

Prime Cattle – 16 January 2020

Total Yarding: 1,051

Numbers decreased and the quality remained mixed. There were fewer light weaners and there was a good run of yearlings but grown steers were limited. Grown heifers and a very good run of heavy cows made up half of the yarding. There was a larger restocking contingent and all the usual buyers were operating in a much dearer market.

Light weaners under 200kg jumped 120c, with steers selling from 265c to 338c and heifers making from 245c to 330c/kg. Vealers to process reached 284c/kg. Medium weight feeders lifted 16c and heavy weights improved by 20c and made from 250c to 290c/kg. Heifers to feed also lifted and sold from 258c to 275c/kg. Heavy trade steers gained 8c, averaging 280c/kg.

Prime grown steers received from 260c to 265c and the best of the grown heifers reached 265c before averaging 235c/kg to process. Light and medium weight cows lifted 50c on average with the 2 score medium weights, making from 190c to 214c/kg. Heavy cows were 30c stronger, making from 212c to 239c, averaging 229c/kg.

Market Report: MLA's National Livestock Reporting Service.

Category	Weight	Qty		c / kg	\$ / Hd
Light Steers	< 350	194	Top	338.2	\$1,001
			Av	287.5	\$724
Light Heifers	< 350	151	Top	334	\$901
			Av	251.1	\$612
Trade Steers	351 - 500	65	Top	292	\$1,364
			Av	266.5	\$1,152
Trade Heifers	351 - 500	127	Top	285	\$1,260
			Av	254.9	\$1,037
Export Steers	501+	22	Top	280	\$2,045
			Av	268	\$1,494
Export Heifers	501+	22	Top	265	\$1,452
			Av	242.1	\$1,326
Cows		424	Top	255	\$1,793
			Av	222.6	\$1,223
Bulls	< 700	8	Top	230	\$1,495
			Av	163.7	\$645
Bulls	> 700	14	Top	248	\$2,728
			Av	233.7	\$2,037