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Recent rain has impacted on both Northern and Southern states with cattle numbers jumping

2,683 head from last week's sale. The 9,331 head on offer today were split over three sales with 382 bidders present. Weaners, weaners and more weaners were the hot topic this week with an even spread of steers and heifers. Breeders also had a high presence with big numbers coming out of Queensland as well as young cows and calves to ten years old

Light steers less than 250 kg were dominated by weaners and averaged 369c/kg. It was a tidy line of Angus steers, 6-7 month old, weighing 214 kg making 412c/kg or \$880 from Benalla, Victoria. New South Wales also had high prices with a line of Angus steers from Carinda weighing 201kg making 407c/kg or \$820. Queensland's weaners all made over 300c/kg averaging 338c/kg which was a great result for this weight range.

Unjoined heifers were also just as dominant in numbers with heifers less than 250 kg making cracking prices. The top price for this weight range was a line of Angus unjoined heifers from Carinda, NSW making 412c/kg or \$800 which was from the same vendor of the steers which made the top price in the same weight range. This weight range also had the highest average out of the unjoined heifers, making 347c/kg. High numbers were also dominant in the 300-350 kg weight range with most numbers coming out of NSW with an average of 294c/kg.

Young PTIC females under two years made up majority of numbers for this week with the average price of \$1299 per head. It was a line of 3-4 year olds from Guyra, NSW PTIC to Angus bulls who took out the top price of this category of \$1640.

The top price of the day in the cows and calves category was a line of 4-5 year old Angus cows and calves from Wellington, NSW making \$2100 and another tidy line of joined Angus cows and calves from Armidale making \$1875. The top line from Queensland was also another line of Droughtmaster cows and calves from Tara making \$1850.

Cattle State Break-Down Numbers:

QLD: 4,119 head

NSW: 3,769 head

VIC: 1,148 head

SA: 295 head