

Detailed saleyard report - cattle

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Cattle prices continued to decrease with the market struggling to find a base price. Trade cattle were few and buyers were subdued. Feedlot buyers, a boat order and restockers were unable to sustain last week's price levels. Heavy steers and bullocks were limited and competition fluctuated between processors and feedlots. Cow numbers declined to just over 1,050 head, with a good proportion of the cow offering leaner types.

A limited supply of domestic trade cattle sold to a cheaper trend. Heifers suitable for the trade sold from 210c to 236c/kg. Trade steers were too few to quote, topping at 252c/kg. Light weight weaner steers 200-280kg attracted only a few buyers, resulting in a cheaper trend of 35c/kg to average \$436/head. The lighter weight heifers predominately sold to feedlots and backgrounders, making from 100c to 202c/kg. Most of the regular buyers operated in the feeder steer market. The bulk of the medium steers sold to 8c cheaper, while lighter weights declined by 12c to average 239c/kg. There was a price correction of 18c for light weight heifers, with the main lines making from 160c to 252c/kg.

The limited supply of heavy C3 steers and bullocks sold to mixed price trends, making from 214c to 254c/kg. The cow market sold to weaker competition, with demand declining as the sale progressed. A single pen of heavy cows topped at 178c, to average 160c/kg. The D2 and D3 medium weights lines sold to poor demand, easing from 20c to 22c, with the D3 cows averaging 125c/kg. Store cows were well supplied, with a large number of younger cows pregnancy tested in calf arriving from Moree. Store cows continually sold from 80c to 124c, with a single pen of young Angus cows recording a top price of 217c/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															
0-80	RS	C	2	15	168.0	- 168.0	168.0	N/Q	-	-	-	69	-	69	69
80+	RS	C	2	127	70.0	- 146.0	133.2	-74	-	-	-	98	-	266	215
				142	70.0	168.0			0	0		69	266		
Vealer Steer															
200-280	FD	C	2	3	196.0	- 196.0	196.0	N/Q	-	-	-	535	-	535	535
	RS	C	2	7	230.0	- 230.0	230.0	-30	-	-	-	520	-	520	520
280-330		B	2	9	240.0	- 255.0	246.7	N/Q	444	- 472	457	708	-	760	731
	FD	B	2	4	230.0	- 230.0	230.0	N/Q	-	-	-	667	-	667	667
	FD	C	2	5	222.0	- 222.0	222.0	N/Q	-	-	-	733	-	733	733
	RS	C	2	17	182.0	- 230.0	204.1	N/Q	-	-	-	573	-	726	624
330+		B	2	8	256.0	- 279.0	273.3	N/Q	457	- 517	502	876	-	949	930
				53	182.0	279.0			444	517		520	949		
Vealer Heifer															
280-330	FD	C	2	46	190.0	- 190.0	190.0	N/Q	-	-	-	627	-	627	627
				46	190.0	190.0			0	0		627	627		
Yearling Steer															
0-200	RS	C	2	18	150.0	- 170.0	155.6	-67	-	-	-	276	-	335	292
200-280	RS	C	2	84	155.0	- 224.0	190.0	-35	-	-	-	357	-	545	436
	FD	C	2	14	235.0	- 235.0	235.0	-9	-	-	-	623	-	623	623
		D	2	10	138.0	- 138.0	138.0	N/Q	276	- 276	276	290	-	290	290
	FD	D	2	5	154.0	- 154.0	154.0	N/Q	-	-	-	408	-	408	408
280-330	FD	C	2	62	230.0	- 234.0	233.4	-15	-	-	-	708	-	772	759
	RS	C	2	37	190.0	- 236.0	209.7	-43	-	-	-	555	-	746	654
330-400	FD	C	2	145	184.0	- 262.0	239.7	-12	-	-	-	635	-	986	882

