

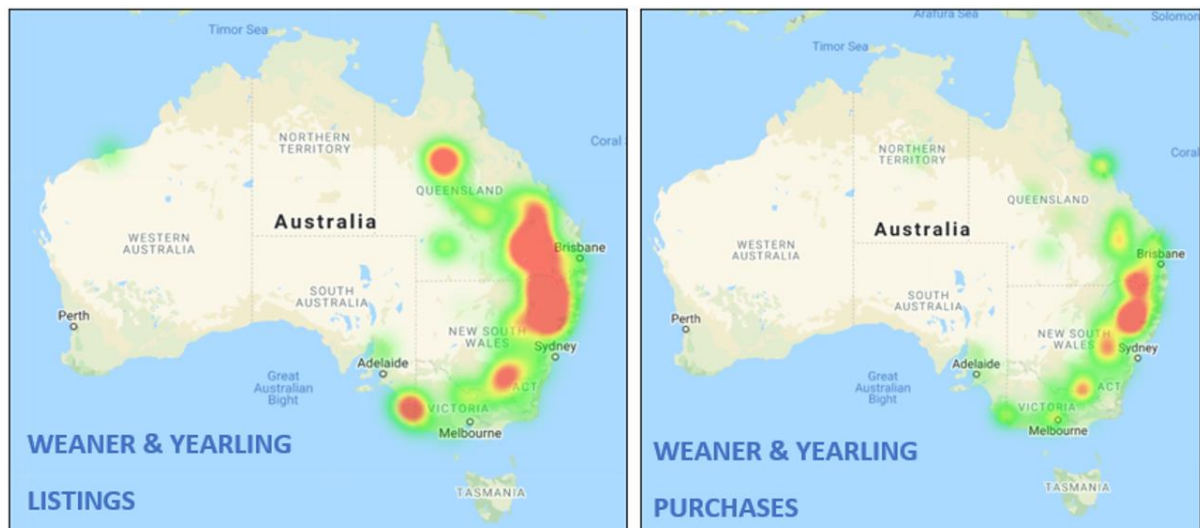
Weekly Cattle Comments - 29.10.21

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Online buyers flexed their bidding muscles this week, with young cattle prices lifting higher across almost all categories, as the demand for cattle back into paddocks appears almost insatiable. The 17% jump in offering this week, at 19,498 head, did impact clearance rates across the heavier lines compared to previous week.



With an AuctionsPlus commercial listings record of 2,396 head of 400kg+ steers offered for the week, the clearance rate slipped back to 84%, compared to 86% for 1,638 head last week. However, the increased supply was matched with excellent buyer interest, with the average for the category jumping \$88 on last week, to \$2,459/head – equating to a 20c rise, to 550c/kg lwt. The surge in heavy steer numbers in recent weeks is expected to continue into November, with southern producers surely keen to cash-in steers that have only known lush and green paddocks.

Table 1: [AuctionsPlus National Weekly Cattle Prices](#)

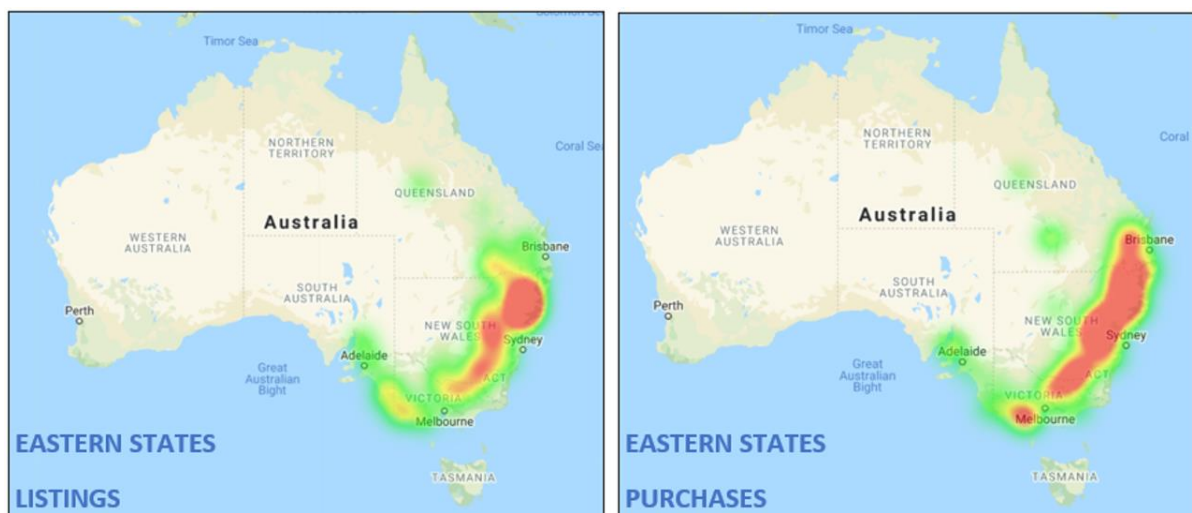
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Table 3: [AuctionsPlus Angus Weekly Cattle Prices](#)

Through the lighter steer categories, prices were higher across the board. Highlighting the desire to secure lighter lines, a clearance rate of 100% was registered for the two lightest categories, with 2,573 head of 200-280kg steers selling to \$25 dearer, averaging \$1,677/head. Steers 280-330kg averaged \$61 higher, at \$1,961/head, with the 1,657 head selling to an 87% clearance rate. The sharpest weekly rise was registered through the 330-400kg lines, kicking \$141 higher, to average \$2,234/head.

