

AuctionsPlus Market Comments: Week Ending 11/9/15

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301kg steers 400c/kg live
Santa Cows & Calves \$2060

Cattle numbers jumped 1,700 head to total 7,957 head with strong buyer activity, particularly feedlots with plenty of cattle available at the heavier end of the scale. Steers under 250kg sold from 290c to 358c to average 331c, and heifers made 254c to 300c to average 281c. Steers 250kg to 300kg made 325c to 407c averaging 352c, up 7c, and heifers made 290c to 354c averaging 319c, up 6c. 300kg to 350kg steers made 315c to an astounding 400c, averaging 334c, down 2c, and heifers made 267c to 372c averaging 313c, up 14c. Steers over 350kg sold from 317c to 363c to average 341c, down 3c and heifers in this weight class made 284c to 322c averaging 298c. Highlights included crossbred steers at Alpha weighing 231kg making 331c or \$765; 433kg Santa cross steers in southern QLD selling for 331c or \$1435 and the heifer portion at 393kg making 322c or \$1270; the heaviest line so far to hit 400c being 301kg Angus steers in northern NSW; and 312kg Angus heifers in central NSW making 372c or \$1160.

The second Forward Contract Feeder Steer sale today offered six B-Double lines of Angus and Angus cross cattle for deliveries between November and January. Feedlots looking to lock in supply for later in the year purchased 400kg-500kg Angus cattle for November and December deliveries from 338c to 345c, and a lighter line of Angus and Angus/Herefords to deliver between 330kg-430kg in November sold for 330c. Cows with calves at foot were buyer's choice yet again, averaging \$1730 across the board. Several small lines of stud-bred Shorthorn cows with Shorthorn calves made \$1930 to \$2100, and a line of Blackall-bred four and five year old Santa cows with Santa calves offered out of central NSW sold for \$2060 - coincidentally, this is the second time the agent involved has sold these cattle, when previously based in QLD he sent them down to today's vendor! Mixed age lines of cows with calves at foot sold from \$1240 to a top of \$1660 for two to ten year old Charolais/Droughtmaster cows with Droughtmaster calves out of QLD. Joined yearling heifers sold for \$1610 for Droughtmaster heifers out of southern QLD, mixed age lines of PTIC cows sold from \$1250 to \$1390 and young cows made \$710 to \$1010.