

## Detailed saleyard report - cattle

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### Gunnedah

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Numbers increased by 240 head, with young cattle and cows once again well represented and increased numbers of heavy grown steers penned. Overall, the quality and condition of the offering was very mixed, with a large gap between the best and the poorest quality. Most of the well finished young cattle were supplementary fed with a limited number of milk vealers. A full field of both processors and lot feeders were in operation, along with some good restocker activity.

Dearer trends were seen through the vealer steers with restocker activity strong. Quality variations accounted for some price change. A little less processor competition saw C2 medium weight vealer heifers sell to a cheaper trend. A single pen of well finished heifers was dearer in price. The better quality yearling steers to restock and feed sold to a dearer trend, with the heavy weights showing the best gains. The plain quality lightweight steers sold to a cheaper trend. Well finished steers suitable to the trade sold to a dearer trend with limited numbers available. As with the steers, good quality yearling heifers sold to a dearer trend, both to feed and the trade, with medium weight feeders showing strong gains. Once again, plain quality lightweights sold to a cheaper trend.

There was little but quality related change in the heavy grown steer market. The large penning of cows sold to a dearer trend across all classes, with only a quality related variation in the plainest of the lightweights.

| 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         | 38         | 158.2            | - 175.2      | 172.9 | 3      | -                             | -          | -   | 253               | -          | 298 | 288 |     |
|                       | RS          | D            | 2         | 50         | 136.2            | - 170.2      | 157.2 | 9      | -                             | -          | -   | 219               | -          | 336 | 285 |     |
| 200-280               | RS          | C            | 2         | 83         | 155.0            | - 177.2      | 164.9 | -3     | -                             | -          | -   | 357               | -          | 452 | 414 |     |
|                       | RS          | D            | 2         | 21         | 135.0            | - 153.2      | 139.3 | 19     | -                             | -          | -   | 324               | -          | 368 | 334 |     |
|                       |             |              |           | <b>192</b> | <b>135.0</b>     | <b>177.2</b> |       |        | <b>0</b>                      | <b>0</b>   |     | <b>219</b>        | <b>452</b> |     |     |     |
| <b>Vealer Heifer</b>  |             |              |           |            |                  |              |       |        |                               |            |     |                   |            |     |     |     |
| 0-200                 | RS          | C            | 2         | 10         | 118.0            | - 118.0      | 118.0 | N/Q    | -                             | -          | -   | 236               | -          | 236 | 236 |     |
|                       | RS          | D            | 2         | 72         | 114.2            | - 125.2      | 120.0 | -1     | -                             | -          | -   | 173               | -          | 213 | 199 |     |
|                       |             | D            | 2         | 2          | 100.2            | - 100.2      | 100.2 | N/Q    | 200                           | -          | 200 | 200               | 175        | -   | 175 | 175 |
| 200-280               | RS          | C            | 2         | 13         | 131.2            | - 131.2      | 131.2 | 2      | -                             | -          | -   | 308               | -          | 308 | 308 |     |
|                       |             | C            | 2         | 35         | 131.2            | - 132.2      | 131.8 | -17    | 252                           | -          | 254 | 253               | 291        | -   | 331 | 309 |
|                       |             | D            | 2         | 4          | 135.2            | - 135.2      | 135.2 | N/Q    | 270                           | -          | 270 | 270               | 297        | -   | 297 | 297 |
| 280-330               | RS          | D            | 2         | 26         | 112.2            | - 120.0      | 116.4 | -8     | -                             | -          | -   | 247               | -          | 294 | 272 |     |
|                       |             | C            | 3         | 6          | 193.2            | - 193.2      | 193.2 | 12     | 365                           | -          | 365 | 365               | 638        | -   | 638 | 638 |
|                       |             |              |           | <b>168</b> | <b>100.2</b>     | <b>193.2</b> |       |        | <b>200</b>                    | <b>365</b> |     | <b>173</b>        | <b>638</b> |     |     |     |
| <b>Yearling Steer</b> |             |              |           |            |                  |              |       |        |                               |            |     |                   |            |     |     |     |
| 0-330                 | FD          | C            | 2         | 25         | 122.2            | - 173.2      | 155.0 | -13    | -                             | -          | -   | 391               | -          | 554 | 502 |     |
|                       | RS          | C            | 2         | 65         | 145.0            | - 170.0      | 157.2 | -4     | -                             | -          | -   | 435               | -          | 547 | 481 |     |
|                       |             | C            | 3         | 4          | 175.0            | - 186.2      | 180.6 | N/Q    | 330                           | -          | 345 | 338               | 578        | -   | 614 | 596 |
|                       | FD          | D            | 1         | 5          | 94.2             | - 94.2       | 94.2  | N/Q    | -                             | -          | -   | 254               | -          | 254 | 254 |     |
|                       | RS          | D            | 1         | 37         | 70.0             | - 150.0      | 119.7 | -11    | -                             | -          | -   | 154               | -          | 375 | 293 |     |
|                       | RS          | D            | 2         | 47         | 139.2            | - 140.0      | 139.9 | 14     | -                             | -          | -   | 278               | -          | 336 | 326 |     |
|                       | FD          | D            | 2         | 10         | 117.2            | - 140.2      | 126.4 | -11    | -                             | -          | -   | 375               | -          | 463 | 410 |     |
| 330-400               | RS          | C            | 2         | 58         | 171.2            | - 182.2      | 175.4 | -3     | -                             | -          | -   | 595               | -          | 729 | 638 |     |
|                       | FD          | C            | 2         | 47         | 160.0            | - 180.2      | 176.9 | 8      | -                             | -          | -   | 584               | -          | 721 | 681 |     |