The four lightest young heifer categories increased in prices this week, with the 400kg+ category only slipping lower by \$1 on last week, to average \$2,310/head. Like the steer portion, there was another big offering through the 200-280kg segment, with the 2,326 head offered selling to a 93% clearance rate – averaging \$69 higher on last week, at \$1,595/head. A notable decline in the clearance rate for 330-400kg heifers was observed, slipping to only 61% for the 1,381 head offered – averaging \$46 higher, at \$2,122/head.

While the supply was higher through the weaner and yearling lines this week, it was another tight offering for the proven breeders, with the 1,468 PTIC heifers selling to a 65% clearance rate. After last weeks decline, the PTIC heifer category regained all the lost ground and then some, with the average price for the week up \$279, to \$2,874/head. An indicative line of 54 Angus PTIC heifers from Heywood Victoria, aged 25-26 months weighing 494.8kg liveweight returned \$3,100/head. The heifers were joined to Barwidgee Angus Bulls and will travel to Dunedoo, NSW.



The available supply of cows was again very tight, with the weekly average for NSM cows with calves at foot finishing at \$3,512/unit, with a 65% clearance rate for the 830 head offered. A line of Santa Gertrudis cross, station mated cows with CAF aged 2-5 years, weighing 513kg liveweight, with calves averaging 125kg, returned \$3,310/head.

