

## Detailed saleyard report - cattle

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### Gunnedah

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The current state of the cattle market brought about a 200% increase in numbers. There was a large penning of young cattle, mostly yearlings, along with a few vealers. Heavy grown steers were in limited numbers, however cows, bulls and grown heifers were well supplied. The quality of the offering was generally good and the percentage of cattle showing good finish increased. All buyers from the previous sale were in attendance and there was increased demand from both feeders and restockers.

Restockers were active on lightweight young cattle returning to the paddock, having until recently shown very little interest in cattle not heavy enough to put onto a grain ration. Dearer trends were recorded through all classes of light and medium weight young cattle to restock and feed. Both yearling steers and heifers improved by 4c to 10c/kg, with some quality related variations. Heavy yearling steers to feed saw little change in the market remaining firm. Well-finished young cattle suitable to the trade and local butcher orders also recorded strong gains.

Heavy grown steers to process sold to a dearer trend, up to 10c/kg on the younger milk and 2 tooth lines. Heavy grown heifers followed a similar trend. Demand for cows was very strong, with the better heavyweight lines up to 13c dearer, while some high yielding medium weights recorded larger improvements. Heavy bulls were almost 30c/kg 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 |
| <b>Vealer Steer</b>   |             |              |           |           |                  |              |       |        |                               |            |     |                   |            |     |
| 0-200                 | RS          | C            | 2         | 12        | 186.2            | - 194.2      | 190.9 | N/Q    | -                             |            |     | 340               | - 344      | 342 |
| 200-280               | RS          | C            | 2         | 11        | 190.2            | - 217.2      | 200.7 | -2     | -                             |            |     | 459               | - 554      | 488 |
| 280-330               | RS          | C            | 2         | 15        | 199.2            | - 211.2      | 208.0 | N/Q    | -                             |            |     | 598               | - 655      | 639 |
|                       |             | C            | 3         | 1         | 205.0            | - 205.0      | 205.0 | N/Q    | 380                           | - 380      | 380 | 677               | - 677      | 677 |
|                       | RS          | C            | 3         | 1         | 207.2            | - 207.2      | 207.2 | N/Q    | -                             |            |     | 642               | - 642      | 642 |
|                       |             |              |           | <b>40</b> | <b>186.2</b>     | <b>217.2</b> |       |        | <b>380</b>                    | <b>380</b> |     | <b>340</b>        | <b>677</b> |     |
| <b>Vealer Heifer</b>  |             |              |           |           |                  |              |       |        |                               |            |     |                   |            |     |
| 0-200                 | RS          | D            | 2         | 5         | 162.2            | - 162.2      | 162.2 | N/Q    | -                             |            |     | 324               | - 324      | 324 |
| 200-280               | RS          | C            | 2         | 1         | 175.2            | - 175.2      | 175.2 | N/Q    | -                             |            |     | 482               | - 482      | 482 |
|                       |             | C            | 2         | 38        | 175.0            | - 182.2      | 179.6 | 20     | 337                           | - 350      | 346 | 399               | - 474      | 441 |
| 280-330               | FD          | C            | 2         | 6         | 180.0            | - 180.0      | 180.0 | N/Q    | -                             |            |     | 540               | - 540      | 540 |
|                       |             | C            | 3         | 15        | 189.2            | - 214.2      | 200.4 | N/Q    | 357                           | - 404      | 373 | 539               | - 667      | 635 |
| 330+                  |             | C            | 3         | 2         | 178.2            | - 178.2      | 178.2 | N/Q    | 336                           | - 336      | 336 | 606               | - 606      | 606 |
|                       |             |              |           | <b>67</b> | <b>162.2</b>     | <b>214.2</b> |       |        | <b>336</b>                    | <b>404</b> |     | <b>324</b>        | <b>667</b> |     |
| <b>Yearling Steer</b> |             |              |           |           |                  |              |       |        |                               |            |     |                   |            |     |
| 0-330                 |             | C            | 2         | 5         | 198.2            | - 198.2      | 198.2 | -10    | 367                           | - 367      | 367 | 565               | - 565      | 565 |
|                       | FD          | C            | 2         | 36        | 186.2            | - 197.2      | 192.1 | N/C    | -                             |            |     | 542               | - 609      | 590 |
|                       | RS          | C            | 2         | 288       | 185.2            | - 223.2      | 209.5 | 13     | -                             |            |     | 448               | - 707      | 604 |
|                       |             | C            | 3         | 1         | 206.0            | - 206.0      | 206.0 | N/Q    | 382                           | - 382      | 382 | 670               | - 670      | 670 |
|                       | RS          | D            | 2         | 10        | 201.2            | - 201.2      | 201.2 | N/Q    | -                             |            |     | 352               | - 352      | 352 |
| 330-400               | FD          | C            | 2         | 10        | 199.2            | - 199.2      | 199.2 | N/C    | -                             |            |     | 667               | - 667      | 667 |
|                       | RS          | C            | 2         | 57        | 200.0            | - 213.2      | 207.5 | 8      | -                             |            |     | 687               | - 778      | 730 |
|                       |             | C            | 3         | 9         | 190.0            | - 208.0      | 198.2 | N/Q    | 352                           | - 380      | 365 | 697               | - 832      | 737 |
| 400+                  | FD          | C            | 2         | 64        | 189.2            | - 207.2      | 204.7 | N/Q    | -                             |            |     | 843               | - 953      | 918 |
|                       | RS          | C            | 3         | 3         | 195.2            | - 195.2      | 195.2 | -8     | -                             |            |     | 917               | - 917      | 917 |

