

Detailed saleyard report - cattle

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The combination of the Labour Day public holiday the previous Monday and the continuing hot spring conditions saw producers offload increased numbers of stock. Quality was very mixed, with larger numbers of plainer conditioned stock of all ages. Yearling heifers and steers suitable for the trade were in reasonable supply, with the bulk of the better finished lines grass finished. Grown steers and bullocks were in reasonable supply, with odd pens crop finished. The usual domestic buyers were present along with increased export competition from a Queensland processor, who operated in the cow market. There was feedlot competition however buyers adjusted prices back for yearling steers and heifers.

The small number of well finished vealers sold to mixed price trends depending on breed and finish. Vealers to slaughter made from 276c to 315c/kg. Vealers lacking finish were sought by local feedlot competition making from 260c to 322c/kg. Medium weight grass finished heifers suitable for the trade sold to varying price trends. The better finished heifers sold up to 45c cheaper making from 249c to 290c/kg. Prime C3 medium weight trade steers sold to subdued demand which resulted in a cheaper trend of 35c, to average 300.8c/kg. There were plenty of store conditioned heifers offered however, there were less store orders in place and prices fell 29c/kg. Heifers 200 to 280kg made from 230c to 290c/kg. Secondary steers returning to the paddock sold 32c cheaper, making from 270c to 322c, to average 301c/kg.

Well-bred lighter weight steers 330 to 400kg sold to much weaker feedlot demand to average 304.2c/kg. Medium weight C2 feeder steers followed the same trend as the lighter weight portion, with prices falling 37c, to average 298c/kg. It was more of the same in the feeder heifer market where prices fell 26c to 44c/kg. Lighter weight heifers to feed on made from 241c to 288c/kg.

The good quality supply of heavy grown steers sold to a small group of export and domestic processors. Weaker demand for the better finished pens of young steers and bullocks resulted in prices easing up to 47c/kg. The better quality pens of prime finished C3 and C4 steers made from 260c to 300c/kg.

