

Prime Cattle – 14 December 2023

Total Yarding: 877

Numbers fell this sale and the quality was very mixed as some producers off load before the end of the year. Yearlings were well supplied and young weaners were limited. The export run offered a lighter run and nearly 150 mostly heavy cows were penned. Not all the usual buyers operated with an export buyer missing and feeders not operating a full potential. The market sold to weaker trends due to the drop in the quality and condition of the cattle.

The better shaped feeder steers were back 30c selling from 210c to 298c/kg and the plainer steers ranged most from 160c to 180c/kg. Feeder heifers fell 35c ranged from 208c to 228c/kg for the medium weights and were 17c softer on the heavy weights selling between 205c to 233c/kg. The few heavy trade steers remained firm selling from 245c to 255c/kg.

Grown steers and bullocks dropped 20c to range from 190c to 240c/kg while the better shaped grown heifers lost 25c selling from 165c to 218c/kg. Heavy cows fell 45c with D muscled cows 168c to 192c and high yielding C muscled cows reached 200c/kg.

Market Report: MLA's National Livestock Reporting Service.

Cat.	Wgt.	Qty	T/A	c/kg	\$/ph
Steers	0 - 200	7	Top	220.0	\$398
			Ave	129.1	\$209
Steers	201 - 300	20	Top	270.2	\$770
			Ave	196.7	\$514
Steers	301 - 400	147	Top	298.0	\$1081
			Ave	228.8	\$829
Steers	401 - 500	126	Top	272.0	\$1200
			Ave	238.8	\$1041
Steers	501 +	71	Top	255.0	\$1759
			Ave	230.9	\$1373
Heifers	0 - 200	10	Top	280.0	\$437
			Ave	174.3	\$295
Heifers	201 - 300	53	Top	266.2	\$723
			Ave	142.2	\$358
Heifers	301 - 400	99	Top	228.2	\$858
			Ave	210.5	\$731
Heifers	401 - 500	48	Top	233.2	\$1063
			Ave	203.0	\$926
Heifers	501 +	31	Top	210.0	\$1271
			Ave	197.1	\$1076
Cows	401 - 600	68	Top	185.0	\$1055
			Ave	163.7	\$873
Cows	601 +	94	Top	200.0	\$1603
			Ave	183.1	\$1239
Bulls	0 - 350	24	Top	170.0	\$493
			Ave	111.7	\$292
Bulls	351 - 500	17	Top	160.0	\$768
			Ave	129.3	\$577
Bulls	501 - 750	12	Top	185.0	\$1369
			Ave	154.0	\$988
Bulls	751 +	9	Top	200.0	\$1881
			Ave	169.1	\$1456

