

## Prime Cattle – 2 April 2020

**Total Yarding:** 953

Numbers eased and the quality of the young cattle eased slightly. There were more cattle that suited the strong restocking and feeder orders and only a few prime trade cattle. Grown steers remain in very short supply and around 265 cows were penned. Restocking and feeder cattle sold to a much dearer trend while trade cattle lifted 5c/kg. Cows were firm to 2c cheaper on the light and medium weights to process and 4c/kg dearer on the prime heavy weights. Restocking cows were considerably dearer.

Young weaners to restockers sold to 498c for the steers and 421c/kg for heifers. Medium weight feeder steers were 10c dearer selling mainly from 350c to 397c/kg. Heavy weights sold from 355c to 387c/kg. Medium weight steers returning to the paddock reached 420c/kg. Feeder heifers also had gains of around 10c with medium weights 320c to 379c/kg. Heavy trade cattle lifted 5c, making from 370c to 400c/kg.

Grown heifers to restock sold from 260c to 332c/kg. Medium weight cows sold from 245c to 283c and the heavy weights made from 266c to 296c/kg. Restocking cows made 240c to young cows running with a bull selling at 328c/kg.

**Market Report:** MLA's National Livestock Reporting Service.

Category	Weight	Qty		c / kg	\$ / Hd
Steers	0 - 200	23	Top	498.2	\$854
			Av	423.9	\$692
Steers	201 - 300	99	Top	461	\$1,298
			Av	402.1	\$1,019
Steers	301 - 400	80	Top	450.2	\$1,527
			Av	391.5	\$1,320
Steers	401 - 500	31	Top	410	\$1,839
			Av	361.6	\$1,610
Steers	> 500	4	Top	370	\$2,017
			Av	346.1	\$1,921
Heifers	0 - 200	66	Top	415.2	\$743
			Av	396.6	\$617
Heifers	201 - 300	118	Top	421.2	\$1,108
			Av	362.4	\$918
Heifers	301 - 400	129	Top	391.2	\$1,445
			Av	344.1	\$1,178
Heifers	401 - 500	35	Top	382.2	\$1,671
			Av	334.5	\$1,458
Heifers	> 500	20	Top	369.2	\$2,086
			Av	333.7	\$1,890
Cows	250 - 400	30	Top	266	\$931
			Av	236.9	\$830
Cows	401 - 600	196	Top	328.2	\$1,690
			Av	272.1	\$1,419
Cows	> 600	39	Top	296.2	\$2,007
			Av	281.7	\$1,813
Bulls	0 - 350	65	Top	478.2	\$926
			Av	422.1	\$820

Bulls	351 - 500	1	Top	280.2	\$1,037
			Av	-	-
Bulls	501 - 750	9	Top	275	\$2,035
			Av	266.3	\$1,673
Bulls	> 750	7	Top	310	\$2,813
			Av	284.7	\$2,426