

Cattle Livestock Market Report

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Queensland

Warwick Cattle

The supply of stock increased by 381 to 1,057 head at Warwick. Export buyer attendance was good with the return of all the major export operators. The usual panel of feed and trade buyers were in attendance along with local and interstate restockers. Light weight yearling steers to restockers improved by 8c/kg. Yearling steers to feed for the domestic market remained very close to the previous weeks improved prices, and yearling heifers to feed followed a similar trend. A small selection of bullocks to export processors averaged 5c/kg dearer. All classes of cows improved in price with interstate restockers lifting plain condition cows by up to 16c/kg. Good heavy weight cows to export processors averaged 11c/kg dearer.

Light weight yearling steers to restockers sold to 538.2c to average 479c/kg. Yearling steers to feed for the domestic market made to 440c to average 417c/kg. Heavy weight yearling steers to feed averaged 395c and made to 405c/kg. Heavy weights to the trade made to 419.2c to average 404c/kg. Light weight yearling heifers to restockers or background made to 501c with a good sample averaging 440c/kg. Yearling heifers to feed made to 436c to average from 396c to 410c/kg. Heavy weight yearling heifers to processors averaged 362c, with the occasional sale to 394c/kg.

Bullocks averaged 369c and made to 376.2c/kg. Medium weight plain condition cows returning to the paddock made to 287c to average 278c/kg. Good heavy weight cows to export processors averaged 307c and made to 317.2c/kg in pen lots. Heavy weight bulls made to 327.2c/kg.

New South Wales

Tamworth Cattle

There was a further increase in numbers from the sale a fortnight ago. Yearlings were well supplied, particularly heifers. There were a few vealers and light weight yearlings, however the majority fell into the medium and heavy weight classes. All other categories were represented. Overall the quality of the offering was good with minimal numbers of secondary cattle available. Around 90% of the offering was 3 score or better, reflecting the seasonal conditions. The full field of buyers were in attendance with all operating.

Demand was high in the main through the young cattle. Breed and quality were factors in a cheaper trend for the lightest weight classes in vealers and yearlings to restock. The medium and heavy weight yearling steers to restock and feed sold to a slightly dearer trend, the medium weights showing the best of the gains. Well finished heavy trade steers also sold to a dearer trend, under increased competition. Despite the increase in supply, demand was high for a very good quality penning of medium and heavy weight yearling heifers. Dearer trends resulted with medium weights again posting the stronger gains. Well finished heifers attracted strong trade competition to also sell to a dearer trend.

Well finished heavy grown steers saw a dearer trend under increased processor competition and high demand. The well finished heavy heifers also dearer. A mostly good quality well finished penning of heavy weight cows met keen demand with all processors operating. The market trend was as much as 22c/kg dearer. High yielding heavy weight bulls were significantly dearer.

Carcoar Cattle

It was another good quality yarding with a good selection of young cattle to suit the trade buyers and feeder buyers. There was also some good runs of grown steers and heifers and most of the cows were in prime condition. Most of the regular buyers were operating in a solid market with the exception of a major restocker operator.

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Young cattle to the trade were firm to 3c cheaper with the prime steer vealers selling from 388c to 445c while the prime heifer vealers sold from 395c to 449c/kg. Prime steer yearlings sold from 385c to 434c/kg. The lighter feeder steers were 5c to 8c/kg dearer while the heavier weights were close to firm. Feeder steers sold from 393c to 430c/kg. Limited numbers of young cattle to the restockers were cheaper on quality with the young steers selling from 394c to 478c while the young restocker heifers sold from 400c to 446c/kg.

Grown steers were firm while the grown heifers were 2c/kg cheaper. Prime grown steers sold from 323c to 387c while the grown heifers sold from 329c to also to 387c/kg. Cows were 11c dearer with the 2 and 3 scores selling from 267c to 300c while the prime heavy weight cows sold from 294c to 334c to average 321c/kg. Heavy bulls sold to 342c/kg.

