

## Detailed saleyard report - cattle

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### Dalby

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Almost no rain across the local areas and the improved market of the previous week resulted in numbers lifting by 80%. Overall quality was generally good and, despite the dry weather, most of the medium and heavy weight yearling steers and grown cattle were in condition suitable for slaughter or feed while there was a large variation in the standard of the young lightweight cattle. All major export processors were present and operating along with the regular feeder operators, however two major interstate processors were absent from the buying panel in the young cattle section. Calves and lightweight yearling heifers lacked support from processors and prices eased by 4c to 16c/kg, while a couple of restocker stepped in and lifted prices on the lightweight yearling steers by 7c/kg. Medium and heavy weight yearling steers to feed improved in price by 4c/kg. Heavy grown steers and bullocks met solid demand while cows improved a further 4c to 10c/kg.

Calves to slaughter averaged 123c, while those returning to the paddock made to 185c and averaged 146c/kg. Vealer heifers mostly sold around 135c, with the occasional sale to 161c/kg. The lightweight yearling steers to feed averaged 177c, with some well-bred lines to 192c, while the largest numbers returned to the paddock at 170c/kg. Medium and heavy weight yearling steers to feed were well supplied and buyers were able to absorb the large supply and lift average prices into the high 170c range, with some heavy weights to 190c/kg. Lightweight yearling heifers to slaughter and restockers mostly sold in the high 120c/kg range. Medium weights to feeders averaged 141c, while a fair sample to slaughter averaged 153c and made to 164c/kg. Heavyweights to the trade averaged 13c dearer at 146c with some B muscle lines to 172c/kg.

Heavy grown steers averaged 177c and bullocks averaged 174c and made to 185c/kg. Medium weight plain cows averaged 91c while the better 2 scores averaged 115c and made to 127c/kg. A fairly large selection of good heavy cows made to 159c to average 4c dearer at close to 149c/kg. Heavy bulls made to 165c/kg.

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+		C	2	23	110.2	- 134.2	122.8	-23	208	- 253	232	193	- 228	213
	RS	C	2	75	106.2	- 185.0	146.6	-16	-	-	-	150	- 324	236
	RS	D	2	25	90.0	- 103.2	100.7	-15	-	-	-	150	- 175	167
		D	2	12	95.2	- 110.0	105.1	N/Q	180	- 208	198	157	- 204	188
					<b>135</b>	<b>90.0</b>	<b>185.0</b>		<b>180</b>	<b>253</b>		<b>150</b>	<b>324</b>	
<b>Vealer Steer</b>														
200-280	FD	C	2	4	161.2	- 175.2	171.7	N/Q	-	-	-	385	- 427	396
	RS	C	2	17	156.2	- 170.2	162.4	-14	-	-	-	348	- 383	364
					<b>21</b>	<b>156.2</b>	<b>175.2</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>348</b>	<b>427</b>	
<b>Vealer Heifer</b>														
200-280		C	2	137	123.2	- 140.0	135.7	3	228	- 259	251	289	- 358	309
	FD	C	2	13	128.2	- 128.2	128.2	N/Q	-	-	-	288	- 288	288
	RS	C	2	15	147.2	- 147.2	147.2	2	-	-	-	309	- 309	309
280-330	FD	C	2	16	125.2	- 135.2	130.2	N/Q	-	-	-	357	- 385	371
		C	3	4	161.2	- 161.2	161.2	N/Q	299	- 299	299	532	- 532	532
					<b>185</b>	<b>123.2</b>	<b>161.2</b>		<b>228</b>	<b>299</b>		<b>288</b>	<b>532</b>	
<b>Yearling Steer</b>														
0-330	FD	C	2	89	160.0	- 192.2	176.8	7	-	-	-	378	- 468	431
	RS	C	2	292	144.2	- 180.2	169.5	7	-	-	-	324	- 494	405
		C	3	5	163.2	- 163.2	163.2	N/Q	297	- 297	297	490	- 490	490
	RS	D	2	43	94.2	- 130.2	123.4	-11	-	-	-	207	- 371	322
		D	2	5	112.2	- 112.2	112.2	-38	204	- 204	204	264	- 264	264