Cow numbers increased to 1,080 head and quality was mixed, with all weights and grades represented. Well finished heavy cows sold to much weaker demand with prices continuing to ease as the market progressed. High yielding beef cows made from 205 to 235c/kg. The bulk of the leaner grades sold 50c/kg lower. The D2 and D3 lines sold from 170 to 234c/kg. Light weight younger cows sold to a small group of restockers with prices ranging from 135c to 189c/kg. Heavy bulls to slaughter sold 50c to 72c lower to average 247c/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 | 3 | 297.0 | - 297.0 | 297.0 | N/Q | 560 | - 560 | 560 | 588 | - 588 | 588 |
| | RS | C | 2 | 29 | 226.0 | - 334.2 | 298.6 | N/Q | - | - | - | 447 | - 661 | 529 |
| | RS | D | 2 | 9 | 242.2 | - 242.2 | 242.2 | N/Q | - | - | - | 475 | - 475 | 475 |
| | | | | 41 | 226.0 | 334.2 | | | 560 | 560 | | 447 | 661 | |
| Vealer Steer | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 200-280 | FD | C | 2 | 12 | 292.0 | - 322.2 | 302.1 | N/Q | - | - | - | 710 | - 838 | 752 |
| 280-330 | FD | C | 2 | 3 | 260.0 | - 260.0 | 260.0 | -79 | - | - | - | 819 | - 819 | 819 |
| | RS | C | 2 | 4 | 276.2 | - 280.0 | 279.1 | -59 | - | - | - | 815 | - 818 | 817 |
| | | C | 2 | 10 | 276.0 | - 311.0 | 301.0 | N/Q | 521 | - 587 | 571 | 842 | - 961 | 930 |
| | | C | 3 | 7 | 317.2 | - 317.2 | 317.2 | N/Q | 587 | - 587 | 587 | 1018 | - 1018 | 1018 |
| 330+ | FD | A | 3 | 2 | 286.0 | - 286.0 | 286.0 | N/Q | - | - | - | 1287 | - 1287 | 1287 |
| | FD | B | 2 | 1 | 321.2 | - 321.2 | 321.2 | N/Q | - | - | - | 1214 | - 1214 | 1214 |
| | FD | C | 2 | 8 | 322.2 | - 322.2 | 322.2 | -22 | - | - | - | 1079 | - 1079 | 1079 |
| | | C | 3 | 2 | 315.0 | - 315.0 | 315.0 | N/Q | 563 | - 563 | 563 | 1172 | - 1172 | 1172 |
| | | | | 49 | 260.0 | 322.2 | | | 521 | 587 | | 710 | 1287 | |
| Vealer Heifer | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| | | | | | Low | High | Avg | Change | Low | High | Avg | Low | High | Avg |
| 200-280 | | C | 2 | 15 | 270.0 | - 270.0 | 270.0 | -35 | 509 | - 519 | 519 | 605 | - 621 | 606 |
| 280-330 | | B | 2 | 2 | 315.0 | - 315.0 | 315.0 | N/Q | 583 | - 583 | 583 | 992 | - 992 | 992 |
| | | C | 2 | 35 | 275.0 | - 308.2 | 293.4 | -22 | 509 | - 571 | 556 | 844 | - 986 | 890 |
| | FD | C | 2 | 71 | 266.0 | - 280.2 | 273.8 | -21 | - | - | - | 790 | - 871 | 855 |
| 330+ | | C | 2 | 3 | 273.2 | - 273.2 | 273.2 | -48 | 516 | - 516 | 516 | 932 | - 932 | 932 |
| | | C | 3 | 8 | 290.0 | - 294.0 | 292.5 | -18 | 537 | - 544 | 542 | 1026 | - 1047 | 1034 |
| | | | | 134 | 266.0 | 315.0 | | | 509 | 583 | | 605 | 1047 | |
| Yearling Steer | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 200-280 | FD | C | 2 | 52 | 270.0 | - 320.2 | 305.3 | N/Q | - | - | - | 716 | - 808 | 787 |
| | RS | C | 2 | 50 | 283.2 | - 312.0 | 295.2 | -39 | - | - | - | 590 | - 815 | 744 |
| | RS | D | 2 | 5 | 150.0 | - 150.0 | 150.0 | -156 | - | - | - | 347 | - 347 | 347 |
| | | D | 2 | 1 | 240.0 | - 240.0 | 240.0 | N/Q | 462 | - 462 | 462 | 636 | - 636 | 636 |
