

Detailed Saleyard Report - Cattle

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Wagga

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Yarding 2235

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Rain across the supply area contributed to a big drop in supply. Rain has put weaner cattle prices back on track. Restockers were inspired lifting secondary weaner heifer prices significantly over light weight categories. Quality once, again was mostly plain with the bulk of the cattle under 500kg. Trade cattle were in short supply however there were a few excellent pens of supplementary fed heifers from Hay in the Riverina. Not all Feedlot buyers were present and not all major export companies attended or operated fully. Heavy steer and bullock were in short supply. Cow numbers declined notably, which strengthened prices over all weight categories.

Prices for domestic processing cattle were lower. Trade heifers benefited from the excellent supplementary fed portion, making from 350c to 370c/kg. Lighter weight trade heifers were few, with a pen of supplementary fed recording a top price of 412c/kg. There were good lines of light weight weaner steers which resulted in restockers, commission buyers and agents all eager for a market share. Weaner steers, 200-280kg sold to dearer trends making from 412c to 500c/kg. The lighter weight heifers sold to 412c/kg. A smaller buying group operated in the feeder steer market. The bulk of the medium steers sold from 360 to 402c/kg. There was steady demand for feed steers, 330-400kg. The well-bred portion made from 370c to 420c/kg. Light weight feed heifers attracted a reduced field of buyers selling from 350 to 382c/kg.

Grown steers were in short supply. The C3 steers sold from 320c to 350c/kg. A single pen of aged bullocks sold at 312c/kg. The cow market rose, driven by a shortage of stock. Heavy cows gained 10c making from 285c to 299c/kg. The D2 and D3 cows sold to spirited bidding from the commencement of the sale making from 250c to 287c/kg.

Category	Sale Weight	Muscle Prefix	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+	PR	N/A	N/A	82	412.0	530.0	458.0	43	N/A	N/A	N/A	700	1007	820
				82	412.0	530.0						700	1007	
Yearling Steer														
200-280	RS	N/A	N/A	177	412.0	500.0	424.4	29	N/A	N/A	N/A	906	1200	948
330-400	FD	N/A	N/A	86	370.0	420.0	384.0	-14	N/A	N/A	N/A	1295	1659	1,397
	RS	N/A	N/A	52	370.0	385.0	377.8	N/Q	N/A	N/A	N/A	1295	1386	1,335
400+	FD	N/A	N/A	585	360.0	402.0	394.6	10	N/A	N/A	N/A	1524	1855	1,740
				900	360.0	500.0						906	1855	
Yearling Heifer														
0-200	RS	N/A	N/A	45	375.0	375.0	375.0	36	N/A	N/A	N/A	750	750	750
200-280	RS	N/A	N/A	165	402.0	412.0	408.1	33	N/A	N/A	N/A	906	925	914
330-400	FD	N/A	N/A	214	350.0	382.0	358.2	-12	N/A	N/A	N/A	1281	1509	1,340
	PR	N/A	N/A	49	370.0	412.0	391.4	N/Q	N/A	N/A	N/A	1476	1599	1,539
400+	FD	N/A	N/A	278	350.0	377.0	357.6	-15	N/A	N/A	N/A	1439	1704	1,513
	PR	N/A	N/A	28	350.0	370.0	358.6	-17	N/A	N/A	N/A	1474	1665	1,556
				779	350.0	412.0						750	1704	

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					Low	High	Avg	Change	Low	High	Avg	Low	High	Avg	
Grown Steer															
500-600	PR	N/A	N/A	41	320.0	350.0	336.1	-16	N/A	N/A	N/A	1674	1925	1,809	
600-750	PR	N/A	N/A	12	312.0	312.0	312.0	N/C	N/A	N/A	N/A	1934	1934	1,934	
				53	312.0	350.0						1674	1934		
Grown Heifer															
0-540	PR	N/A	N/A	100	300.0	300.0	300.0	N/Q	N/A	N/A	N/A	1590	1590	1,590	
540+	PR	N/A	N/A	44	340.0	340.0	340.0	N/Q	N/A	N/A	N/A	1904	1904	1,904	
				144	300.0	340.0						1590	1904		
Cows															
400-520	PR	N/A	N/A	200	250.0	250.0	250.0	3	N/A	N/A	N/A	1200	1200	1,200	
520+	PR	N/A	N/A	400	299.0	299.0	299.0	22	N/A	N/A	N/A	1600	1600	1,600	
				600	250.0	299.0						1200	1600		

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

* Fields populated with N/A indicate the unavailability of animal assessment at the time of publishing

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