

Detailed saleyard report - cattle

Market information provided by MLA's National Livestock Reporting Service

Wagga

report date 27 Apr 2015

Yarding Change 3850
310

comparison date 20/04/2015

Numbers were moderately higher and, with good follow up rains over the weekend, restocker confidence lifted which was evident across most secondary categories. Young lighter weight secondary cattle were keenly sought by a large field of restockers, back ground feeders, and feedlot buyers, which resulted in prices surging up to 20c/kg. Trade cattle were in reasonable supply, however quality was variable. The usual gallery of export and domestic processors were in attendance, along with a large contingent of restockers and feedlot buyers.

The better quality supply of prime veal sold to strong southern competition and prices were generally up to 18c higher for the heifer portion, while the steers sold 8c/kg dearer. European veal and their crosses made from 244c to 270c/kg. Medium weight grass finished and supplementary fed steers suitable to slaughter were in short supply, and domestic buyers struggled to compete against the feed lot operators. The better finished steers to slaughter gained 15c, to average 260.4c/kg. Domestic buyers shifted their focus to the heifer portion because of the improved quality and slightly less competition. Well finished medium weight heifers sold 9c dearer, to average 249.3c/kg.

Feeder steers were once again well supplied making up the bulk of the steer offering. A larger field of buyers were in attendance with increased competition from northern feedlot buyers. Well-bred medium weight C2 lines gained 15c and prices continued to strengthen as the sale progressed, to average 262.5c/kg. The reduced selection of medium weight feeder heifers sold to strong demand and prices lifted 8c/kg. The lighter weight C2 muscled pens sold 15c higher, making from 222c to 247c/kg.

The limited supply of grown steers sold to the usual group of buyers and prices were 19c/kg dearer. There were only four pens of bullocks offered, which sold from 225c to 248c/kg. The better quality pens of grass finished grown steers ranged from 250c to 276c/kg. Heavy grown heifers were in short supply and bidding intensified for the heifer portion weighing above 600kg, resulting in two year old heifers reaching a top price of 266c/kg.

Heavy cow quality slipped to previous sales, however this didn't deter processors who were all eager to capture market share. The better finished cows made from 205c to 229c/kg. The D2 and D3 cows were in reasonable supply and all cows were very lean. Southern buyers dominated sales, pushing prices 6c to 10c/kg higher. Younger light weight cows with plenty of frame were keenly sought by store buyers which contributed to a dearer trend of 8c to 11c/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
Calves														
80+		C	2	5	232.2	- 232.2	232.2	6	438	- 438	438	432	- 432	432
	RS	C	2	54	229.2	- 271.2	248.8	N/Q	-	-	-	447	- 534	481
				59	229.2	271.2			438	438		432	534	
Vealer Steer														
200-280		B	2	2	250.0	- 250.0	250.0	N/Q	446	- 446	446	670	- 670	670
	FD	C	2	8	250.0	- 255.0	251.9	20	-	-	-	683	- 700	694
	RS	C	2	15	243.0	- 265.0	257.7	15	-	-	-	590	- 628	616
280-330	FD	B	2	4	261.2	- 261.2	261.2	18	-	-	-	849	- 849	849
		B	2	8	260.0	- 265.0	262.5	N/Q	464	- 473	469	837	- 861	849
330+		B	2	5	254.0	- 254.0	254.0	8	454	- 454	454	879	- 879	879
	FD	B	2	12	270.2	- 270.2	270.2	N/Q	-	-	-	905	- 905	905
	FD	C	2	4	245.0	- 258.0	254.8	4	-	-	-	877	- 882	878
				58	243.0	270.2			446	473		590	905	
Vealer Heifer														
200-280		B	2	3	238.2	- 238.2	238.2	N/Q	441	- 441	441	579	- 579	579
		C	2	27	226.2	- 254.2	237.9	19	435	- 489	451	518	- 689	619
	RS	C	2	29	228.6	- 246.2	239.8	N/Q	-	-	-	569	- 665	630

