

Detailed saleyard report - cattle

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The predication of rain contributed to a significant decrease in supply. Trade cattle were limited and buyers fell short, making it difficult to quote. Feedlot buyers dominated the market pushing prices substantially higher. Heavy steers and bullocks were few and competition was irregular unless cattle were of exceptional quality. Cow numbers declined to 605 head and all processors were keen for a market share.

Domestic trade cattle were few, as trade steers and heifers sold from 244c to 311c/kg. Light weight weaner steers 200-280kg gained 8c, reaching a top price of 304c/kg to average \$659/head. The lighter weight heifers primarily sold to feedlots and backgrounders, making from 209c to 255c/kg. A larger group of buyers operated in the feeder steer market. The bulk of the medium steers sold to stronger competition, making from 263c to 299c/kg. There was a price surge of up to 24c for heifers suitable to feed on, with the lighter weights making from 200c to 276c/kg.

The limited number of heavy C3 steers and bullocks sold to stronger competition, making from 236c to 278c/kg. The cow market was a feature of the market, with prices increasing 50c and in some places 70c/kg. A single pen of heavy cows topped at 224c to average 209c/kg. The D3 and D2 medium weights lines sold to strong southern and northern competition, with the D3 cows averaging 178c/kg. Store cows were well supplied, making from 110c to 238c/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	4	222.0	- 222.0	222.0	N/Q	444	- 444	444	424	- 424	424
	RS	C	2	66	245.0	- 295.0	277.5	N/Q	-	-	-	441	- 563	513
				70	222.0	295.0			444	444		424	563	
Vealer Steer														
200-280		B	2	4	280.0	- 280.0	280.0	N/Q	500	- 500	500	784	- 784	784
		C	2	2	238.0	- 238.0	238.0	N/Q	476	- 476	476	524	- 524	524
	FD	C	2	4	246.0	- 246.0	246.0	N/Q	-	-	-	608	- 608	608
	RS	C	2	8	236.0	- 236.0	236.0	-23	-	-	-	484	- 484	484
280-330		B	2	1	275.0	- 275.0	275.0	N/Q	519	- 519	519	894	- 894	894
	RS	C	2	2	254.0	- 254.0	254.0	N/Q	-	-	-	724	- 724	724
330+		C	2	2	275.0	- 275.0	275.0	N/Q	509	- 509	509	1023	- 1023	1023
				23	236.0	280.0			476	519		484	1023	
Vealer Heifer														
200-280		B	2	3	252.0	- 252.0	252.0	N/Q	485	- 485	485	683	- 683	683
		C	2	8	220.0	- 220.0	220.0	N/Q	440	- 440	440	451	- 451	451
	RS	C	2	4	244.0	- 244.0	244.0	9	-	-	-	661	- 661	661
280-330		C	2	12	222.0	- 248.0	236.1	10	443	- 477	452	637	- 786	737
				27	220.0	252.0			440	485		451	786	
Yearling Steer														
0-200	FD	C	2	8	250.0	- 250.0	250.0	N/Q	-	-	-	483	- 483	483
	RS	C	2	56	278.0	- 290.0	281.9	N/Q	-	-	-	467	- 500	490
200-280	RS	C	2	81	216.0	- 304.0	262.7	8	-	-	-	476	- 784	659
	FD	C	2	44	288.0	- 288.0	288.0	41	-	-	-	778	- 778	778
		C	2	3	214.0	- 214.0	214.0	N/Q	428	- 428	428	593	- 593	593
280-330	FD	C	2	83	252.0	- 286.0	267.3	24	-	-	-	788	- 832	818

