

Detailed saleyard report - cattle

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Dry conditions and a severe shortage of water for some producers pushed bigger numbers into the market. Quality was fair to plain. Trade cattle were again limited, fluctuating from firm to dearer. Feedlot buyers were operating, however at times competition decreased, which was quality related. Heavy steers and bullocks were few and the weaker prices were due to little feedlot demand. Cow numbers remained high, with over 1,300 head penned.

Domestic buyers were reliant upon heifers to meet specifications, with trade steers needing more finish. Heifers suitable for the trade sold from 235c to 264c/kg. The limited selection of steers suitable for the trade sold from 265c to 266c/kg. Light weight weaner steers 200-280kg saw cheaper trends of 21c/kg and until the autumn break, price improvements may be constrained. The lighter weight heifers sold predominately to feedlots and backgrounders, making from 175c to 250c/kg. A larger group of buyers operated in the feeder steer market. The bulk of the medium steers were unchanged, making from 205c to 281c/kg. Buyer demand for feeder heifers was strong, with the main lines of 330-400kg heifers selling from 211c to 268c/kg.

The limited supply of heavy C3 steers and bullocks sold to weaker competition, making from 245c to 268c/kg. The cow market sold to stronger competition for well finished types. Heavy cows topped at 209c, to average 197c/kg. The D3 and D2 medium weights eased from 1c to 8c, selling from 135c to 179c/kg. Store cows were in greater numbers, making from 130c to 214c/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+	RS	C	2	20	170.0	- 188.0	179.0	9	340	- 362	351	299	- 361	330
		C	2	77	206.0	- 240.0	218.6	9		-		329	- 425	355
				97	170.0	240.0			340	362		299	425	
Vealer Steer														
200-280	RS	C	2	9	260.0	- 282.0	272.2	N/Q		-		702	- 761	735
280-330	RS	B	2	8	269.0	- 269.0	269.0	N/Q	508	- 508	508	802	- 802	802
		C	2	2	209.0	- 209.0	209.0	N/Q		-		637	- 637	637
				19	209.0	282.0			508	508		637	802	
Vealer Heifer														
200-280	FD	C	2	3	222.0	- 222.0	222.0	N/Q		-		588	- 588	588
280-330	FD	B	2	8	237.0	- 237.0	237.0	N/Q		-		735	- 735	735
		C	2	1	260.0	- 260.0	260.0	N/Q	500	- 500	500	845	- 845	845
	FD	C	2	12	233.0	- 237.0	235.7	5		-		711	- 735	727
	RS	C	2	10	210.0	- 210.0	210.0	N/Q		-		603	- 603	603
330+	FD	C	2	8	248.0	- 248.0	248.0	N/Q		-		957	- 957	957
				42	210.0	260.0			500	500		588	957	
Yearling Steer														
0-200	RS	C	2	16	160.0	- 235.0	211.6	-22		-		320	- 388	367
200-280	RS	C	2	177	200.0	- 298.0	248.3	-21		-		454	- 834	610
	FD	C	2	49	235.0	- 276.0	258.5	10		-		600	- 745	687
	RS	D	1	14	100.0	- 100.0	100.0	N/Q		-		247	- 247	247
	RS	D	2	15	170.0	- 175.0	173.3	N/Q		-		434	- 459	450
280-330	FD	C	2	106	245.0	- 299.0	266.8	-3		-		725	- 942	841
	RS	C	2	78	205.0	- 306.0	258.5	-14		-		605	- 915	778
330-400	FD	C	2	220	230.0	- 296.0	259.7	-6		-		833	- 1100	952