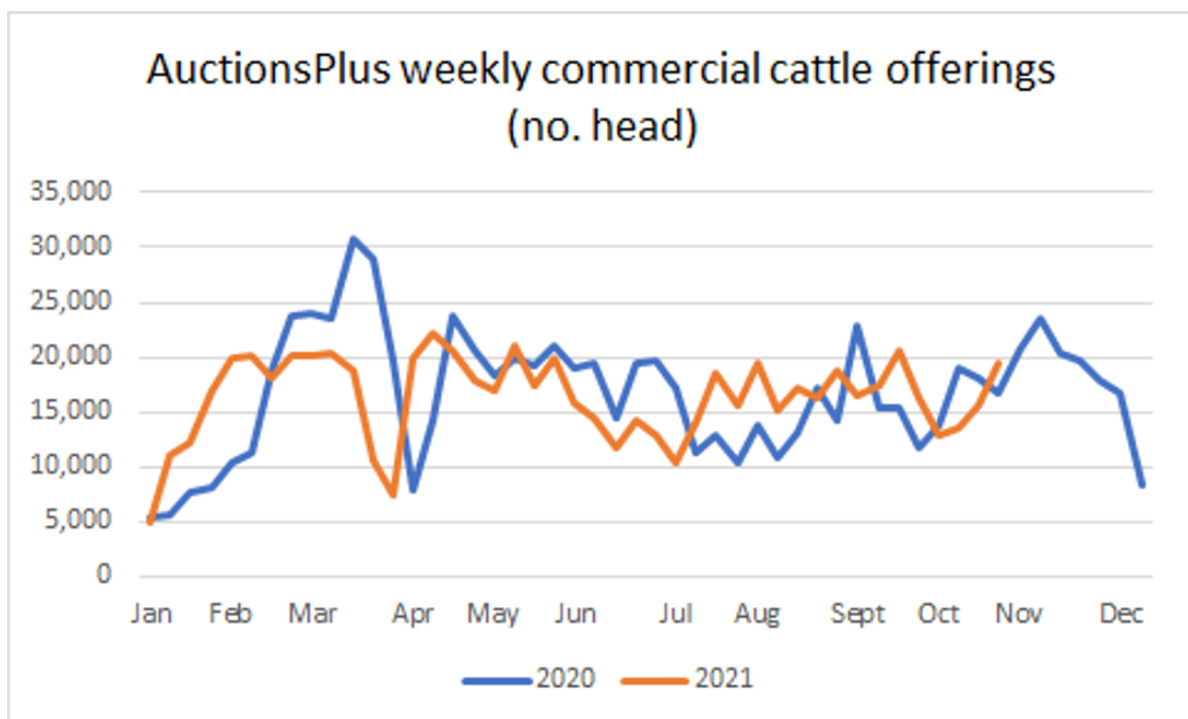


Table 1: AuctionsPlus National Cattle Prices

Classification	Offered	Low	High	Average	Change	Clearance	Low	High	Average	Change
		\$/head					actual ¢/kg lwt			
Steers										
less than 200kg	260	500	1,610	1,153	76	100%	450	879	737	77
200.1-280kg	2,573	700	2,115	1,677	25	100%	286	877	676	4
280.1-330kg	1,657	1,190	2,403	1,961	61	87%	411	767	642	16
330.1-400kg	1,650	1,790	2,550	2,234	141	83%	483	718	628	49
400.1+kg	2,396	1,790	2,830	2,459	88	84%	338	637	550	20
Heifers										
less than 200kg	621	910	1,410	1,222	183	100%	475	1016	695	9
200.1-280kg	2,326	1,020	1,930	1,595	69	93%	472	802	658	26
280.1-330kg	1,258	1,340	3,270	1,897	60	76%	409	1050	618	19
330.1-400kg	1,381	1,825	3,555	2,122	46	61%	503	998	586	7
400.1+kg	246	2,000	2,550	2,310	-1	73%	425	603	516	-21
Breeding Stock										
NSM Cows	38	2,118	2,228	2,182	16	84%	310	338	326	-32
SM Heifers	344	1,250	2,400	1,896	-404	95%	467	532	510	-21
SM Cows	48	1,630	2,110	1,870		100%	354	382	368	
PTIC Heifers	1,468	2,050	4,330	2,874	279	65%	473	719	598	7
PTIC Cows	921	2,020	13,500	3,204	465	68%	399	2095	542	42
NSM Heifers & Calves	491	2,640	4,300	3,636	-288	88%	-	-	-	-
NSM Cows & Calves	830	2,850	4,610	3,512	-43	65%	-	-	-	-
SM Heifers & Calves	65	3,560	3,800	3,680	317	34%	-	-	-	-
SM Cows & Calves	453	2,250	4,110	3,476	-285	82%	-	-	-	-
PTIC Cows & Calves	22	4,460	5,550	4,853	803	100%	-	-	-	-

Table 2: AuctionsPlus Queensland Cattle Prices

Classification	Offered	Low	High	Average	Change	Clearance	Low	High	Average	Change
		\$ /head					actual ¢/kg lwt			
Steers										
less than 200kg	180	1,490	1,610	1,530	196	100%	756	854	807	97
200.1-280kg	1,448	1,395	2,090	1,731	-10	100%	551	873	702	14
280.1-330kg	626	1,650	2,055	1,790	-106	71%	520	669	574	-54
330.1-400kg	588	1,790	2,420	2,119	124	70%	483	703	599	36
400.1+kg	507	2,110	2,500	2,259	238	86%	477	555	527	52
Heifers										
less than 200kg	420	1,280	1,410	1,328	388	100%	640	748	721	163
200.1-280kg	1,540	1,020	1,800	1,507	89	98%	472	732	626	6
280.1-330kg	806	1,400	3,270	1,876	150	82%	446	1050	613	49
330.1-400kg	417	1,825	3,555	2,312	281	27%	528	998	649	103
400.1+kg	6	2,290	2,300	2,295	245	100%	524	537	530	41
Breeding Stock										
SM Heifers	110	1,250	1,250	1,250	-	100%	467	467	467	-
SM Cows	34	1,630	1,630	1,630	-	100%	354	354	354	-
PTIC Heifers	331	2,050	2,850	2,401	-17	93%	483	638	568	21
PTIC Cows	72	2,020	3,530	2,666	329	63%	413	623	504	45
NSM Heifers & Calves	75	2,850	3,420	3,043	-247	100%	-	-	-	-
NSM Cows & Calves	14	3,170	3,170	3,170	-	100%	-	-	-	-
SM Cows & Calves	100	2,740	3,410	3,153	-	100%	-	-	-	-

Table 3: AuctionsPlus Angus Cattle Prices

Classification	Offered	Low	High	Average	Change	Clearance	Low	High	Average	Change
		\$/head					actual ¢/kg lwt			
Steers										
200.1-280kg	516	1,685	2,115	1,988	-28	100%	698	877	788	-24
280.1-330kg	512	2,060	2,403	2,214	69	100%	668	768	727	28
330.1-400kg	926	1,985	2,550	2,350	70	95%	561	719	661	30
400.1+kg	818	2,220	2,830	2,538	24	85%	531	637	578	21
Heifers										
200.1-280kg	390	1,700	1,840	1,795	0	96%	609	803	716	-1
280.1-330kg	503	1,730	2,160	1,950	-17	93%	578	766	639	2
330.1-400kg	580	1,880	2,520	2,121	-39	73%	518	638	584	-22
400.1+kg	150	2,160	2,520	2,322	-30	57%	425	599	499	-43
Breeding Stock										
NSM Cows	38	2,118	2,228	2,182	16	84%	310	339	326	-32
SM Heifers	37	2,400	2,400	2,400	100	54%	507	507	507	-24
PTIC Heifers	767	2,400	4,330	3,222	425	71%	474	720	631	32
PTIC Cows	476	2,600	3,600	3,157	-240	70%	452	613	524	-51
NSM Heifers & Calves	389	3,560	4,300	3,838	-171	90%	784	1032	849	-6
NSM Cows & Calves	336	2,920	4,610	3,641	-78	69%	-	-	-	-
SM Cows & Calves	161	3,400	4,110	3,667	164	94%	-	-	-	-
PTIC Cows & Calves	22	4,460	5,550	4,853	803	100%	-	-	-	-

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