

Weekly Cattle Comments - 21.01.22

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AuctionsPlus commercial cattle sales this week continued to see a steady rise in offerings, with the first signs of some buyer caution evident through the young steer lines, with prices softer and clearance rates below late 2021 levels for the second consecutive week. With 17,262 head offered across the three main commercial sales this week, PTIC heifers continued to be the largest single category, with 2,540 head offered, followed by 330-400kg steers, with 2,318 head.

All five young cattle categories registered lower prices this week in c/kg terms, with only the lightest lines averaging higher in dollar per head terms. For the heaviest populated 330-400kg category, prices registered the smallest fall, down \$7 on last week, to average \$2,213/head, with an 84% clearance rate for the 2,318 head offered. From Charters Towers, Queensland, a line of 252 14-22-month-old HGP free Brahman/Brahman cross steers, weighing 333kg liveweight, returned \$2,010/head, or 603c/kg liveweight.

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

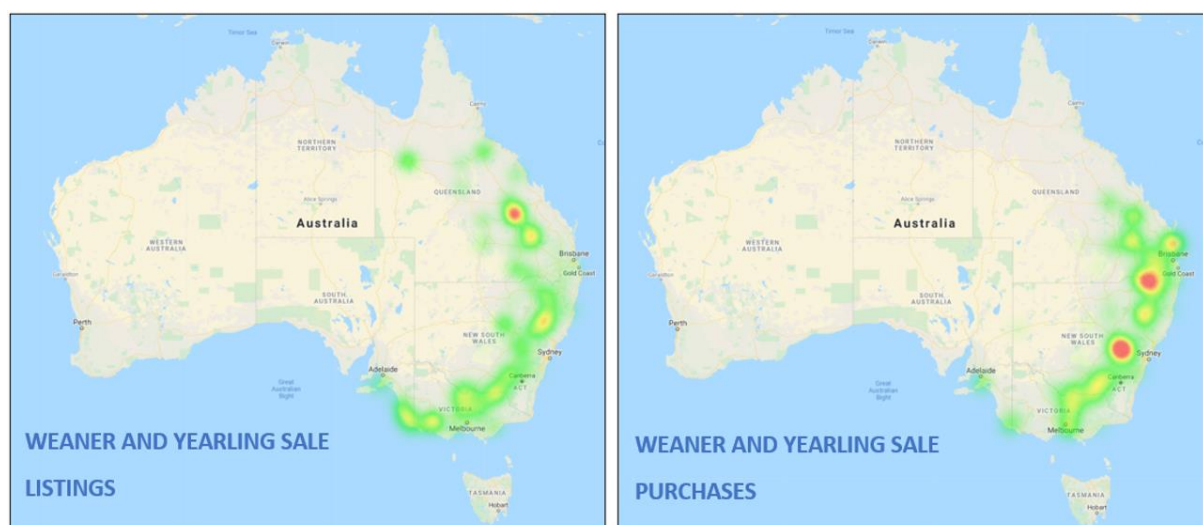
Table 2: [AuctionsPlus Queensland Weekly Cattle Prices](#)

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

200-280kg steers averaged \$77 cheaper this week, at \$1,762/head, while 280-330kg lines dropped \$93, to average \$2,006/head. 400kg plus steers averaged \$2,428/head this week, or 541c/kg lwt – down \$71, or 9c/kg on last week.

The light heifer 200-280kg liveweight category registered the strongest upward movement this week, jumping \$218, to average \$1,830/head – with a 97% clearance rate for the 811 head offered. 1,450 head of 280-330kg heifers sold to steady demand, registering an 80% clearance rate, with the category averaging \$98 higher for the week, at \$1,987/head.

Demand for proven breeding lines continues to be robust, with pre-auction catalogue views continuing to be extremely high. With final prices always largely dependent upon age and bloodline, PTIC cow prices averaged \$81 higher this week, at \$3,120/head – with a 93% clearance rate for the 1,486 head offered. In contrast, the 2,540 head of PTIC heifers sold to comparatively weaker demand from last week, easing \$170, to average \$3,140/head. From Guyra NSW, a line of 92 PTIC Droughtmaster cross heifers aged 18-22 months old and averaging 442.9kg liveweight, returned \$3,140/head. Joined to Angus bulls, the heifers were offered with extended payment terms of 150 days.



