

Prime Cattle – 8 December 2022

Yarding: 442

A slight increase in numbers and the quality was fair to good. There were some good runs of yearling steers, suiting the processors, feedlot buyers and the restockers.

There were only 34 cows and an increased number of yearling bulls. All the usual buyers were operating, selling to a cheaper market except for grown heifers and heavy prime cows.

Yearling steers sold from 390c to 425c and prime yearling heifers were back 20c, making from 352 to 404 c/kg. Feeder steers averaged 405 c/kg and there was not enough feeder heifers to quote.

The limited supply of weaners returning to the paddock were up to 40 c/kg cheaper. Young steers sold from 440 to 540c and the heifer portion averaged 405 c/kg.

Heavy grown steers made from 358 to 372 c/kg and there was keen competition for grown heifers, ranging from 330 to 373 c/kg.

Medium weight 2 score cows were price unchanged and heavy prime cows lifted 6c, selling from 290 to 323 c/kg.

Lighter yearling bulls ranged from 200 to 255c and the best heavy weight bull topped at 298 c/kg.

Market Report: MLA's National Livestock Reporting Service.

Cat.	Wgt.	Qty	T/A	c/kg	\$/ph
Steers	0 - 200	0	Top	N/A	N/A
			Ave	N/A	N/A
Steers	201 - 300	21	Top	540.0	\$1478
			Ave	416.3	\$1127
Steers	301 - 400	76	Top	511.2	\$1880
			Ave	452.4	\$1554
Steers	401 - 500	114	Top	461.2	\$2090
			Ave	418.9	\$1884
Steers	501 +	36	Top	425.0	\$2882
			Ave	410.1	\$2176
Bullocks	750+	1	Top	320.0	\$1712
			Ave	N/A	N/A
Heifers	0 - 200	4	Top	477.2	\$931
			Ave	428.0	\$794
Heifers	201 - 300	8	Top	430.0	\$1188
			Ave	315.5	\$832
Heifers	301 - 400	25	Top	405.2	\$1567
			Ave	383.7	\$1321
Heifers	401 - 500	39	Top	400.0	\$1793
			Ave	367.2	\$1632
Heifers	501 +	20	Top	420.0	\$2713
			Ave	378.8	\$2292
Cows	250 - 400	1	Top	180.0	\$576
			Ave	N/A	N/A
Cows	401 - 600	7	Top	314.2	\$1711
			Ave	282.8	\$1531
Cows	601 +	30	Top	323.2	\$2471
			Ave	302.3	\$2184
Yearling Bulls	300 +	10	Top	250.0	\$1063
			Ave	246.2	\$1020
Bulls	0 - 350	11	Top	220.0	\$676
			Ave	210.0	\$558
Bulls	351 - 500	10	Top	260.0	\$960
			Ave	244.1	\$927
Bulls	501 - 750	5	Top	240.0	\$1548
			Ave	234.3	\$1284
Bulls	751 +	4	Top	298.0	\$2697
			Ave	280.9	\$2409