

## Detailed saleyard report - cattle

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### Wagga

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Yarding Change <sup>3400</sup>  
1300

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Despite rain across the supply area numbers increased significantly on the back of last week's price hike. Trade cattle were in short supply, with the well finished stock supplementary fed. Feedlot buyers once again dominated the market, pushing prices higher. Heavy steers and bullocks were few and competition fluctuated. Cow numbers increased to almost 700 head and all processors and restockers were eager to secure stock.

Domestic trade cattle were few, as trade steers topped 313c for the lighter weights, while medium weights averaged 295c/kg. Trade heifers lacked the quality of the previous market, making from 245c to 280c/kg. Light weight weaner steers weighing 200-280kg gained 24c, reaching a top price of 305c/kg to average \$680/head. The lighter weight heifers primarily sold to feedlots and backgrounders, making from 235c to 254c/kg. The usual buying group operated in the feeder steer market. The bulk of the medium steers sold to stronger competition, lifting 8c to make from 240c to 313c/kg. There was a price lift of up to 16c for heifers suitable to feed on, with the lighter weights receiving from 214c to 290c/kg.

The limited number of heavy C3 steers sold to stronger competition, making from 265c to 305c/kg. The cow market was a feature of the sale, with prices increasing 20c to 38c/kg. A single pen of heavy cows topped at 242c to average 229c/kg. The D3 and D2 medium weights lines lacked yield and were noticeably plainer. The plainer stock did not deter processors or restockers, who continually entered bidding duels to secure stock. The stronger competition meant prices generally increased 22c to 30c, with the D3 medium weight cows averaging 211c/kg. Store cows were well supplied, making from 166c to 223c/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		
<b>Calves</b>																
0-80	RS	C	2	32	264.0	- 264.0	264.0	N/Q	-	-	-	26	-	26	26	
80+	RS	C	2	63	230.0	- 290.0	269.3	-8	-	-	-	331	-	512	399	
		C	2	8	230.0	- 230.0	230.0	8	460	-	460	460	437	-	437	437
	RS	D	1	21	170.0	- 170.0	170.0	N/Q	-	-	-	272	-	272	272	
	RS	D	2	15	190.0	- 225.0	213.3	N/Q	-	-	-	308	-	374	352	
				<b>139</b>	<b>170.0</b>	<b>290.0</b>			<b>460</b>	<b>460</b>		<b>26</b>	<b>512</b>			
<b>Vealer Steer</b>																
200-280		B	2	6	280.0	- 280.0	280.0	N/C	528	-	528	528	686	-	686	686
		FD	C	2	11	300.0	- 300.0	300.0	54	-	-	-	822	-	822	822
		RS	C	2	16	302.0	- 302.0	302.0	66	-	-	-	815	-	815	815
280-330		B	2	12	284.0	- 309.0	298.6	24	507	-	572	545	909	-	955	936
		RS	C	2	10	275.0	- 275.0	275.0	21	-	-	-	842	-	842	842
			C	3	1	246.0	- 246.0	246.0	N/Q	456	-	456	456	812	-	812
330+		B	2	8	305.0	- 329.0	308.6	N/Q	554	-	588	572	1055	-	1303	1129
		FD	C	2	16	280.0	- 280.0	280.0	N/Q	-	-	-	946	-	946	946
			C	3	18	305.0	- 305.0	305.0	N/Q	587	-	587	587	1199	-	1199
				<b>98</b>	<b>246.0</b>	<b>329.0</b>			<b>456</b>	<b>588</b>		<b>686</b>	<b>1303</b>			
<b>Vealer Heifer</b>																
0-200		B	2	5	280.0	- 280.0	280.0	N/Q	519	-	519	519	115	-	115	115
200-280		C	2	22	218.0	- 240.0	225.2	5	423	-	462	441	539	-	595	570
		D	2	5	210.0	- 210.0	210.0	N/Q	420	-	420	420	489	-	489	489
280-330		C	2	32	211.0	- 288.0	247.7	12	422	-	514	464	620	-	945	762
330+		B	2	17	280.0	- 295.0	289.4	N/Q	514	-	528	524	997	-	1151	1106
				<b>81</b>	<b>210.0</b>	<b>295.0</b>			<b>420</b>	<b>528</b>		<b>115</b>	<b>1151</b>			

