

Detailed Saleyard Report - Cattle

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Wagga

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Yarding 2375
 Change 140

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Despite some rain across the supply area numbers lifted moderately. Quality was mostly mixed with the bulk of the yarding secondary types. A smaller group of feedlot buyers were present and operating over all categories. Heavy steer and bullock numbers declined. Cow numbers were similar, with 630 offered.

Prices for domestic processor heifers were mostly unchanged making from 335c to 380c/kg. Trade steers were few making from 360c to 394c/kg. There were reasonable numbers of well bred light weight weaner steers and heifers. A reduced field of buyers included some commission buyers and agents operating over this category. Weaner heifers, 200-280kg, made from 350c to 380c/kg. Light weight steers, 200-280kg, recorded a top price of 502c with other sales ranging from 400c to 490c/kg. A smaller buying group operated in the feeder steer market. Quality lines of feeder steers sold to weak demand, resulting in a price correction of 25c/kg and more in places. Light weight feed heifers attracted steady competition, with prices selling from 330c to 370c/kg.

In the export market, grown steers and bullocks met a significant softening of demand and not all processors operated. Heavy steers and bullocks made from 306c to 335c/kg. Heavy cows sold to strong competition from southern processors. The bulk of the heavy cows making from 285c to 303c/kg. The bulk of the leaner types sold from 250c to 280c/kg. Store cows were keenly contested selling at 260c to 282c/kg.

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
Yearling Steer															
0-200															
	RS	N/A	N/A		12	405.0	405.0	405.0	N/Q	N/A	N/A	N/A	810	810	810
200-280															
	RS	N/A	N/A		97	430.0	502.0	453.1	29	N/A	N/A	N/A	946	1059	987
280-330															
	FD	N/A	N/A		54	335.0	390.0	367.6	N/Q	N/A	N/A	N/A	1042	1184	1,155
	RS	N/A	N/A		41	365.0	385.0	375.2	N/Q	N/A	N/A	N/A	1135	1204	1,185
330-400															
	FD	N/A	N/A		195	330.0	397.0	358.5	-25	N/A	N/A	N/A	1238	1469	1,321
400+															
	FD	N/A	N/A		461	330.0	390.0	365.5	-29	N/A	N/A	N/A	1439	1892	1,605
	PR	N/A	N/A		21	360.0	394.0	377.8	N/Q	N/A	N/A	N/A	1620	1663	1,642
					881	330.0	502.0						810	1892	
Yearling Heifer															
200-280															
	RS	N/A	N/A		115	360.0	380.0	377.4	-31	N/A	N/A	N/A	836	882	842
280-330															
	FD	N/A	N/A		11	330.0	330.0	330.0	N/Q	N/A	N/A	N/A	1059	1059	1,059
330-400															
	FD	N/A	N/A		393	330.0	370.0	360.0	2	N/A	N/A	N/A	1155	1384	1,315
400+															
	FD	N/A	N/A		18	330.0	330.0	330.0	-28	N/A	N/A	N/A	1389	1389	1,389
	PR	N/A	N/A		52	335.0	380.0	357.6	-1	N/A	N/A	N/A	1377	1778	1,607
					589	330.0	380.0						836	1778	
Grown Steer															
500-600															
	PR	N/A	N/A		25	306.0	335.0	317.6	-18	N/A	N/A	N/A	1714	1826	1,759

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					Low	High	Avg	Change	Low	High	Avg	Low	High	Avg
600-750	PR	N/A	N/A	24	306.0	315.0	310.5	-2	N/A	N/A	N/A	1995	2063	2,029
				49	306.0	335.0						1714	2063	
Manufacturing Steer														
0-540	PR	N/A	N/A	9	260.0	260.0	260.0	N/Q	N/A	N/A	N/A	1170	1170	1,170
				9	260.0	260.0						1170	1170	
Cows														
400-520	PR	N/A	N/A	116	250.0	280.0	271.9	22	N/A	N/A	N/A	1238	1405	1,347
	RS	N/A	N/A	51	260.0	285.0	275.2	N/Q	N/A	N/A	N/A	1053	1203	1,141
520+	PR	N/A	N/A	202	285.0	303.0	295.7	-3	N/A	N/A	N/A	1858	1976	1,928
				369	250.0	303.0						1053	1976	

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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