

Prime Cattle – 9 January 2020

Total Yarding: 1,875

Numbers lifted for the first sale of the year and the quality was mixed. There was a large run of calves and a lot of light yearlings, some coming from fire effected areas. Ideally weighted feeders were in short supply and prime grown steers and heavy trade cattle were limited. Around 400 cows were offered.

Light calves to restockers sold to a dearer trend with the steers selling to 286c and heifers 246c/kg. Feeder steer were 9c cheaper on the medium and heavy weights ranging from 226c to 272c/kg. The medium weight heifers were firm 203c to 256c/kg. Trade cattle lost 10c with steers from 238c to 270c/kg.

Prime grown steers sold to 266c and 2 tooth heifers sold from 254c to 270c/kg. A fair percentage of the 1 and 2 score cows sold to restocker and were 6c to 10c dearer ranging from 117c to 184c/kg. The prime heavy weights to processors remained firm from 188c to 210c/kg.

Market Report: MLA's National Livestock Reporting Service.

Category	Weight	Qty	T/A	c / kg	\$ / Hd
Light Steers	< 350	430	Top	183.2	\$916
			Aver	232.5	\$582
Light Heifers	< 350	378	Top	240	\$811
			Aver	192.4	\$482
Trade Steers	351 - 500	186	Top	272	\$1301
			Aver	240.3	\$965
Trade Heifers	351 - 500	198	Top	260	\$1188
			Aver	220.1	\$881
Export Steers	501 +	32	Top	272	\$1915
			Aver	252.9	\$1458
Export Heifers	501 +	25	Top	270	\$1534
			Aver	251.7	\$1335
Cows		467	Top	222	\$1532
			Aver	160.2	\$798
Bulls	< 700	27	Top	200	\$1238
			Aver	164.5	\$687
Bulls	700 +	19	Top	221	\$2384
			Aver	195.5	\$1707