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|------------------------|-------------|--------------|-----------|------------|------------------|--------------|-------|--------|-------------------------------|------------|------------|-------------------|-------------|------------|
|                        |             |              |           |            | Low              | High         | Avg   | Change | Low                           | High       | Avg        | Low               | High        | Avg        |
| 400+                   |             | C            | 2         | 2          | 175.0            | - 175.0      | 175.0 | N/Q    | 337                           | - 337      | 337        | 639               | - 639       | 639        |
|                        | FD          | C            | 3         | 2          | 172.0            | - 172.0      | 172.0 | N/Q    | -                             | -          | -          | 688               | - 688       | 688        |
|                        |             | C            | 3         | 3          | 154.2            | - 180.0      | 162.8 | -6     | 297                           | - 333      | 309        | 594               | - 675       | 621        |
|                        | RS          | C            | 3         | 7          | 175.0            | - 175.0      | 175.0 | N/Q    | -                             | -          | -          | 700               | - 700       | 700        |
|                        | RS          | D            | 2         | 11         | 138.2            | - 138.2      | 138.2 | N/Q    | -                             | -          | -          | 553               | - 553       | 553        |
|                        | FD          | D            | 2         | 8          | 150.0            | - 150.0      | 150.0 | N/Q    | -                             | -          | -          | 510               | - 510       | 510        |
|                        |             | B            | 3         | 6          | 180.0            | - 180.0      | 180.0 | N/Q    | 321                           | - 321      | 321        | 756               | - 756       | 756        |
|                        | FD          | C            | 2         | 29         | 160.0            | - 181.2      | 178.1 | 7      | -                             | -          | -          | 720               | - 808       | 783        |
|                        | RS          | C            | 2         | 4          | 165.0            | - 165.0      | 165.0 | -8     | -                             | -          | -          | 693               | - 693       | 693        |
|                        | C           | 3            | 23        | 165.2      | - 181.2          | 173.4        | N/C   | 306    | - 330                         | 319        | 719        | - 761             | 745         |            |
|                        |             |              |           | <b>393</b> | <b>70.0</b>      | <b>186.2</b> |       |        |                               |            | <b>297</b> | <b>345</b>        | <b>154</b>  | <b>808</b> |
| <b>Yearling Heifer</b> |             |              |           |            |                  |              |       |        |                               |            |            |                   |             |            |
| 0-330                  |             | C            | 2         | 1          | 154.2            | - 154.2      | 154.2 | N/Q    | 297                           | - 297      | 297        | 493               | - 493       | 493        |
|                        | RS          | C            | 2         | 51         | 135.2            | - 165.2      | 153.3 | 23     | -                             | -          | -          | 433               | - 545       | 500        |
|                        |             | C            | 3         | 13         | 150.2            | - 175.2      | 170.7 | 32     | 289                           | - 331      | 321        | 481               | - 578       | 560        |
|                        | RS          | D            | 1         | 66         | 50.0             | - 98.2       | 77.3  | -21    | -                             | -          | -          | 100               | - 221       | 178        |
|                        | RS          | D            | 2         | 44         | 68.2             | - 152.0      | 115.9 | -3     | -                             | -          | -          | 150               | - 479       | 331        |
|                        | FD          | D            | 2         | 9          | 84.2             | - 138.2      | 126.6 | -22    | -                             | -          | -          | 211               | - 442       | 397        |
| 330-400                | FD          | C            | 2         | 51         | 140.2            | - 172.2      | 165.7 | 21     | -                             | -          | -          | 519               | - 629       | 595        |
|                        | RS          | C            | 2         | 52         | 148.2            | - 169.2      | 159.6 | N/Q    | -                             | -          | -          | 504               | - 593       | 554        |
|                        |             | C            | 2         | 13         | 140.2            | - 168.2      | 159.6 | 15     | 270                           | - 317      | 303        | 519               | - 614       | 585        |
