

Prime Cattle – 23 April 2020

Total Yarding: 712

Numbers eased again this week and the quality was mixed with more secondary cattle penned, weaners were in fewer numbers and there was only a few ideal feeders. Trade cattle were in very short supply with restockers and feeders purchasing the majority. Grown steers were in very limited numbers and too few to quote. Restockers were active on grown heifers and there were 270 cows. The market sold to a many firm to dearer trend on the better cattle while secondary lines were cheaper.

Weaner steers were an exception and sold to a slightly dearer trend reaching 509c/kg. Weaner heifers were similar and reached 462c for light weight and 405c/kg for those over 200kg. The better medium and heavy feeder steers were firm while the secondary line were 4c to 5c cheaper and feeder steers made from 310c to 385c/kg. Restockers paid to 410c/kg. Heifers to feed on were firm selling to 386c/kg. The few trade cattle sold to 416c for steers and 380c/kg for heifers.

Grown heifers to restock and feed were unchanged selling from 280c to 330c/kg. Medium weight cows to process were firm to 4c softer, making from 248c to 281c and heavy cows eased 5c to 6c on average making from 266c to 282c/kg. Light restocking cows reached 300c/kg.

Market Report: MLA's National Livestock Reporting Service.

Category	Weight	Qty		c / kg	\$ / Hd
Steers	0 - 200	18	Top	509.2	\$934
			Av	467.8	\$759
Steers	201 - 300	66	Top	500.2	\$1,203
			Av	415.4	\$1,026
Steers	301 - 400	87	Top	416.2	\$1,501
			Av	369.6	\$1,319
Steers	401 - 500	12	Top	365	\$1,734
			Av	345.8	\$1,592
Steers	> 500	1	Top	331.2	\$1,689
			Av	-	-
Heifers	0 - 200	36	Top	462	\$779
			Av	418.1	\$627
Heifers	201 - 300	42	Top	420	\$1,032
			Av	376.9	\$897
Heifers	301 - 400	56	Top	386.2	\$1,368
			Av	334.9	\$1,166
Heifers	401 - 500	78	Top	362.2	\$1,655
			Av	331.4	\$1,445
Heifers	> 500	11	Top	360	\$1,854
			Av	309	\$1,621
Cows	250 - 400	9	Top	299.2	\$1,194
			Av	279.4	\$1,104
Cows	401 - 600	231	Top	299.2	\$1,584
			Av	269.5	\$1,348
Cows	> 600	37	Top	282	\$1,986
			Av	273.4	\$1,827
Bulls	0 - 350	5	Top	300	\$737
			Av	251.5	\$626

Bulls	351 - 500	7	Top	260	\$1,053
			Av	243.2	\$879
Bulls	501 - 750	4	Top	248	\$1,662
			Av	236.4	\$1,306
Bulls	> 750	8	Top	280	\$3,178
			Av	266.5	\$2,489