

Detailed Saleyard Report - Cattle
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Despite the looming Easter holiday break numbers dipped. There was a limited selection of trade cattle and a reduction in heavy export stock. Competition was solid pushed along by major feedlot demand. The usual contingent of domestic and export processors were in attendance, although not all operated fully. There was more competition from feeder buyers while restockers battled hard to find lighter weight well-bred stock

In the trade market quality was very good but supply was limited. Trade heifers sold to stronger demand causing some big price variances at times for the end article. The bulk of the heifers to the trade sold 8c dearer making from 388c to 455c/kg. Trade steers were few and feedlots constantly outperformed domestic processor for all types of steers. Trade steers gained 17c to average 450c/kg. Heifers retuning to the paddock sold to a top price of 544c or the equivalent of \$1,452/head. Secondary weaner steer quality slipped, with some restockers selective when trying to purchase lines of well-bred stock. The bulk of the steers under 330kg sold from 476c to 660c/kg. The pick of the light weight steers averaged \$1,464 per head.

There was stronger competition for feeder steers 400 to 500kg with prices 7c higher to average 461c/kg. Steers 500 to 600kg met intense bidding from feedlots with the bulk selling from 410c to 451c/kg. Feeder heifers sold to a smaller group of buyers and well-bred stock were not as plentiful. Heifers 330 to 400kg recorded a top price of 460c with the average sitting at 432c/kg.

Not all processors operated in the export run. Bullock prices lifted 9c to average 385c/kg. Heavy C3 steers sold 9c dearer making from 360c to 414c/kg. Heavy heifers were in reasonable numbers and quality was quite mixed. C4 heifers sold from 342c to 385c/kg. Feedlots dominated sales across four year old lines paying from 370c to 415c/kg.

In the cow market not, all processors operated, and prices were very strong. Heavy well finished cows gained 9c making from 308c to 330c/kg.

Category	Sale Weight	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	C	2	5	5	590.0	590.0	590.0	-35	-	0	1151	1151	1,151	
				5		590.0	590.0			0	0	1151	1151		
Vealer Steer															
280-330															
	RS	C	2	1	1	520.0	520.0	520.0	-22	-	0	1482	1482	1,482	
330+															
	FD	C	2	5	5	420.0	420.0	420.0	N/Q	-	0	1772	1772	1,772	
	PR	B	2	4	4	474.0	474.0	474.0	-23	912	912	1872	1872	1,872	
	PR	C	2	2	2	470.0	470.0	470.0	N/Q	887	887	1678	1678	1,678	
	PR	C	3	2	2	468.0	472.0	470.0	N/Q	836	891	1652	1853	1,753	
				14		420.0	520.0			836	912	1482	1872		
Vealer Heifer															
200-280															
	RS	C	2	9	9	490.0	494.0	492.7	-87	-	0	1323	1359	1,347	
330+															
	FD	C	2	3	3	450.0	450.0	450.0	N/Q	-	0	1755	1755	1,755	
	PR	C	2	1	1	430.0	430.0	430.0	-38	811	811	1677	1677	1,677	
				13		430.0	494.0			811	811	1323	1755		
Yearling Steer															
200-280															