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		D	3	1	144.2	- 144.2	144.2	N/Q	262	- 262	262	433	- 433	433
330-400	FD	C	2	525	160.2	- 188.2	178.7	4	-	-	-	557	- 731	656
	FD	C	3	31	166.2	- 184.2	178.7	18	-	-	-	577	- 709	677
	RS	D	2	3	141.2	- 141.2	141.2	24	-	-	-	473	- 473	473
	FD	D	2	12	161.2	- 165.2	163.5	23	-	-	-	540	- 611	582
400+	FD	C	2	157	163.2	- 185.2	178.1	4	-	-	-	661	- 852	751
	FD	C	3	336	172.0	- 190.2	181.5	4	-	-	-	723	- 877	803
	FD	D	2	5	156.2	- 156.2	156.2	N/Q	-	-	-	664	- 664	664
	FD	D	3	8	160.2	- 160.2	160.2	N/Q	-	-	-	681	- 681	681
				<b>1512</b>	<b>94.2</b>	<b>192.2</b>			<b>204</b>	<b>297</b>		<b>207</b>	<b>877</b>	
<b>Yearling Heifer</b>														
0-330	FD	C	2	36	133.2	- 137.2	135.3	8	-	-	-	300	- 318	311
	RS	C	2	155	122.2	- 144.2	128.5	-8	-	-	-	263	- 382	288
		C	2	71	118.2	- 135.2	126.3	-4	219	- 250	234	258	- 314	286
		C	3	22	145.2	- 160.2	152.2	N/Q	269	- 297	282	417	- 481	452
		D	2	35	100.2	- 116.2	108.8	-12	186	- 215	202	220	- 261	240
	RS	D	2	8	90.2	- 116.2	106.5	-14	-	-	-	203	- 273	247
330-400	RS	C	2	20	139.2	- 139.2	139.2	N/Q	-	-	-	466	- 466	466
	FD	C	2	100	128.2	- 147.2	141.7	8	-	-	-	466	- 530	507
	FD	C	3	91	136.2	- 158.2	152.0	9	-	-	-	504	- 593	559
		C	3	118	144.2	- 164.2	153.5	1	267	- 304	284	497	- 616	565
	FD	D	2	12	115.0	- 118.0	116.5	N/C	-	-	-	397	- 443	420
400+		B	3	27	171.2	- 172.2	172.0	N/Q	311	- 313	313	796	- 861	847
	FD	C	2	65	130.0	- 145.0	139.5	-16	-	-	-	527	- 587	569
	FD	C	3	59	130.0	- 150.0	141.1	-14	-	-	-	553	- 653	606
		C	3	186	134.2	- 161.2	146.4	13	249	- 299	271	564	- 750	629
	FD	D	2	18	100.0	- 110.0	108.3	-2	-	-	-	435	- 446	444
				<b>1023</b>	<b>90.2</b>	<b>172.2</b>			<b>186</b>	<b>313</b>		<b>203</b>	<b>861</b>	
<b>Grown Steer</b>														
400-500	FD	C	2	6	164.2	- 164.2	164.2	N/Q	-	-	-	739	- 739	739
	FD	C	3	39	165.2	- 171.2	168.9	-1	-	-	-	768	- 842	804
	RS	D	2	20	124.2	- 124.2	124.2	N/Q	-	-	-	528	- 528	528
	FD	D	2	7	143.2	- 143.2	143.2	28	-	-	-	609	- 609	609
500-600		C	3	63	161.2	- 169.2	166.4	6	293	- 308	303	879	- 1001	926
		C	4	106	171.2	- 184.2	177.7	4	306	- 329	317	885	- 1072	995
600-750		C	3	60	160.2	- 170.2	164.8	-2	291	- 310	300	1001	- 1106	1042
		C	4	96	168.0	- 185.2	174.6	-5	300	- 331	312	1016	- 1227	1145
				<b>397</b>	<b>124.2</b>	<b>185.2</b>			<b>291</b>	<b>331</b>		<b>528</b>	<b>1227</b>	
<b>Grown Heifer</b>														
0-540		C	4	13	149.2	- 149.2	149.2	-11	282	- 282	282	761	- 761	761
	RS	D	1	7	102.2	- 102.2	102.2	N/Q	-	-	-	404	- 404	404
		D	2	5	115.2	- 115.2	115.2	1	250	- 250	250	559	- 559	559
		D	3	24	135.0	- 145.2	139.6	6	255	- 279	267	608	- 675	652
				<b>49</b>	<b>102.2</b>	<b>149.2</b>			<b>250</b>	<b>282</b>		<b>404</b>	<b>761</b>	
<b>Manufacturing Steer</b>														