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<b>Yearling Steer</b>														
0-200	RS	C	2	20	248.0	- 300.0	277.0	-5	-	-	-	471	- 585	530
200-280	RS	C	2	64	214.0	- 305.0	286.4	24	-	-	-	503	- 769	680
		C	2	5	250.0	- 250.0	250.0	36	500	- 500	500	613	- 613	613
		FD	C	2	16	265.0	- 291.0	279.6	-8	-	-	725	- 729	726
		RS	D	1	17	150.0	- 150.0	150.0	N/Q	-	-	392	- 392	392
		RS	D	2	2	180.0	- 180.0	180.0	N/Q	-	-	468	- 468	468
280-330		C	2	34	266.0	- 272.0	270.9	N/Q	502	- 523	519	766	- 876	856
		RS	C	2	146	260.0	- 306.0	285.8	47	-	-	804	- 876	853
		FD	C	2	122	280.0	- 305.0	291.4	24	-	-	804	- 924	872
		RS	D	2	8	170.0	- 170.0	170.0	N/Q	-	-	527	- 527	527
		FD	D	2	8	244.0	- 244.0	244.0	N/Q	-	-	764	- 764	764
330-400	RS	C	2	19	240.0	- 290.0	285.3	N/Q	-	-	-	912	- 1105	1081
	FD	C	2	493	255.0	- 307.0	290.4	9	-	-	-	867	- 1209	1094
		C	3	32	275.0	- 313.0	306.1	N/Q	519	- 580	568	1086	- 1199	1172
400+	FD	C	2	219	240.0	- 313.0	285.9	4	-	-	-	1104	- 1469	1320
		C	2	1	270.0	- 270.0	270.0	N/Q	509	- 509	509	1296	- 1296	1296
		C	3	8	270.0	- 305.0	295.4	-9	500	- 565	547	1260	- 1269	1262
				<b>1214</b>	<b>150.0</b>	<b>313.0</b>			<b>500</b>	<b>580</b>		<b>392</b>	<b>1469</b>	
<b>Yearling Heifer</b>														
0-200	FD	C	2	5	236.0	- 236.0	236.0	N/Q	-	-	-	472	- 472	472
200-280	FD	C	2	33	240.0	- 250.0	244.2	-14	-	-	-	624	- 700	656
		RS	C	2	44	235.0	- 254.0	239.3	16	-	-	562	- 569	563
		RS	D	2	5	174.0	- 174.0	174.0	16	-	-	369	- 369	369
280-330		B	2	5	283.0	- 283.0	283.0	N/Q	534	- 534	534	891	- 891	891
		C	2	4	200.0	- 222.0	216.5	-24	400	- 427	420	610	- 688	669
		FD	C	2	38	240.0	- 261.0	248.5	13	-	-	694	- 851	764
		RS	C	2	5	278.0	- 278.0	278.0	N/Q	-	-	898	- 898	898
		FD	C	3	8	254.0	- 254.0	254.0	N/Q	-	-	787	- 787	787
			C	3	17	286.0	- 286.0	286.0	42	530	- 530	530	944	- 944
330-400		D	2	2	150.0	- 150.0	150.0	N/Q	300	- 300	300	441	- 441	441
	FD	C	2	328	214.0	- 290.0	272.2	19	-	-	-	783	- 1108	984
		C	3	5	270.0	- 270.0	270.0	-34	500	- 500	500	934	- 934	934
		FD	D	2	7	220.0	- 225.0	221.4	N/Q	-	-	737	- 833	764
		FD	D	3	5	220.0	- 220.0	220.0	N/Q	-	-	792	- 792	792
400+	FD	C	2	74	280.0	- 288.0	281.6	22	-	-	-	1134	- 1249	1161
		C	3	82	245.0	- 280.0	269.3	-37	454	- 523	500	1005	- 1323	1214
	FD	D	2	5	220.0	- 220.0	220.0	N/Q	-	-	-	935	- 935	935
				<b>672</b>	<b>150.0</b>	<b>290.0</b>			<b>300</b>	<b>534</b>		<b>369</b>	<b>1323</b>	
<b>Grown Steer</b>														
500-600		C	3	17	265.0	- 305.0	288.9	N/Q	491	- 565	535	1454	- 1671	1534
				<b>17</b>	<b>265.0</b>	<b>305.0</b>			<b>491</b>	<b>565</b>		<b>1454</b>	<b>1671</b>	
<b>Grown Heifer</b>														
0-540	RS	C	2	10	206.0	- 206.0	206.0	-12	-	-	-	822	- 822	822
		C	3	11	230.0	- 242.0	235.8	N/C	426	- 453	440	858	- 1094	986

