

# Cattle Livestock Market Report

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## Queensland

### Warwick Cattle

The supply of stock increased by 285 head to 632 at Warwick. Overall quality was generally good with a lift in the standard of the light weight young cattle. A fair panel of export buyers was present and operating along with the usual trade and feeder buyers plus local and interstate restockers. A lift in quality plus stronger demand resulted in light weight yearling steers gaining over 40c/kg. However yearling steers to feed experienced only quality related price changes, and yearling heifers followed a similar trend. A small sample of cows received very little change in price.

Yearling steers under 200kg made to 550c, while yearling steers under 280kg made to 544c, to average 489c/kg. Yearling steers to feed for the domestic market averaged from 419c to 422c, with sales to 440c/kg. Heavy weight yearling steers made to 414c to average 387c/kg. Well bred yearling heifers under 200kg made to 516.2c, with a fair sample of light weight yearling heifers averaging 445c/kg. Yearling heifers to feed made to 418c, to average from 395c to 398c/kg. A small sample of light and medium weight yearling heifers sold for future breeders to a top of 441c/kg. A couple of yearling heifers to the local trade market made to 411c/kg.

Medium weight plain condition cows returned to the paddock at an average of 260c with sales to 265c/kg. A couple of good heavy cows made to 285c/kg. Heavy bulls made to 315.2c/kg.

## New South Wales

### Tamworth Cattle

There was an increased penning this week with young cattle well supplied. There was also a fair number of cows, not many heavy grown cattle. Quality was generally good, however there was quite a bit of breed variation in the young cattle. Condition was also good for the most part. The same buyers from the previous week were in attendance along with a few smaller restocker orders.

There were some high quality vealers penned with these attracting strong restocker competition. This resulted in dearer trends, particularly the steer portion. Demand was a little weaker for yearling steers to feed with market trends generally cheaper. Breed and quality accounted for some of the price change. Medium and heavy weights were 10c to 15c/kg cheaper. Varying trends for well finished trade steers with quality and breed variations. There was little but breed and quality related price change for the better quality yearling feeder heifers. Medium weight trade heifers sold firm to slightly dearer with the heavy weights a little cheaper.

Limited supplies of heavy grown steers sold to cheaper trends. There was increased demand for cows with the market trend dearer by as much as 13c to processors. A greatly improved quality penning of heavy weight bulls saw a significantly dearer trend.

### Forbes Cattle

Numbers fell this sale and quality continues to be mixed. There were good numbers of well bred finished cattle offered along with the plainer secondary types. Yearlings made up the majority of the offering. The usual buyers were present and competing in a fairly steady market that fluctuated with quality on offer.

Yearling steers to processors held fairly firm with middle weights selling from 388c to 415c/kg. Heavy weights ranged in price from 354c to 401c/kg. Those to feed sold from 358c to 420c/kg for medium and heavy weights. The heifer portion to processors slipped 6c to sell from 330c to 424c for middle weights and 320c to 392c/kg for heavies. Feeders paid from 375c to 385c/kg for the unfinished types.

Heavy steers and bullocks were fairly steady to sell from 355c to 388c/kg. Heavy grown heifers sold from 305c to 359c/kg. Cows also held firm with heavy cows receiving from 280c to 306c/kg. The best heavy bull reached 321c/kg.

## Victoria

### Wodonga Cattle

Numbers increased moderately. Most of the usual spring buyers were present however, not all operated fully. Quality was very good with leaner types in short supply.

The better finished beef cows sold to weaker bidding easing 2c to 5c, to average 303c/kg. Competition was solid for the D2 and D3 medium weight types. Prices ranged from 270c to 289c/kg.

A fair to very good quality selection of bulls sold to a bigger group of processors. The better shapes selling from 270c to 307c/kg.

### Shepparton Cattle

There were 695 exports and 535 trade cattle, amongst the exports there were 340 cows. Prices eased on the grown steers and bullocks by 10c to 20c/kg. Grown heifers also came back. Beef cows remained at similar rates to last sale and had plenty of weight and condition. The heavy end of the better shaped dairy cows eased in price.

The trade cattle had several good quality pens of supplementary fed yearlings. Competition remained strong as restockers, feedlotters and processors all competed on the finished stock. The best of the medium and heavy vealers made from 400c to 445c/kg. Restockers paid from 370c to 415c/kg. The B and C yearling steers made from 375c to 425c to average 400c/kg. The yearling heifers made from 369c to 412c/kg.

The 500 to 600kg range made from 344c to 386c to average 358c/kg. The dairy cows made from 228c to 278c and beef cows made from 276c to 306c/kg.

## Western Australia

### Muchea Cattle

Muchea cattle market yarded 2,076, up by 400 head on last week, with a lesser quality penning. The majority of the cattle were pastoral yearlings and the demand for them continued with prices 20c to 30c/kg dearer. Quality drove the market on local young cattle easing 20c on lesser quality, while tops sold to 30c/kg dearer. In the grown section demand from processors remained strong, grown heifers gained 10c, cows were 7c to 10c dearer, with bulls up another 10c/kg.

In the weaner portion of the yarding, the local weaner steers to feeders sold from 350c to 396c, down 10c/kg. The corresponding pastoral weaner steers sold from 250c to 330c/kg firm. Local weaner heifers made from 260c to 370c down 20c, pastoral weaner heifers made from 108c for very plain to 330c/kg for better bred and presented, again firm.

The pick local yearling supplementary fed steers to the trade made from 340c to 360c, down 30c/kg with very few penned. The pastoral yearling steers off grass made from 270c to 334c, up 20c/kg. Pastoral grown steers just shy of 500kg, sold from 290c to 318c up 50c, with heavy steers selling from 270c to 334c firm, local raised steers made 330c to 344c/kg firm. Bullocks over 700kg sold from 270c to 296c/kg. Local yearling heifers sold from 296c

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to 348c, 10c dearer, while pastoral yearling heifers predominately medium weights and score 2 condition sold from 230c to 320c up 30c/kg. Local grown heifers made from 280c to 340c, up 10c/kg.

In the cow market that were predominately pastoral cattle, the medium weight score 2 to processors sold from 248c to 254c up 10c, with the prime to processors making from 260c to 298c, up 7c/kg. Bulls, including pastorals light to live export, made from 274c to 344c down 5c, while medium weight 450 to 600kgs to live export sold from 288c to 302c up 10c, heavy bulls to processors sold from 260c to 298c, up 10c.