

## Detailed saleyard report - cattle

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### Gunnedah

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Yarding Change  $\frac{2957}{367}$

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There was another small increase in numbers. Large numbers of light and medium weight vealers and yearlings were penned, while heavy young cattle were in limited supply. Cows were once again well represented with very few well finished heavy grown steers penned. The overall quality of the offering was fair to good. The condition of the young cattle was more suited to restocker and feedlot orders with a few exceptions. A full complement of the regular buyers was in attendance, however once again not all were able to operate as reports suggest most plants have a backlog of supply.

The market trend through the good quality young cattle, both vealers and yearlings, was firm to slightly dearer. Feedlot orders were on the lookout for weights suitable to target the high end of the domestic trade and heavy export carcass. The lack of heavy feeders contributed to strong gains for steers in excess of 400kg. There were quite a few plain light cattle penned, with the well-bred lines of steers attracting fair competition. The lesser quality plain cattle struggled at times to attract much interest. Well finished young cattle to the trade remained firm with odd dearer sales. There were also variations in quality that impacted on average prices in some categories.

The limited number of well finished heavy grown steers remained firm. There was increased demand for all classes of cows, with increased competition from restockers on the light and medium weight cows in plain condition. Processors showed a greater interest on the better finished medium and heavy cows. Trends through the better cows were 10c to 15c/kg dearer. The plain condition cows showed similar increases, with some sale even higher.

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	63	132.2	- 170.0	140.2	-11	-	-	-	231	- 340	272
	RS	D	2	18	133.2	- 133.2	133.2	N/Q	-	-	-	226	- 226	226
200-280	RS	C	2	54	140.2	- 150.2	144.8	-5	-	-	-	299	- 372	335
		C	2	11	120.2	- 154.2	140.7	-14	231	- 297	271	282	- 424	364
	FD	C	2	14	155.2	- 155.2	155.2	-5	-	-	-	380	- 380	380
280-330	RS	D	2	3	125.0	- 125.0	125.0	N/Q	-	-	-	281	- 281	281
	FD	C	2	15	163.2	- 163.2	163.2	5	-	-	-	514	- 514	514
		C	2	3	140.0	- 165.2	148.4	-2	259	- 318	279	455	- 512	474
330+	RS	C	2	4	158.2	- 158.2	158.2	-12	-	-	-	459	- 459	459
		B	2	1	180.0	- 180.0	180.0	N/Q	321	- 321	321	648	- 648	648
		C	2	1	189.2	- 189.2	189.2	N/Q	338	- 338	338	672	- 672	672
				<b>187</b>	<b>120.2</b>	<b>189.2</b>	<b>144.6</b>		<b>231</b>	<b>338</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>672</b>	<b>330</b>
<b>Vealer Heifer</b>														
0-200		C	2	25	135.0	- 143.2	142.5	23	260	- 275	274	209	- 272	267
	RS	C	2	31	130.2	- 135.2	132.6	-9	-	-	-	202	- 270	239
	RS	D	1	11	66.2	- 66.2	66.2	N/Q	-	-	-	113	- 113	113
200-280		D	2	14	112.2	- 112.2	112.2	N/Q	216	- 216	216	174	- 174	174
		C	2	103	114.2	- 152.2	137.5	-1	220	- 293	264	278	- 396	319
	RS	C	2	25	135.2	- 139.2	137.0	-2	-	-	-	311	- 365	324
280-330		C	2	4	160.0	- 160.0	160.0	11	296	- 296	296	480	- 528	516
	FD	C	2	7	134.2	- 143.2	138.1	-8	-	-	-	423	- 430	426
		C	3	10	161.2	- 179.2	175.1	N/Q	304	- 338	330	500	- 582	522
				<b>230</b>	<b>66.2</b>	<b>179.2</b>	<b>134.4</b>		<b>216</b>	<b>338</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>582</b>	<b>300</b>
<b>Yearling Steer</b>														

