



Livestock Market Report

Roma Store Cattle

Yarded 8147 up 354 head

Cattle numbers remained steady with another larger yarding of 8147 head at the Roma Store Sale off the back of the stronger market in recent weeks. Cattle were mostly drawn from the local supply area and Western Queensland. A good panel of buyers was present and operating with the continued presence of interstate buyers.

Steers and heifers were yarded in equal portions while cows were also present in higher numbers similar to the previous week. The overall quality of the yarding varied. Feedlot and restocker competition was strong for quality lines. Light weight yearling steers under 280 kg to restockers improved by 4c to 14c/kg. Light weight yearling steers under 330kg rose by 4c to 14c/kg. Heavy weight yearling steers over 400kg to feed improved by 11c/kg. Light weight yearling heifers under 280kg to restockers fell by 10c/kg. Medium weight yearling heifers under 400 kg to feed fell by 18c/kg though heavy weight yearling heifers over 400kg to feed rose by 11c/kg. Medium weight 2 and 3 score cows both fell by 5c/kg. Heavy weight 3 score cows fell by 4c whilst heavy weight 4 score cows fell by 7c/kg.

A good sample of light weight yearling steers under 280 kg to background sold to 316.2c, to average 303c/kg. Medium weight yearling steers under 400kg to feed sold to 322.2c, to average 306 c/kg. The best of the heavy weight yearling steers over 400kg to feed sold to 316.2c, to average 309kg. A large sample of lightweight yearling heifers under 280kg to restockers made to 262.2c, to average 235 c/kg. Medium weight yearling heifers under 400kg to feed sold to 282.2c, to average 269 c/kg. Heavy weight yearling heifers over 400kg to feed made to 278.2c, to average 262 c/kg.

The largest sample of the grown steers sold to 285.2c to average 285 c/kg. Grown heifers made to 289.2c, to average 242 c/kg. Medium weight 2 score cows sold to 213.2c, to average 193 c/kg, whilst medium weight 3 score cows reached 237.2c, to average 225 c/kg. Heavy weight 3 score cows made to 239.2c, to average 230 c/kg, and the heavy weight 4 score cows sold to 244.2c, to average 239 c/kg. The best of the heavy weight bulls made to a top of 296.2c to average 287 c/kg.

Gunnedah Prime Cattle

Yarded 2310 down 540 head

There was a reduced offering this week, with cows and yearlings making up the bulk of the offering. There were limited supplies in the other categories. The quality of the offering was generally good, however the condition varied greatly, a reflection of those with crops and access to grain and those without. The usual buyers were in attendance and there was some Southern restocker competition.

Market trends varied through the young cattle with vealers and light weight yearling steers selling to cheaper trends. Steers eased by as much as 13c/kg, with restockers not showing the same level of confidence. Conversely, steers suitable to feed sold on a firm to dearer market trend, with medium weights up to 5c dearer, while strong demand for breed specific heavy weight feeders

saw them improve by as much as 13c/kg. Yearling heifers to restock and feed sold on a firm to cheaper market trend, with some breed related price change. Well finished heifers to the trade sold to a slightly dearer trend.

Heavy grown steers attracted strong competition from both feeders and processors, with feeders again targeting specific breeds. Market trends were significantly dearer, with those to processors as much as 22c/kg dearer. Limited supplies of well finished grown heifers also sold to a slightly dearer market trend. There was a variation in quality through the cow offering.

The plainer condition light and medium weights sold to cheaper trends. Medium weight 3 score cows also sold to a cheaper trend. Taking into account a reduction in the quality of the heavy weight cows, the market trend was up to 3c/kg dearer. There was also a reduction in the quality of the heavy bulls, with the market trend cheaper by as much as 12c/kg.

Dubbo Sheep & Lambs Lambs 19800 down 20 Mutton 10700 down 1880.

It was a much plainer quality yarding with only a very limited supply of heavy weight and ideal trade weight lambs throughout. There was a much larger presence of light weight lambs penned. Not all the regular buyers were operating with the absence of the supermarket buyers and a major southern export processor.