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330-400	RS	C	2	19	225.0	- 248.0	239.2	13	-	-	-	655	- 776	715
	FD	C	2	140	250.0	- 294.0	281.3	25	-	-	-	910	- 1136	1016
		C	2	11	290.0	- 290.0	290.0	N/Q	547	- 547	547	1143	- 1143	1143
400+	FD	C	2	215	263.0	- 299.0	281.4	N/Q	-	-	-	1153	- 1282	1208
		C	3	3	296.0	- 311.0	304.7	N/Q	559	- 587	575	1273	- 1368	1336
				663	214.0	311.0			428	587		467	1368	
Yearling Heifer														
200-280	RS	C	2	15	209.0	- 238.0	223.7	N/Q	-	-	-	505	- 564	543
	FD	C	2	15	246.0	- 261.0	258.0	N/Q	-	-	-	640	- 666	660
280-330	RS	D	2	10	138.0	- 178.0	158.0	N/Q	-	-	-	331	- 433	382
		C	2	7	240.0	- 240.0	240.0	24	453	- 453	453	768	- 768	768
	FD	C	2	100	186.0	- 255.0	235.9	16	-	-	-	532	- 834	744
		C	3	5	244.0	- 244.0	244.0	N/Q	488	- 488	488	795	- 795	795
330-400		D	2	2	180.0	- 180.0	180.0	N/Q	360	- 360	360	549	- 549	549
	FD	C	2	181	200.0	- 276.0	253.5	24	-	-	-	706	- 1104	904
		C	3	11	300.0	- 308.0	303.6	72	556	- 570	562	1118	- 1170	1139
400+	FD	C	2	8	260.0	- 260.0	260.0	N/Q	-	-	-	1053	- 1053	1053
		C	3	4	306.0	- 306.0	306.0	50	567	- 567	567	1285	- 1285	1285
				358	138.0	308.0			360	570		331	1285	
Grown Steer														
400-500		C	2	6	244.0	- 244.0	244.0	-11	469	- 469	469	1088	- 1088	1088
500-600		C	4	15	245.0	- 278.0	273.6	10	454	- 515	507	1360	- 1501	1482
		D	3	4	214.0	- 215.0	214.3	N/Q	396	- 414	401	1172	- 1177	1176
600-750		C	4	1	236.0	- 236.0	236.0	N/C	437	- 437	437	1487	- 1487	1487
				26	214.0	278.0			396	515		1088	1501	
Grown Heifer														
0-540	RS	C	2	5	218.0	- 218.0	218.0	N/Q	-	-	-	961	- 961	961
	FD	C	2	67	200.0	- 238.0	225.8	N/Q	-	-	-	800	- 1149	985
		C	3	1	236.0	- 236.0	236.0	N/Q	437	- 437	437	1097	- 1097	1097
		C	4	9	241.0	- 250.0	244.0	2	455	- 472	460	1268	- 1289	1282
	FD	D	2	8	209.0	- 209.0	209.0	N/Q	-	-	-	732	- 732	732
	RS	D	2	13	172.0	- 174.0	172.8	-49	-	-	-	766	- 812	794
	FD	D	3	11	200.0	- 222.0	216.0	N/Q	-	-	-	800	- 801	801
	RS	D	3	1	210.0	- 210.0	210.0	N/Q	-	-	-	998	- 998	998
540+		D	3	5	220.0	- 220.0	220.0	-2	440	- 440	440	1122	- 1122	1122
		C	4	26	251.0	- 251.0	251.0	N/Q	465	- 465	465	1463	- 1468	1467
		D	4	3	230.0	- 230.0	230.0	-2	434	- 434	434	1300	- 1300	1300
				149	172.0	251.0			434	472		732	1468	
Manufacturing Steer														
0-540	DA	D	2	46	192.0	- 201.0	198.7	N/Q	400	- 402	402	718	- 866	828
		D	3	5	186.0	- 186.0	186.0	N/Q	351	- 351	351	679	- 679	679
				51	186.0	201.0			351	402		679	866	
Cows														
0-400		D	1	10	125.0	- 125.0	125.0	N/Q	305	- 305	305	471	- 471	471
	RS	D	1	6	148.0	- 148.0	148.0	30	-	-	-	583	- 583	583

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400-520		D	2	2	140.0	- 140.0	140.0	N/Q	318	- 318	318	511	- 511	511
	RS	D	2	11	164.0	- 238.0	217.8	N/Q		-		393	- 656	465
		D	3	2	150.0	- 150.0	150.0	N/Q	313	- 313	313	600	- 600	600
	RS	E	1	8	116.0	- 116.0	116.0	6		-		447	- 447	447
	RS	D	1	42	143.0	- 162.0	150.4	16		-		649	- 711	666
		D	1	8	151.0	- 151.0	151.0	22	368	- 368	368	610	- 610	610
		D	2	83	143.0	- 168.0	161.2	24	323	- 377	361	573	- 820	747
	RS	D	2	40	152.0	- 170.0	162.2	42		-		635	- 794	715
		D	3	112	150.0	- 200.0	178.9	34	313	- 417	372	649	- 1020	856
		D	4	4	188.0	- 188.0	188.0	N/Q	376	- 376	376	978	- 978	978
520+		D	2	35	155.0	- 199.0	176.4	29	352	- 415	388	822	- 1095	966
		D	3	86	172.0	- 208.0	194.9	40	350	- 429	400	905	- 1345	1102
		D	4	113	189.0	- 224.0	209.5	49	378	- 448	419	1082	- 1640	1331
				562	116.0	238.0			305	448		393	1640	

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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