| 280-330 | FD | C | 2 | 100 | 270.0 | - 315.0 | 290.4 | -43 | - | - | - | 830 | - 1027 | 942 |
| | RS | C | 2 | 162 | 270.0 | - 322.0 | 301.3 | -32 | - | - | - | 772 | - 1047 | 910 |
| | RS | D | 2 | 1 | 214.0 | - 214.0 | 214.0 | N/Q | - | - | - | 631 | - 631 | 631 |
| 330-400 | RS | C | 2 | 27 | 260.0 | - 282.2 | 264.0 | -62 | - | - | - | 936 | - 1084 | 957 |
| | FD | C | 2 | 288 | 275.0 | - 327.2 | 303.4 | -35 | - | - | - | 940 | - 1251 | 1114 |
| | | C | 2 | 1 | 278.0 | - 278.0 | 278.0 | N/Q | 525 | - 525 | 525 | 1070 | - 1070 | 1070 |
| | | C | 3 | 21 | 278.0 | - 319.2 | 295.2 | -42 | 515 | - 591 | 547 | 954 | - 1226 | 1066 |
| | RS | D | 2 | 2 | 268.0 | - 268.0 | 268.0 | N/Q | - | - | - | 992 | - 992 | 992 |
| | RS | D | 3 | 9 | 260.0 | - 260.0 | 260.0 | N/Q | - | - | - | 1022 | - 1022 | 1022 |
| 400+ | RS | C | 2 | 11 | 260.0 | - 282.0 | 272.0 | N/Q | - | - | - | 1152 | - 1325 | 1246 |
| | | C | 2 | 7 | 270.0 | - 286.0 | 276.0 | -55 | 500 | - 530 | 514 | 1126 | - 1361 | 1211 |
| | FD | C | 2 | 697 | 265.0 | - 318.2 | 296.7 | -38 | - | - | - | 1094 | - 1536 | 1303 |
| | FD | C | 3 | 32 | 295.6 | - 303.2 | 297.5 | N/Q | - | - | - | 1454 | - 1510 | 1468 |
| | | C | 3 | 58 | 280.0 | - 312.0 | 300.8 | -35 | 519 | - 578 | 557 | 1190 | - 1474 | 1412 |
| | | D | 2 | 5 | 219.2 | - 219.2 | 219.2 | -69 | 406 | - 406 | 406 | 967 | - 967 | 967 |
| | FD | D | 2 | 14 | 239.0 | - 239.0 | 239.0 | 4 | - | - | - | 1147 | - 1147 | 1147 |
| | RS | D | 2 | 10 | 260.2 | - 260.2 | 260.2 | -29 | - | - | - | 1067 | - 1067 | 1067 |
| | FD | D | 3 | 1 | 240.0 | - 240.0 | 240.0 | N/Q | - | - | - | 1104 | - 1104 | 1104 |
| | | | | 1554 | 150.0 | 327.2 | | | 406 | 591 | | 347 | 1536 | |
| Yearling Heifer | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 0-200 | | D | 2 | 9 | 285.2 | - 285.2 | 285.2 | N/Q | 549 | - 549 | 549 | 562 | - 562 | 562 |
| 200-280 | | C | 2 | 3 | 272.0 | - 272.0 | 272.0 | N/Q | 523 | - 523 | 523 | 762 | - 762 | 762 |
| | FD | C | 2 | 46 | 250.0 | - 270.0 | 254.3 | -12 | - | - | - | 671 | - 743 | 686 |
| | RS | C | 2 | 149 | 230.2 | - 290.2 | 271.0 | -29 | - | - | - | 536 | - 734 | 679 |
| | | C | 3 | 4 | 255.0 | - 255.0 | 255.0 | N/Q | 472 | - 472 | 472 | 650 | - 650 | 650 |
| | RS | D | 2 | 10 | 224.2 | - 224.2 | 224.2 | -70 | - | - | - | 534 | - 534 | 534 |
| 280-330 | FD | C | 2 | 40 | 267.2 | - 278.6 | 274.4 | -26 | - | - | - | 783 | - 860 | 813 |
| | | C | 2 | 21 | 281.2 | - 281.2 | 281.2 | -22 | 521 | - 521 | 521 | 908 | - 908 | 908 |
| | | C | 3 | 13 | 280.0 | - 280.0 | 280.0 | -31 | 519 | - 519 | 519 | 840 | - 910 | 894 |
| | FD | C | 3 | 21 | 259.0 | - 270.0 | 265.8 | -36 | - | - | - | 800 | - 883 | 851 |
| | | D | 2 | 2 | 195.0 | - 195.0 | 195.0 | N/Q | 368 | - 368 | 368 | 614 | - 614 | 614 |
| | | D | 3 | 5 | 240.0 | - 240.0 | 240.0 | N/Q | 453 | - 453 | 453 | 792 | - 792 | 792 |
| 330-400 | | C | 2 | 10 | 279.0 | - 279.0 | 279.0 | N/Q | 526 | - 526 | 526 | 1055 | - 1055 | 1055 |