Light weight lambs to the processors were \$15 cheaper with the 12-18kg 2 scores selling from \$105 to \$142/head. Trade lambs were up to \$28 cheaper with the 18-24kg lambs selling from \$150 to \$222/head to average from 820c to 875c/kg cwt. Trade weight new season lambs sold from \$159 to \$217/head. Heavy weight lambs were from \$20 to \$40/head cheaper with quality a major factor. The over 24kg 4 score lambs sold from \$220 to \$290/head. Merino lambs were up to \$30 cheaper with the trade weights selling from \$145 to \$190, while heavy weight Merinos sold to \$275/head. Restocker lambs were \$10 cheaper with the better types selling from \$118 to \$133 while young new season lambs to the restockers sold from \$55 to \$145/head. Hoggets sold to \$220/head.

There were some top sheep yarded along with some plainer types in a mixed yarding of mutton where the light weight sheep were from \$3 to \$5 cheaper and the better heavy weights were from \$12 to \$15/head cheaper. 2 score ewes sold from \$62 to \$122 while the better 3 and 4 scores sold from \$105 to \$222 for crossbreds and \$191/head for Merinos. Woolly Merino wethers sold to \$210/head. The restockers bought a fair number of wethers paying from \$73 to \$119/head. Carcase prices for the better sheep sold from 570c to 600c/kg cwt.

Xtra Hvy lamb	\$220 - \$290	
Heavy lamb	\$192 - \$244	\$20 - \$40 cheaper
Trade lamb	\$150 - \$222	up to \$28 cheaper
Light lamb	\$105 - \$142	up to \$15 cheaper
Merino lamb	\$145 - \$190	up to \$30 cheaper

Mutton \$8 - \$10 dearer		
2 score ewes	\$ 62 - \$122	-\$3-\$5
3 & 4 score ewes	\$105 - \$222	-\$12 - \$15

Wagga Wagga Sheep & Lambs

Lambs 24000 down 18000 Sheep 11000

On the back of significant price corrections this week at other selling centres, numbers dropped substantially. Trade buying activity was notably weaker with some processors reporting they had reduced their processing shifts or had shut for maintenance. Select pens of shorn lambs were keenly sought, however at lower price levels than the previous sale. Longer wool old trade lambs were discounted heavily throughout the sale. There were 3,240 new season lambs in the offering and quality was quite good with the bulk ranging in weight from 21-26kg cwt. Heavy and extra heavy lambs numbers declined and so did competition causing a considerable price spread over all weight categories. There were reduced supplies of lighter weight lambs with most selling to processors.

The trade lamb market continued its cheaper run with trade lambs easing \$10 to \$20/head. The top price recorded for 22-24kg was \$232/head with the bulk averaging 870c/kg cwt. New season trade lambs did not attract all buyers resulting in a cheaper trend of \$18 to \$19/head to average 895c/kg cwt. Merino trade lambs sold to a smaller group of buyers to average from 798 to 815c/kg cwt. Light lambs to the processors sold to subdued southern competition making from \$108 to \$160/head. It was the usual field of export processors however buyers rarely entered into bidding duels, preferring to walk away. Generally, heavy lambs, 24-26kg, sold \$25 cheaper, making \$212 to \$245/head. Extra heavy lambs decreased by \$25 to \$39/head with the bulk averaging 880c/kg cwt. It was another good quality yarding of mutton with limited numbers of 1 and 2 score sheep offered.

Heavy sheep sold to much weaker competition, with buyers very selective when bidding. Heavy crossbred ewes sold up to \$210/head, averaging 544c/kg cwt. Heavy Merino ewes sold \$25 cheaper, making from \$147 to \$181/head. Heavy wethers were in reasonable numbers, recording a top price of \$208/head to average 547c/kg cwt. Trade and light sheep were limited, selling from

\$118 to \$150/head, averaging 591c/kg cwt

Xtra Heavy Lamb	\$257 - \$310	- \$25 - \$39
Heavy Lamb	\$240 - \$267	- \$25
Trade Lamb	\$214 - \$251	-\$10 - \$20
Light Lamb	\$109 - \$168	
Merino ewes	\$147 - \$181	- \$25
Merino wethers	\$162 - \$208	
Trade sheep	\$118 - \$150	

Auctions Plus Sheep & Lambs

M/W/L	\$70.50 - \$155	18 to 34kg
M/E/L	\$153 - \$227	29 to 54.8kg
Xbred Lambs	\$135 - \$200	24.3 to 40.6kg

Merino ewes

NSM Ewes	\$145 - \$217
SIL Ewes	\$155 - \$246
Merino ewe Hgts	\$200 - \$264
Merino Ewes Lmbs	\$190 - \$325

1 st X Ewes SIL	\$290 - \$310	
1 st X Ewes Lmbs/Hgt	\$227 - \$300	53 – 60kg

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