

Detailed saleyard report - cattle

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Gunnedah

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Yarding Change ²⁵²⁰
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There was another market driven increase in numbers. Young cattle and cows made up the bulk of the offering. Increased numbers of light weight vealers and yearlings were penned, which is uncommon for this time of the year. The overall quality of the cattle was fair to good and there were levels of condition to suit all buyers. A full filed of export processors were in attendance and there was increased activity from both feedlot and restocker interests.

Once again restockers competed strongly for lightweight cattle of all descriptions, resulting in dearer trends for both steers and heifers. Quality variations did affect some price changes. In the medium and heavy young cattle suitable to restock and feed, the good quality steers experienced little change in the market. Due to a tighter supply of the well-muscled, good quality steers, feedlot buyers were forced to compete strongly on the secondary quality lots in an effort to secure required numbers. Under those circumstances the secondary cattle saw some strong price increases. Yearling heifers to restock and feed also sold to a dearer trend, the better quality light and medium weights up to 10c/kg stronger. Well finished heifers to the trade remained firm.

Heavy grown steers sold to a dearer trend for those in the 500-600kg weight range. Heavier weights sold at cheaper prices with much of the fall in price related to age and quality. Well finished grown heifers sold to a dearer trend as export processors looked to secure heavier weights. There was some variation in the cow market, as limited competition on the plainer condition light and medium weights resulted in a cheaper trend. The well finished medium and heavy cows attracted increased competition and demand to record a trend of 14c to 18c/kg dearer. Heavy bulls also met keen demand to show a dearer market trend, with the overall quality of the offering improving.

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	D	1	16	222.2	- 222.2	222.2	N/Q	-			400	- 400	400
200-280		C	2	3	171.2	- 171.2	171.2	N/Q	329	- 329	329	402	- 402	402
	RS	C	2	23	187.2	- 213.2	201.4	1	-			447	- 458	454
	RS	D	2	24	210.2	- 211.2	210.6	N/Q	-			441	- 475	456
280-330		C	2	3	195.2	- 206.2	198.9	N/Q	362	- 382	368	586	- 680	617
	RS	C	2	17	205.0	- 205.2	205.1	-3	-			584	- 677	628
		C	3	1	190.0	- 190.0	190.0	N/Q	352	- 352	352	570	- 570	570
330+	RS	C	2	1	205.2	- 205.2	205.2	N/Q	-			708	- 708	708
				88	171.2	222.2			329	382		400	708	
Vealer Heifer														
0-200		C	2	6	174.2	- 174.2	174.2	N/Q	335	- 335	335	348	- 348	348
	RS	D	2	16	161.2	- 161.2	161.2	-1	-			322	- 322	322
200-280	RS	C	2	37	172.0	- 178.2	174.7	-1	-			404	- 441	422
		C	2	18	183.2	- 188.2	185.4	6	352	- 362	357	414	- 508	448
280-330		C	3	26	175.0	- 210.2	201.9	1	330	- 389	375	499	- 680	628
				103	161.2	210.2			330	389		322	680	
Yearling Steer														
0-330	FD	C	2	27	160.0	- 199.2	195.2	3	-			496	- 647	607
	RS	C	2	160	201.2	- 214.2	208.4	-1	-			520	- 707	661
		C	3	2	205.0	- 205.0	205.0	N/Q	380	- 380	380	615	- 615	615
	RS	D	1	41	221.2	- 221.2	221.2	N/Q	-			442	- 476	459
	RS	D	2	21	170.2	- 200.2	183.1	-18	-			451	- 541	489