Amazing prices continue to be paid for top-shelf breeders, especially with calves-at-foot. A line of 52 station mated Angus cows and calves from Coolatai, NSW, returned \$4,580/head this week – selling \$980 over their reserve price. Joined to Angus bulls, the cows were aged 3-11 years and averaged 665.8kg liveweight. The calves-at-foot ranged in age from 2-20 weeks of age, averaging 128kg liveweight.



NOTE: Prices as at 2pm, Friday 21st January 2022

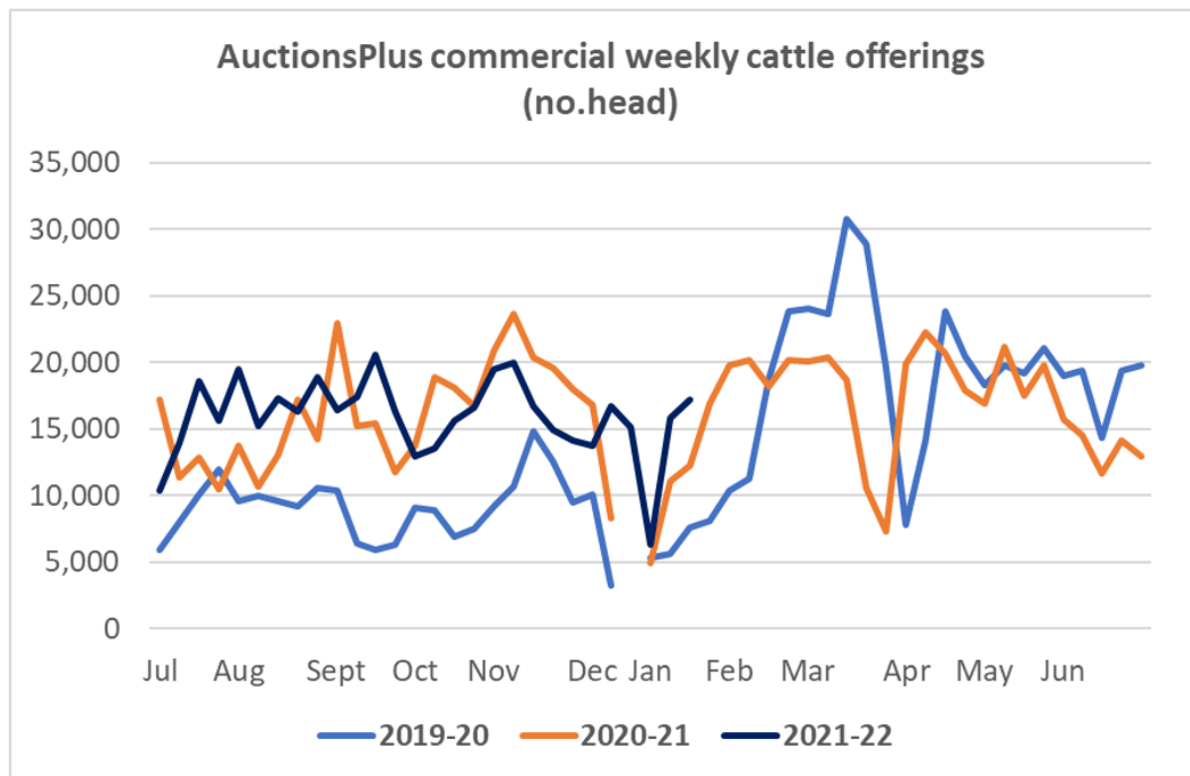


Table 1: AuctionsPlus National Cattle Prices

Classification	Offered	Low	High	Average	Change	Clearance	Low	High	Average	Change
		\$/head					actual c/kg lwt			
Steers										
less than 200kg	256	790	1,690	1,095	103	81%	458	897	697	-8
200.1-280kg	1,447	580	2,290	1,762	-77	89%	281	924	693	-54
280.1-330kg	1,288	1,220	2,330	2,006	-93	81%	399	769	656	-25
330.1-400kg	2,318	1,400	2,540	2,213	-7	84%	391	701	602	-12
400.1+kg	1,662	1,660	2,950	2,428	-71	84%	345	675	541	-9
Heifers										
less than 200kg	203	900	1,300	1,047	-157	88%	513	944	718	-199
200.1-280kg	811	990	2,700	1,830	218	97%	409	1,057	728	71
280.1-330kg	1,450	1,680	2,310	1,987	98	80%	556	773	655	29
330.1-400kg	887	1,560	2,530	2,155	37	93%	471	757	605	17
400.1+kg	518	2,050	2,810	2,332	-23	67%	360	666	529	5
Breeding Stock										
NSM Cows	4	2,003	2,003	2,003	-326	100%	312	312	312	-13
SM Heifers	167	1,753	2,600	2,134	19	51%	498	758	583	-6
SM Cows	63	910	2,320	1,615	-785	100%	310	512	411	-19
PTIC Heifers	2,540	2,140	4,380	3,140	-170	83%	488	918	697	33
PTIC Cows	1,486	1,350	4,020	3,120	81	93%	321	698	523	-4
NSM Heifers & Calves	137	3,050	4,075	3,713	-42	80%	-	-	-	-
NSM Cows & Calves	233	1,760	6,500	3,556	167	75%	-	-	-	-
SM Heifers & Calves	142	2,990	4,690	3,939	-239	70%	-	-	-	-
SM Cows & Calves	1,021	2,010	8,000	3,731	212	74%	-	-	-	-
PTIC Cows & Calves	6	5,000	8,000	6,366	2366	100%	-	-	-	-

Table 2: AuctionsPlus Queensland Cattle Prices

Classification	Offered	Low	High	Average	Change	Clearance	Low	High	Average	Change
		\$/head						actual c/kg lwt		
Steers										
