

Media Report - Cattle

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Wagga

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Yarding 2700
Change -380

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Numbers were marginally lower. There was an excellent selection of trade cattle however domestic buyers struggled to match price with feedlot buyers. Secondary cattle were well supplied along with a good selection of heavy steers and heifers. Not all export or domestic processors were in attendance. There were several restocking orders in place, and most eager to acquire a market share. The trade market prices bounced due to feedlots dominating over trade types.

Steers suitable for domestic processors slipped 11c to average 393c/kg. Trade heifers benefited by steady demand from a major domestic processor, prices ranged from 364c to 399c/kg. Price results for steers returning to the paddock varied, but the strongest competition was for steers weighing 330 to 400kg, averaged \$1,486, while the lighter weights slipped 13c, to average \$1364/head. Demand for medium weight feeder steers 400 to 500kg weakened, to average 400c/kg. Feeder heifers 330 to 400kg sold to a smaller group of buyers making from 348c to 402c/kg.

Not all export processors were in attendance. Heavy steers sold to weaker demand from domestic buyers and feedlots. Prices for C3 steers ranged from 345c to 394c/kg. Bullocks sold to weaker competition the bulk averaging 366c/kg. Heavy heifers were in short supply and quality was quite mixed. The better shapes making from 340c to 372c/kg.

In the cow market not, all processors operated fully or attended. Heavy well finished cows sold from 285c to 320c/kg. The bulk of the leaner types sold to weak demand slipping 10c, making from 270c to 292c/kg. Cows PTIC returning to the paddock made from 319c to 325c/kg.

Category	Grade	Live Weight		Live Weight		Estimated	Estimated		
		Weight	Score	c/kg	c/kg		Carcase c/kg	\$/Head	
Liveweight		Low	High	Avg	Change	Avg	Low	High	Avg
Yearling Steer									
400+	B,C,D,2,3	340.0	- 410.0	387.1	-16	726	1496	- 1924	1740
Yearling Heifer									
330-400	B,C,D,2,3	330.0	- 330.0	330.0	N/Q	623	1271	- 1271	1271
400+	B,C,D,2,3	340.0	- 399.0	380.9	0	712	1496	- 1777	1671
Vealer Steer									
280-330	B,C,D,2,3	400.0	- 400.0	400.0	N/Q	755	1128	- 1128	1128
Vealer Heifer									
280-330	B,C,D,2,3	413.0	- 413.0	413.0	N/Q	779	1280	- 1280	1280
Grown Steer									
500-600	B,C,D,2,3	310.0	- 394.0	373.1	-9	691	1566	- 2233	2030
600-750	B,C,D,2,3	386.0	- 386.0	386.0	41	715	2339	- 2339	2339
Cows									
520+	B,C,D,2,3	286.0	- 312.0	297.8	0	591	1533	- 2340	1778

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