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
280-330	FD	C	2	24	236.6	- 238.2	236.9	N/Q	-			563	- 579	566
	FD	C	2	20	228.0	- 235.0	231.1	7	-			643	- 710	689
		C	2	41	228.0	- 260.2	245.9	19	430	- 482	457	645	- 791	729
330+	B	2	8	244.2	- 268.2	259.2	19	436	- 479	463	911	- 992	962	
	C	2	2	244.2	- 244.2	244.2	N/Q	452	- 452	452	867	- 867	867	
				154	226.2	268.2			430	489		518	992	
Yearling Steer														
200-280	FD	C	2	22	243.2	- 274.6	271.7	6	-			654	- 681	656
	RS	C	2	33	234.2	- 269.0	260.9	13	-			621	- 724	702
	RS	D	2	6	218.2	- 218.2	218.2	N/Q	-			587	- 587	587
280-330	RS	C	2	48	240.0	- 270.2	258.8	16	-			755	- 876	796
	FD	C	2	83	234.0	- 268.6	255.8	2	-			751	- 857	810
330-400	FD	D	2	3	190.2	- 190.2	190.2	N/Q	-			561	- 561	561
		B	2	4	270.0	- 270.0	270.0	N/Q	500	- 500	500	1067	- 1067	1067
		C	2	7	212.0	- 244.0	236.5	N/Q	408	- 469	455	753	- 920	878
400+	FD	C	2	239	218.2	- 270.0	261.3	12	-			803	- 1066	955
	RS	C	2	18	245.2	- 245.2	245.2	1	-			870	- 870	870
		C	3	11	230.0	- 267.2	251.8	N/Q	426	- 495	466	800	- 1038	927
	FD	D	2	3	232.0	- 232.0	232.0	N/Q	-			835	- 835	835
		C	2	2	235.0	- 245.0	240.0	N/Q	443	- 454	449	1011	- 1201	1106
	FD	C	2	473	225.6	- 275.2	263.6	16	-			952	- 1358	1186
		C	3	84	235.0	- 275.0	260.9	16	435	- 509	482	1031	- 1359	1185
	FD	C	3	17	256.0	- 269.2	265.3	N/Q	-			1260	- 1279	1273
	FD	D	2	2	222.0	- 222.0	222.0	N/Q	-			955	- 955	955
				1055	190.2	275.2			408	509		561	1359	
Yearling Heifer														
200-280	FD	C	2	24	228.2	- 250.0	242.7	N/Q	-			598	- 655	636
	RS	C	2	43	221.2	- 250.2	231.3	N/Q	-			595	- 600	597
	RS	D	2	9	203.2	- 203.2	203.2	N/Q	-			482	- 482	482
280-330	FD	C	2	107	222.0	- 247.0	237.9	15	-			699	- 778	754
		C	2	3	242.0	- 242.0	242.0	11	465	- 465	465	745	- 745	745
		C	3	8	235.0	- 235.0	235.0	N/Q	435	- 435	435	771	- 771	771
330-400	FD	C	2	191	232.0	- 250.0	240.7	17	-			800	- 950	870
		C	3	49	212.0	- 258.6	239.3	6	393	- 479	445	731	- 921	848
	FD	D	2	7	216.2	- 216.2	216.2	N/Q	-			796	- 796	796
400+		D	3	8	193.2	- 205.0	203.5	N/Q	365	- 387	379	715	- 761	752
		C	2	13	254.0	- 254.0	254.0	7	470	- 470	470	1041	- 1041	1041
	FD	C	2	77	228.0	- 249.2	239.9	8	-			956	- 1081	999
		C	3	118	233.2	- 274.2	249.3	9	432	- 508	462	964	- 1283	1131
		D	4	3	212.0	- 212.0	212.0	N/Q	408	- 408	408	1372	- 1372	1372
				660	193.2	274.2			365	508		482	1372	
Grown Steer														
0-400		C	3	14	195.0	- 212.0	199.9	N/Q	361	- 393	370	761	- 799	772
		C	4	1	238.0	- 238.0	238.0	N/Q	425	- 425	425	845	- 845	845
400-500		C	3	12	225.0	- 225.0	225.0	N/Q	417	- 417	417	1087	- 1087	1087