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|                            |             |              |           |            | Low              | High         | Avg   | Change | Low                           | High       | Avg | Low               | High        | Avg  |
|                            |             | C            | 3         | 7          | 193.2            | - 193.2      | 193.2 | 3      | 358                           | - 358      | 358 | 792               | - 792       | 792  |
|                            | FD          | C            | 3         | 26         | 187.2            | - 205.2      | 193.7 | -10    |                               | -          |     | 842               | - 952       | 890  |
|                            |             |              |           | <b>516</b> | <b>185.2</b>     | <b>223.2</b> |       |        | <b>352</b>                    | <b>382</b> |     | <b>352</b>        | <b>953</b>  |      |
| <b>Yearling Heifer</b>     |             |              |           |            |                  |              |       |        |                               |            |     |                   |             |      |
| 0-330                      | RS          | C            | 2         | 121        | 165.2            | - 184.2      | 172.7 | 5      |                               | -          |     | 372               | - 579       | 456  |
|                            |             | C            | 2         | 40         | 176.2            | - 179.2      | 177.4 | 18     | 339                           | - 345      | 341 | 414               | - 502       | 480  |
|                            | FD          | C            | 2         | 48         | 164.2            | - 185.0      | 174.5 | 6      |                               | -          |     | 496               | - 555       | 524  |
|                            | FD          | C            | 3         | 11         | 179.2            | - 179.2      | 179.2 | N/Q    |                               | -          |     | 511               | - 511       | 511  |
|                            |             | C            | 3         | 22         | 173.2            | - 200.0      | 183.5 | -5     | 327                           | - 377      | 346 | 554               | - 660       | 598  |
|                            | RS          | D            | 2         | 17         | 184.2            | - 184.2      | 184.2 | N/Q    |                               | -          |     | 396               | - 396       | 396  |
| 330-400                    | FD          | C            | 2         | 9          | 182.2            | - 182.2      | 182.2 | N/Q    |                               | -          |     | 729               | - 729       | 729  |
|                            |             | C            | 2         | 6          | 174.2            | - 174.2      | 174.2 | 14     | 335                           | - 335      | 335 | 592               | - 592       | 592  |
|                            | RS          | C            | 2         | 32         | 181.2            | - 183.2      | 182.0 | N/Q    |                               | -          |     | 634               | - 705       | 661  |
|                            | FD          | C            | 3         | 42         | 175.0            | - 187.2      | 180.4 | -10    |                               | -          |     | 613               | - 676       | 641  |
|                            | RS          | C            | 3         | 20         | 186.2            | - 186.2      | 186.2 | -1     |                               | -          |     | 670               | - 670       | 670  |
|                            |             | C            | 3         | 27         | 180.0            | - 183.2      | 182.8 | -6     | 340                           | - 346      | 345 | 632               | - 714       | 695  |
|                            |             | C            | 4         | 2          | 181.2            | - 181.2      | 181.2 | N/Q    | 336                           | - 336      | 336 | 698               | - 698       | 698  |
| 400+                       |             | C            | 3         | 30         | 176.2            | - 192.0      | 179.4 | -3     | 326                           | - 356      | 336 | 740               | - 888       | 794  |
|                            | FD          | C            | 3         | 17         | 165.0            | - 185.2      | 180.6 | N/Q    |                               | -          |     | 693               | - 815       | 784  |
|                            |             | C            | 4         | 15         | 173.2            | - 179.2      | 176.8 | N/Q    | 327                           | - 338      | 329 | 762               | - 840       | 775  |
|                            |             |              |           | <b>459</b> | <b>164.2</b>     | <b>200.0</b> |       |        | <b>326</b>                    | <b>377</b> |     | <b>372</b>        | <b>888</b>  |      |
| <b>Grown Steer</b>         |             |              |           |            |                  |              |       |        |                               |            |     |                   |             |      |
