

Weekly Cattle Comments - 04.02.22

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With a total of 21,160 head offered across the main AuctionsPlus commercial cattle sales this week, numbers were up 15% week-on-week. This week's offering was the highest since April 2021 with an abundance of mid weight steers, heifers and PTIC breeders boosting numbers. With a return to regular sales and larger volumes of cattle hitting the market, the state of the cattle market remains robust across the key medium and heavy weight steer and heifer categories whilst the lightest lines recorded a softening in prices.

Clearance rates increased across all steer categories this week while lighter lines saw prices soften and erase the previous few weeks gains to reflect the true value of the cattle market. Steers in the 200-280kg category sold to a clearance of 82% with the category averaging 701c/kg- back 29c. From Bingara, New South Wales a line of Angus/Ultraback/Droughtmaster unweaned steers aged 6-9 months weighing 239kg liveweight returned \$2,010/head or 841c/kg.

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

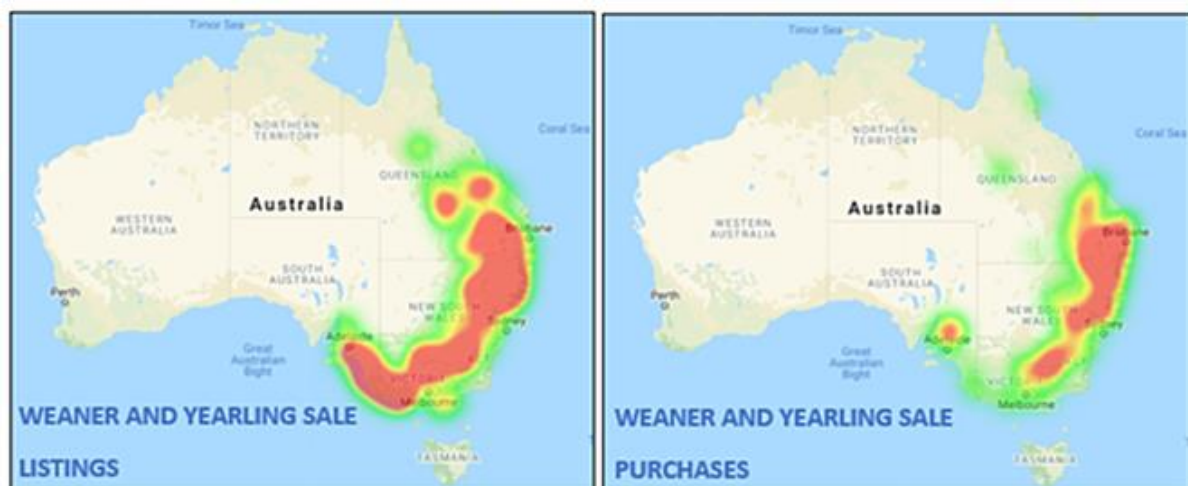
[Table 2: AuctionsPlus Queensland Weekly Cattle Prices](#)

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

Steers weighing between 280-330kg had a total of 2,015 head offered which sold to an 82% clearance with the category averaging the same as last week at 662c/kg. A line of 91, 9-10-month-old Angus steers from Mount Compass, South Australia weighing 306kg liveweight returned \$2,400/head or 783c/kg. Steers in the mid-weight 330-

400kg category had the largest offering for young cattle this week with 2,630 head offered which returned an 81% clearance as prices remained robust to average 625c/kg- back 2c on last week.

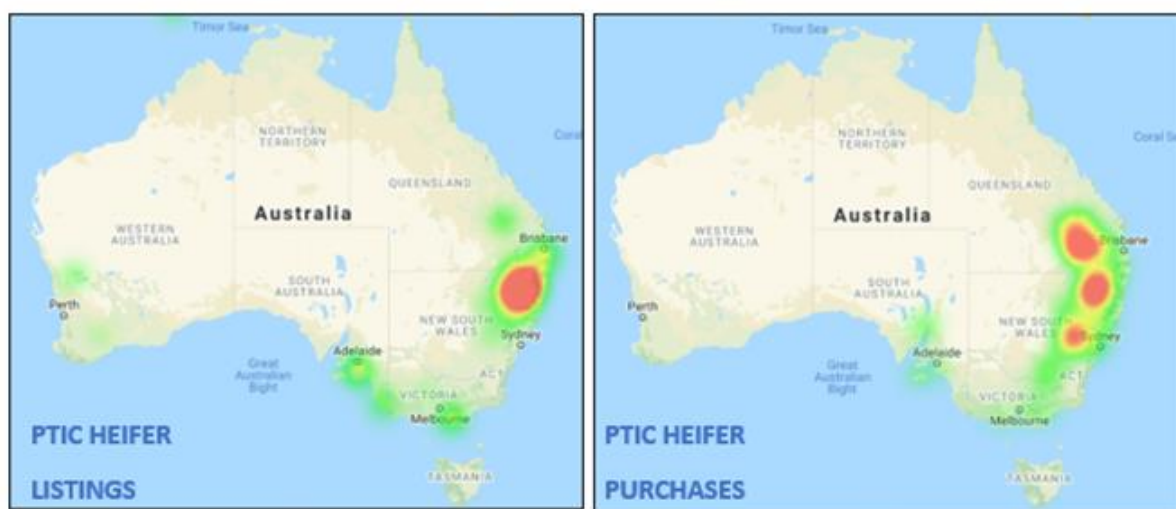
Heifer listings increased week on week with 7,338 head offered this week which returned mixed results across the respective categories. Heifers weighing 200-280kg had a total of 1,529 head listed which was met with robust demand as a 95% clearance was obtained with the category returning losses from the previous week to average 750c/kg- up 52c. From Tambo, Queensland a line of 118 backgrounder Droughtmaster/Angus cross heifers weighing 243kg liveweight and aged from 5-14 months returned \$1,691/head or 689c/kg.