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
500-600	FD	C	3	5	269.2	- 269.2	269.2	N/Q	-			1346	- 1346	1346
		D	3	5	205.0	- 205.0	205.0	1	380	- 380	380	865	- 865	865
		C	3	132	230.0	- 276.0	262.9	19	426	- 506	476	1219	- 1558	1413
	FD	C	3	22	238.2	- 255.0	251.2	N/Q	-			1298	- 1313	1306
		C	4	5	235.0	- 235.0	235.0	3	420	- 420	420	1257	- 1257	1257
600-750		D	3	2	213.2	- 213.2	213.2	N/Q	395	- 395	395	1151	- 1151	1151
		C	3	2	248.0	- 248.0	248.0	N/Q	459	- 459	459	1612	- 1612	1612
		C	4	23	225.0	- 265.2	250.1	6	402	- 474	447	1486	- 1659	1609
					223	195.0	276.0		361	506		761	1659	
Grown Heifer														
0-540		C	3	28	210.0	- 232.0	221.3	11	389	- 430	410	762	- 1137	1029
	FD	C	4	5	225.0	- 225.0	225.0	N/Q	-			1060	- 1060	1060
		C	4	30	220.0	- 262.0	237.8	12	407	- 485	440	1137	- 1339	1233
		D	3	5	200.0	- 210.0	206.0	11	377	- 396	389	820	- 998	927
		D	4	7	194.2	- 194.2	194.2	N/Q	366	- 366	366	1010	- 1010	1010
540+		C	3	16	238.2	- 247.0	245.4	30	441	- 457	454	1298	- 1440	1413
		C	4	74	218.0	- 266.2	238.9	12	404	- 498	445	1190	- 1765	1401
		D	4	4	205.0	- 232.2	225.4	27	394	- 430	421	1158	- 1372	1319
					169	194.2	266.2		366	498		762	1765	
Manufacturing Steer														
540+	DA	D	2	5	214.2	- 214.2	214.2	N/Q	412	- 412	412	1821	- 1821	1821
					5	214.2	214.2		412	412		1821	1821	
Cows														
0-400	RS	D	1	15	150.0	- 169.2	155.9	-5	-			570	- 636	590
	RS	D	2	5	180.0	- 180.0	180.0	5	-			713	- 713	713
		D	3	3	195.0	- 195.0	195.0	N/Q	406	- 406	406	772	- 772	772
400-520		D	1	6	165.0	- 176.2	174.3	17	402	- 430	425	767	- 823	814
	RS	D	1	23	168.2	- 173.2	171.5	8	-			727	- 728	728
		D	2	33	165.6	- 188.0	178.1	6	365	- 427	402	740	- 849	784
	RS	D	2	23	184.2	- 194.0	191.4	11	-			764	- 883	850
		D	3	156	179.2	- 215.0	196.7	10	364	- 448	403	780	- 1071	958
		D	4	37	195.0	- 220.0	202.5	5	375	- 423	389	975	- 1137	1031
		D	5	1	198.0	- 198.0	198.0	N/Q	413	- 413	413	986	- 986	986
520+		C	4	3	212.0	- 212.0	212.0	N/Q	400	- 400	400	1431	- 1431	1431
	DA	D	1	5	175.0	- 175.0	175.0	21	427	- 427	427	1143	- 1143	1143
	DA	D	2	8	175.0	- 191.6	187.5	4	365	- 399	391	1076	- 1456	1361
		D	2	18	173.0	- 190.2	182.8	8	393	- 426	412	901	- 1060	997
	RS	D	3	12	203.6	- 203.6	203.6	N/Q	-			1091	- 1091	1091
		D	3	134	185.0	- 215.0	197.5	8	385	- 448	411	1003	- 1487	1116
		D	4	391	190.0	- 229.2	207.3	10	365	- 442	399	1072	- 1767	1331
		D	5	23	179.6	- 200.0	191.0	7	374	- 417	395	1334	- 1500	1375
		D	6	4	170.0	- 185.0	181.3	71	370	- 402	394	1165	- 1347	1301
					900	150.0	229.2		364	448		570	1767	
Bulls														
0-450		C	2	3	260.0	- 260.0	260.0	66	482	- 482	482	1040	- 1040	1040

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
600+	RS	C	2	5	202.0	- 202.0	202.0	4	-			697	- 697	697
		C	2	2	226.2	- 226.2	226.2	N/Q	404	- 404	404	1674	- 1674	1674
				10	202.0	260.0			404	482		697	1674	

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 DP: Dorper

Disclaimer:

© MLA 2015. No part of this publication may be reproduced in any form or by any means without prior written permission of MLA. MLA makes no representations and to the extent permitted by law excludes all warranties in relation to the information contained in this publication. MLA is not liable to you or to any third party for any losses, costs or expenses, including any direct, indirect, incidental, consequential, special or exemplary damages or lost profit, resulting from any use or misuse of the information contained in this publication. Information contained in this publication has been obtained from a variety of third party sources which have not been verified by MLA.