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400+	FD	C	2	262	210.0	- 268.0	248.4	-8	-	-	-	888	- 1296	1080
	RS	C	2	10	180.0	- 198.0	194.4	N/Q	-	-	-	810	- 1172	1100
		C	3	2	252.0	- 252.0	252.0	N/Q	485	- 485	485	1046	- 1046	1046
				649	138.0	268.0			276	485		276	1296	
Yearling Heifer														
200-280	RS	C	2	25	100.0	- 202.0	139.0	-78	-	-	-	245	- 481	338
	FD	C	2	108	135.0	- 185.0	176.2	-48	-	-	-	327	- 512	448
	RS	D	2	6	100.0	- 100.0	100.0	-50	-	-	-	240	- 240	240
280-330	FD	C	2	38	160.0	- 183.0	169.7	-27	-	-	-	458	- 542	506
	RS	C	2	28	100.0	- 162.0	155.1	-30	-	-	-	285	- 468	448
	RS	D	2	20	80.0	- 145.0	128.8	N/Q	-	-	-	229	- 461	403
330-400	FD	C	2	178	160.0	- 252.0	218.1	-18	-	-	-	531	- 958	820
		C	3	13	150.0	- 222.0	188.8	N/Q	278	- 419	354	507	- 797	663
	RS	D	2	23	196.0	- 196.0	196.0	N/Q	-	-	-	711	- 711	711
400+	FD	C	2	200	218.0	- 252.0	239.7	-3	-	-	-	886	- 1161	1042
		C	3	12	210.0	- 236.0	224.1	-16	389	- 445	418	935	- 1093	1022
				651	80.0	252.0			278	445		229	1161	
Grown Steer														
400-500		C	2	4	210.0	- 210.0	210.0	N/Q	404	- 404	404	914	- 914	914
500-600	FD	C	2	8	249.0	- 249.0	249.0	N/Q	-	-	-	1275	- 1275	1275
	FD	C	3	39	252.0	- 266.0	258.0	1	-	-	-	1263	- 1386	1341
		C	3	30	236.0	- 254.0	242.1	10	437	- 470	448	1290	- 1428	1394
600-750		C	4	12	214.0	- 240.0	233.7	N/Q	396	- 444	433	1427	- 1577	1508
				93	210.0	266.0			396	470		914	1577	
Grown Heifer														
0-540	FD	C	2	9	268.0	- 268.0	268.0	N/Q	-	-	-	1115	- 1115	1115
	FD	C	3	5	212.0	- 212.0	212.0	N/Q	-	-	-	1011	- 1011	1011
	RS	D	2	13	186.0	- 212.0	200.0	16	-	-	-	787	- 1028	917
540+		C	4	7	165.0	- 208.0	177.3	-57	306	- 393	330	998	- 1186	1052
				34	165.0	268.0			306	393		787	1186	
Manufacturing Steer														
0-540	DA	D	2	3	125.0	- 125.0	125.0	N/Q	272	- 272	272	506	- 506	506
		D	3	5	175.0	- 175.0	175.0	-15	330	- 330	330	884	- 884	884
				8	125.0	175.0			272	330		506	884	
Cows														
0-400	RS	D	1	16	102.0	- 102.0	102.0	-14	-	-	-	392	- 392	392
	RS	D	2	15	122.0	- 122.0	122.0	22	-	-	-	456	- 456	456
		D	2	3	82.0	- 82.0	82.0	-42	186	- 186	186	303	- 303	303
400-520	RS	D	1	71	78.0	- 122.0	110.2	-7	-	-	-	316	- 581	490
		D	1	45	100.0	- 100.0	100.0	-2	227	- 227	227	438	- 438	438
	RS	D	2	129	105.0	- 217.0	131.9	2	-	-	-	498	- 1035	603
		D	2	34	102.0	- 106.0	103.8	-22	232	- 241	236	441	- 548	510
		D	3	114	114.0	- 136.0	124.6	-20	238	- 283	260	537	- 698	614
		RS	D	3	11	116.0	- 118.0	116.7	-39	-	-	-	579	- 585
520+	FD	D	2	10	110.0	- 122.0	116.0	-8	-	-	-	585	- 642	613

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	RS	D	2	13	120.0	- 124.0	122.5	N/Q	-			636	- 668	656
		D	2	4	115.0	- 115.0	115.0	-28	240	- 240	240	605	- 605	605
	FD	D	3	15	115.0	- 120.0	116.7	N/Q	-			628	- 635	632
		D	3	243	114.0	- 170.0	134.1	-24	238	- 354	278	643	- 939	751
		D	4	155	145.0	- 178.0	160.7	-20	290	- 350	320	809	- 1322	1043
				878	78.0	217.0			186	354		303	1322	
Bulls														
450-600		B	2	5	190.0	- 190.0	190.0	N/Q	339	- 339	339	988	- 988	988
		C	2	3	193.0	- 193.0	193.0	N/Q	345	- 345	345	1110	- 1110	1110
				8	190.0	193.0			339	345		988	1110	

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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