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330-400	FD	D	2	8	175.0	- 192.2	185.8	N/Q	-			481	- 615	565
	FD	C	2	51	202.2	- 209.2	206.3	7	-			738	- 832	789
	RS	C	2	154	190.0	- 213.2	208.4	1	-			656	- 816	730
	FD	C	3	19	196.2	- 207.2	203.1	N/Q	-			785	- 798	793
	RS	C	3	20	208.2	- 212.2	209.6	N/Q	-			802	- 849	818
400+		C	3	2	185.2	- 200.0	192.6	N/Q	343	- 370	357	713	- 800	757
	RS	D	2	5	169.2	- 169.2	169.2	N/Q	-			575	- 575	575
	FD	C	2	33	184.2	- 209.2	200.7	-4	-			755	- 950	866
	FD	C	3	86	190.0	- 209.2	205.3	12	-			798	- 1025	916
	RS	C	3	12	213.2	- 213.2	213.2	18	-			895	- 895	895
				641	160.0	221.2			343	380		442	1025	
Yearling Heifer														
0-330	RS	C	2	163	165.2	- 195.2	185.5	13	-			433	- 641	553
		C	2	14	179.2	- 187.0	183.1	6	345	- 360	352	449	- 564	507
	FD	C	2	53	164.2	- 188.2	181.7	7	-			520	- 602	580
		C	3	19	174.2	- 200.0	178.9	-5	335	- 370	341	525	- 660	562
	RS	C	3	1	187.2	- 187.2	187.2	N/Q	-			618	- 618	618
330-400	RS	D	1	18	171.2	- 171.2	171.2	N/Q	-			342	- 342	342
	RS	D	2	46	141.2	- 180.0	161.8	-22	-			318	- 414	374
	RS	C	2	58	178.2	- 189.2	180.6	-1	-			606	- 658	628
	FD	C	2	85	170.0	- 192.2	181.9	N/C	-			578	- 654	625
		C	2	6	167.2	- 167.2	167.2	-7	322	- 322	322	602	- 602	602
400+	FD	C	3	19	183.2	- 185.0	184.1	4	-			705	- 740	722
		C	3	59	172.0	- 200.2	189.0	6	325	- 371	354	602	- 763	697
	RS	C	3	32	180.0	- 188.2	186.2	N/C	-			621	- 711	689
		C	4	1	165.0	- 165.0	165.0	N/Q	311	- 311	311	602	- 602	602
	FD	C	3	19	182.0	- 187.2	186.0	5	-			746	- 788	759
400+		C	3	22	181.2	- 195.0	189.4	10	342	- 359	354	779	- 936	855
	RS	C	3	10	176.2	- 183.2	179.6	N/Q	-			722	- 779	753
		C	4	7	170.0	- 190.0	184.3	7	321	- 359	348	731	- 950	887
		D	4	2	163.2	- 163.2	163.2	N/Q	314	- 314	314	775	- 775	775
					634	141.2	200.2			311	371		318	950
Grown Steer														
0-400	FD	D	2	19	199.2	- 199.2	199.2	N/Q	-			727	- 727	727
	RS	D	2	5	158.2	- 158.2	158.2	N/Q	-			570	- 570	570
400-500	FD	C	2	1	180.2	- 180.2	180.2	N/Q	-			775	- 775	775
		C	3	11	160.0	- 194.2	180.3	N/Q	296	- 360	334	672	- 951	850
500-600		C	3	15	185.0	- 206.2	197.0	3	343	- 368	360	971	- 1140	1049
	FD	C	3	2	197.2	- 197.2	197.2	N/Q	-			1045	- 1045	1045
600-750		C	4	18	207.2	- 207.2	207.2	12	377	- 377	377	1140	- 1140	1140
		C	4	25	190.0	- 190.0	190.0	-13	346	- 346	346	1197	- 1235	1218
		D	3	1	198.2	- 198.2	198.2	N/Q	360	- 360	360	1249	- 1249	1249
				97	158.2	207.2			296	377		570	1249	
Grown Heifer														
0-540	FD	C	2	12	170.2	- 170.2	170.2	N/Q	-			638	- 638	638

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	RS	C	2	25	130.0	- 169.2	163.2	-2	-			423	- 743	632
	FD	C	3	10	170.0	- 173.2	171.0	-8	-			615	- 621	619
		C	3	11	165.0	- 205.2	179.2	6	317	- 380	341	582	- 1067	812
	FD	C	4	2	173.2	- 173.2	173.2	N/Q	-			736	- 736	736
		C	4	23	191.2	- 204.2	196.9	39	361	- 378	368	994	- 1062	1024
		D	3	12	147.2	- 154.2	149.2	N/Q	289	- 302	293	626	- 694	656
540+		C	3	3	190.0	- 190.0	190.0	11	359	- 359	359	1045	- 1045	1045
		C	4	35	183.2	- 192.0	191.2	22	346	- 362	361	1056	- 1154	1064
				133	130.0	205.2			289	380		423	1154	
Cows														
0-400		D	1	7	97.2	- 97.2	97.2	N/Q	231	- 231	231	374	- 374	374
		D	2	20	110.0	- 128.2	120.9	11	244	- 285	269	440	- 513	484
	RS	D	2	10	151.2	- 151.2	151.2	5	-			605	- 605	605
400-520		D	2	35	115.0	- 139.2	125.8	-9	256	- 309	280	489	- 601	539
		D	3	82	145.0	- 170.2	157.0	4	309	- 355	332	679	- 810	767
		D	4	35	162.0	- 177.2	169.6	21	338	- 354	349	714	- 820	747
520+		C	3	10	191.2	- 192.2	192.1	16	356	- 361	356	1230	- 1338	1241
		D	3	53	163.0	- 186.2	173.4	12	334	- 372	349	880	- 1024	949
		D	4	126	165.0	- 193.2	184.4	18	330	- 374	358	900	- 1211	1080
				378	97.2	193.2			231	374		374	1338	
Bulls														
0-450		C	2	9	148.2	- 148.2	148.2	N/Q	285	- 285	285	385	- 385	385
450-600		B	2	3	173.2	- 173.2	173.2	1	309	- 309	309	970	- 970	970
		C	2	3	169.2	- 169.2	169.2	-10	302	- 302	302	948	- 948	948
600+		A	2	1	231.2	- 231.2	231.2	N/Q	356	- 356	356	2023	- 2023	2023
		B	2	43	187.2	- 229.2	212.6	17	323	- 379	354	1418	- 2510	1870
		B	3	2	194.2	- 194.2	194.2	N/Q	335	- 335	335	2039	- 2039	2039
		C	2	17	159.2	- 199.2	179.5	-1	295	- 356	318	1114	- 1743	1362
				78	148.2	231.2			285	379		385	2510	

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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