.2	144.3	N/Q	266	- 285	278	256	- 286	280
	RS	D	2	15	100.0	- 110.0	105.3	-30	-	-	-	175	- 187	181
200-280	FD	C	2	17	151.2	- 151.2	151.2	-9	-	-	-	423	- 423	423
		C	2	10	130.0	- 130.0	130.0	-22	250	- 250	250	299	- 299	299
	RS	C	2	16	130.2	- 139.2	134.1	-17	-	-	-	299	- 355	324
	FD	D	2	19	120.0	- 120.0	120.0	N/Q	-	-	-	312	- 312	312
	RS	D	2	4	120.0	- 120.0	120.0	N/Q	-	-	-	276	- 276	276
280-330	FD	C	2	64	148.2	- 153.2	150.3	N/Q	-	-	-	430	- 460	448
				<b>198</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>153.2</b>	<b>139.5</b>		<b>250</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>460</b>	<b>346</b>
<b>Vealer Heifer</b>														
0-200		C	2	48	143.2	- 150.2	148.0	1	275	- 289	285	258	- 294	275
	RS	D	2	7	110.0	- 110.0	110.0	N/Q	-	-	-	187	- 187	187
200-280	RS	C	2	22	145.2	- 148.2	146.7	-3	-	-	-	326	- 356	341
		C	2	39	130.0	- 155.2	143.1	-13	250	- 299	275	325	- 385	344
	RS	D	2	8	120.0	- 120.0	120.0	N/Q	-	-	-	276	- 276	276
280-330	FD	C	2	14	147.2	- 147.2	147.2	N/Q	-	-	-	420	- 420	420
		C	3	3	165.0	- 180.0	170.0	N/Q	311	- 333	319	528	- 585	547
				<b>141</b>	<b>110.0</b>	<b>180.0</b>	<b>143.4</b>		<b>250</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>585</b>	<b>320</b>
<b>Yearling Steer</b>														

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					Low	High	Avg	Change	Low	High	Avg	Low	High	Avg	
0-330	FD	C	2	53	140.2	- 167.2	158.5	4	-			435	- 552	503	
	RS	C	2	85	120.0	- 172.2	144.2	1	-			318	- 568	417	
	RS	D	1	33	85.2	- 110.0	104.0	N/Q	-			170	- 281	254	
	RS	D	2	138	88.2	- 159.2	126.1	-14	-			189	- 525	324	
		D	2	1	100.2	- 100.2	100.2	N/Q	200	- 200	200	256	- 256	256	
330-400	FD	D	2	67	118.0	- 145.0	135.6	N/Q	-			307	- 462	395	
		C	2	4	185.0	- 185.0	185.0	28	343	- 343	343	694	- 694	694	
	FD	C	2	106	150.2	- 178.2	168.5	2	-			544	- 713	626	
	RS	C	2	125	155.0	- 179.2	172.4	N/C	-			527	- 717	636	
400+		C	3	3	164.2	- 180.0	169.5	N/Q	304	- 333	314	632	- 702	655	
	RS	C	2	50	179.2	- 186.2	182.2	3	-			757	- 833	796	
	FD	C	2	24	170.2	- 170.2	170.2	-10	-			715	- 732	722	
	RS	C	3	1	175.0	- 175.0	175.0	N/Q	-			796	- 796	796	
	FD	C	3	10	159.2	- 172.2	167.9	-12	-			685	- 818	762	
				<b>700</b>	<b>85.2</b>	<b>186.2</b>	<b>152.0</b>		<b>200</b>	<b>343</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>833</b>	<b>511</b>	
<b>Yearling Heifer</b>															
0-330	RS	C	2	55	118.2	- 138.2	134.9	4	-			331	- 442	397	
	FD	C	2	59	118.2	- 157.2	140.7	-21	-			337	- 519	441	
		C	2	33	119.2	- 145.2	127.4	-15	229	- 279	248	300	- 457	354	
		C	3	6	159.2	- 170.2	163.0	6	300	- 321	308	494	- 562	522	
		D	1	20	80.2	- 80.2	80.2	N/Q	160	- 160	160	172	- 172	172	
		RS	D	1	36	48.0	- 80.0	61.7	-28	-			125	- 168	143
		RS	D	2	182	60.2	- 125.2	100.5	-21	-			157	- 357	252
		D	2	10	90.0	- 90.0	90.0	N/Q	180	- 180	180	212	- 212	212	
330-400	FD	D	2	56	86.2	- 129.2	114.6	N/Q	-			233	- 426	338	
	RS	C	2	87	150.2	- 172.2	166.1	N/C	-			518	- 663	612	
	FD	C	2	61	146.2	- 167.2	157.9	-6	-			504	- 601	576	
	RS	C	3	23	155.2	- 159.2	156.8	N/Q	-			528	- 589	551	
	FD	C	3	6	158.2	- 158.2	158.2	N/Q	-			577	- 577	577	
		C	3	60	139.2	- 199.2	166.2	-1	268	- 369	314	515	- 689	631	
400+	FD	D	2	11	90.0	- 130.2	126.5	N/Q	-			306	- 462	434	
	RS	C	2	2	148.2	- 148.2	148.2	N/Q	-			667	- 667	667	
	RS	C	3	13	147.2	- 169.2	154.0	N/Q	-			633	- 770	675	
