## **MUDGEE CATTLE MARKET REPORT**

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|                |                | Low   | High  |
|----------------|----------------|-------|-------|
| Vealers        | 210kg to 280kg | -     |       |
| Vealers        | 280kg plus     | -     | 383.2 |
| Young Steers   | 280kg to 370kg | 330 - | 424.2 |
| Young Steers   | 370kg to 440kg | 320 - | 380.2 |
| Young Heifers  | 280kg to 370kg | 320 - | 380   |
| Young Heifers  | 370kg to 440kg | 260 - | 386   |
| Steers         | 440kg to 550kg | -     | 380   |
| Steers         | 550kg plus     | 260 - | 357.2 |
| Export Heifers | 440kg plus     | -     | 355.2 |
| Light Cows     | Under 400kg    | 50 -  | 120   |
| Medium Cows    | 400kg to 520kg | 100 - | 245   |
| Heavy Cows     | 520kg plus     | 210 - | 295   |
| Heavy Bulls    | 600kg plus     | -     | 262   |

With the continued dry weather, numbers increased to 1350 cattle, up 300 head. It was generally a good quality yarding, with majority of the yearling cattle lacked fat cover and were more suitable for feedlot and backgrounding orders. These types made up the biggest percentage of the penning, however there was an increase of approx. 350 head of heavy steers/bullocks and export heifers. Very few prime young cattle penned. All regular buyers were present, however not all operated due to capacity.

The handful or prime local trade cattle sold firm to 10 c/kg cheaper.

Lines of well bred feeder steers sold 10-15 c/kg cheaper, however individuals and off types slipped 20-30 c/kg. Feeder heifers dropped 20 c/kg and lighter weight backgrounding types fell 30-50 c/kg in places.

The highlight of the sale was the export cattle. They sold extremely well and attracted the most competition. Prime heavy and young steers sold to a high 357.2 c/kg, while older steers sold to 339.2 c/kg. All fully firm. Cows also sold well. Best D4/D5 heavy cows reached 295 c/kg to be fully firm. Light and plain medium types fell 5-10 c/kg.

Bulls were similar and sold to a high of 262 c/kg  $\,$