

Detailed Saleyard Report - Cattle

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Wagga

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Despite damp conditions numbers increased. The relatively high prices for well-bred secondary stock have kept producers motivated to offload unfinished yearlings and weaner cattle onto the market. Price results this week were dearer reflecting the tightening supplies in all centres. It was the usual group of processors, feedlots and restockers at the rail.

There was higher demand for light weight secondary weaner steers and heifers, with restockers the market drivers. Young weaner steers, 200kg to 280kg, returning to the paddock sold to erratic bidding making from 480c to 530c/kg. There were a few orders in place for store heifers, 200kg to 280kg, with the bulk averaging \$987/head. Secondary steers suitable to feed-on sold to a bigger group of buyers. Medium weight steers, 400kg to 500kg, gained 5c to 10c making from 385c to 400c/kg. The lighter weight portion sold from 390c to 408c/kg. There were no heifers purchased by the trade, while a single pen of steers weighing 430kg sold to a domestic processor for 390c/kg.

Both export and domestic buyer competition was solid over the limited few heavy steers and bullocks. Heavy grown steers reached a top price of 369c and bullocks to 324c/kg. The cow market gained traction, with sales strong over all classes. Heavy cows picked up 6c to 8c making from 290c to 318c/kg. Leaner grades sold from 260c to 300c/kg. Store cows were keenly sought selling at 280c to 300c/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
Calves															
80+															
	RS	N/A	N/A	25	520.0 - 620.0	580.0	43	N/A	N/A	N/A	780	1054	944		
				25	520.0 - 620.0						780	1054			
Vealer Steer															
330+															
	FD	N/A	N/A	12	390.0 - 390.0	390.0	N/Q	N/A	N/A	N/A	1365	1365	1,365		
				12	390.0 - 390.0						1365	1365			
Yearling Steer															
200-280															
	RS	N/A	N/A	70	390.0 - 530.0	490.0	4	N/A	N/A	N/A	943	1166	1,086		
330-400															
	FD	N/A	N/A	270	290.0 - 408.0	377.4	N/Q	N/A	N/A	N/A	1146	1612	1,491		
	RS	N/A	N/A	22	390.0 - 405.0	398.2	N/Q	N/A	N/A	N/A	1346	1377	1,363		
400+															
	FD	N/A	N/A	385	390.0 - 400.0	394.8	N/Q	N/A	N/A	N/A	1580	1820	1,617		
	PR	N/A	N/A	6	390.0 - 390.0	390.0	8	N/A	N/A	N/A	1677	1677	1,677		
				753	290.0 - 530.0						943	1820			
Yearling Heifer															
200-280															
	RS	N/A	N/A	12	440.0 - 440.0	440.0	N/Q	N/A	N/A	N/A	933	933	933		
330-400															
	FD	N/A	N/A	20	390.0 - 390.0	390.0	24	N/A	N/A	N/A	1521	1521	1,521		
400+															
	FD	N/A	N/A	450	365.0 - 385.0	372.8	N/Q	N/A	N/A	N/A	1478	1559	1,510		
				482	365.0 - 440.0						933	1559			
Grown Steer															
500-600															

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						Low	High	Avg	Change	Low	High	Avg	Low	High	Avg
600-750	PR	N/A	N/A	12	369.0	369.0	369.0	5	N/A	N/A	N/A	2004	2004	2,004	
	PR	N/A	N/A	12	360.0	360.0	360.0	N/Q	N/A	N/A	N/A	2034	2034	2,034	
Grown Heifer 0-540	PR	N/A	N/A	10	324.0	324.0	324.0	N/Q	N/A	N/A	N/A	2119	2119	2,119	
				34	324.0	369.0						2004	2119		
540+	PR	N/A	N/A	40	290.0	310.0	300.0	N/Q	N/A	N/A	N/A	1436	1504	1,470	
	PR	N/A	N/A	40	290.0	320.0	305.0	N/Q	N/A	N/A	N/A	1775	1958	1,867	
Cows 400-520				80	290.0	320.0						1436	1958		
	PR	N/A	N/A	153	255.0	300.0	279.8	N/Q	N/A	N/A	N/A	1237	1500	1,381	
520+	RS	N/A	N/A	40	280.0	300.0	290.0	-34	N/A	N/A	N/A	1212	1236	1,224	
	PR	N/A	N/A	295	290.0	315.0	303.1	N/Q	N/A	N/A	N/A	1619	2225	1,869	
				488	255.0	315.0						1212	2225		

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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