

Detailed saleyard report - cattle

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Gunnedah

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Yarding Change 1810
480

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There was an increase in numbers in the lead up to the Easter break. The offering comprised a large offering of cows and plain condition young cattle. There were limited supplies of well finished trade and export cattle. The full complement of feeder and processors were in attendance, however not all processors chose to operate due to the two short working weeks.

Demand from restockers and lot feeders for the better quality young cattle resulted in dearer trends for suitable lots. The plain quality cattle sold to a cheaper trend. Plain condition but well-bred lightweight yearling steers sold to a dearer trend. Strong demand from feedlots for heavy yearling steers saw increases up to 5c/kg with premiums for the well-bred Angus lots. Medium weights to restock and feed experienced similar increases. Quality was a contributing factor in some of the large price falls through lightweight vealers and yearlings not deemed suitable to go onto feed. Medium and heavy yearling heifers suitable to feed were in strong demand with the trend 1c to 5c/kg dearer. Lightweights were cheaper with quality also contributing. Well finished heifers suitable to the trade sold firm to dearer.

The overall quality of the heavy grown steers, combined with reduced demand resulted in a cheaper market trend. That trend carried through to the older heifers. Demand from restockers for plain condition cows was high with premiums for well-bred young cows. That demand did not carry through to cows for processing with the market trend cheaper. There were some large price falls as a result of a drop in quality.

| 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 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 0-200 | RS | C | 2 | 51 | 173.2 | - 212.0 | 193.7 | -33 | - | - | - | 303 | - 403 | 359 |
| | | D | 2 | 15 | 114.2 | - 150.0 | 133.1 | N/Q | 228 | - 300 | 266 | 206 | - 293 | 256 |
| | RS | D | 2 | 3 | 165.2 | - 165.2 | 165.2 | -59 | - | - | - | 289 | - 289 | 289 |
| 200-280 | FD | C | 2 | 14 | 173.2 | - 207.2 | 192.6 | N/Q | - | - | - | 468 | - 497 | 485 |
| | | RS | C | 2 | 63 | 185.0 | - 219.2 | 211.3 | 8 | - | - | - | 445 | - 584 |
| | RS | D | 2 | 21 | 149.2 | - 196.2 | 174.8 | 15 | - | - | - | 336 | - 447 | 388 |
| 280-330 | FD | C | 2 | 6 | 209.2 | - 209.2 | 209.2 | N/Q | - | - | - | 628 | - 628 | 628 |
| | | RS | C | 2 | 39 | 211.2 | - 215.2 | 213.2 | 3 | - | - | - | 667 | - 697 |
| | | | | | 212 | 114.2 | 219.2 | | | 228 | 300 | | 206 | 697 |
| Vealer Heifer | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 0-200 | RS | C | 2 | 9 | 165.0 | - 165.0 | 165.0 | N/Q | - | - | - | 289 | - 289 | 289 |
| | | D | 2 | 31 | 145.2 | - 175.2 | 159.7 | -11 | - | - | - | 247 | - 289 | 267 |
| | | D | 2 | 20 | 110.0 | - 148.2 | 133.1 | N/Q | 220 | - 296 | 266 | 198 | - 267 | 240 |
| 200-280 | RS | C | 2 | 55 | 145.0 | - 180.0 | 166.9 | -22 | - | - | - | 319 | - 448 | 371 |
| | | D | 2 | 16 | 150.0 | - 150.0 | 150.0 | -10 | - | - | - | 315 | - 315 | 315 |
| 280-330 | RS | C | 2 | 17 | 171.2 | - 182.0 | 176.9 | -11 | - | - | - | 488 | - 519 | 504 |
| | | FD | C | 2 | 12 | 185.0 | - 187.2 | 185.4 | -1 | - | - | - | 555 | - 608 |
| | | C | 3 | 1 | 195.0 | - 195.0 | 195.0 | N/Q | 368 | - 368 | 368 | 585 | - 585 | 585 |
| 330+ | | C | 2 | 1 | 185.0 | - 185.0 | 185.0 | N/Q | 349 | - 349 | 349 | 648 | - 648 | 648 |
| | | | | | 162 | 110.0 | 195.0 | | | 220 | 368 | | 198 | 648 |
| Yearling Steer | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 0-330 | C | 2 | 2 | 183.2 | - 185.0 | 184.1 | N/Q | 352 | - 356 | 354 | 522 | - 527 | 525 | |
| | | FD | C | 2 | 11 | 180.0 | - 190.2 | 187.1 | 17 | - | - | 522 | - 594 | 566 |
| | RS | C | 2 | 64 | 197.2 | - 221.2 | 211.5 | 17 | - | - | - | 562 | - 719 | 634 |