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	FD	D	2	13	210.0	- 218.0	213.1	4	-			777	- 1007	866
		D	2	11	223.0	- 223.0	223.0	N/Q	446	- 446	446	834	- 834	834
	RS	D	3	3	214.0	- 214.0	214.0	4	-			824	- 824	824
		D	3	11	202.0	- 231.0	217.5	-2	404	- 462	419	828	- 1213	970
		D	4	6	236.0	- 239.0	238.5	N/Q	451	- 472	455	1150	- 1251	1166
540+		C	4	5	244.0	- 244.0	244.0	-7	460	- 460	460	1427	- 1427	1427
				<b>70</b>	<b>202.0</b>	<b>244.0</b>			<b>404</b>	<b>472</b>		<b>777</b>	<b>1427</b>	
<b>Manufacturing Steer</b>														
0-540		D	2	10	210.0	- 242.0	216.4	N/Q	404	- 484	420	735	- 1234	835
	DA	D	2	5	170.0	- 170.0	170.0	-29	354	- 354	354	762	- 850	815
540+	DA	D	2	5	190.0	- 190.0	190.0	N/Q	365	- 365	365	1159	- 1159	1159
				<b>20</b>	<b>170.0</b>	<b>242.0</b>			<b>354</b>	<b>484</b>		<b>735</b>	<b>1234</b>	
<b>Cows</b>														
0-400		D	1	8	120.0	- 120.0	120.0	-5	273	- 273	273	449	- 449	449
		D	2	4	155.0	- 155.0	155.0	15	352	- 352	352	553	- 553	553
	RS	D	2	31	161.0	- 223.0	186.3	-32	-			538	- 845	678
		E	1	8	128.0	- 128.0	128.0	N/Q	312	- 312	312	431	- 431	431
400-520	RS	D	1	69	168.0	- 197.0	188.8	38	-			726	- 926	862
	FD	D	1	5	150.0	- 150.0	150.0	N/Q	-			606	- 606	606
		D	1	30	150.0	- 183.0	169.7	19	366	- 446	414	638	- 825	741
		D	2	167	164.0	- 203.0	190.3	29	373	- 461	428	661	- 1017	886
	RS	D	2	38	199.0	- 199.0	199.0	37	-			836	- 836	836
	FD	D	3	19	206.0	- 206.0	206.0	N/Q	-			946	- 946	946
	RS	D	3	6	165.0	- 165.0	165.0	N/Q	-			668	- 668	668
		D	3	124	168.0	- 230.0	201.1	22	350	- 479	417	706	- 1144	966
		D	4	7	220.0	- 228.0	222.6	35	433	- 458	451	1085	- 1186	1114
520+	DA	D	2	8	177.0	- 177.0	177.0	N/Q	385	- 385	385	986	- 986	986
		D	3	175	165.0	- 237.0	211.4	16	344	- 494	436	866	- 1622	1204
		D	4	119	205.0	- 242.0	229.3	20	410	- 476	450	1093	- 1979	1446
		D	5	1	220.0	- 220.0	220.0	N/Q	440	- 440	440	1617	- 1617	1617
				<b>819</b>	<b>120.0</b>	<b>242.0</b>			<b>273</b>	<b>494</b>		<b>431</b>	<b>1979</b>	
<b>Bulls</b>														
0-450		D	2	5	170.0	- 170.0	170.0	N/Q	327	- 327	327	604	- 604	604
450-600		C	2	1	222.0	- 222.0	222.0	N/Q	396	- 396	396	1265	- 1265	1265
				<b>6</b>	<b>170.0</b>	<b>222.0</b>			<b>327</b>	<b>396</b>		<b>604</b>	<b>1265</b>	

#### 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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