

Detailed saleyard report - cattle

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Yarding Change ⁴⁵⁰⁰/₁₀₀

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Cattle prices decreased again this week as dry hot conditions continue to put supply pressure on the market. Trade cattle were again limited and buyers were subdued. Feedlot buyers, a boat order and restockers were operating, helping cement a floor in a weak market. Heavy steers and bullocks were few and competition was irregular unless cattle were of exceptional quality. Cow numbers lifted to over 1,500 head, with a good proportion of the cow offering leaner types. There were bigger numbers of pregnancy tested cows offered, with farmers having to offload due to limited feed and water.

Domestic trade cattle were caught up in the cheaper trend. Heifers suitable for the trade sold from 224c to 249c/kg. The limited selection of steers suitable for the trade sold from 252c to 268c/kg. Light weight weaner steers weighing 200-280kg shed 24c/kg to average \$531/head. The lighter weight heifers primarily sold to feedlots and backgrounders, making from 140c to 248c/kg. A smaller group of buyers operated in the feeder steer market. The bulk of the medium steers were affected by quality and less demand from some feedlots to average 256c/kg. There was a price correction of 6c to 23c/kg for heifers suitable to feed on, with the lighter weights bearing the brunt of the cheaper trends.

The limited supply of heavy C3 steers and bullocks sold to weaker competition, making from 210c to 268c/kg. The cow market sold to significantly weaker demand overall categories. A single pen of heavy cows topped at 202c to average 181c/kg. The D3 and D2 medium weights lines sold to weaker demand as the sale progressed, easing 18c to 22c, with the D3 cows averaging 144.6c/kg. Store cows were well supplied, making from 110c to 204c/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	28	142.0	- 190.0	151.9	-27	284	- 380	303	270	- 363	288
	RS	C	2	84	110.0	- 266.0	206.9	-12	-	-	-	160	- 390	364
	RS	D	2	2	114.0	- 114.0	114.0	N/Q	-	-	-	154	- 154	154
				114	110.0	266.0			284	380		154	390	
Vealer Steer														
200-280	RS	C	2	9	260.0	- 260.0	260.0	-12	-	-	-	647	- 647	647
280-330	RS	D	2	9	255.0	- 255.0	255.0	N/Q	-	-	-	813	- 813	813
330+		C	2	1	260.0	- 260.0	260.0	N/Q	491	- 491	491	884	- 884	884
				19	255.0	260.0			491	491		647	884	
Vealer Heifer														
200-280		C	2	14	185.0	- 216.0	196.1	N/Q	356	- 408	374	396	- 475	424
	RS	C	2	30	120.0	- 224.0	203.2	N/Q	-	-	-	300	- 500	460
280-330	RS	C	2	2	222.0	- 222.0	222.0	N/Q	-	-	-	644	- 644	644
				46	120.0	224.0			356	408		300	644	
Yearling Steer														
0-200		C	2	8	245.0	- 245.0	245.0	N/Q	490	- 490	490	463	- 463	463
	RS	C	2	19	220.0	- 224.0	222.3	11	-	-	-	429	- 441	436
200-280	RS	C	2	66	188.0	- 245.0	224.6	-24	-	-	-	436	- 627	531
	FD	C	2	100	210.0	- 276.0	244.0	-15	-	-	-	454	- 729	589
		D	1	10	95.0	- 95.0	95.0	N/Q	190	- 190	190	208	- 208	208
	RS	D	2	9	168.0	- 168.0	168.0	-5	-	-	-	375	- 375	375
280-330	FD	C	2	124	188.0	- 266.0	248.2	-19	-	-	-	611	- 864	782
	RS	C	2	107	212.0	- 270.0	252.3	-6	-	-	-	677	- 849	780
	FD	D	2	5	155.0	- 155.0	155.0	N/Q	-	-	-	507	- 507	507