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| | | | | | Low | High | Avg | Change | Low | High | Avg | Low | High | Avg |
| | FD | C | 2 | 327 | 241.2 | - 281.2 | 265.2 | -44 | - | | | 854 | - 1087 | 937 |
| | FD | C | 3 | 56 | 266.0 | - 290.0 | 274.6 | -38 | - | | | 952 | - 1160 | 1041 |
| | | C | 3 | 144 | 255.0 | - 295.0 | 276.7 | -34 | 472 | - 546 | 515 | 894 | - 1092 | 1023 |
| | FD | D | 2 | 20 | 265.0 | - 265.0 | 265.0 | N/Q | - | | | 890 | - 890 | 890 |
| | RS | D | 2 | 4 | 196.2 | - 196.2 | 196.2 | N/Q | - | | | 651 | - 651 | 651 |
| | FD | D | 3 | 28 | 241.2 | - 241.2 | 241.2 | N/Q | - | | | 864 | - 864 | 864 |
| | | D | 3 | 24 | 210.0 | - 240.0 | 229.4 | -58 | 396 | - 462 | 433 | 750 | - 931 | 845 |
| 400+ | | C | 2 | 11 | 246.0 | - 276.0 | 267.8 | N/Q | 456 | - 511 | 496 | 1065 | - 1225 | 1182 |
| | FD | C | 2 | 66 | 269.2 | - 292.0 | 275.3 | -23 | - | | | 1120 | - 1247 | 1165 |
| | FD | C | 3 | 46 | 284.0 | - 292.0 | 285.6 | N/Q | - | | | 1159 | - 1259 | 1176 |
| | | C | 3 | 225 | 249.2 | - 290.0 | 271.5 | -45 | 462 | - 537 | 503 | 1017 | - 1405 | 1213 |
| | | C | 4 | 15 | 265.0 | - 277.6 | 273.4 | -37 | 500 | - 514 | 509 | 1227 | - 1501 | 1270 |
| | RS | D | 2 | 1 | 210.0 | - 210.0 | 210.0 | N/Q | - | | | 861 | - 861 | 861 |
| | | D | 3 | 6 | 231.2 | - 231.2 | 231.2 | -49 | 436 | - 436 | 436 | 990 | - 990 | 990 |
| | | | | 1306 | 195.0 | 295.0 | | | 368 | 549 | | 534 | 1501 | |
| Grown Steer | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 0-400 | FD | C | 3 | 13 | 285.2 | - 285.2 | 285.2 | N/Q | - | | | 1075 | - 1075 | 1075 |
| 400-500 | | C | 2 | 2 | 240.0 | - 240.0 | 240.0 | N/Q | 453 | - 453 | 453 | 1164 | - 1164 | 1164 |
| | | C | 3 | 10 | 244.0 | - 266.0 | 248.4 | -86 | 460 | - 493 | 467 | 1176 | - 1179 | 1178 |
| 500-600 | | C | 3 | 126 | 260.0 | - 300.0 | 283.4 | -45 | 482 | - 556 | 525 | 1404 | - 1667 | 1557 |
| | FD | C | 3 | 107 | 270.0 | - 308.2 | 298.0 | N/Q | - | | | 1353 | - 1587 | 1533 |
| | | C | 4 | 9 | 261.2 | - 282.2 | 268.2 | -70 | 484 | - 523 | 497 | 1476 | - 1566 | 1506 |
| | | D | 3 | 9 | 235.0 | - 266.0 | 250.3 | N/Q | 435 | - 502 | 467 | 1194 | - 1436 | 1327 |
| | | D | 4 | 1 | 255.0 | - 255.0 | 255.0 | N/Q | 472 | - 472 | 472 | 1492 | - 1492 | 1492 |
| 600-750 | | C | 4 | 51 | 266.0 | - 290.0 | 275.8 | -47 | 486 | - 537 | 509 | 1623 | - 2030 | 1745 |
| 750+ | | C | 4 | 3 | 270.0 | - 270.0 | 270.0 | N/Q | 500 | - 500 | 500 | 2036 | - 2036 | 2036 |
| | | | | 331 | 235.0 | 308.2 | | | 435 | 556 | | 1075 | 2036 | |
| Grown Heifer | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 0-540 | | C | 3 | 54 | 225.0 | - 285.2 | 248.7 | -57 | 417 | - 528 | 461 | 974 | - 1397 | 1160 |
| | RS | C | 3 | 34 | 229.2 | - 229.2 | 229.2 | N/Q | - | | | 825 | - 825 | 825 |
| | | C | 4 | 78 | 210.0 | - 283.2 | 258.2 | -56 | 389 | - 528 | 480 | 907 | - 1473 | 1310 |
| | | C | 5 | 5 | 221.0 | - 225.0 | 223.4 | N/Q | 417 | - 425 | 422 | 1193 | - 1215 | 1206 |
| | | D | 2 | 2 | 230.0 | - 230.0 | 230.0 | N/Q | 442 | - 442 | 442 | 959 | - 959 | 959 |
| | | D | 3 | 45 | 180.0 | - 260.0 | 225.9 | -45 | 340 | - 491 | 429 | 751 | - 1085 | 929 |
| | | D | 4 | 17 | 229.2 | - 240.0 | 233.2 | -42 | 424 | - 444 | 436 | 1146 | - 1284 | 1197 |
| 540+ | | C | 4 | 118 | 232.0 | - 282.0 | 260.7 | -26 | 438 | - 522 | 484 | 1264 | - 1737 | 1501 |
| | | D | 4 | 8 | 225.0 | - 238.0 | 229.9 | -36 | 449 | - 450 | 450 | 1260 | - 1326 | 1285 |
| | | D | 5 | 1 | 218.0 | - 218.0 | 218.0 | N/Q | 419 | - 419 | 419 | 1373 | - 1373 | 1373 |
| | | | | 362 | 180.0 | 285.2 | | | 340 | 528 | | 751 | 1737 | |
| Manufacturing Steer | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 0-540 | | C | 2 | 16 | 187.0 | - 187.0 | 187.0 | N/Q | 360 | - 360 | 360 | 604 | - 604 | 604 |
| | | D | 2 | 44 | 150.0 | - 210.0 | 176.4 | -74 | 300 | - 404 | 350 | 428 | - 1040 | 628 |
| | | D | 3 | 3 | 210.0 | - 210.0 | 210.0 | -30 | 396 | - 396 | 396 | 956 | - 956 | 956 |
| 540+ | | C | 4 | 2 | 194.2 | - 194.2 | 194.2 | N/Q | 388 | - 388 | 388 | 1758 | - 1758 | 1758 |