less than 200kg	160	1,690	1,690	1,690	280	100%	850	850	850	124
200.1-280kg	524	1,880	2,130	2,044	47	100%	693	918	818	-8
280.1-330kg	290	1,795	2,150	1,993	-250	74%	614	702	652	-85
330.1-400kg	835	2,010	2,380	2,260	-170	100%	592	671	632	-25
400kg +	71	2,355	2,370	2,362	-271	100%	554	564	559	-6
Heifers										
less than 200kg	160	1,300	1,300	1,300	-315	100%	661	661	661	-33
200.1-280kg	480	1,710	2,010	1,837	309	100%	711	854	773	258
280.1-330kg	639	1,680	2,100	1,936	-275	74%	595	661	633	54
330.1-400kg	184	2,160	2,530	2,313	-117	100%	632	757	676	149
400kg +	34	2,365	2,365	2,365	-	100%	521	521	521	-
Breeding Stock										
SM Heifers	103	1,753	1,753	1,753	-	21%	758	758	758	-
SM Cows	63	910	2,320	1,615	-	100%	310	512	411	-
PTIC Heifers	240	2,570	3,630	3,193	390	100%	546	918	765	108
PTIC Cows	77	1,400	2,800	2,100	-440	100%	405	484	444	-43
SM Cows & Calves	238	2,920	4,520	3,550	598	100%	-	-	-	-

Table 3: AuctionsPlus Angus Cattle Prices

Classification	Offered	Low	High	Average	Change	Clearance	Low	High	Average	Change
		\$/head					actual c/kg lwt			
Steers										
200.1-280kg	549	1,890	2,290	2,098	23	100%	683	924	790	-76
280.1-330kg	391	1,990	2,330	2,199	2	98%	620	769	704	-12
330.1-400kg	861	2,105	2,540	2,313	-21	86%	580	701	622	-29
400.1+kg	803	2,500	2,630	2,553	-19	81%	597	616	611	51
Heifers										
200.1-280kg	161	1,560	2,250	2,020	267	100%	560	925	753	33
280.1-330kg	338	1,750	2,275	2,042	-98	100%	556	773	680	-18
330.1-400kg	435	1,800	2,530	2,281	44	100%	538	757	625	-12
400.1+kg	231	2,310	2,810	2,462	103	74%	531	666	589	73
Breeding Stock										
SM Heifers	64	2,600	2,600	2,600	793	100%	577	577	577	-68
PTIC Heifers	1,275	2,500	3,920	3,299	-163	82%	552	844	726	45
PTIC Cows	1,088	2,540	4,020	3,348	154	93%	385	698	547	11
NSM Heifers & Calves	51	3,920	4,000	3,960	154	100%	-	-	-	-
NSM Cows & Calves	14	2,955	6,500	4,365	805	100%	-	-	-	-
SM Heifers & Calves	115	3,300	4,690	4,187	-609	76%	-	-	-	-
SM Cows & Calves	276	3,660	8,000	4,885	915	53%	-	-	-	-
PTIC Cows & Calves	6	5,000	8,000	6,366	2366	100%	-	-	-	-