

MUDGEE CATTLE MARKET REPORT

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			Low	High
Vealers	210kg to 280kg			
Vealers	280kg plus		300	356
Young Steers	280kg to 370kg		250	352
Young Steers	370kg to 440kg		260	350.2
Young Heifers	280kg to 370kg		240	346
Young Heifers	370kg to 440kg		240	330
Steers	440kg to 550kg			330
Steers	550kg plus		240	288.2
Export Heifers	440kg plus			284.2
Light Cows	Under 400kg		80	118.2
Medium Cows	400kg to 520kg		140	218
Heavy Cows	520kg plus		170	230
Heavy Bulls	600kg plus		170	205

Numbers remained similar for a yarding of 730 cattle up by 50 head. It was overall a handy penning of cattle. Not big numbers of feeder steers. Most grades were represented. All regular buyers were in attendance and competed in a firm & mostly unchanged market. A better offering of prime local trade cattle saw keener demand & prices gained 5 to 10 cents on average. Some sales gained 20 cents. Yearling steers & heifers made up the bulk of the yarding. Most were more suitable for backgrounding & feedlot specs however there were some well fattened cattle suitable for processors. Prime conditioned yearlings saw extra competition & sold fully firm to 10 to 15 cents better. Light/Medium weight black steers sold to unchanged values selling mostly between 310 to 330 cents. Some breeds met weaker demand & struggled to hold values of recent sales. Heavier weight steers destined to the feedlot saw little change. There were some very nice yearling heifers which were purchased by feedlot orders. They sold fully firm but some sales would have been as much as 30 cents dearer. More quality related changes. A smaller offering of heavier cattle this sale.

Generally 5 cents cheaper but not the article seen in recent sales. 210 cows penned, fully firm topping at 330 cents maybe slightly dearer. Bulls saw no real change. Restocking cattle remain subdued. The lighter they get the less cents per kg they make.