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Funny what a bit of rain can do....with numbers up, up, up in this week's Eastern States Cattle Sales. The Autumn Weaner Sale helped the total figure to just push over 9,000 head, up over 3,000 head from last week. Weaner numbers being in high supply along with joined females with a touch of cows and calves slowly presenting back into the market place.

Numbers in the PTIC category were spread across the board this week with young and older females all presenting high in numbers. It was a line of PTIC Angus stud cows topping this category making \$2,300 from Glencoe, NSW, south of Glen Innes. These large farmed cows consisting of Mundoo bloodlines proved to be the cream of the crop in today's sale.

Commercial PTIC females topped the market at \$1,575 from Rylstone, NSW for EU accredited Black Baldy yearling heifers. The 2014 Winter drop ladies consisted of Coffin Creek blood Angus bulls and Injermira blood Hereford cows, and are due to calve at the start of Winter. Unjoined Hereford cows and calves made the top price of \$1,680 from Dunkeld, VIC consisting of Bowmount and Yarram Park bloodlines. The 2.5 to 3.5 year old cows having fresh 91kg calves at foot will be heading interstate to South Australia along with a line of proven breeders from the same vendor.

With close to 3,000 head in the final Autumn Weaner Sale, there was strong buyer interest with top prices seen though out the sale. The 250-300kg and 300-350 kg weight range saw huge numbers for steers with the 250-300kg weight range being dominant for heifers. A tidy line of sappy Angus weaned steers weighing 389kg live from Guyra, NSW topped the weaner sale at \$1,142 or 310c/kg with the calves being sired Mundoo bulls.

Breakdown by weight:

Steers weighting:

- Under 250kg sold from 344c to 358c averaging 330c up 9c/kg
- 250kg to 300kg sold from 286c to 331c averaging 315c down 13c/kg
- 300kg to 350kg sold from 279c to 349c averaging 319c up 9c/kg
- 350kg + sold from 309c to 310c/kg

Heifers weighing:

- Under 250kg sold from 265c to 329c averaging 298c up 3c/kg
- 250kg to 300kg sold from 279c to 329c averaging 300c up 5c/kg
- 300kg to 350kg sold from 261c to 278c averaging 271c up 5c/kg
- 350kg + sold from 253c to 254c/kg

The Annual Elite Fullblood 100% Wagyu Online Sale was held on Wednesday the 4th of May at the Crown Plaza in the Hunter Valley following on from a very insightful and stimulating National Wagyu Conference. The Sale was very successful with AuctionsPlus purchasing 28 out of the 70 lots on offer. The average prices for bulls were \$6850, Semen; \$258/straw, females; \$8420 and Embryos; \$1,433/Embryo. With the catalogue receiving 2,670 views, there were 68 logged in users (from Australia, Germany, UK, Canada, America and South Africa) with 19 active bidders. Out of all bids taken for the whole sale, 61% were online bids. AuctionsPlus also purchased the top priced lot which was 10 straws of semen from Mayura Station for \$3,050 a straw. This lot was bought by an international buyer from the UK.