

## Detailed Saleyard Report - Cattle

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### Wagga

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Yarding 3980  
Change -390

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Torrential rain across a large swathe of Queensland, NSW and Victoria inspired restockers and lot feeders over most categories. Quality was mostly mixed with the bulk of the yarding secondary types. A larger group of buyers were present and operating over all categories. Heavy steer and bullock numbers increased, and prices continued their impressive run. Cow numbers declined slightly.

Prices were softer for domestic processor cattle. Trade steer prices averaged 354c, while the heifer portion made from 320c to 400c/kg. There were bigger lines of well bred light weight weaner steers and heifers which resulted in restockers, commission buyers and agents getting caught up in epic bidding duels, with most prices pushed significantly higher. Yearling steers, 200 to 280kg gained 106c, making from 410c to 565c/kg. The lighter weight heifers sold 20c dearer to record a top price of 448c/kg. A big buying group operated in the feeder steer market. Rain intensified bidding for medium weight steers to average 398c/kg. There was steady demand for feed steers, 330 to 400kg. The well bred portion were unchanged selling at 340c to 432c/kg. Feed heifers attracted the usual buying group. Prices eased 3c to 6c to average 367c/kg.

Grown steers met strong competition from all processors which lifted prices by 44c to average 374c/kg. Bullocks were in short supply and quality was very good which was reflected in the dearer trend. Bullocks made from 334c to 364c/kg. The cow market rose moderately driven by a shortage of numbers at northern selling centres. Heavy cows gained 7c to average 306c/kg. The D2 and D3 cows ignited the bidding due to restocker inquiry. The bulk of the D2 and D3 types sold from 250c to 295c/kg. Store cows recorded a top price of 330c/kg or the equivalent of \$1,403 per head.

Category	Sale Weight	Muscle 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>															
80+	RS	C	2	50	425.0 - 540.0	455.0	2	-	-	-	674 - 833	767			
				50	425.0 - 540.0			0	0		674 - 833				
<b>Vealer Steer</b>															
200-280	RS	C	2	9	425.0 - 430.0	427.8	N/Q	-	-	-	1062 - 1063	1,062			
280-330	RS	C	2	6	425.0 - 425.0	425.0	N/Q	-	-	-	1318 - 1318	1,318			
				15	425.0 - 430.0			0	0		1062 - 1318				
<b>Vealer Heifer</b>															
200-280	RS	C	2	17	370.0 - 395.0	383.2	13	-	-	-	895 - 909	902			
				17	370.0 - 395.0			0	0		895 - 909				
<b>Yearling Steer</b>															
200-280	RS	C	2	142	410.0 - 565.0	529.1	106	-	-	-	1009 - 1468	1,208			
280-330	FD	C	2	32	398.0 - 424.0	415.0	-1	-	-	-	1216 - 1399	1,319			
	RS	C	2	174	350.0 - 570.0	419.5	-1	-	-	-	1040 - 1653	1,253			
	RS	D	2	42	336.0 - 336.0	336.0	-8	-	-	-	1095 - 1095	1,095			
330-400	FD	C	2	155	340.0 - 432.0	394.2	N/C	-	-	-	1299 - 1568	1,485			
	FD	D	2	4	326.0 - 326.0	326.0	36	-	-	-	1262 - 1262	1,262			
	PR	C	2	2	350.0 - 350.0	350.0	N/Q	673	-	673	673	1194 - 1194	1,194		

