

Detailed saleyard report - cattle

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-704

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Numbers more than halved for a yarding of 600 head. The yarding consisted of a good supply of yearlings and vealers, while grown cattle were in fair numbers. Quality of the young cattle was mixed, with a few pens of well finished yearling steers and heifers that went to the trade, while the largest percentage of vealers and yearlings were acquired by feeders and restockers.

The market varied, with quality having an effect on prices. Well-bred cattle sold at strong prices, however plainer type cattle sold cheaper. Restocker vealer steers were firm to 8c dearer depending on breed type, ranging from 300c to 414c/kg. Restocker vealer heifers sold to a top of 357c/kg. The few trade yearling steers sold to a top of 316c, while trade yearling heifers topped at 316c/kg. Feeder and restocker yearling steers sold firm to slightly easier ranging from 290c to 344c, while the heifer portion followed a similar trend to the steers topping at 319c/kg.

The yarding of export cattle consisted of a fair penning of grown steers and heifers, with several pens of show cattle offered. Bullocks and steers saw little change selling from 275c to 313c and up to 329c/kg for show steers. Heifers sold to a top of 324c/kg for show heifers. The smaller yarding of cows was of mixed quality and sold firm to 2c/kg cheaper. Medium weight 3 score cows (under 520kg) averaged 223c, and heavy cows sold to a top of 234c/kg.

| 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 |
| Calves | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 80+ | RS | C | 1 | 36 | 314.2 | - 390.2 | 354.3 | N/Q | - | - | - | 408 | - 762 | 616 |
| | | | | 36 | 314.2 | 390.2 | | | 0 | 0 | | 408 | 762 | |
| Vealer Steer | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 200-280 | | C | 2 | 3 | 304.0 | - 304.0 | 304.0 | N/Q | 574 | - 574 | 574 | 669 | - 669 | 669 |
| | RS | C | 2 | 62 | 300.1 | - 414.0 | 351.7 | 8 | - | - | - | 717 | - 911 | 831 |
| | | D | 2 | 6 | 274.2 | - 274.2 | 274.2 | N/Q | 538 | - 538 | 538 | 658 | - 658 | 658 |
| 280-330 | RS | C | 2 | 4 | 358.2 | - 358.2 | 358.2 | N/Q | - | - | - | 1182 | - 1182 | 1182 |
| | | | | 75 | 274.2 | 414.0 | | | 538 | 574 | | 658 | 1182 | |
| Vealer Heifer | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 200-280 | | C | 2 | 26 | 294.0 | - 322.2 | 308.3 | -6 | 555 | - 597 | 575 | 667 | - 838 | 770 |
| | RS | C | 2 | 53 | 318.2 | - 357.2 | 328.4 | N/Q | - | - | - | 700 | - 964 | 800 |
| | | | | 79 | 294.0 | 357.2 | | | 555 | 597 | | 667 | 964 | |
| Yearling Steer | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 280-330 | RS | C | 2 | 13 | 256.2 | - 344.2 | 293.4 | N/Q | - | - | - | 845 | - 1136 | 968 |
| 330-400 | RS | C | 2 | 2 | 290.0 | - 290.0 | 290.0 | N/Q | - | - | - | 1015 | - 1015 | 1015 |
| | FD | C | 2 | 6 | 300.0 | - 328.2 | 318.8 | -3 | - | - | - | 1140 | - 1182 | 1168 |
| 400+ | RS | C | 2 | 3 | 282.2 | - 282.2 | 282.2 | N/Q | - | - | - | 1157 | - 1157 | 1157 |
| | | C | 3 | 5 | 310.2 | - 316.2 | 312.6 | 2 | 564 | - 575 | 568 | 1334 | - 1423 | 1369 |
| | | | | 29 | 256.2 | 344.2 | | | 564 | 575 | | 845 | 1423 | |
| Yearling Heifer | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 280-330 | RS | C | 2 | 6 | 303.2 | - 303.2 | 303.2 | N/Q | - | - | - | 970 | - 970 | 970 |
| | | C | 3 | 2 | 292.0 | - 292.0 | 292.0 | N/Q | 541 | - 541 | 541 | 964 | - 964 | 964 |
| 330-400 | RS | C | 2 | 8 | 282.2 | - 319.2 | 300.5 | -3 | - | - | - | 1080 | - 1149 | 1124 |
| | FD | C | 2 | 11 | 310.0 | - 318.2 | 314.5 | 14 | - | - | - | 1146 | - 1178 | 1160 |
| | | C | 3 | 4 | 314.2 | - 318.2 | 315.2 | 21 | 582 | - 589 | 584 | 1209 | - 1257 | 1245 |
| | | | | 31 | 282.2 | 319.2 | | | 541 | 589 | | 964 | 1257 | |