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|------------------------|-------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|------------------|--------------|--------------|------------|-------------------------------|------------|------------|-------------------|------------|------|
| | | | | | Low | High | Avg | Change | Low | High | Avg | Low | High | Avg |
| 330-400 | RS | D | 1 | 10 | 128.2 | - 150.0 | 136.9 | N/Q | - | | | 255 | - 282 | 271 |
| | RS | D | 2 | 47 | 190.0 | - 212.2 | 205.2 | 39 | - | | | 509 | - 581 | 541 |
| | FD | D | 2 | 22 | 154.2 | - 180.0 | 176.4 | -11 | - | | | 416 | - 546 | 521 |
| | | D | 2 | 5 | 120.0 | - 120.0 | 120.0 | N/Q | 240 | - 240 | 240 | 240 | - 240 | 240 |
| | | C | 2 | 3 | 189.2 | - 205.0 | 199.7 | 14 | 364 | - 380 | 374 | 718 | - 757 | 731 |
| | FD | C | 2 | 25 | 200.2 | - 221.2 | 219.5 | 29 | - | | | 711 | - 807 | 785 |
| | RS | C | 2 | 16 | 176.2 | - 217.2 | 207.3 | 14 | - | | | 670 | - 760 | 743 |
| | RS | C | 3 | 2 | 200.2 | - 200.2 | 200.2 | N/Q | - | | | 761 | - 761 | 761 |
| 400+ | | C | 3 | 7 | 198.2 | - 198.2 | 198.2 | N/Q | 367 | - 367 | 367 | 763 | - 763 | 763 |
| | FD | D | 2 | 6 | 110.0 | - 110.0 | 110.0 | N/Q | - | | | 374 | - 374 | 374 |
| | FD | C | 2 | 71 | 202.2 | - 217.2 | 209.8 | 9 | - | | | 849 | - 946 | 885 |
| | RS | C | 2 | 2 | 208.2 | - 208.2 | 208.2 | N/Q | - | | | 864 | - 864 | 864 |
| | | C | 2 | 9 | 177.2 | - 181.2 | 178.1 | -21 | 328 | - 349 | 333 | 861 | - 886 | 880 |
| | | C | 3 | 6 | 190.2 | - 213.2 | 205.5 | 5 | 352 | - 395 | 381 | 874 | - 913 | 887 |
| | FD | C | 3 | 27 | 205.0 | - 209.2 | 207.5 | 10 | - | | | 858 | - 882 | 873 |
| | | | | | 335 | 110.0 | 221.2 | | 240 | 395 | | 240 | 946 | |
| Yearling Heifer | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 0-330 | FD | C | 2 | 36 | 150.2 | - 198.2 | 178.5 | -3 | - | | | 438 | - 634 | 557 |
| | RS | C | 2 | 45 | 160.0 | - 194.2 | 180.8 | -2 | - | | | 421 | - 641 | 557 |
| | | C | 2 | 1 | 171.2 | - 171.2 | 171.2 | N/Q | 329 | - 329 | 329 | 565 | - 565 | 565 |
| | | C | 3 | 13 | 180.0 | - 209.2 | 191.2 | 3 | 340 | - 387 | 358 | 540 | - 669 | 590 |
| | RS | D | 1 | 53 | 91.2 | - 131.2 | 120.6 | -39 | - | | | 182 | - 354 | 274 |
| | RS | D | 2 | 11 | 146.2 | - 160.2 | 157.7 | -6 | - | | | 336 | - 424 | 352 |
| | | D | 2 | 9 | 127.2 | - 147.2 | 136.1 | 11 | 254 | - 294 | 272 | 331 | - 420 | 370 |
| | FD | D | 2 | 19 | 108.2 | - 140.0 | 114.9 | N/Q | - | | | 346 | - 462 | 371 |