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400+	PR	C	3	3	388.0	388.0	388.0	10	719	719	719	1482	1482	1,482
	RS	C	2	182	355.0	447.0	414.3	3	-	-	-	1369	1551	1,485
	FD	C	2	432	345.0	434.0	398.8	6	-	-	-	1584	2018	1,755
	FD	C	3	37	385.0	410.0	400.4	N/Q	-	-	-	1603	1975	1,866
	FD	D	2	33	294.0	294.0	294.0	-100	-	-	-	1238	1238	1,238
	PR	C	2	2	320.0	389.0	354.5	50	604	734	669	1504	1575	1,540
	PR	C	3	6	330.0	389.0	354.2	-21	623	734	662	1485	1881	1,611
				1246	294.0	570.0			604	734		1009	2018	
Yearling Heifer														
200-280														
	FD	C	2	22	335.0	370.0	347.7	-44	-	-	-	864	895	876
	RS	C	2	130	292.0	448.0	404.4	20	-	-	-	669	1121	1,016
	RS	D	2	7	280.0	355.0	333.6	N/Q	-	-	-	602	838	770
280-330														
	FD	C	2	38	346.0	380.0	369.9	-3	-	-	-	1038	1201	1,144
	FD	D	2	12	368.0	368.0	368.0	N/Q	-	-	-	1078	1078	1,078
	PR	C	3	1	372.0	372.0	372.0	N/Q	689	689	689	1228	1228	1,228
	RS	C	2	62	340.0	390.0	366.3	-6	-	-	-	1068	1183	1,129
	RS	D	2	30	280.0	280.0	280.0	N/Q	-	-	-	798	798	798
330-400														
	FD	C	2	397	320.0	397.0	367.6	-6	-	-	-	1169	1536	1,371
	FD	NC	2	8	400.0	400.0	400.0	N/Q	-	-	-	1340	1340	1,340
	PR	C	3	23	340.0	400.0	367.8	-15	630	741	681	1248	1560	1,372
	RS	D	2	17	368.0	368.0	368.0	58	-	-	-	1284	1284	1,284
400+														
	FD	C	2	220	316.0	392.0	373.7	4	-	-	-	1318	1776	1,652
	PR	C	3	18	320.0	354.0	336.8	3	593	681	628	1446	1632	1,576
				985	280.0	448.0			593	741		602	1776	
Grown Steer														
400-500														
	PR	C	3	5	346.0	346.0	346.0	39	641	641	641	1678	1678	1,678
500-600														
	FD	C	2	4	311.0	311.0	311.0	N/Q	-	-	-	1589	1589	1,589
	FD	C	3	1	404.0	404.0	404.0	42	-	-	-	2040	2040	2,040
	PR	C	2	2	290.0	290.0	290.0	N/Q	547	547	547	1508	1508	1,508
	PR	C	3	57	265.0	387.0	365.2	35	491	717	676	1423	2233	2,032
600-750														
	PR	C	4	19	344.0	360.0	355.8	2	637	667	659	2214	2380	2,288
				88	265.0	404.0			491	717		1423	2380	
Grown Heifer														
0-540														
	PR	C	3	64	296.0	369.0	341.8	16	548	683	633	1456	1863	1,704
	PR	C	4	61	300.0	355.0	321.7	-33	556	657	596	1574	1805	1,648
	PR	D	3	2	293.0	293.0	293.0	-4	553	553	553	1275	1275	1,275

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		RS	C	2	33	238.0	315.0	288.7	N/Q	-	-	-	919	1440	1,256
		RS	C	3	2	300.0	300.0	300.0	N/Q	-	-	-	1290	1290	1,290
		RS	D	2	3	300.0	300.0	300.0	-10	-	-	-	1065	1065	1,065
		RS	D	3	4	280.0	280.0	280.0	-10	-	-	-	1316	1316	1,316
540+		PR	C	4	92	306.0	369.0	342.1	16	567	696	635	1750	2287	1,999
					261	238.0	369.0			548	696		919	2287	
Manufacturing Steer															
0-540															
		DA	D	2	6	272.0	272.0	272.0	N/Q	-	-	-	1178	1178	1,178
					6	272.0	272.0			0	0		1178	1178	
Cows															
0-400															
		PR	D	2	3	244.0	244.0	244.0	N/Q	555	555	555	961	961	961
		RS	D	1	15	265.0	265.0	265.0	29	-	-	-	1060	1060	1,060
		RS	D	2	7	255.0	259.0	257.9	8	-	-	-	847	1036	982
400-520		DA	D	2	3	250.0	250.0	250.0	N/Q	-	-	-	1193	1193	1,193
		PR	D	2	31	250.0	272.0	264.4	-19	568	618	601	1033	1231	1,172
		PR	D	3	139	270.0	293.0	284.7	2	562	632	587	1153	1510	1,355
		PR	D	4	40	280.0	295.0	292.1	-4	538	590	564	1406	1524	1,464
		RS	C	2	51	302.0	330.0	309.1	N/Q	-	-	-	1262	1403	1,298
		RS	D	2	106	265.0	292.0	288.5	4	-	-	-	1232	1469	1,385
		RS	D	3	19	285.0	285.0	285.0	-5	-	-	-	1265	1265	1,265
520+		FD	D	4	5	303.0	303.0	303.0	N/Q	-	-	-	1863	1863	1,864
		PR	C	2	3	306.0	306.0	306.0	3	612	612	612	1965	1965	1,965
		PR	C	3	6	298.0	298.0	298.0	N/Q	573	573	573	1782	1782	1,782
		PR	C	4	15	295.0	307.0	301.4	N/Q	567	590	580	1835	1971	1,908
		PR	D	2	9	270.0	285.0	283.3	N/Q	594	614	596	1573	1661	1,583
		PR	D	3	155	265.0	311.0	293.1	N/C	552	622	588	1405	1965	1,652
		PR	D	4	476	280.0	615.0	306.3	7	538	1,183	589	1554	4096	1,930
		PR	D	5	2	288.0	289.0	288.5	N/Q	556	576	566	1944	2283	2,114
					1085	244.0	615.0			538	1,183		847	4096	
Bulls															
450-600															
		PR	C	2	3	310.0	310.0	310.0	N/Q	585	585	585	1535	1535	1,535
					3	310.0	310.0			585	585		1535	1535	

DA - Dairy, FD - Feeder, GF - Grainfed, PR - Processor, LE - Live Export, PC - Pastoral Cattle, PT - PTIC, RS - Restocker

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