

Detailed Saleyard Report - Cattle

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Wagga

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Numbers increased marginally as vendors hold cattle back due to the limited processing capabilities at most abattoirs. There was only a small selection of trade heifers and steers offered. Heavy export numbers increased however the bulk of the stock were purchased by lot feeders. The balance of the cattle were secondary types suiting lot feeders, back grounders. The regular export and domestic processors were in attendance however, very few operated.

Trade cattle supplies remain limited, and most domestic processors were not interested in bidding. A single steer suitable for the trade sold at 540c/kg. Trade heifers made to 468c/kg. Well-bred steers 280-330kg returning to the paddock were in limited supply selling from 690c to 705c/kg to average \$2161/head.

The feeder market opened on a tentative note with several buyers not prepared to chase the market. Price for lighter weight steers 330kg to 400kg lifted 5c to average 553c/kg. Quality lines of well-bred secondary steers 400kg to 500kg met solid competition making from 512c to 554c/kg. Heifers to suit feedlots were in reasonable supply with a good portion weighing more than 500kg. Medium weight heifers sold 16c cheaper averaging 516c/kg. There were quite a few quality lines of well-bred heifers under 400kg and buying competition increased resulting in a dearer trend of 38c/kg on the lack-lustre sale of the previous week.

Heavy steers and bullocks sold to feedlots, with processors rarely entering the fray. Feeder steers made from 450c to 540c/kg. Heavy heifers were in reasonable numbers, with feedlots keen to purchase younger types. Heifers to feed on sold from 420c to 550c/kg. Heifers suitable for processors sold from 354c to 455c/kg. In the cow market a smaller field of buyers operated. Heavy D4 and D3 types sold either side of firm. Prices ranged from 320c to 350c/kg.

In the cow market a small group of buyers operated the better finished cows sold to solid demand averaging 394c/kg. Leaner medium weight types were in short supply. The D3 medium weight cows sold from 370 to 410c/kg.

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Category	Sale 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
Vealer Steer														
280-330														
	PR	B	2	1	595.0	- 595.0	595.0	N/Q	1,123	- 1,123	1,123	1815	- 1815	1,815
	RS	C	2	1	576.0	- 576.0	576.0	-109	-	-	0	1872	- 1872	1,872
330+														
	FD	C	2	16	521.0	- 568.0	553.3	N/Q	-	-	0	1999	- 2115	2,036
	PR	B	2	1	540.0	- 540.0	540.0	N/Q	964	- 964	964	2592	- 2592	2,592
	RS	C	2	9	520.0	- 568.0	546.7	39	-	-	0	1999	- 2038	2,017
				28	520.0	- 595.0			964	1,123		1815	- 2592	
Vealer Heifer														
200-280														
	RS	C	2	2	610.0	- 610.0	610.0	N/Q	-	-	0	1678	- 1678	1,678
				2	610.0	- 610.0			0	0		1678	- 1678	
Yearling Steer														
280-330														
	RS	C	2	18	690.0	- 705.0	695.0	83	-	-	0	2153	- 2178	2,161
330-400														
	FD	C	2	47	510.0	- 615.0	553.1	5	-	-	0	1989	- 2256	2,090
	RS	C	2	11	535.0	- 535.0	535.0	-53	-	-	0	1969	- 1969	1,969
400+														

Category Weight	Sale 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
	FD	C	2	123	512.0	554.0	537.2	N/C	-	0	2105	2592	2,332	
	FD	C	3	9	460.0	500.0	495.6	N/Q	-	0	2410	2415	2,411	
	PR	C	3	1	540.0	540.0	540.0	N/Q	1,019	1,019	1,019	2241	2241	2,241
				209	460.0	705.0			1,019	1,019		1969	2592	
Yearling Heifer														
200-280														
	RS	D	2	2	450.0	450.0	450.0	N/Q	-	0	1026	1026	1,026	
280-330														
	FD	C	2	19	550.0	550.0	550.0	-44	-	0	1777	1777	1,777	
330-400														
	FD	C	2	75	460.0	560.0	538.7	38	-	0	1656	2036	1,938	
	PR	C	2	1	468.0	468.0	468.0	N/Q	883	883	883	1872	1872	1,872
	PR	C	3	1	468.0	468.0	468.0	-20	883	883	883	1872	1872	1,872
400+														
	FD	C	2	91	455.0	555.0	516.1	-16	-	0	1939	2431	2,278	
	FD	C	4	6	500.0	500.0	500.0	N/Q	-	0	2250	2250	2,250	
	PR	C	2	8	476.0	476.0	476.0	N/Q	898	898	898	2356	2356	2,356
				203	450.0	560.0			883	898		1026	2431	
Grown Steer														
500-600														
	FD	C	3	61	450.0	540.0	482.7	31	-	0	2430	2808	2,592	
	FD	C	4	7	450.0	450.0	450.0	N/Q	-	0	2646	2646	2,646	
600-750														
	FD	C	3	1	490.0	490.0	490.0	N/Q	-	0	3087	3087	3,087	
	FD	C	4	22	438.0	510.0	460.9	N/Q	-	0	2672	3096	2,807	
				91	438.0	540.0			0	0	2430	3096		
Grown Heifer														
0-540														
	FD	C	4	39	455.0	550.0	467.8	N/Q	-	0	2375	2915	2,429	
	PR	C	4	19	420.0	455.0	451.5	N/Q	792	843	837	2184	2375	2,328
	PR	D	4	5	350.0	350.0	350.0	N/Q	660	660	660	1855	1855	1,855
540+														
	FD	C	4	5	420.0	420.0	420.0	N/Q	-	0	2331	2331	2,331	
	PR	C	4	7	354.0	440.0	422.0	22	668	830	792	2018	2583	2,422
				75	350.0	550.0			660	843		1855	2915	
Manufacturing Steer														
0-540														
	PR	D	2	4	250.0	250.0	250.0	N/Q	472	472	472	788	788	788
				4	250.0	250.0			472	472		788	788	
Cows														
400-520														
	PR	D	3	21	328.0	328.0	328.0	-9	656	656	656	1574	1574	1,574
	RS	D	3	5	338.0	343.0	340.0	-28	-	0	1639	1646	1,642	
520+														

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						Low	High	Avg	Change	Low	High	Avg	Low	High	Avg
	PR	D	2	1		285.0	285.0	285.0	N/Q	538	538	538	1653	1653	1,653
	PR	D	3	23		320.0	338.0	326.3	-1	615	638	623	1811	1960	1,863
	PR	D	4	72		335.0	350.0	343.9	1	632	660	649	1947	2781	2,312
	PR	D	5	4		327.0	327.0	327.0	N/Q	617	617	617	2191	2191	2,191
	RS	D	3	1		356.0	356.0	356.0	56	-	-	0	1994	1994	1,994
				127		285.0	356.0			538	660		1574	2781	
Bulls															
0-450															
	PR	C	2	13		486.0	486.0	486.0	N/Q	917	917	917	1725	1725	1,725
	RS	C	2	37		510.0	550.0	524.9	-104	-	-	0	1466	1760	1,548
				50		486.0	550.0			917	917		1466	1760	

DA - Dairy, FD - Feeder, GF - Grainfed, PR - Processor, LE - Live Export, PC - Pastoral Cattle, PT - PTIC, RS - Restocker

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