Victoria

Wodonga Cattle

Rain across the supplier locations helped push prices higher. The quality of the offering was good to excellent with a lot of trade weight cattle in the yarding. It was a big field of buyers in attendance and all were keen to secure supplies.

The pick of the vealers sold up to 15c dearer making from 400c to 465c/kg. Some pens of grass finished yearling steers that were well shaped, offering domestic buyers plenty of yield made to 433c, and generally prices were 19c dearer to average 412c/kg. The heifer portion sold to strong demand from major domestic processors and exporters. The top sales ranged from 370c to 417c/kg.

The main run of feeder steers sold to 423c/kg however there were very few to quote.

Feeder heifers sold to a small group of buyers and competition was noticeably stronger. Feed heifers light weight sold from 391c to 407c/kg. Heavy steers and bullocks were in reasonable supply and sold to strong demand from several processors. Heavy C3 and C4 steers sold from 369c to 400c/kg. Cross bred steers sold at 346c to 350c/kg.

Shepparton Cattle

Numbers increased slightly for a mixed quality yarding, with a very good offering of grain assisted steers and bullocks. A full field of spring buyers were present joined by restocker's and feedlot buyers operating in a dearer market.

There was a mixed offering of veal available to processors with the pick selling from 410c to 439c, easing by 5c/kg. Veal going to feed made from 409c and 414c/kg. Trade numbers were similar with some outstanding pens in the steer run with price gains of 12c, the steer portion sold from 370c to 440c/kg. The heifers were well supplied softening by 10c from last week making from 363c to 420c/kg. A light supply of feeder types were sold from 365c and 388c/kg. Grown steers and bullocks were well supplied with export processors keen to participate. C3 and C4 grown steers were firm to 13c dearer selling from 354c to 388c/kg. Some very good weight and quality was offered across the bullock run with C4 bullocks making from 375c to 395c lifting 5c/kg. Cross bred bullocks followed the stronger trends selling from 317c to 365c/kg and dairy steers rose 20c making from 305c to 336c/kg.

Good quality was available across the beef cows with heavy types gaining 13c making from 315c and 321c with the best of the dairy portion reaching 304c/kg. The middle run of D2 and D3 cows lifted 17c making from 288c and 304c whilst the light D1 cows gained 21c making between 250c and 278c/kg. Bulls sold to the usual buying group with the B muscled bulls selling between 290c and 335c/kg.

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Western Australia

Muchea Cattle

Muchea cattle market yarded 1,883 head and an improved quality penning prevailed, the majority of the cattle comprised of pastoral yearlings and the demand for them continued with values 20c to 50c dearer. Strong demand was evident on grown heavy weight cattle to processors, grown steers gained by 10c to 40c, cows up by 10c to 15c, medium and heavy weight bulls were 15c to 20c/kg dearer.

In the weaner portion of the yarding, the local weaner steers to feeders sold from 330c to 426c/kg firm. The corresponding pastoral weaner steers sold from 272c to 384c, a rise of 20c/kg dearer. Local weaner heifers sold from 324c to 382c to remain firm, the pastoral weaner heifers sold from 278c to 326c/kg to remain firm. Yearling steers local made from 350c to 416c a gain of 50c, with the pastorals also up 50c and sold from 220c to 346c/kg. Local yearling heifers were firm and sold from 320c to 368c with the pastoral types up 20c, making from 224 to 338c/kg. in the grown steers, locals sold from 330c to 364c up 10c, the pastorals gained 40c and sold from 270c to 350c/kg.

In the cow market, the medium weight 2 score to processors sold from 220c to 256c, a rise of 10c/kg. The prime to to processors sold from 260c to 290c, up by 15c/kg. Bulls including pastorals and light to live export, sold from 282c to 376c/kg to be firm. The medium weight range 450 to 600kg sold to live export from 260c to 320c up 20c/kg. Prime heavy weights to processors gained 15c and sold from 242c to 298c/kg.