

Media Report - Cattle

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Gunnedah

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There was a significant increase in numbers after the previous rain affected yarding. All grades were represented and quality was mostly good. With the season continuing to improve the percentage of well finished cattle increased. All regular buyers were in attendance and there were extra Northern processors operating. Overall the market was solid with most trends firm to dearer, the exception being heavy grown steers.

Demand from restockers was very strong, particularly for the light weight cattle. There were increased numbers of vealers penned with both lightweight steers and heifers attracting spirited competition from restockers. Fresh condition light and medium weight heifer vealers sold to a dearer trend. Yearling steers to restock and feed sold to a dearer trend through all weight classes by 5c to 8c/kg and more in places. The increased supply suitable to the trade caused values to 4c to 5c/kg. Light and medium weight heifer yearlings realised little change in the market trend, while well finished heavy heifer yearlings, suitable for a short term feed sold to a dearer trend. Heavy trade heifers remained firm.

Heavy steers sold to a cheaper trend of 4c to 6c/kg with a limited supply of the younger 2 tooth steers available. The cow market saw restocker cows sell 2c/kg dearer while there was little change in the medium weight 3 and 4 score cows to processors. Heavy cows sold firm to 6c/kg cheaper with the best high yielding cows experiencing little change.

Category Weight	Grade Score	Live Weight c/kg		Indicator Type	Live Weight c/kg		Estimated Carcase c/kg	Estimated \$/Head		
		Low	High		Avg	Change		Low	High	Avg
Vealer Steer										
200-280	B,C,D,2,3,4	193.2	193.2	C 2	193.2	N/Q	372	444	444	444
Yearling Steer										
330-400	B,C,D,2,3,4	196.2	203.2	C 3	196.2	6	357	726	726	726
Yearling Heifer										
330-400	B,C,D,2,3,4	178.2	204.2	C 3	191.2	-4	357	630	789	695
Grown Steer										
500-600	B,C,D,2,3,4	168.2	190.2	C 4	188.6	N/Q	333	997	1084	1068
Cows										
400-520	C,D,E,2,3,4	124.2	145.2	D 3	138.2	N/C	290	563	750	670

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