|                        |             | C            | 3         | 55         | 147.2            | - 180.0      | 164.5 | 15     | 283                           | - 333      | 310        | 562               | - 655       | 612        |
|                        | RS          | D            | 2         | 20         | 135.2            | - 137.2      | 136.3 | 18     | -                             | -          | -          | 473               | - 480       | 477        |
|                        |             |              |           | <b>375</b> | <b>50.0</b>      | <b>180.0</b> |       |        | <b>270</b>                    | <b>333</b> |            | <b>100</b>        | <b>655</b>  |            |
| <b>Grown Steer</b>     |             |              |           |            |                  |              |       |        |                               |            |            |                   |             |            |
| 0-400                  | FD          | C            | 2         | 8          | 166.2            | - 166.2      | 166.2 | N/Q    | -                             | -          | -          | 665               | - 665       | 665        |
| 400-500                | RS          | C            | 2         | 12         | 130.0            | - 130.0      | 130.0 | N/Q    | -                             | -          | -          | 585               | - 585       | 585        |
|                        |             | C            | 3         | 4          | 148.0            | - 165.2      | 152.3 | N/Q    | 285                           | - 306      | 290        | 651               | - 768       | 680        |
| 500-600                |             | C            | 2         | 14         | 155.0            | - 155.0      | 155.0 | N/Q    | 298                           | - 298      | 298        | 814               | - 853       | 850        |
|                        |             | C            | 3         | 55         | 165.0            | - 171.2      | 166.9 | -6     | 306                           | - 317      | 309        | 908               | - 1002      | 981        |
| 600-750                |             | C            | 3         | 36         | 169.2            | - 170.0      | 169.3 | N/Q    | 309                           | - 313      | 313        | 1083              | - 1088      | 1084       |
|                        |             |              |           | <b>129</b> | <b>130.0</b>     | <b>171.2</b> |       |        | <b>285</b>                    | <b>317</b> |            | <b>585</b>        | <b>1088</b> |            |
| <b>Grown Heifer</b>    |             |              |           |            |                  |              |       |        |                               |            |            |                   |             |            |
| 0-540                  |             | C            | 2         | 4          | 154.2            | - 154.2      | 154.2 | N/Q    | 297                           | - 297      | 297        | 617               | - 617       | 617        |
|                        | RS          | C            | 3         | 1          | 146.2            | - 146.2      | 146.2 | N/Q    | -                             | -          | -          | 614               | - 614       | 614        |
|                        |             | C            | 3         | 19         | 125.0            | - 168.2      | 149.8 | 5      | 240                           | - 317      | 287        | 456               | - 900       | 742        |
|                        |             | C            | 4         | 2          | 152.2            | - 152.2      | 152.2 | N/Q    | 287                           | - 287      | 287        | 799               | - 799       | 799        |
|                        | FD          | D            | 2         | 6          | 133.2            | - 133.2      | 133.2 | N/Q    | -                             | -          | -          | 500               | - 500       | 500        |
|                        | RS          | D            | 2         | 15         | 110.0            | - 120.0      | 115.3 | 30     | -                             | -          | -          | 450               | - 462       | 456        |
|                        |             | D            | 3         | 2          | 135.0            | - 138.0      | 136.5 | N/Q    | 265                           | - 271      | 268        | 648               | - 669       | 659        |
| 540+                   |             | C            | 4         | 4          | 158.0            | - 158.0      | 158.0 | N/Q    | 298                           | - 298      | 298        | 877               | - 877       | 877        |
|                        |             |              |           | <b>53</b>  | <b>110.0</b>     | <b>168.2</b> |       |        | <b>240</b>                    | <b>317</b> |            | <b>450</b>        | <b>900</b>  |            |
| <b>Cows</b>            |             |              |           |            |                  |              |       |        |                               |            |            |                   |             |            |
| 0-400                  |             | D            | 1         | 59         | 50.0             | - 79.2       | 60.9  | -12    | 125                           | - 189      | 148        | 183               | - 305       | 231        |
|                        |             | D            | 2         | 32         | 87.2             | - 101.2      | 93.1  | 15     | 194                           | - 225      | 207        | 349               | - 395       | 370        |

