

Weekly Cattle Comments - 04.03.22

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For a third consecutive week, more than 21,000 head of commercial cattle were offered through AuctionsPlus main Friday sales, with many buyers still searching high-and-low for quality, lighter lines. Through the main steer and heifer lines, 60% of the categories registered an increase this week, while quality again dictated some large swings through the proven breeder lines.

Small average price declines for the 280-330kg and 400kg+ steer categories were overshadowed this week by sharp jumps in the remaining three steer categories, with 200-280kg liveweight lines averaging \$158 higher on last week, at \$1,959/head. A line of 136 Droughtmaster cross steers aged 6-12 months, from Prairie Queensland, which averaged 225kg liveweight, returned \$2,150/head, or 840c/kg lwt. Heading into the southern states, another highlight for the week included a line of 73 Angus steers aged 6-7 months from Branhholme Victoria, which weighed 247kg lwt and returned \$2,070/head, or 837c/kg lwt.

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

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

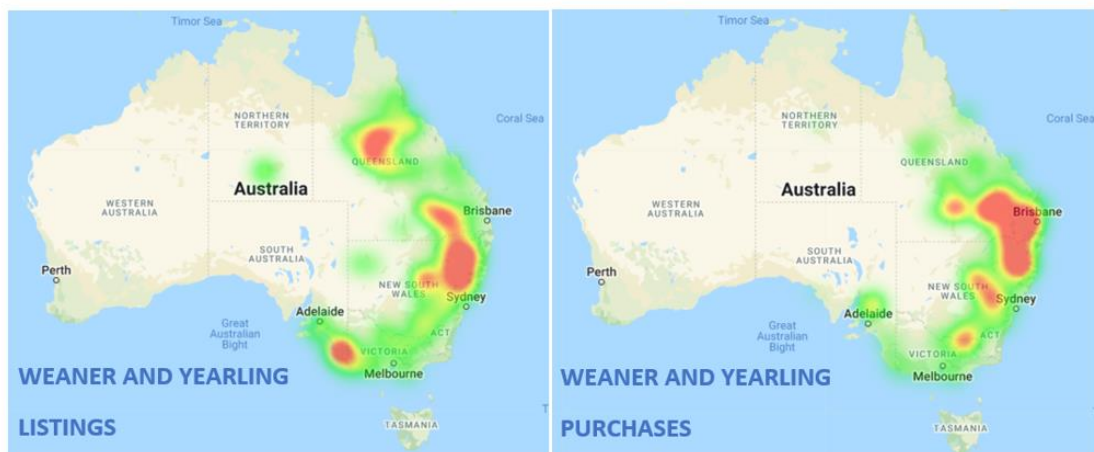
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A very thin market of steers less than 200kg sold to a 100% clearance rate, with the average price jumping \$147/head on last week, to \$1,293/head. At the other end of the spectrum, steers over 400kg averaged \$2,370/head, back \$22 on last week, with a 74% clearance rate for the reduced 1,140 head offered. Weighing 409kg liveweight, a line of 9-11-month-old Angus steers from Inman Valley, SA, returned \$2,562/head, or 627c/kg lwt. In Queensland,

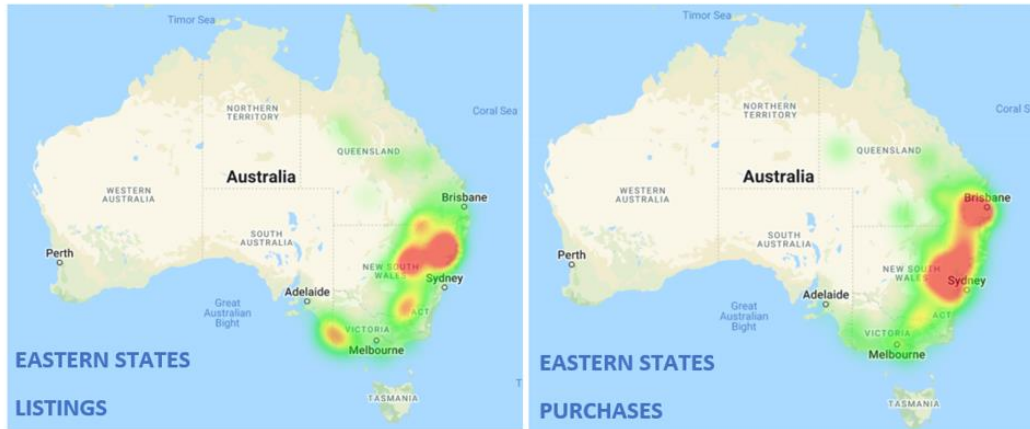
34 10-12-month-old Angus steers weighing 403kg lwt, from Allora returned \$2,460/head, or 611c/kg.