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| | | | | | Low | High | Avg | Change | Low | High | Avg | Low | High | Avg |
| | DA | D | 3 | 3 | 225.0 | - 225.0 | 225.0 | N/Q | 450 | - 450 | 450 | 1231 | - 1231 | 1231 |
| | | D | 6 | 3 | 120.0 | - 120.0 | 120.0 | N/Q | 240 | - 240 | 240 | 1105 | - 1105 | 1105 |
| | | | 71 | | 120.0 | 225.0 | | | 240 | 450 | | 428 | 1758 | |
| Cows | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 0-400 | | D | 1 | 9 | 155.0 | - 156.2 | 155.5 | -35 | 378 | - 381 | 379 | 581 | - 618 | 602 |
| | RS | D | 1 | 5 | 135.2 | - 135.2 | 135.2 | -49 | - | - | - | 518 | - 518 | 518 |
| | | D | 2 | 22 | 168.2 | - 185.0 | 183.5 | N/Q | 382 | - 421 | 417 | 664 | - 725 | 720 |
| | RS | E | 1 | 4 | 115.2 | - 115.2 | 115.2 | N/Q | - | - | - | 400 | - 400 | 400 |
| 400-520 | | D | 1 | 4 | 160.0 | - 160.0 | 160.0 | -50 | 390 | - 390 | 390 | 755 | - 755 | 755 |
| | | D | 2 | 54 | 170.0 | - 275.0 | 192.6 | -33 | 386 | - 625 | 434 | 699 | - 1392 | 914 |
| | RS | D | 2 | 10 | 168.2 | - 168.2 | 168.2 | -69 | - | - | - | 723 | - 723 | 723 |
| | RS | D | 3 | 3 | 189.2 | - 189.2 | 189.2 | N/Q | - | - | - | 766 | - 766 | 766 |
| | | D | 3 | 230 | 190.0 | - 234.0 | 205.3 | -50 | 396 | - 488 | 430 | 789 | - 1122 | 986 |
| | | D | 4 | 55 | 205.0 | - 226.0 | 219.9 | -52 | 410 | - 450 | 434 | 933 | - 1132 | 1069 |
| | | D | 6 | 9 | 208.0 | - 208.0 | 208.0 | N/Q | 433 | - 433 | 433 | 1009 | - 1009 | 1009 |
| | RS | E | 1 | 6 | 128.2 | - 128.2 | 128.2 | N/Q | - | - | - | 520 | - 520 | 520 |
| 520+ | | D | 2 | 8 | 182.0 | - 194.2 | 185.1 | -45 | 388 | - 414 | 407 | 981 | - 1758 | 1175 |
| | | D | 3 | 132 | 206.0 | - 233.0 | 217.8 | -38 | 424 | - 485 | 452 | 1091 | - 1494 | 1235 |
| | | D | 4 | 513 | 205.0 | - 250.0 | 222.4 | -50 | 410 | - 500 | 441 | 1097 | - 1830 | 1374 |
| | | D | 5 | 18 | 180.0 | - 223.0 | 192.1 | -61 | 360 | - 446 | 391 | 1151 | - 1762 | 1274 |
| | | D | 6 | 1 | 160.0 | - 160.0 | 160.0 | N/Q | 333 | - 333 | 333 | 1384 | - 1384 | 1384 |
| | | | 1083 | | 115.2 | 275.0 | | | 333 | 625 | | 400 | 1830 | |
| Bulls | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 0-450 | | C | 2 | 11 | 200.0 | - 250.0 | 233.6 | -43 | 370 | - 472 | 425 | 890 | - 1008 | 957 |
| | RS | C | 2 | 6 | 240.0 | - 240.0 | 240.0 | -42 | - | - | - | 742 | - 833 | 787 |
| | | D | 2 | 7 | 170.0 | - 200.0 | 191.4 | -49 | 321 | - 385 | 366 | 595 | - 900 | 813 |
| 450-600 | | B | 2 | 2 | 255.0 | - 255.0 | 255.0 | N/Q | 455 | - 455 | 455 | 1211 | - 1211 | 1211 |
| | | C | 2 | 12 | 235.2 | - 240.0 | 238.4 | N/Q | 420 | - 462 | 446 | 1164 | - 1308 | 1216 |
| 600+ | | C | 2 | 16 | 239.2 | - 260.2 | 247.4 | -72 | 399 | - 434 | 417 | 1452 | - 2628 | 2261 |
| | | | 54 | | 170.0 | 260.2 | | | 321 | 472 | | 595 | 2628 | |

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

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