

Weekly Cattle Comments - 25.06.21

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While AuctionsPlus throughput numbers were largely unchanged on last week, with 14,405 head offered, the final week of the 2020-21 financial year certainly ended on a high for the young cattle market, with the EYCI hitting a fresh record of 932c/kg cwt. More rain through key regions helped to top up the frothing demand for young cattle, especially for the online heifer categories, as the increasingly wet winter in many southern regions has producers looking forward to spring.

Clearance rates through the young cattle lines were exceptional this week, exceeding 90% for half of the indicative categories. Mid-weight steers, 280-330kg averaged slightly lower this week, averaging \$1,634, while 330-400kg segment jumped \$45, to \$1,834/head. In the north this week, a line of 120 weaned Angus/Droughtmaster steers out of Isisford, 6-9 months old and averaging 239.1kg liveweight, sold to \$1,510/head - equating to 1,239c/kg cwt. This line attracted plenty of bidder attention, boosted by the combination of size of the lot and plenty of potential weight gain. Similarly, a line of 40 unweaned Angus steers, out of the NSW Northern Tablelands, sold to \$1,455/head - averaging 206.5/kg liveweight and between 6-8 months of age.

At the heaviest end of the steer market, a line of 43 Santa Gertrudis feeder steers, out of Hungerford in western NSW, sold to \$2,410/head - averaging 477/kg liveweight and between 12-19 month of age.

Influenced by some exceptional lines of cattle, including a big result for eight heifers out of Tasmania, the two heaviest heifer categories jumped \$13 and

\$116 on last week – with impressive clearance rates of 98% and 100%, respectively.

While the young cattle market grabs the headlines, demand for suitable breeding cattle remains very strong, especially for renown lines of PTIC heifers and cows. The online average for PTIC heifers dipped \$113 this week, to average \$2,245/head – with the 42% clearance rate for the 2,407 head offered indicating some very selective buying. The online PTIC cow market slipped \$129 this week, averaging \$2,356/head – with a 79% clearance rate for the 1,946 head offered.

In the north, a line 62 SM cows with 62 CAF, sold to \$3,000/unit. Out of Quilpie, the Brangus SM cows averaged 501kg liveweight and ranged in age from 4-9 years. From Charters Towers, 70 NSM Red Poll cows, with 70 CAF, sold to \$2,400/head – averaging 379.5kg liveweight and 3-4 years of age. From southern NSW, an excellent line of 46 PTIC Bongongo Angus heifers out of Cootamundra, averaging 468.1kg liveweight and 21-22 months old, sold to \$3,010/head – or the equivalent of 1,469.7c/kg cwt.

NOTE: Prices as at 2pm Friday 25th June, 2021.

Classification	Offered	Low	High	Average	Change	Clearance	Low	High	Average	Change
							actual C/kg lwt			
Steers										
less than 200kg	26	-	-	-	-	84%	-	-	-	-
200.1-280kg	1,788	780	1,795	1,449	-18	90%	337	719	580	-31
280.1-330kg	1,828	1,100	2,230	1,634	-16	85%	378	753	545	-5
330.1-400kg	885	1,650	2,010	1,834	45	89%	429	572	506	-1
400.1+kg	236	1,610	2,410	1,950	-8	97%	349	515	452	26
Heifers										
less than 200kg	52	1,200	1,200	1,200	91	88%	625	625	625	39
200.1-280kg	1,503	1,250	2,140	1,493	77	88%	481	802	604	29
280.1-330kg	559	1,300	2,050	1,615	-137	91%	402	670	534	-37
330.1-400kg	773	1,456	1,980	1,751	13	98%	430	551	467	4
400.1+kg	513	1,720	2,430	1,972	116	100%	407	561	467	39
Breeding Stock										
NSM Cows	21	1,380	1,380	1,380	-235	97%	321	321	321	-141
SM Heifers	202	-	-	-	-	46%	-	-	-	-
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PTIC Heifers	2407	1,300	3,120	2,245	-113	42%	371	689	517	7
PTIC Cows	1946	1,080	3,620	2,356	-129	79%	278	556	417	-20
NSM Heifers & Calve	167	1,910	3,335	2,888	-371	73%	-	-	-	-
NSM Cows & Calves	401	1,850	3,570	2,635	-65	64%	-	-	-	-
SM Cows & Calves	606	2,200	3,630	2,908	-120	69%	-	-	-	-
PTIC Cows & Calves	46	2,010	4,125	3,068	68	100%	-	-	-	-

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