For 330-400kg steers, demand improved, with the 2,756 head offered selling to an 85% clearance rate – averaging \$69 higher on last week, at \$2,238/head. From Bundurra NSW, two lines of 6–7-month-old Angus steers, totaling 134 head and weighing 348kg lwt, topped the category, returning \$2,610/head, or 750c/kg lwt.

For the young heifer lines, there was some large movements through the three middle weight categories, reflecting the differing quality through the market. 200-280kg heifers dropped \$101 on last week, to average \$1,737/head, with a below average 58% clearance rate for the 1,203 head offered. In contrast, the 280-330kg heifers kicked \$108 higher than the previous week, to average \$1,912/head – with an improved 73% clearance rate for the 1,909 head offered.



330-400kg heifers slipped back \$132 this week, wiping out last weeks \$111 gain, to average \$2,164/head. While last weeks average was bolstered by some excellent lines, this week's offering was more consistent and "normal", with the clearance rate hitting 87% for the 1,416 head offered. Heavy heifers averaged \$15 higher on last week, averaging \$2,453/head.



PTIC heifers again dominated the breeding stock numbers, with the 3,152 head offered selling to a 72% clearance rate. Bolstered by a market high of \$5,675/head, PTIC heifers averaged \$3,199/head this week – up \$184 on last week. An increased numbers of PTIC cows, at 1,894 head also sold to a stronger market, averaging \$169 higher on the previous week, to \$2,992/head.