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540+		C	4	22	133.2	- 159.2	149.7	N/Q	242	- 290	272	1066	- 1234	1147
				<b>22</b>	<b>133.2</b>	<b>159.2</b>			<b>242</b>	<b>290</b>		<b>1066</b>	<b>1234</b>	
<b>Cows</b>														
0-400		D	1	68	50.2	- 85.2	73.3	-2	114	- 194	167	201	- 321	273
	RS	D	1	25	59.2	- 86.2	61.4	N/Q	-	-	-	189	- 332	207
		D	2	6	114.2	- 116.2	115.2	N/Q	237	- 248	243	442	- 457	449
	RS	E	1	30	42.2	- 51.2	45.5	N/Q	-	-	-	135	- 164	146
		E	1	16	31.2	- 50.0	48.4	6	71	- 114	110	100	- 175	170
400-520	RS	D	1	33	78.2	- 109.2	96.7	-2	-	-	-	340	- 470	419
		D	1	43	80.0	- 97.2	91.6	-5	182	- 221	208	344	- 437	402
	RS	D	2	6	108.2	- 108.2	108.2	N/Q	-	-	-	476	- 476	476
		D	2	163	103.2	- 127.2	115.8	7	224	- 277	252	439	- 599	519
		D	3	91	116.2	- 137.2	129.8	5	253	- 280	266	523	- 654	611
		D	4	54	138.2	- 147.2	141.7	11	271	- 289	278	635	- 709	677
		E	1	1	50.0	- 50.0	50.0	N/Q	114	- 114	114	218	- 218	218
520+		D	2	45	118.2	- 130.2	126.4	7	257	- 283	275	632	- 704	678
	RS	D	2	8	116.2	- 116.2	116.2	N/Q	-	-	-	622	- 622	622
		D	3	68	128.2	- 141.2	135.2	3	262	- 288	276	686	- 812	731
		D	4	215	142.2	- 159.2	148.9	4	279	- 312	292	761	- 955	838
		D	5	9	125.2	- 140.2	130.8	N/Q	256	- 286	267	657	- 792	736
				<b>881</b>	<b>31.2</b>	<b>159.2</b>			<b>71</b>	<b>312</b>		<b>100</b>	<b>955</b>	
<b>Bulls</b>														
0-450		C	2	10	149.2	- 149.2	149.2	22	271	- 271	271	500	- 500	500
	FD	C	3	8	148.2	- 155.2	151.6	N/Q	-	-	-	643	- 698	664
450-600		C	2	4	114.2	- 114.2	114.2	N/Q	208	- 208	208	645	- 645	645
		C	3	1	132.2	- 132.2	132.2	N/Q	236	- 236	236	747	- 747	747
600+		C	2	1	131.2	- 131.2	131.2	N/Q	239	- 239	239	853	- 853	853
	FD	C	2	3	130.0	- 130.0	130.0	N/Q	-	-	-	910	- 910	910
		C	3	21	137.2	- 165.0	148.6	-6	245	- 295	265	892	- 1700	1202
		D	4	2	148.2	- 148.2	148.2	N/Q	265	- 265	265	1163	- 1163	1163
				<b>50</b>	<b>114.2</b>	<b>165.0</b>			<b>208</b>	<b>295</b>		<b>500</b>	<b>1700</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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