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					Low	High	Avg	Change	Low	High	Avg	Low	High	Avg
0-330		C	2	1	130.0	- 130.0	130.0	N/Q	250	- 250	250	358	- 358	358
	FD	C	2	36	150.2	- 151.2	150.9	-4	-	-	-	431	- 481	456
	RS	C	2	81	137.2	- 165.0	156.6	18	-	-	-	424	- 512	456
		D	1	8	43.2	- 43.2	43.2	N/Q	86	- 86	86	95	- 95	95
	RS	D	1	47	131.2	- 142.2	138.2	N/Q	-	-	-	230	- 249	242
	RS	D	2	175	56.2	- 160.2	131.9	N/Q	-	-	-	135	- 441	335
	D	2	13	90.0	- 122.2	114.8	N/Q	180	- 244	230	207	- 342	311	
330-400	FD	C	1	6	167.2	- 167.2	167.2	N/Q	-	-	-	619	- 619	619
	FD	C	2	69	165.0	- 176.2	170.4	5	-	-	-	561	- 670	607
	RS	C	2	53	144.2	- 175.2	167.7	N/Q	-	-	-	519	- 701	618
	FD	C	3	1	156.2	- 156.2	156.2	N/Q	-	-	-	601	- 601	601
	RS	D	2	31	133.2	- 140.2	136.4	N/Q	-	-	-	460	- 505	480
400+	RS	C	2	9	159.2	- 173.2	167.0	N/Q	-	-	-	700	- 727	715
	FD	C	2	28	165.0	- 183.2	180.6	22	-	-	-	751	- 843	830
				<b>558</b>	<b>43.2</b>	<b>183.2</b>	<b>147.4</b>		<b>86</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>843</b>	<b>452</b>
<b>Yearling Heifer</b>														
0-330		C	2	43	125.0	- 144.2	137.0	6	240	- 288	265	359	- 469	420
	FD	C	2	63	131.2	- 154.2	144.8	11	-	-	-	394	- 509	463
	RS	C	2	100	117.2	- 150.2	137.7	4	-	-	-	334	- 496	431
		C	3	4	140.0	- 140.0	140.0	N/Q	269	- 269	269	420	- 420	420
	RS	D	1	9	28.2	- 28.2	28.2	N/Q	-	-	-	62	- 62	62
	RS	D	2	89	89.2	- 131.2	105.6	18	-	-	-	196	- 374	281
	FD	D	2	18	120.0	- 120.0	120.0	N/Q	-	-	-	384	- 384	384
	D	2	35	78.2	- 120.0	99.5	N/Q	156	- 240	199	180	- 348	228	
330-400	FD	C	2	30	130.0	- 142.2	139.6	-2	-	-	-	449	- 527	503
		C	2	21	137.2	- 149.2	143.3	N/Q	264	- 287	276	486	- 512	491
	RS	C	2	26	134.2	- 154.2	144.2	N/Q	-	-	-	463	- 571	518
	C	3	26	141.2	- 165.0	148.8	-1	272	- 311	286	486	- 578	526	
400+	FD	C	2	6	147.2	- 154.2	149.5	N/Q	-	-	-	618	- 640	625
	RS	C	2	4	147.2	- 147.2	147.2	N/Q	-	-	-	618	- 618	618
	RS	C	3	7	144.2	- 144.2	144.2	N/Q	-	-	-	613	- 613	613
	FD	C	3	14	155.2	- 155.2	155.2	2	-	-	-	667	- 667	667
		C	3	16	148.2	- 151.2	149.5	-6	280	- 285	282	645	- 718	663
				<b>511</b>	<b>28.2</b>	<b>165.0</b>	<b>130.2</b>		<b>156</b>	<b>311</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>718</b>	<b>422</b>
<b>Grown Steer</b>														
0-400	FD	D	2	19	139.2	- 139.2	139.2	N/Q	-	-	-	452	- 452	452
400-500		C	2	3	140.2	- 140.2	140.2	N/Q	270	- 270	270	659	- 659	659
	FD	C	2	8	155.2	- 155.2	155.2	17	-	-	-	652	- 652	652
	FD	C	3	5	179.2	- 179.2	179.2	N/Q	-	-	-	887	- 887	887
	C	3	6	140.0	- 140.0	140.0	-30	259	- 259	259	679	- 679	679	
500-600		C	3	16	174.0	- 184.2	181.7	20	322	- 341	336	958	- 983	964
600-750		C	4	5	180.2	- 180.2	180.2	N/Q	328	- 328	328	1117	- 1117	1117
				<b>62</b>	<b>139.2</b>	<b>184.2</b>	<b>158.9</b>		<b>259</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>452</b>	<b>1117</b>	<b>731</b>
<b>Grown Heifer</b>														