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280-330	RS	C	2	12	585.0	660.0	603.8	-27	-	0	1399	1486	1,464	
	FD	C	2	9	540.0	540.0	540.0	20	-	0	1561	1561	1,561	
330-400	RS	C	2	49	476.0	560.0	533.9	17	-	0	1395	1782	1,686	
	FD	C	2	116	454.0	519.0	477.8	-16	-	0	1584	1921	1,796	
400+	RS	C	2	69	442.0	528.0	487.9	-12	-	0	1591	1848	1,737	
	RS	D	2	6	398.0	398.0	398.0	N/Q	-	0	1584	1584	1,584	
	FD	C	2	269	410.0	483.0	461.9	7	-	0	1826	2342	2,097	
	FD	D	2	2	376.0	376.0	376.0	N/Q	-	0	1850	1850	1,850	
	PR	C	3	7	444.0	460.0	450.9	17	838	852	844	2011	2121	2,058
Yearling Heifer	PR	D	2	2	340.0	340.0	340.0	N/Q	642	642	642	1581	1581	1,581
	RS	D	2	2	375.0	375.0	375.0	45	-	0	1556	1556	1,556	
				543	340.0	660.0			642	852		1395	2342	
200-280	FD	C	2	4	505.0	505.0	505.0	-15	-	0	1414	1414	1,414	
	RS	C	2	26	480.0	544.0	514.5	-33	-	0	1129	1452	1,343	
280-330	FD	C	2	19	440.0	506.0	497.3	26	-	0	1320	1629	1,580	
	RS	C	2	21	455.0	520.0	488.6	N/C	-	0	1368	1466	1,419	
330-400	FD	C	2	53	358.0	460.0	432.9	-16	-	0	1282	1774	1,625	
	PR	C	3	14	391.0	455.0	418.1	-5	738	858	789	1492	1820	1,621
400+	DA	D	2	2	292.0	292.0	292.0	N/Q	-	0	1241	1241	1,241	
	FD	C	2	171	386.0	463.0	439.9	20	-	0	1671	2115	1,964	
	FD	C	3	38	410.0	450.0	431.8	8	-	0	1760	2168	2,010	
	FD	D	2	5	376.0	376.0	376.0	N/Q	-	0	1865	1865	1,865	
	PR	C	2	15	450.0	450.0	450.0	N/Q	849	849	849	2084	2084	2,084
	PR	C	3	61	388.0	455.0	444.3	8	732	858	838	1901	2084	2,023
	PR	C	4	1	360.0	360.0	360.0	-30	679	679	679	1782	1782	1,782
				430	292.0	544.0			679	858		1129	2168	
Grown Steer														
500-600	FD	C	3	54	410.0	451.0	439.0	15	-	0	2153	2407	2,300	
	PR	C	3	43	360.0	422.0	396.7	9	667	796	738	1818	2244	2,104
	PR	C	4	4	357.0	357.0	357.0	-13	674	674	674	2131	2131	2,131
600-750	FD	C	4	2	395.0	395.0	395.0	N/Q	-	0	2449	2449	2,449	
	PR	C	4	39	360.0	414.0	385.8	9	667	767	714	2304	2550	2,451
				142	357.0	451.0			667	796		1818	2550	
Grown Heifer														
0-540														

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						Low	High	Avg	Change	Low	High	Avg	Low	High	Avg
540+	FD	C	2	7	370.0	372.0	371.4	N/Q	-	0	1702	1756	1,741		
	FD	C	3	94	390.0	415.0	401.6	N/Q	-	0	1807	2079	1,968		
	PR	C	3	1	360.0	360.0	360.0	N/Q	667	667	667	1656	1,656		
	PR	C	4	20	350.0	385.0	371.0	20	660	726	700	1873	2,021	1,962	
	PR	D	3	2	375.0	375.0	375.0	N/Q	708	708	708	1706	1,706		
	RS	D	2	2	310.0	310.0	310.0	N/Q	-	0	1054	1054	1,054		
	PR	C	4	84	342.0	384.0	366.0	7	648	717	689	1918	2,263	2,072	
	PR	D	4	2	320.0	320.0	320.0	6	615	615	615	1920	1,920		
					212	310.0	415.0			615	726	1054	2,263		
Manufacturing Steer															
0-540															
	DA	E	2	5	310.0	310.0	310.0	N/Q	-	0	1364	1364	1,364		
				5	310.0	310.0			0	0	1364	1364			
Cows															
400-520															
	FD	D	2	7	392.0	392.0	392.0	N/Q	-	0	1956	1956	1,956		
	PR	D	2	9	270.0	270.0	270.0	N/Q	587	587	587	1358	1,358		
	PR	D	4	24	300.0	319.0	311.3	N/Q	592	613	600	1500	1,643	1,582	
520+															
	PR	D	2	1	280.0	280.0	280.0	N/Q	636	636	636	1638	1,638	1,638	
	PR	D	3	120	293.0	321.0	307.4	4	577	624	604	1634	2,080	1,862	
	PR	D	4	276	308.0	330.0	317.8	9	596	635	612	1632	2,592	2,193	
				437	270.0	392.0			577	636	1358	2,592			
Bulls															
450-600															
	PR	C	2	2	316.0	316.0	316.0	N/Q	564	564	564	1533	1,533	1,533	
				2	316.0	316.0			564	564	1533	1,533			

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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