| 330-400 | | C | 2 | 29 | 170.2 | - 198.2 | 176.4 | N/Q | 327 | - 381 | 339 | 596 | - 793 | 638 |
| | RS | C | 2 | 86 | 188.2 | - 199.2 | 196.8 | 5 | - | | | 676 | - 752 | 709 |
| | FD | C | 2 | 50 | 165.0 | - 201.2 | 191.6 | 1 | - | | | 578 | - 775 | 710 |
| | FD | C | 3 | 9 | 197.2 | - 200.2 | 198.9 | N/Q | - | | | 690 | - 761 | 729 |
| | | C | 3 | 52 | 171.2 | - 206.2 | 196.7 | -3 | 323 | - 389 | 372 | 612 | - 779 | 723 |
| | | C | 3 | 16 | 175.0 | - 190.0 | 186.0 | 4 | 330 | - 359 | 351 | 770 | - 855 | 821 |
| | RS | C | 3 | 2 | 170.2 | - 170.2 | 170.2 | N/Q | - | | | 723 | - 723 | 723 |
| | | | | | 431 | 91.2 | 209.2 | | 254 | 389 | | 182 | 855 | |
| Grown Steer | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 0-400 | RS | D | 2 | 8 | 150.0 | - 150.0 | 150.0 | N/Q | - | | | 495 | - 495 | 495 |
| 400-500 | RS | C | 2 | 1 | 185.2 | - 185.2 | 185.2 | N/Q | - | | | 861 | - 861 | 861 |
| | | C | 2 | 7 | 170.0 | - 174.2 | 172.4 | N/C | 327 | - 335 | 332 | 816 | - 871 | 847 |
| 500-600 | FD | C | 2 | 7 | 194.2 | - 194.2 | 194.2 | -7 | - | | | 864 | - 864 | 864 |
| | | C | 2 | 2 | 175.0 | - 185.0 | 180.0 | N/Q | 324 | - 343 | 333 | 963 | - 981 | 972 |
| | | C | 3 | 21 | 183.2 | - 197.2 | 186.9 | -8 | 339 | - 359 | 346 | 953 | - 1025 | 972 |
| 600-750 | | C | 4 | 8 | 196.2 | - 196.2 | 196.2 | N/Q | 350 | - 350 | 350 | 1177 | - 1177 | 1177 |
| | | C | 3 | 1 | 193.2 | - 193.2 | 193.2 | N/Q | 358 | - 358 | 358 | 1236 | - 1236 | 1236 |
| | | C | 4 | 6 | 194.2 | - 194.2 | 194.2 | N/Q | 353 | - 353 | 353 | 1359 | - 1359 | 1359 |
| | | | | 61 | 150.0 | 197.2 | | 324 | 359 | | 495 | 1359 | | |
| Grown Heifer | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| | | | | | Low | High | Avg | Change | Low | High | Avg | Low | High | Avg | |
| 0-540 | | C | 2 | 19 | 170.2 | - 170.2 | 170.2 | N/Q | 327 | - 327 | 327 | 783 | - 800 | 790 | |
| | | RS | C | 2 | 25 | 134.2 | - 179.2 | 160.9 | N/Q | - | - | 490 | - 654 | 599 | |
| | | FD | C | 3 | 10 | 180.2 | - 180.2 | 180.2 | -6 | - | - | 820 | - 820 | 820 | |
| | | | C | 3 | 7 | 150.0 | - 182.2 | 173.0 | -8 | 289 | - 344 | 328 | 645 | - 820 | 770 |
| | | | C | 4 | 11 | 160.0 | - 160.0 | 160.0 | N/Q | 302 | - 302 | 302 | 832 | - 832 | 832 |
| | | RS | D | 2 | 25 | 130.0 | - 138.2 | 136.9 | N/Q | - | - | 442 | - 470 | 465 | |
| | | | D | 2 | 2 | 156.2 | - 156.2 | 156.2 | N/Q | 312 | - 312 | 312 | 570 | - 570 | 570 |
| | | | D | 3 | 2 | 145.0 | - 145.0 | 145.0 | N/Q | 284 | - 284 | 284 | 609 | - 609 | 609 |