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|-----------------|-------------|--------------|-----------|------------|------------------|--------------|-------|------------|-------------------------------|-------|------------|-------------------|--------|------|
|                 |             |              |           |            | Low              | High         | Avg   | Change     | Low                           | High  | Avg        | Low               | High   | Avg  |
| 400-520         |             | D            | 2         | 229        | 88.2             | - 116.2      | 105.3 | 10         | 196                           | - 250 | 231        | 362               | - 564  | 462  |
|                 | RS          | D            | 2         | 25         | 98.2             | - 98.2       | 98.2  | N/C        |                               | -     |            | 412               | - 412  | 412  |
|                 |             | D            | 3         | 68         | 109.2            | - 128.2      | 119.2 | 9          | 232                           | - 271 | 253        | 491               | - 660  | 566  |
|                 |             | D            | 4         | 10         | 130.0            | - 130.0      | 130.0 | N/Q        | 271                           | - 271 | 271        | 676               | - 676  | 676  |
| 520+            |             | C            | 3         | 1          | 147.2            | - 147.2      | 147.2 | N/Q        | 289                           | - 289 | 289        | 883               | - 883  | 883  |
|                 |             | D            | 3         | 41         | 115.0            | - 136.0      | 132.9 | 20         | 245                           | - 283 | 277        | 621               | - 748  | 714  |
|                 |             | D            | 4         | 23         | 125.0            | - 134.0      | 132.8 | 5          | 260                           | - 279 | 277        | 700               | - 779  | 739  |
|                 |             |              |           | <b>488</b> | <b>50.0</b>      | <b>147.2</b> |       | <b>125</b> | <b>289</b>                    |       | <b>183</b> | <b>883</b>        |        |      |
| <b>Bulls</b>    |             |              |           |            |                  |              |       |            |                               |       |            |                   |        |      |
| 0-450           |             | C            | 2         | 12         | 107.2            | - 126.2      | 119.9 | N/Q        | 214                           | - 234 | 227        | 343               | - 530  | 468  |
| 450-600         |             | C            | 2         | 5          | 144.2            | - 144.2      | 144.2 | 6          | 267                           | - 267 | 267        | 764               | - 764  | 764  |
| 600+            |             | B            | 2         | 6          | 158.0            | - 170.2      | 165.8 | 4          | 282                           | - 304 | 296        | 1345              | - 1489 | 1433 |
|                 |             | C            | 2         | 6          | 120.0            | - 152.2      | 141.0 | 3          | 222                           | - 280 | 259        | 942               | - 1245 | 1107 |
|                 |             |              |           | <b>29</b>  | <b>107.2</b>     | <b>170.2</b> |       | <b>214</b> | <b>304</b>                    |       | <b>343</b> | <b>1489</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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