		C	3	5	153.2	- 153.2	153.2	-9	295	- 295	295	643	- 643	643	
				<b>725</b>	<b>48.0</b>	<b>199.2</b>	<b>128.8</b>		<b>160</b>	<b>369</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>770</b>	<b>412</b>	
<b>Grown Steer</b>															
0-400	FD	C	2	25	140.0	- 167.2	157.4	N/Q	-			504	- 669	609	
	RS	D	1	40	107.2	- 107.2	107.2	N/Q	-			364	- 364	364	
	FD	D	2	18	127.2	- 135.2	130.3	-27	-			407	- 466	430	
400-500		C	2	12	135.0	- 135.0	135.0	N/Q	260	- 260	260	655	- 655	655	
	FD	C	2	108	140.0	- 174.2	162.3	-16	-			595	- 821	721	
	FD	C	3	6	166.2	- 166.2	166.2	N/Q	-			831	- 831	831	
	FD	D	2	8	140.0	- 140.0	140.0	-2	-			630	- 630	630	
500-600		C	2	4	160.0	- 160.0	160.0	13	296	- 296	296	840	- 840	840	
	FD	C	2	7	172.0	- 172.0	172.0	N/Q	-			912	- 912	912	

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		C	3	6	170.0	- 181.2	174.4	-1	315	- 324	319	910	- 1054	949
				<b>234</b>	<b>107.2</b>	<b>181.2</b>	<b>148.4</b>		<b>260</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>1054</b>	<b>635</b>
<b>Grown Heifer</b>														
0-540	FD	C	2	7	150.2	- 150.2	150.2	N/Q	-			668	- 668	668
	FD	C	3	33	151.2	- 158.2	154.8	N/Q	-			582	- 704	645
		C	3	69	141.2	- 159.2	150.6	-6	272	- 300	288	634	- 796	712
	FD	D	1	12	99.2	- 99.2	99.2	N/Q	-			283	- 283	283
		D	1	1	72.2	- 72.2	72.2	N/Q	150	- 150	150	260	- 260	260
		D	2	33	78.2	- 116.0	88.7	-10	156	- 232	177	285	- 534	342
	FD	D	2	35	100.0	- 115.2	106.9	N/Q	-			330	- 403	363
		D	3	11	110.0	- 110.0	110.0	N/Q	216	- 216	216	440	- 440	440
540+		C	3	4	148.2	- 148.2	148.2	N/Q	285	- 285	285	837	- 837	837
		C	4	3	155.2	- 155.2	155.2	-6	293	- 293	293	908	- 908	908
				<b>208</b>	<b>72.2</b>	<b>159.2</b>	<b>128.6</b>		<b>150</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>908</b>	<b>547</b>
<b>Cows</b>														
0-400	RS	D	1	6	63.2	- 63.2	63.2	N/Q	-			237	- 237	237
		D	1	4	50.2	- 50.2	50.2	-8	126	- 126	126	191	- 191	191
		D	2	18	80.0	- 95.2	82.8	13	178	- 212	184	304	- 357	314
		E	1	33	24.2	- 40.0	30.5	N/Q	61	- 100	76	88	- 152	116
400-520		D	1	8	50.2	- 70.0	62.6	-3	126	- 167	151	208	- 287	258
	RS	D	1	11	50.2	- 50.2	50.2	-13	-			211	- 211	211
		D	2	246	66.2	- 115.0	93.3	-2	147	- 256	207	278	- 575	412
		D	3	150	100.0	- 129.2	116.9	-5	213	- 272	249	465	- 640	578
		D	4	9	121.2	- 121.2	121.2	N/Q	253	- 253	253	630	- 630	630
520+		C	4	5	138.0	- 141.2	139.9	N/Q	276	- 277	277	883	- 890	887
		D	2	9	114.2	- 114.2	114.2	1	254	- 254	254	600	- 600	600
		D	3	137	119.2	- 132.0	125.8	-2	254	- 281	268	650	- 726	682
		D	4	169	122.0	- 138.0	130.9	-9	259	- 281	272	658	- 864	758
				<b>805</b>	<b>24.2</b>	<b>141.2</b>	<b>107.8</b>		<b>61</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>890</b>	<b>548</b>
<b>Bulls</b>														
0-450		C	2	2	136.2	- 136.2	136.2	N/Q	262	- 262	262	572	- 572	572
		D	2	28	69.2	- 75.2	73.1	N/C	138	- 150	146	165	- 166	166
450-600		C	2	1	145.0	- 145.0	145.0	N/Q	269	- 269	269	725	- 725	725
600+		B	2	12	150.2	- 169.2	162.6	18	268	- 302	290	1281	- 1579	1403
		C	2	21	133.2	- 154.2	146.6	11	247	- 286	271	953	- 1361	1138
		D	2	2	125.0	- 131.2	128.1	N/Q	240	- 252	246	1000	- 1076	1038
				<b>66</b>	<b>69.2</b>	<b>169.2</b>	<b>117.4</b>		<b>138</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>1579</b>	<b>747</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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