

Detailed saleyard report - cattle

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Gunnedah

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Yarding Change 330
-2105

comparison date 18/03/2014

There were not enough cattle penned to attract a full field of buyers as the very good rainfall over a wide area reduced numbers to their smallest level in many years, with only 330 head yarded. The quality and condition of the offering was mixed, with a few well finished yearlings and cows penned. The balance of the offering consisted mostly plain condition cows and young cattle.

Both vealer and yearling steers to restock and feed attracted strong demand and sold to a dearer trend. Heifers were affected by the reduced competition, with most selling to a cheaper trend. There was an isolated dearer sale. The small numbers had an effect on the overall average quality and also impacted on price changes. The well finished young cattle purchased by the trade sold to a dearer trend, as the few trade buyers in the market competed to secure their requirements.

There were too few heavy steers to quote a market trend. The quality of the grown heifers was fairly plain, with the market firm to slightly dearer. The cow market was generally dearer and once again the low numbers had an impact on price change, while the best pen of cows were quite a bit dearer.

| 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 |
| Vealer Steer | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 200-280 | RS | C | 2 | 8 | 174.2 | - 174.2 | 174.2 | 4 | - | | | 446 | - 446 | 446 |
| | RS | D | 2 | 3 | 183.2 | - 183.2 | 183.2 | 34 | - | | | 394 | - 394 | 394 |
| 280-330 | FD | C | 2 | 9 | 189.2 | - 189.2 | 189.2 | N/Q | - | | | 568 | - 568 | 568 |
| | RS | C | 2 | 12 | 185.2 | - 185.2 | 185.2 | 10 | - | | | 537 | - 537 | 537 |
| | | | | 32 | 174.2 | 189.2 | | | 0 | 0 | | 394 | 568 | |
| Vealer Heifer | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 0-200 | RS | D | 2 | 13 | 82.2 | - 106.2 | 97.0 | -18 | - | | | 164 | - 212 | 194 |
| 200-280 | | C | 2 | 8 | 127.2 | - 127.2 | 127.2 | -2 | 245 | - 245 | 245 | 350 | - 350 | 350 |
| | RS | C | 2 | 10 | 130.0 | - 134.2 | 131.7 | -5 | - | | | 322 | - 358 | 343 |
| | RS | D | 2 | 13 | 117.2 | - 117.2 | 117.2 | 2 | - | | | 281 | - 281 | 281 |
| | | | | 44 | 82.2 | 134.2 | | | 245 | 245 | | 164 | 358 | |
| Yearling Steer | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 330-400 | FD | C | 2 | 10 | 189.2 | - 189.2 | 189.2 | 37 | - | | | 662 | - 662 | 662 |
| | FD | C | 3 | 15 | 193.2 | - 193.2 | 193.2 | N/Q | - | | | 753 | - 753 | 753 |
| 400+ | FD | C | 2 | 5 | 185.2 | - 185.2 | 185.2 | 7 | - | | | 769 | - 769 | 769 |
| | FD | C | 3 | 9 | 186.2 | - 186.2 | 186.2 | N/Q | - | | | 791 | - 791 | 791 |
| | | C | 3 | 5 | 185.2 | - 185.2 | 185.2 | 21 | 337 | - 337 | 337 | 870 | - 870 | 870 |
| | | | | 44 | 185.2 | 193.2 | | | 337 | 337 | | 662 | 870 | |
| Yearling Heifer | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 0-330 | RS | D | 2 | 7 | 72.2 | - 83.2 | 81.6 | -19 | - | | | 204 | - 224 | 207 |
| 330-400 | RS | C | 2 | 10 | 145.2 | - 158.2 | 151.7 | 5 | - | | | 581 | - 585 | 583 |
| | | C | 2 | 4 | 143.2 | - 143.2 | 143.2 | -22 | 275 | - 275 | 275 | 487 | - 487 | 487 |
| | FD | C | 2 | 15 | 118.2 | - 160.2 | 143.6 | -11 | - | | | 402 | - 641 | 548 |
| | | C | 3 | 7 | 160.0 | - 175.2 | 170.9 | 16 | 302 | - 324 | 318 | 592 | - 639 | 626 |
| | RS | D | 2 | 7 | 116.2 | - 116.2 | 116.2 | -7 | - | | | 407 | - 407 | 407 |
| 400+ | | C | 3 | 10 | 173.2 | - 193.2 | 183.2 | 18 | 321 | - 358 | 339 | 762 | - 792 | 777 |
| | | C | 4 | 6 | 153.2 | - 153.2 | 153.2 | N/Q | 295 | - 295 | 295 | 712 | - 712 | 712 |

