

## Media Report - Cattle

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### Wagga

Yarding 1745  
 Change 45

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Numbers remained low after further rain across the supply area. There was an excellent selection of trade cattle which were keenly sought by domestic processors. Secondary cattle were in reasonable numbers, while heavy cattle numbers lifted. Not all the regular export buyers were in attendance. The usual contingent of domestic and feedlot buyers was operating along with some restocker competition.

In the trade market prices fluctuated which was driven by feedlot competition. Steers suitable for domestic processors eased back 8c averaging 398c/kg. Trade heifers benefited by strong demand from a major domestic processor. The stronger competition meant prices lifted 6c making from 375c to 395c/kg.

Prices softened for feeder steers 400 to 500kg, to average 403c/kg. Feeder heifers from 330 to 400kg gained 12c, while the medium weights dipped 19c to average 385c/kg.

All processors operated in the export run. Heavy steers sold to steady demand from domestic buyers. Prices for C3 steers ranged from 334c to 395c/kg. Bullocks sold to stronger competition from a major domestic processor which resulted in a price lift of 25c, with the bulk of the steers averaging 385c/kg. Heavy heifers were well supplied, and a major domestic processor keenly contested the younger portion. The better shapes making from 370c to 393c/kg.

In the cow market not, all processors operated however there was an extra buyer returning after a lengthy absence. Heavy well finished cows sold from 274c to 316c/kg. The bulk of the leaner types sold to erratic bidding making from 275c to 286c/kg.

Category	Grade Score	Live Weight c/kg		Live Weight c/kg		Estimated Carcase c/kg	Estimated \$/Head		
		Low	High	Avg	Change	Avg	Low	High	Avg
<b>Liveweight</b>									
<b>Yearling Steer</b>									
400+	B,C,D,2,3	362.0	- 410.0	397.9	-8	739	1611	- 1872	1766
<b>Yearling Heifer</b>									
330-400	B,C,D,2,3	378.0	- 378.0	378.0	-14	713	1353	- 1353	1353
400+	B,C,D,2,3	375.0	- 395.0	390.3	10	724	1604	- 1951	1724
<b>Vealer Heifer</b>									
280-330	B,C,D,2,3	380.0	- 380.0	380.0	-15	717	1197	- 1197	1197
<b>Grown Steer</b>									
500-600	B,C,D,2,3	334.0	- 395.0	378.4	-5	701	1754	- 2350	2044
<b>Cows</b>									
520+	B,C,D,2,3	276.0	- 302.0	293.2	3	579	1463	- 1643	1596

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