

Detailed Saleyard Report - Cattle

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Wagga

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Yarding 2055
Change -25

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Rain across the supply area contributed to a slight drop-in supply. Rain put weaner cattle prices slightly higher. Quality once again was mostly plain with the bulk of the cattle under 450kg. Trade cattle were in short supply however there were a few excellent pens of steers and heifers. Feedlot buyers were present and operating over all categories. Heavy steer and bullock numbers traditionally contract this time of year, with only a few pens offered. Cow numbers declined slightly, and competition strengthened.

Prices were unchanged for domestic processor cattle. Trade steers sold to solid demand for the limited few making from 375c to 390c/kg. Trade heifers benefited from steady feedlot demand, the bulk selling at 360 to 380c/kg. There were only limited lines of well-bred light weight weaner steers which resulted in restockers, commission buyers and agents all wanting a market share. Weaner steer, 200-280kg, sold from 400c to 535c/kg. Light weight calves under 200kg made from 480c to 600c/kg. The usual buying group operated in the feeder steer market. The bulk of the feeder steers were unchanged selling at 375c to 394c/kg. There was solid competition for feeder heifers. Prices were in line with last week, selling from 360c to 380c/kg.

Grown steers, 500 to 600kg, were in short supply. The C3 steers sold from 350c to 380c/kg. The cow market rose sharply driven by a shortage of stock at major selling centers. Heavy cows gained 10c to 12c making from 288c to 307c/kg. The D2 and D3 cows sold to spirited bidding from the commencement of the sale, making from 270c to 295c/kg. Store cows joined recorded a top price of 350c/kg.

Category	Sale Weight	Muscle 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	N/A	N/A		66	495.0	600.0	537.3	N/Q	N/A	N/A	N/A	600	1134	856
					66	495.0	600.0						600	1134	
Yearling Steer															
200-280															
	RS	N/A	N/A		52	480.0	500.0	485.6	-3	N/A	N/A	N/A	1060	1188	1,110
280-330															
	RS	N/A	N/A		55	370.0	480.0	428.2	44	N/A	N/A	N/A	1184	1488	1,338
330-400															
	FD	N/A	N/A		50	370.0	394.0	379.6	7	N/A	N/A	N/A	1436	1458	1,445
400+															
	FD	N/A	N/A		500	375.0	394.0	385.8	17	N/A	N/A	N/A	1519	1891	1,701
	PR	N/A	N/A		10	375.0	390.0	382.5	3	N/A	N/A	N/A	1755	1763	1,759
					667	370.0	500.0						1060	1891	
Yearling Heifer															
330-400															
	FD	N/A	N/A		110	360.0	380.0	366.4	8	N/A	N/A	N/A	1282	1471	1,358
400+															
	FD	N/A	N/A		225	360.0	380.0	371.1	18	N/A	N/A	N/A	1620	1786	1,696
	PR	N/A	N/A		20	360.0	380.0	367.5	10	N/A	N/A	N/A	1517	1642	1,589
					355	360.0	380.0						1282	1786	
Grown Steer															
500-600															
	PR	N/A	N/A		34	350.0	380.0	364.1	44	N/A	N/A	N/A	1897	1962	1,928
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Cows														
400-520	PR	N/A	N/A	179	270.0	- 295.0	286.4	24	N/A	- N/A	N/A	1229	- 1475	1,368
	RS	N/A	N/A	34	290.0	- 350.0	324.1	63	N/A	- N/A	N/A	1175	- 1404	1,302
520+														
	PR	N/A	N/A	295	290.0	- 307.0	296.4	11	N/A	- N/A	N/A	1755	- 2133	1,868
				508	270.0	350.0						1175	2133	

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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