Heifers weighing 280-330kg sold to a 77% clearance for the 1,170 head offered with the category returning an average of 656c/kg- back 1c on last week. A line consisting of 110, 10-12-month-old Angus NSM future breeder heifers from Nundle, New South Wales weighing 287kg liveweight returned \$2,050/head or 752c/kg. Of note, 330-400kg heifers recorded a significant rise in listings this week with the category almost doubling in volume to record 2,204 head offered. Unwavering demand was evident as both clearance and demand remained robust despite the increased volume with the category averaging 608c/kg- slipping 1c from last week.

Proven breeding lines saw PTIC heifer and cow categories account for a majority of the offering, with 3,445 and 1,378 head listed,

respectively. Following softened prices for PTIC heifers last week, the category bounced back to average \$3,205/head- up \$118 with clearance rates remaining firm at 75%. Hailing from Darwin, Northern Territory a run of 112 PTIC Brahman heifers aged 16-28 months and weighing 335kg liveweight returned \$1,750/head which were purchased by a New South Wales buyer. PTIC cow prices recorded a drop in value again this week with the category back a further \$86 to average \$2,837/head with clearance for the category remaining strong at 81%.



Station mated cows and calves had a total of 927 head listed which averaged \$3,543/head – back \$1 from last week with the category recording a lowered clearance of 59%. A line of 41 station mated Charolais/Santa Gertrudis cows with calves at foot from Coonamble, NSW aged 2-4 years weighing 486kg liveweight returned \$3,820/head.

NOTE: Prices as at 2pm, Friday 4th February 2022

AuctionsPlus commercial weekly cattle offerings (no.head)