| 400-500                    | RS          | D            | 2         | 8          | 161.2            | - 161.2      | 161.2 | N/Q    |                               | -          |     | 725               | - 725       | 725  |
| 500-600                    |             | C            | 3         | 24         | 181.2            | - 203.2      | 193.5 | 3      | 336                           | - 370      | 357 | 978               | - 1077      | 1028 |
|                            |             | C            | 4         | 5          | 195.2            | - 195.2      | 195.2 | N/Q    | 355                           | - 355      | 355 | 1113              | - 1113      | 1113 |
| 600-750                    |             | C            | 3         | 1          | 195.0            | - 195.0      | 195.0 | N/Q    | 355                           | - 355      | 355 | 1277              | - 1277      | 1277 |
|                            |             | C            | 4         | 9          | 203.2            | - 203.2      | 203.2 | N/Q    | 363                           | - 363      | 363 | 1270              | - 1270      | 1270 |
|                            |             |              |           | <b>47</b>  | <b>161.2</b>     | <b>203.2</b> |       |        | <b>336</b>                    | <b>370</b> |     | <b>725</b>        | <b>1277</b> |      |
| <b>Grown Heifer</b>        |             |              |           |            |                  |              |       |        |                               |            |     |                   |             |      |
| 0-540                      | RS          | C            | 2         | 24         | 150.2            | - 176.2      | 165.2 | N/Q    |                               | -          |     | 646               | - 819       | 715  |
|                            |             | C            | 2         | 1          | 168.2            | - 168.2      | 168.2 | N/Q    | 312                           | - 312      | 312 | 757               | - 757       | 757  |
|                            | FD          | C            | 3         | 8          | 179.2            | - 179.2      | 179.2 | N/Q    |                               | -          |     | 753               | - 753       | 753  |
|                            | RS          | C            | 3         | 18         | 174.2            | - 181.2      | 177.2 | N/Q    |                               | -          |     | 636               | - 859       | 767  |
|                            |             | C            | 3         | 25         | 150.2            | - 180.0      | 172.7 | 28     | 283                           | - 340      | 327 | 728               | - 911       | 871  |
|                            |             | C            | 4         | 25         | 150.0            | - 164.2      | 157.5 | N/Q    | 294                           | - 316      | 305 | 630               | - 739       | 694  |
|                            |             | D            | 2         | 2          | 144.2            | - 144.2      | 144.2 | N/Q    | 288                           | - 288      | 288 | 555               | - 555       | 555  |
| 540+                       |             | C            | 3         | 1          | 179.2            | - 179.2      | 179.2 | N/Q    | 332                           | - 332      | 332 | 1075              | - 1075      | 1075 |
|                            |             | C            | 4         | 3          | 168.2            | - 170.0      | 169.4 | 11     | 317                           | - 321      | 320 | 917               | - 952       | 940  |
|                            |             |              |           | <b>107</b> | <b>144.2</b>     | <b>181.2</b> |       |        | <b>283</b>                    | <b>340</b> |     | <b>555</b>        | <b>1075</b> |      |
| <b>Manufacturing Steer</b> |             |              |           |            |                  |              |       |        |                               |            |     |                   |             |      |
| 540+                       |             | C            | 3         | 20         | 170.2            | - 170.2      | 170.2 | N/Q    | 315                           | - 315      | 315 | 1055              | - 1055      | 1055 |
|                            |             |              |           | <b>20</b>  | <b>170.2</b>     | <b>170.2</b> |       |        | <b>315</b>                    | <b>315</b> |     | <b>1055</b>       | <b>1055</b> |      |
| <b>Cows</b>                |             |              |           |            |                  |              |       |        |                               |            |     |                   |             |      |
| 0-400                      | RS          | D            | 1         | 5          | 135.2            | - 135.2      | 135.2 | N/Q    |                               | -          |     | 500               | - 500       | 500  |
|                            | RS          | D            | 2         | 13         | 146.2            | - 146.2      | 146.2 | N/Q    |                               | -          |     | 585               | - 585       | 585  |