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330-400	RS	C	2	21	210.0	- 240.0	217.1	N/Q	-			767	- 828	783
	FD	C	2	491	200.0	- 275.0	252.0	-8	-			720	- 1024	893
400+	FD	C	2	288	222.0	- 274.0	256.8	-7	-			1003	- 1319	1135
		C	3	6	252.0	- 268.0	262.7	-3	476	- 506	496	1076	- 1313	1234
				1254	95.0	276.0			190	506		208	1319	
Yearling Heifer														
200-280	RS	C	2	54	192.0	- 222.0	217.0	10	-			497	- 577	566
	FD	C	2	152	210.0	- 248.0	224.4	-10	-			508	- 628	577
		C	2	5	200.0	- 200.0	200.0	N/Q	385	- 385	385	446	- 446	446
	RS	D	2	13	140.0	- 156.0	149.8	-26	-			301	- 320	313
280-330	FD	C	2	84	155.0	- 229.0	196.9	-23	-			436	- 744	612
	RS	C	2	37	156.0	- 243.0	185.1	-13	-			438	- 714	535
	FD	D	2	5	140.0	- 140.0	140.0	N/Q	-			399	- 399	399
330-400	PT	C	2	23	178.0	- 236.0	210.8	N/Q	342	- 454	405	596	- 793	707
	FD	C	2	364	170.0	- 265.0	236.1	-6	-			595	- 1012	856
		D	2	5	130.0	- 130.0	130.0	N/Q	250	- 250	250	462	- 462	462
400+	FD	C	2	46	206.0	- 255.0	242.8	-2	-			878	- 1102	1038
		C	3	29	224.0	- 249.0	240.2	-10	415	- 470	448	986	- 1218	1145
	LE	C	3	8	249.0	- 249.0	249.0	N/Q	461	- 461	461	1073	- 1073	1073
	LE	C	4	8	248.0	- 248.0	248.0	N/Q	468	- 468	468	1389	- 1389	1389
				833	130.0	265.0			250	470		301	1389	
Grown Steer														
400-500		C	3	2	233.0	- 233.0	233.0	N/Q	440	- 440	440	1088	- 1088	1088
	RS	D	2	5	158.0	- 158.0	158.0	N/Q	-			656	- 656	656
500-600		C	3	46	210.0	- 261.0	232.2	-26	389	- 483	432	1201	- 1480	1256
	FD	C	3	7	230.0	- 268.0	257.1	-8	-			1155	- 1356	1299
	RS	D	2	3	199.0	- 199.0	199.0	N/Q	-			1045	- 1045	1045
				63	158.0	268.0			389	483		656	1480	
Grown Heifer														
0-540		C	4	15	238.0	- 238.0	238.0	-2	441	- 441	441	1283	- 1283	1283
	RS	D	2	18	176.0	- 204.0	183.8	11	-			612	- 741	648
		D	3	2	220.0	- 220.0	220.0	N/Q	415	- 415	415	946	- 946	946
540+		C	4	16	220.0	- 236.0	234.0	-8	415	- 445	442	1309	- 1312	1312
				51	176.0	238.0			415	445		612	1312	
Manufacturing Steer														
0-540		D	2	5	170.0	- 200.0	182.0	22	327	- 400	356	680	- 1050	828
		D	3	2	190.0	- 190.0	190.0	N/Q	380	- 380	380	998	- 998	998
		E	1	8	160.0	- 160.0	160.0	N/Q	400	- 400	400	544	- 544	544
				15	160.0	200.0			327	400		544	1050	
Cows														
0-400		D	1	77	80.0	- 110.0	102.0	-23	195	- 268	249	311	- 386	364
	RS	D	1	46	110.0	- 118.0	115.9	-15	-			383	- 456	413
	RS	D	2	5	100.0	- 100.0	100.0	-43	-			346	- 346	346
		D	2	36	114.0	- 126.0	124.3	-19	259	- 307	301	439	- 489	482
		D	3	9	100.0	- 110.0	105.6	N/Q	208	- 229	220	398	- 420	410

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400-520	RS	E	1	5	80.0	- 80.0	80.0	-38	200	- 200	200	302	- 302	302	
		D	1	29	82.0	- 124.0	116.8	-39	-	-	-	329	- 527	493	
		D	1	89	80.0	- 128.0	102.0	-27	195	- 312	249	333	- 603	451	
	RS	D	2	107	116.0	- 138.0	130.2	-44	-	-	-	507	- 688	595	
		D	2	54	110.0	- 136.0	125.4	-18	250	- 309	281	472	- 680	587	
	RS	D	3	41	142.0	- 204.0	155.9	-9	-	-	-	632	- 836	688	
		D	3	206	128.0	- 160.0	144.6	-22	267	- 333	302	612	- 786	700	
520+	RS	D	4	7	158.0	- 158.0	158.0	-16	316	- 316	316	822	- 822	822	
		D	6	14	149.0	- 149.0	149.0	N/Q	310	- 310	310	751	- 751	751	
		D	1	23	115.0	- 166.0	154.9	N/Q	281	- 346	332	667	- 896	846	
		FD	D	2	15	124.0	- 124.0	124.0	-43	-	-	-	663	- 663	663
			D	2	15	143.0	- 143.0	143.0	-15	292	- 292	292	765	- 765	765
		D	3	344	130.0	- 179.0	157.8	-22	283	- 369	328	693	- 1088	885	
	D	4	290	164.0	- 202.0	181.1	-17	323	- 389	358	893	- 1349	1166		
	D	5	5	175.0	- 175.0	175.0	N/Q	350	- 350	350	1166	- 1166	1166		
						1417	80.0	204.0		195	389		302	1349	
	Bulls														
0-450	RS	C	2	9	170.0	- 170.0	170.0	N/Q	321	- 321	321	469	- 469	469	
		C	2	3	180.0	- 180.0	180.0	-20	-	-	-	441	- 441	441	
						12	170.0	180.0		321	321		441	469	

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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