| | | | | 101 | 130.0 | 182.2 | | | 284 | 344 | | 442 | 832 | | |
| Cows | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 0-400 | RS | D | 1 | 50 | 90.2 | - 125.2 | 109.8 | N/Q | - | - | 307 | - 476 | 401 | | |
| | | D | 1 | 5 | 50.0 | - 50.0 | 50.0 | N/Q | 125 | - 125 | 125 | 190 | - 190 | 190 | |
| | | D | 2 | 5 | 80.0 | - 90.0 | 88.0 | -30 | 178 | - 200 | 196 | 312 | - 315 | 314 | |
| 400-520 | RS | D | 2 | 68 | 110.2 | - 137.2 | 129.4 | N/Q | - | - | 441 | - 549 | 518 | | |
| | RS | D | 1 | 20 | 80.0 | - 105.0 | 94.0 | N/Q | - | - | 328 | - 436 | 387 | | |
| | | D | 1 | 18 | 60.0 | - 80.0 | 66.7 | -38 | 150 | - 200 | 167 | 249 | - 328 | 277 | |
| | | D | 2 | 30 | 95.0 | - 123.2 | 113.3 | -17 | 211 | - 274 | 252 | 409 | - 548 | 488 | |
| | | RS | D | 2 | 152 | 110.0 | - 135.0 | 122.8 | N/Q | - | - | 468 | - 594 | 525 | |
| | | | D | 3 | 76 | 112.0 | - 148.2 | 133.3 | -17 | 238 | - 309 | 282 | 521 | - 741 | 648 |
| 520+ | | C | 3 | 2 | 154.2 | - 154.2 | 154.2 | N/Q | 297 | - 297 | 297 | 1002 | - 1002 | 1002 | |
| | | D | 2 | 1 | 127.2 | - 127.2 | 127.2 | N/Q | 271 | - 271 | 271 | 668 | - 668 | 668 | |
| | | D | 3 | 8 | 130.0 | - 137.2 | 135.5 | -22 | 277 | - 292 | 288 | 683 | - 851 | 748 | |
| | | D | 4 | 42 | 145.0 | - 160.2 | 155.8 | -1 | 290 | - 314 | 310 | 813 | - 1015 | 903 | |
| | | D | 5 | 2 | 125.0 | - 125.0 | 125.0 | N/Q | 260 | - 260 | 260 | 725 | - 725 | 725 | |
| | | D | 6 | 2 | 80.0 | - 80.0 | 80.0 | N/Q | 167 | - 167 | 167 | 480 | - 480 | 480 | |
| | | | | 481 | 50.0 | 160.2 | | | 125 | 314 | | 190 | 1015 | | |
| Bulls | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 0-450 | | C | 2 | 5 | 128.2 | - 138.2 | 132.6 | N/Q | 247 | - 266 | 255 | 332 | - 507 | 375 | |
| | | D | 2 | 1 | 130.2 | - 130.2 | 130.2 | N/Q | 250 | - 250 | 250 | 586 | - 586 | 586 | |
| 450-600 | | C | 2 | 1 | 145.2 | - 145.2 | 145.2 | N/Q | 269 | - 269 | 269 | 842 | - 842 | 842 | |
| 600+ | | B | 2 | 2 | 150.0 | - 160.0 | 155.0 | N/Q | 259 | - 267 | 263 | 1298 | - 1344 | 1321 | |
| | | B | 3 | 1 | 150.0 | - 150.0 | 150.0 | N/Q | 259 | - 259 | 259 | 1575 | - 1575 | 1575 | |
| | | C | 2 | 5 | 125.0 | - 141.2 | 134.5 | -34 | 232 | - 262 | 249 | 975 | - 1130 | 1038 | |
| | | D | 2 | 3 | 117.2 | - 120.0 | 118.1 | N/Q | 225 | - 231 | 227 | 867 | - 876 | 870 | |
| | | | | 18 | 117.2 | 160.0 | | | 225 | 269 | | 332 | 1575 | | |

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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