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|-----------------|-------------|--------------|-----------|------------|------------------|--------------|---------|--------|-------------------------------|------------|-----|-------------------|-------------|------|
|                 |             |              |           |            | Low              | High         | Avg     | Change | Low                           | High       | Avg | Low               | High        | Avg  |
| 400-520         |             | D            | 2         | 5          | 110.0            | - 110.0      | 110.0   | 11     | 244                           | - 244      | 244 | 440               | - 440       | 440  |
|                 |             | D            | 2         | 42         | 125.2            | - 140.2      | 135.1   | 15     | 278                           | - 312      | 300 | 538               | - 631       | 595  |
|                 |             | D            | 3         | 30         | 138.2            | - 166.2      | 152.9   | 20     | 294                           | - 332      | 316 | 608               | - 797       | 727  |
| 520+            |             | D            | 4         | 17         | 147.2            | - 149.2      | 148.1   | N/Q    | 313                           | - 317      | 315 | 765               | - 776       | 770  |
|                 |             | C            | 3         | 6          | 175.2            | - 179.2      | 176.2   | 11     | 337                           | - 345      | 339 | 999               | - 1147      | 1034 |
|                 |             | D            | 3         | 69         | 140.0            | - 177.2      | 161.3   | 30     | 298                           | - 346      | 331 | 798               | - 1096      | 885  |
|                 |             | D            | 4         | 101        | 155.0            | - 176.2      | 166.8   | 6      | 320                           | - 352      | 335 | 846               | - 1145      | 1007 |
|                 |             | D            | 5         | 7          | 148.2            | - 152.2      | 150.5   | 5      | 309                           | - 317      | 314 | 860               | - 1065      | 977  |
|                 |             |              |           | <b>295</b> | <b>110.0</b>     | <b>179.2</b> |         |        | <b>244</b>                    | <b>352</b> |     | <b>440</b>        | <b>1147</b> |      |
| <b>Bulls</b>    |             |              |           |            |                  |              |         |        |                               |            |     |                   |             |      |
| 0-450           |             | B            | 2         | 2          | 175.0            | - 175.0      | 175.0   | N/Q    | 313                           | - 313      | 313 | 770               | - 770       | 770  |
|                 |             | FD           | C         | 2          | 6                | 157.2        | - 157.2 | 157.2  | N/Q                           | -          | -   | 660               | - 660       | 660  |
|                 |             | RS           | C         | 2          | 10               | 138.2        | - 138.2 | 138.2  | 10                            | -          | -   | 456               | - 456       | 456  |
| 450-600         |             | B            | 2         | 5          | 172.0            | - 172.0      | 172.0   | N/Q    | 307                           | - 307      | 307 | 791               | - 791       | 791  |
|                 |             | C            | 2         | 23         | 171.2            | - 182.2      | 178.9   | 46     | 306                           | - 325      | 319 | 856               | - 1002      | 958  |
| 600+            |             | B            | 2         | 34         | 186.0            | - 202.2      | 196.1   | 28     | 308                           | - 340      | 326 | 1310              | - 2340      | 1776 |
|                 |             | C            | 2         | 16         | 155.2            | - 190.2      | 180.1   | 33     | 287                           | - 340      | 323 | 962               | - 1591      | 1445 |
|                 |             |              |           | <b>96</b>  | <b>138.2</b>     | <b>202.2</b> |         |        | <b>287</b>                    | <b>340</b> |     | <b>456</b>        | <b>2340</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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