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

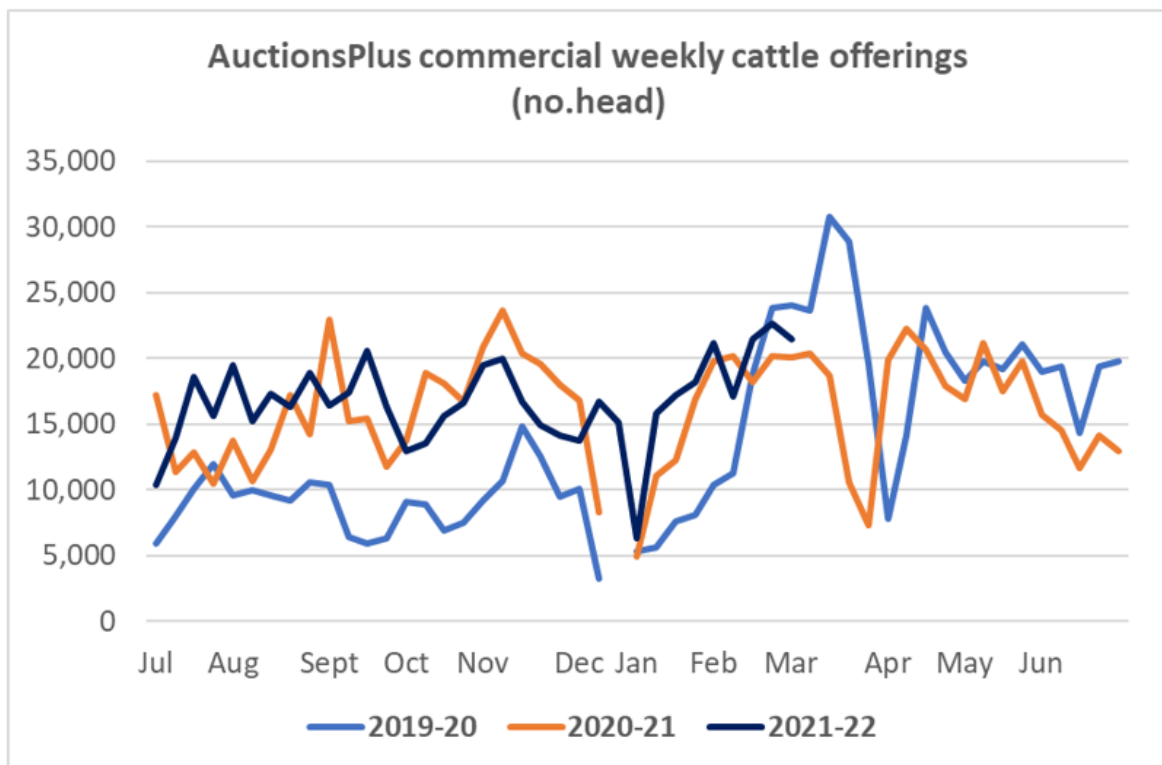
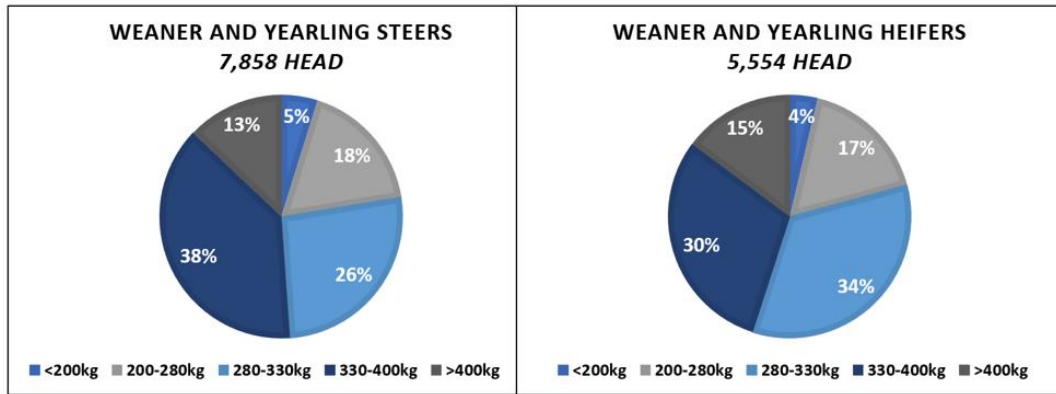


Table 1: AuctionsPlus National Cattle Prices

Classification	Offered	Low	High	Average	Change	Clearance	Low	High	Average	Change
		\$/head					actual ¢/kg lwt			
Steers										
less than 200kg	294	670	1,880	1,293	147	100%	467	954	708	32
200.1-280kg	1,383	1,250	2,180	1,959	158	80%	599	857	769	25
280.1-330kg	2,285	1,155	2,320	2,036	-9	71%	389	788	670	-8
330.1-400kg	2,756	1,230	2,610	2,238	69	85%	359	750	626	30
400.1+kg	1,140	1,700	2,730	2,370	-22	74%	354	627	551	20
Heifers										
less than 200kg	151	740	1,820	1,358	12	100%	529	983	756	-70
200.1-280kg	1,203	1,110	2,100	1,737	-101	58%	483	937	708	-25
280.1-330kg	1,909	1,550	2,510	1,912	108	73%	518	878	631	35
330.1-400kg	1,416	1,800	2,640	2,164	-132	87%	497	735	606	-29
400.1+kg	875	2,090	2,950	2,453	15	79%	455	650	546	-10
Breeding Stock										
NSM Cows	19	1,920	1,920	1,920	-322	100%	369	369	369	-73
SM Heifers	333	1,650	2,560	2,296	-9	64%	499	742	633	90
SM Cows	111	1,530	2,627	2,079	-	31%	300	335	318	-
PTIC Heifers	3,152	2,120	5,675	3,199	184	72%	475	1,219	700	28
PTIC Cows	1,894	2,230	4,520	2,992	169	78%	407	882	534	27
NSM Heifers & Calves	245	2,710	5,425	3,964	487	100%	-	-	-	-
NSM Cows & Calves	366	2,680	4,630	3,365	-40	81%	-	-	-	-
SM Heifers & Calves	268	3,120	5,140	3,793	414	100%	-	-	-	-
SM Cows & Calves	1,099	2,820	5,520	3,679	314	65%	-	-	-	-
PTIC Heifers & Calves	6	4,700	4,700	4,700	1245	33%	-	-	-	-
PTIC Cows & Calves	82	3,340	6,320	4,532	-1,120	82%	-	-	-	-