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400+	FD	C	2	273	205.0	- 281.0	264.3	N/C	-			871	- 1287	1141
		C	2	1	258.0	- 258.0	258.0	N/Q	478	- 478	478	1200	- 1200	1200
	RS	C	2	3	216.0	- 216.0	216.0	N/Q	-			907	- 944	932
	FD	C	3	9	268.0	- 268.0	268.0	N/Q	-			1160	- 1160	1160
		C	3	8	265.0	- 266.0	265.3	N/Q	500	- 502	501	1113	- 1298	1215
		D	2	2	170.0	- 170.0	170.0	N/Q	327	- 327	327	706	- 706	706
	RS	D	2	5	180.0	- 180.0	180.0	N/Q	-			765	- 765	765
				976	100.0	306.0			327	502		247	1298	
Yearling Heifer														
0-200	RS	C	2	10	190.0	- 190.0	190.0	N/Q	-			287	- 287	287
200-280	RS	C	2	95	176.0	- 230.0	206.9	-3	-			416	- 575	483
	FD	C	2	23	229.0	- 245.0	234.6	-1	-			616	- 654	629
	PT	C	2	18	201.0	- 201.0	201.0	N/Q	387	- 387	387	539	- 539	539
	RS	D	2	10	175.0	- 176.0	175.5	N/Q	-			370	- 378	374
280-330	FD	C	2	147	185.0	- 250.0	219.8	-12	-			567	- 787	688
	RS	C	2	13	198.0	- 198.0	198.0	-42	-			600	- 600	600
		C	2	6	190.0	- 222.0	200.7	-29	365	- 427	386	545	- 677	589
330-400	FD	C	2	648	211.0	- 268.0	241.7	1	-			703	- 1024	902
	RS	D	2	18	148.0	- 196.0	188.0	N/Q	-			533	- 747	711
	FD	D	2	12	185.0	- 196.0	189.6	N/Q	-			701	- 715	707
400+	FD	C	2	311	200.0	- 268.0	245.1	-5	-			917	- 1267	1052
		C	3	55	235.0	- 264.0	250.0	14	435	- 498	470	972	- 1240	1131
		D	3	3	185.0	- 185.0	185.0	N/Q	349	- 349	349	777	- 777	777
				1369	148.0	268.0			349	498		287	1267	
Grown Steer														
400-500	FD	C	2	5	252.0	- 252.0	252.0	48	-			1260	- 1260	1260
	RS	C	2	3	210.0	- 210.0	210.0	N/Q	-			865	- 865	865
		C	3	2	266.0	- 266.0	266.0	N/Q	502	- 502	502	1330	- 1330	1330
500-600		C	3	31	245.0	- 268.0	258.3	-9	454	- 496	478	1276	- 1514	1414
	FD	C	3	10	265.0	- 265.0	265.0	9	-			1399	- 1399	1399
600-750		C	4	34	245.0	- 266.0	253.1	N/Q	454	- 493	469	1490	- 1727	1645
750+		C	4	2	258.0	- 258.0	258.0	N/Q	478	- 478	478	2000	- 2000	2000
				87	210.0	268.0			454	502		865	2000	
Grown Heifer														
0-540	RS	C	2	11	165.0	- 196.0	187.5	N/Q	-			719	- 906	855
		C	3	13	210.0	- 220.0	219.2	-26	404	- 407	407	935	- 961	959
		C	4	25	225.0	- 252.0	239.9	10	417	- 476	448	1157	- 1343	1247
	RS	D	2	11	152.0	- 190.0	172.7	N/Q	-			599	- 804	711
		D	3	7	184.0	- 202.0	194.3	N/Q	347	- 381	367	810	- 1034	938
		C	4	62	214.0	- 252.0	242.0	-8	396	- 476	452	1288	- 1450	1371
540+		D	4	28	200.0	- 222.0	210.9	N/Q	377	- 444	410	1162	- 1261	1213
				157	152.0	252.0			347	476		599	1450	
Manufacturing Steer														
0-540		C	2	5	136.0	- 136.0	136.0	N/Q	262	- 262	262	415	- 415	415
		D	2	10	160.0	- 160.0	160.0	3	320	- 320	320	450	- 450	450

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540+		D	4	1	214.0	- 214.0	214.0	N/Q	404	- 404	404	2076	- 2076	2076
				16	136.0	214.0			262	404		415	2076	
Cows														
0-400		D	1	15	120.0	- 128.0	125.3	25	273	- 291	285	433	- 500	478
	RS	D	1	12	131.0	- 131.0	131.0	N/Q		-		440	- 440	440
	RS	D	2	25	130.0	- 162.0	143.2	-40		-		361	- 570	470
		D	2	9	132.0	- 152.0	143.1	N/Q	300	- 346	325	482	- 555	522
	RS	D	3	8	184.0	- 184.0	184.0	2		-		729	- 729	729
		E	1	4	118.0	- 118.0	118.0	N/Q	288	- 288	288	437	- 437	437
400-520		A	3	8	165.0	- 165.0	165.0	N/Q	344	- 344	344	777	- 777	777
	RS	D	1	60	156.0	- 156.0	156.0	9		-		757	- 757	757
	FD	D	1	19	158.0	- 158.0	158.0	N/Q		-		757	- 757	757
		D	1	7	126.0	- 130.0	128.9	12	296	- 307	299	507	- 530	524
	FD	D	2	49	142.0	- 165.0	156.8	-6		-		652	- 822	755
		D	2	42	135.0	- 156.0	143.6	-8	307	- 339	323	593	- 777	680
	RS	D	2	115	152.0	- 214.0	174.0	11		-		693	- 1044	786
	FD	D	3	15	169.0	- 169.0	169.0	5		-		831	- 831	831
	RS	D	3	14	160.0	- 167.0	165.0	-2		-		650	- 711	694
		D	3	189	146.0	- 179.0	166.8	1	292	- 373	348	679	- 905	798
		D	4	6	174.0	- 174.0	174.0	N/Q	348	- 348	348	821	- 821	821
520+	FD	D	2	20	166.0	- 168.0	166.9	N/Q		-		941	- 963	953
		D	2	11	158.0	- 158.0	158.0	N/Q	359	- 359	359	913	- 913	913
	DA	D	2	20	162.0	- 174.0	171.0	1	338	- 363	351	974	- 1192	1105
	FD	D	3	35	162.0	- 165.0	164.6	-6		-		865	- 996	883
		D	3	351	155.0	- 202.0	180.1	-3	323	- 408	369	818	- 1432	1044
		D	4	308	182.0	- 209.0	197.9	4	364	- 410	393	1006	- 1743	1264
				1342	118.0	214.0			273	410		361	1743	
Bulls														
0-450	RS	C	2	3	200.0	- 200.0	200.0	N/Q		-		360	- 360	360
				3	200.0	200.0			0	0		360	360	

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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