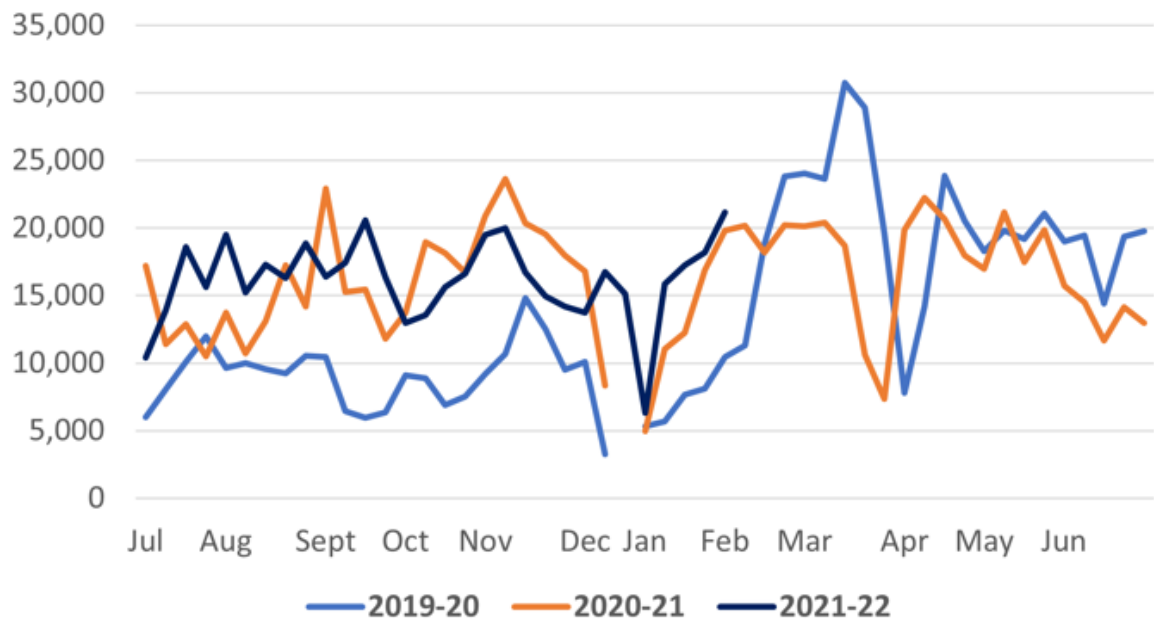


Table 1: AuctionsPlus National Cattle Prices

Classification	Offered	Low	High	Average	Change	Clearance	Low	High	Average	Change
		\$/head					actual c/kg lwt			
Steers										
less than 200kg	182	600	1,260	864	-310	82%	357	1,041	639	-90
200.1-280kg	1,392	750	3,171	1,780	-56	82%	374	1,438	701	-29
280.1-330kg	2,015	1,130	2,400	2,027	30	82%	389	795	662	0
330.1-400kg	2,630	1,430	3,455	2,269	24	81%	414	954	625	-2
400.1+kg	1,397	1,930	2,864	2,546	220	74%	423	627	545	7
Heifers										
less than 200kg	302	610	1,260	898	-313	71%	411	1,044	745	-22
200.1-280kg	1,529	1,308	3,023	1,851	106	95%	582	1,427	750	52
280.1-330kg	1,170	1,640	3,135	1,979	-37	77%	533	957	656	-1
330.1-400kg	2,204	1,860	2,590	2,208	29	66%	510	700	608	-1
400.1+kg	1,088	1,920	2,790	2,406	97	72%	426	653	552	11
Breeding Stock										
SM Heifers	222	2,220	2,520	2,310	210	81%	504	643	549	-37
PTIC Heifers	3,445	1,750	4,230	3,205	118	75%	482	1,068	728	43
PTIC Cows	1,378	1,910	3,930	2,837	-86	81%	312	668	506	-9
NSM Heifers & Calves	46	3,810	4,520	4,187	126	89%	-	-	-	-
NSM Cows & Calves	483	2,110	4,410	3,480	10	42%	-	-	-	-
SM Heifers & Calves	99	3,100	4,500	3,802	-568	77%	-	-	-	-
SM Cows & Calves	927	2,620	4,150	3,543	-1	59%	-	-	-	-
PTIC Heifers & Calves	58	3,800	5,550	4,675	325	59%	-	-	-	-
PTIC Cows & Calves	71	3,520	5,220	4,667	-113	97%	-	-	-	-

Table 2: AuctionsPlus Queensland Cattle Prices

Classification	Offered	Low	High	Average	Change	Clearance	Low	High	Average	Change
		\$/head					actual c/kg lwt			
Steers										
200.1-280kg	311	1,940	3,171	2,131	192	100%	720	1438	834	91
280.1-330kg	369	2,040	2,350	2,172	142	100%	668	730	695	22
330.1-400kg	609	2,117	2,395	2,268	35	100%	562	653	623	-7
400kg +	26	2,363	2,363	2,363	-8	100%	555	555	555	-211
Heifers										
200.1-280kg	866	1,308	3,023	1,853	215	100%	582	1427	782	113
280.1-330kg	388	1,790	2,230	1,995	88	79%	598	691	647	21
330.1-400kg	764	1,990	2,520	2,213	44	75%	510	669	614	-5
400kg +	233	2,199	2,199	2,199	49	6%	520	520	520	-1
Breeding Stock										
SM Heifers	52	2,240	2,240	2,240	-63	90%	643	643	643	-9
PTIC Heifers	361	2,000	3,900	3,147	62	87%	612	1045	755	64
PTIC Cows	162	2,380	2,630	2,467	-433	100%	451	571	511	-27
NSM Cows & Calves	178	2,930	3,500	3,146	-454	19%	-	-	-	-
SM Heifers & Calves	30	3,100	3,100	3,100	-	100%	-	-	-	-
SM Cows & Calves	320	3,110	3,810	3,490	118	53%	-	-	-	-
PTIC Cows & Calves	4	3,520	3,520	3,520	-	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	268	1,690	2,050	1,913	-167	91%	607	790	718	-98
280.1-330kg	812	1,950	2,400	2,156	-6	78%	646	795	697	-19
330.1-400kg	1,252	1,983	2,585	2,314	29	85%	578	702	637	3
400.1+kg	750	2,400	2,864	2,621	62	90%	432	627	565	-31
Heifers										
200.1-280kg	304	1,610	2,080	1,855	-47	94%	598	752	704	-56
280.1-330kg	312	1,840	2,445	2,029	-187	86%	612	851	677	-41
330.1-400kg	784	1,860	2,590	2,258	-20	70%	539	700	628	-15
400.1+kg	814	1,920	2,790	2,453	-13	89%	426	653	565	-16
Breeding Stock										
SM Heifers	123	2,260	2,520	2,390	595	85%	516	533	525	38
PTIC Heifers	1,995	2,560	4,230	3,494	261	67%	556	1,068	776	60
PTIC Cows	281	2,090	3,930	3,200	-124	74%	368	668	519	-17
NSM Heifers & Calves	32	3,900	4,520	4,313	-63	100%	-	-	-	-
NSM Cows & Calves	105	4,100	4,410	4,263	898	80%	-	-	-	-
SM Heifers & Calves	39	4,400	4,500	4,450	70	41%	-	-	-	-
SM Cows & Calves	224	3,200	4,060	3,712	-403	69%	-	-	-	-
PTIC Heifers & Calves	47	5,550	5,550	5,550	-	49%	-	-	-	-
PTIC Cows & Calves	37	4,825	5,100	4,962	322	95%	-	-	-	-