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	226	1,500	1,760	1,630	-	100%	808	928	868	-
200.1-280kg	385	1,860	2,160	2,045	76	61%	675	840	770	-30
280.1-330kg	1,134	1,855	2,280	2,080	0	50%	630	742	681	-13
330.1-400kg	1,390	2,005	2,430	2,244	24	82%	564	728	640	19
400kg +	324	2,170	2,643	2,390	-141	100%	515	611	568	-12
Heifers										
less than 200kg	102	1,510	1,820	1,665	-	100%	814	983	899	-
200.1-280kg	313	1,450	2,080	1,798	-480	72%	607	937	718	-173
280.1-330kg	1,096	1,550	2,400	1,920	3	84%	518	773	634	17
330.1-400kg	251	1,800	2,640	2,153	-145	60%	497	718	573	-60
Breeding Stock										
SM Heifers	157	2,410	2,560	2,485	485	24%	671	742	707	160
PTIC Heifers	179	2,360	3,500	3,048	223	59%	590	764	685	22
PTIC Cows	198	2,230	3,690	3,047	741	100%	454	882	577	103
NSM Heifers & Calves	21	2,710	2,710	2,710	-570	100%	-	-	-	-
SM Cows & Calves	357	2,820	5,520	3,827	1,084	99%	-	-	-	-
PTIC Cows & Calves	5	4,000	6,320	4,836	-	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	523	1,770	2,180	1,991	-71	95%	699	857	797	-97
280.1-330kg	562	1,920	2,320	2,132	-18	99%	596	788	702	-9
330.1-400kg	622	2,110	2,610	2,333	82	97%	568	750	660	47
400.1+kg	268	2,450	2,670	2,549	-98	87%	545	627	593	3
Heifers										
less than 200kg	52	1,820	1,820	1,820	269	100%	983	983	983	119
200.1-280kg	251	1,590	2,100	1,805	-147	100%	609	886	750	-59
280.1-330kg	281	1,555	2,090	1,916	-2	79%	528	727	650	5
330.1-400kg	720	1,900	2,550	2,190	-214	95%	501	680	621	-50
400.1+kg	688	2,090	2,950	2,491	101	83%	455	625	543	-8
Breeding Stock										
NSM Cows	19	1,920	1,920	1,920	-521	100%	369	369	369	-94
SM Heifers	61	2,300	2,560	2,430	-313	100%	605	649	627	43
SM Cows	28	2,627	2,627	2,627	-	100%	335	335	335	-
PTIC Heifers	1,661	2,540	5,675	3,459	246	68%	633	1,219	735	24
PTIC Cows	699	2,510	4,520	3,342	298	80%	417	882	567	56
NSM Heifers & Calves	71	3,500	5,010	4,460	660	100%	-	-	-	-
NSM Cows & Calves	68	3,620	4,630	4,125	600	100%	-	-	-	-
SM Heifers & Calves	158	3,500	5,140	3,905	228	100%	-	-	-	-
SM Cows & Calves	47	2,820	3,800	3,348	-635	100%	-	-	-	-
PTIC Heifers & Calves	2	4,700	4,700	4,700	-	100%	-	-	-	-
PTIC Cows & Calves	55	3,340	4,950	4,090	-	100%	-	-	-	-