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|---------------------|-------------|--------------|-----------|------------|------------------|--------------|-------|--------|-------------------------------|------------|-----|-------------------|-------------|------|
| | | | | | Low | High | Avg | Change | Low | High | Avg | Low | High | Avg |
| Grown Steer | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 0-400 | FD | C | 2 | 7 | 278.2 | - 278.2 | 278.2 | N/Q | - | | | 1113 | - 1113 | 1113 |
| 400-500 | FD | C | 2 | 18 | 273.2 | - 320.0 | 278.4 | -1 | - | | | 1229 | - 1376 | 1246 |
| | RS | C | 2 | 4 | 258.0 | - 267.2 | 262.6 | N/Q | - | | | 1122 | - 1238 | 1180 |
| 500-600 | FD | C | 3 | 32 | 284.0 | - 316.2 | 308.4 | N/Q | - | | | 1392 | - 1581 | 1537 |
| | | C | 4 | 3 | 290.0 | - 290.0 | 290.0 | 5 | 527 | - 527 | 527 | 1450 | - 1450 | 1450 |
| | | C | 3 | 10 | 284.0 | - 329.2 | 302.1 | 34 | 526 | - 588 | 551 | 1534 | - 1778 | 1631 |
| 600-750 | | C | 4 | 15 | 270.0 | - 313.0 | 291.9 | 10 | 491 | - 559 | 526 | 1485 | - 1800 | 1611 |
| | | C | 4 | 11 | 275.0 | - 313.2 | 287.7 | 1 | 491 | - 559 | 514 | 1800 | - 2036 | 1890 |
| | | | | 100 | 258.0 | 329.2 | | | 491 | 588 | | 1113 | 2036 | |
| Grown Heifer | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 0-540 | FD | C | 2 | 32 | 264.2 | - 271.2 | 268.6 | N/Q | - | | | 1027 | - 1216 | 1103 |
| | RS | C | 2 | 4 | 284.2 | - 287.2 | 285.7 | N/Q | - | | | 1250 | - 1321 | 1286 |
| | | C | 3 | 17 | 264.0 | - 291.2 | 279.8 | N/Q | 489 | - 539 | 518 | 1214 | - 1416 | 1345 |
| | | D | 2 | 2 | 231.2 | - 231.2 | 231.2 | N/Q | 482 | - 482 | 482 | 994 | - 994 | 994 |
| 540+ | | C | 4 | 7 | 312.0 | - 324.2 | 313.7 | 46 | 567 | - 590 | 570 | 1783 | - 1872 | 1859 |
| | | | | 62 | 231.2 | 324.2 | | | 482 | 590 | | 994 | 1872 | |
| Cows | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 0-400 | | D | 2 | 4 | 183.2 | - 183.2 | 183.2 | 3 | 407 | - 407 | 407 | 733 | - 733 | 733 |
| 400-520 | | D | 2 | 34 | 180.0 | - 223.2 | 206.2 | -8 | 400 | - 472 | 442 | 756 | - 1116 | 950 |
| | RS | D | 2 | 2 | 226.0 | - 226.0 | 226.0 | N/Q | - | | | 949 | - 949 | 949 |
| 520+ | | D | 3 | 2 | 223.0 | - 223.0 | 223.0 | N/C | 465 | - 465 | 465 | 1115 | - 1115 | 1115 |
| | | D | 4 | 9 | 232.2 | - 234.2 | 233.8 | 6 | 459 | - 468 | 467 | 1054 | - 1217 | 1198 |
| | | D | 3 | 3 | 223.2 | - 223.2 | 223.2 | -2 | 456 | - 456 | 456 | 1339 | - 1339 | 1339 |
| | | D | 4 | 27 | 225.2 | - 234.0 | 230.8 | -2 | 450 | - 468 | 461 | 1194 | - 1632 | 1262 |
| | | | | 81 | 180.0 | 234.2 | | | 400 | 472 | | 733 | 1632 | |
| Bulls | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 450-600 | | C | 2 | 2 | 242.2 | - 254.5 | 248.4 | N/Q | 440 | - 463 | 452 | 1405 | - 1527 | 1466 |
| 600+ | | C | 2 | 2 | 267.2 | - 273.2 | 270.2 | N/Q | 455 | - 486 | 471 | 2049 | - 2138 | 2093 |
| | | | | 4 | 242.2 | 273.2 | | | 440 | 486 | | 1405 | 2138 | |

Abbreviations

CATTLE FD: Feeder RS: Restocker GF: Grainfed DA: Dairy PC: Pastoral Cattle SHEEP & LAMB RS: Restocker MR: Merino RM: Restocker Merino 1X: 1st Cross
FD: Feeder DP: Dorper

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