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					Low	High	Avg	Change	Low	High	Avg	Low	High	Avg
0-540		C	2	3	140.2	- 140.2	140.2	10	270	- 270	270	652	- 652	652
	FD	C	3	1	137.2	- 137.2	137.2	N/Q	-	-	-	597	- 597	597
		C	3	6	145.0	- 150.0	148.3	13	279	- 283	282	725	- 795	772
		C	4	1	150.0	- 150.0	150.0	N/Q	283	- 283	283	795	- 795	795
		D	2	3	80.0	- 80.0	80.0	N/Q	160	- 160	160	328	- 328	328
	RS	D	2	36	63.2	- 105.0	90.5	59	-	-	-	190	- 420	348
	RS	D	3	10	122.2	- 122.2	122.2	N/Q	-	-	-	568	- 568	568
	D	3	13	120.0	- 125.2	124.4	61	235	- 246	244	545	- 558	547	
540+		C	3	1	142.2	- 142.2	142.2	N/Q	274	- 274	274	882	- 882	882
		D	4	3	139.2	- 139.2	139.2	N/Q	268	- 268	268	814	- 814	814
				<b>77</b>	<b>63.2</b>	<b>150.0</b>	<b>110.3</b>		<b>160</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>882</b>	<b>488</b>
<b>Cows</b>														
0-400	RS	D	1	90	48.2	- 70.2	63.0	32	-	-	-	176	- 274	238
		D	1	15	40.0	- 60.0	52.3	16	100	- 150	131	144	- 228	195
		D	2	14	60.0	- 70.0	67.9	5	133	- 156	151	240	- 273	257
	RS	D	2	53	67.2	- 76.2	71.3	N/Q	-	-	-	260	- 297	278
	RS	E	1	18	42.2	- 42.2	42.2	N/Q	-	-	-	148	- 148	148
		E	1	3	30.0	- 30.0	30.0	N/Q	75	- 75	75	108	- 108	108
400-520	RS	D	1	17	84.2	- 84.2	84.2	N/Q	-	-	-	358	- 358	358
		D	1	17	60.0	- 95.2	84.8	53	150	- 212	194	249	- 405	359
		D	2	68	63.2	- 95.2	76.7	18	140	- 212	170	267	- 405	325
	RS	D	2	51	63.2	- 77.2	75.1	25	-	-	-	259	- 347	324
		D	3	75	80.0	- 125.0	103.5	22	170	- 266	220	349	- 608	497
520+		C	3	2	132.2	- 132.2	132.2	N/Q	264	- 264	264	793	- 793	793
		D	2	6	80.0	- 91.2	83.7	N/Q	178	- 203	186	436	- 502	458
		D	3	23	100.0	- 122.2	116.3	31	213	- 260	247	530	- 715	649
		D	4	95	124.0	- 132.2	126.2	20	258	- 267	263	663	- 853	742
				<b>547</b>	<b>30.0</b>	<b>132.2</b>	<b>86.2</b>		<b>75</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>853</b>	<b>409</b>
<b>Bulls</b>														
0-450		C	2	5	109.2	- 115.2	110.4	N/Q	202	- 213	204	461	- 464	463
	RS	C	2	12	80.2	- 80.2	80.2	N/Q	-	-	-	273	- 273	273
		D	2	11	35.2	- 35.2	35.2	N/Q	68	- 68	68	106	- 106	106
450-600		C	2	2	139.2	- 139.2	139.2	N/Q	258	- 258	258	766	- 766	766
600+	B	2	27	150.0	- 168.2	159.3	N/Q	268	- 295	283	1114	- 1661	1234	
	C	2	38	122.2	- 156.2	139.6	-4	226	- 287	258	831	- 1425	1048	
	D	2	10	110.2	- 120.0	119.0	N/Q	212	- 231	229	816	- 882	823	
				<b>105</b>	<b>35.2</b>	<b>168.2</b>	<b>123.6</b>		<b>68</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>1661</b>	<b>854</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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