

Weekly Cattle Comments - 24.09.21

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The largest online offering in four months delivered variable clearance rates for the proven breeding lines again this week, as the distance between vendors and buyers in “rebuilding categories” finished the week further apart. For the 20,558 head offered, an increase of 22% on the corresponding week last year, the young steer and heifer lines again sold to robust clearance rates, as an influx of light dairy cattle through the southern states dragged average prices for the lightest categories lower.

There was a significant jump in the 200-280kg weight category this week for both steers and heifers, with the 2,571 steers an increase of 92% on the previous week, while heifer numbers jumped 99%, to 3,141 head. Average prices across both categories declined, with the steer portion averaging \$86 cheaper, at \$1,531/head – with the 2,571 head selling at a 90% clearance rate. Similarly, the 200-280kg heifers averaged \$113 lower, at \$1,453/head – at a 92% clearance rate.

For the heavier end of the steer segment, 400kg+ steers averaged \$2,379 for the week, up \$111/head on the previous week, with an 82% clearance rate for the 1,205 head offered. An indicative line of 30 Charolais/Angus steers out of Holbrook NSW, averaging 473.4kg, sold to 580.9c/kg liveweight – equating to \$2,750/head.

There were some mixed results for the PTIC and CAF lines offered through the Eastern States Sale this week. While the PTIC heifer segment, with 2,181 head offered, averaged \$158 higher on last week, at \$2,381/head, the clearance rate was again well below average at only 46%. Similarly, the 963 PTIC cows sold to a 62% clearance rate, finishing at \$2,646/head.

An indicative line of 127 NSM Brahman cross cows with 127 CAF, out of Irvingdale, Southern Queensland sold to \$2,960/head – with the cows averaging 438.4kg and ranging from 2-12 years, while the calves were between 1-4 months of age. In southern NSW, 49 NSM Angus cows with 50 CAF, from Table Top in the Riverina, sold to \$3,910/head – with the cows ranging from 4.5-6 years of age, averaging 609.8kg liveweight, with the CAF averaging 135kg.

From the Tasmanian sale, 37 NSM Angus heifers sold to \$2,310/head. Out of Longford, the 37 future breeders averaged 403kg liveweight, and ranged from 23-24 months of age.

NOTE: Prices as at 2pm Friday, 24th September, 2021.

Classification	Offered	Low	High	Average	Change	Clearance	Low	High	Average	Change
		\$/head					actual c/kg lwt			
Steers										
<i>less than 200kg</i>	779	420	1,505	943	-125	83%	400	847	599	-180
<i>200.1-280kg</i>	2,571	850	2,150	1,531	-86	90%	368	859	643	29
<i>280.1-330kg</i>	1,347	1,220	2,690	1,786	-170	77%	400	851	590	-65
<i>330.1-400kg</i>	1,377	1,400	2,535	1,998	78	78%	366	690	553	-90
<i>400.1+kg</i>	1,205	1,905	2,750	2,379	111	82%	428	613	538	8
Heifers										
<i>less than 200kg</i>	499	635	1,440	1,015	-264	65%	450	721	611	25
<i>200.1-280kg</i>	3,141	950	1,950	1,453	-113	92%	389	786	604	29
<i>280.1-330kg</i>	1,444	1,198	1,990	1,768	3	89%	424	681	576	5
<i>330.1-400kg</i>	1,170	1,690	2,430	2,072	101	82%	443	656	570	87
<i>400.1+kg</i>	795	1,720	2,710	2,169	71	84%	380	600	497	69
Breeding Stock										
<i>NSM Cows</i>	97	1,610	2,512	1,982	-465	97%	321	329	324	-313
<i>SM Heifers</i>	254	950	1,950	1,450	-243	34%	554	557	556	41
<i>PTIC Heifers</i>	2,181	1,250	3,240	2,381	158	46%	403	764	527	1
<i>PTIC Cows</i>	963	1,860	3,200	2,646	372	62%	372	574	482	57
<i>NSM Heifers & Calves</i>	486	1,840	4,625	3,448	-830	84%	-	-	-	-
<i>NSM Cows & Calves</i>	624	2,850	3,910	3,330	-652	86%	-	-	-	-
<i>SM Heifers & Calves</i>	89	3,000	4,500	3,820	425	80%	-	-	-	-
<i>SM Cows & Calves</i>	280	2,550	4,000	3,311	490	64%	-	-	-	-
<i>PTIC Heifers & Calves</i>	86	3,950	4,250	4,091	-	66%	-	-	-	-
<i>PTIC Cows & Calves</i>	49	3,725	4,025	3,820	-	100%	-	-	-	-

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