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| | | | | | Low | High | Avg | Change | Low | High | Avg | Low | High | Avg |
| | | | | 66 | 72.2 | 193.2 | | | 275 | 358 | | 204 | 792 | |
| Grown Steer | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 500-600 | | C | 4 | 6 | 170.2 | - 170.2 | 170.2 | N/Q | 315 | - 315 | 315 | 919 | - 919 | 919 |
| | | | | 6 | 170.2 | 170.2 | | | 315 | 315 | | 919 | 919 | |
| Grown Heifer | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 0-540 | RS | C | 2 | 1 | 106.2 | - 106.2 | 106.2 | N/Q | | - | | 441 | - 441 | 441 |
| | | C | 3 | 2 | 148.2 | - 148.2 | 148.2 | N/Q | 280 | - 280 | 280 | 689 | - 689 | 689 |
| | RS | D | 2 | 11 | 118.2 | - 118.2 | 118.2 | 22 | | - | | 437 | - 437 | 437 |
| | | D | 2 | 26 | 99.2 | - 112.2 | 106.1 | N/Q | 198 | - 244 | 219 | 362 | - 527 | 441 |
| | | D | 3 | 1 | 117.0 | - 117.0 | 117.0 | N/Q | 225 | - 225 | 225 | 527 | - 527 | 527 |
| | | | | 41 | 99.2 | 148.2 | | | 198 | 280 | | 362 | 689 | |
| Cows | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 0-400 | | D | 1 | 4 | 62.2 | - 62.2 | 62.2 | -5 | 148 | - 148 | 148 | 239 | - 239 | 239 |
| | | D | 2 | 10 | 76.2 | - 93.2 | 82.2 | 11 | 169 | - 207 | 183 | 297 | - 373 | 324 |
| | RS | D | 2 | 12 | 84.2 | - 84.2 | 84.2 | N/Q | | - | | 337 | - 337 | 337 |
| 400-520 | | D | 1 | 9 | 72.2 | - 74.2 | 72.9 | 10 | 172 | - 177 | 174 | 304 | - 307 | 306 |
| | RS | D | 2 | 12 | 80.2 | - 96.2 | 90.9 | 6 | | - | | 345 | - 394 | 378 |
| | | D | 2 | 18 | 90.0 | - 106.2 | 95.1 | 5 | 200 | - 236 | 211 | 392 | - 504 | 434 |
| | | D | 3 | 1 | 122.2 | - 122.2 | 122.2 | N/Q | 260 | - 260 | 260 | 587 | - 587 | 587 |
| 520+ | | D | 3 | 5 | 128.2 | - 128.2 | 128.2 | 13 | 267 | - 267 | 267 | 679 | - 679 | 679 |
| | | D | 4 | 9 | 147.2 | - 147.2 | 147.2 | 19 | 294 | - 294 | 294 | 780 | - 780 | 780 |
| | | | | 80 | 62.2 | 147.2 | | | 148 | 294 | | 239 | 780 | |
| Bulls | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 600+ | | B | 2 | 1 | 167.2 | - 167.2 | 167.2 | N/Q | 288 | - 288 | 288 | 1555 | - 1555 | 1555 |
| | | C | 2 | 4 | 146.2 | - 154.2 | 148.5 | -2 | 271 | - 286 | 275 | 1053 | - 1210 | 1127 |
| | | | | 5 | 146.2 | 167.2 | | | 271 | 288 | | 1053 | 1555 | |

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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