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Toowoomba Elders

AGENTS yarded 1255 at this week's sale.

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Numbers remained relatively unchanged and again quality was boosted by the Millmerran Show prime cattle exhibits.

Buyer attendance was generally good, with representatives covering all classes.

Feeder buyer activity was strong, while there was limited interest from restockers.

Butchers and wholesalers were keen to **buy** the top-end quality lines, while the lightweight yearling heifers failed to attract much support.

Heavy grown steers and bullocks received strong competition from processors.

Medium weight plain condition cows improved in price by 3–5c/kg, while good heavy cows remained solid in price.

Calves to the trade averaged 126c and restocker lines 129c, with sales to 154c/kg.

The occasional vealer steer made to 210.2c, with the remainder in the early 160c/kg range.

Vealer heifers to feed averaged 146c, while most to slaughter averaged close to 140c/kg. A good sample of lightweight yearling steers **sold** to feeder operators at 171c, with sales to 178.2c/kg.

Medium weight yearling steers to feed averaged 178c and D muscle lines 147c/kg.

Heavy weights to feed **sold** from 160–175.2c and heavyweights from the show **sold** to local butchers were at 197.2c/kg.

Lightweight yearling heifers to feed averaged 139c and slaughter descriptions eased in price to average 131c/kg.

Medium weights to the trade **sold** to 185c, with most at 159c, and **B** muscle heavyweights made to 195.2c, with the remainder around 160c/kg.

Heavy grown steers averaged 182c, while the bullock portion reached 196.2c to average 179c/kg.

Medium weight plain cows averaged 88c and the 2 scores 123c, with some to 128.2c/kg.

Good heavy cows made to 155.2c to average 146c/kg.

Heavy bulls made to 165.2c/kg.

Toowoomba Landmark

AGENTS yarded 1143 at this week's sale.

Numbers more than doubled the previous weeks level and young cattle dominated the selling pens along with a small selection of heavy grown steers and bullocks and a fair sample of cows.

Most of the usual buyers were present and operating.

Prices for young cattle generally followed the trend of previous weeks with some variations due to quality.

Heavy grown steers and bullocks experience strong competition and cows also continued to be in demand from processors.

Calves to the trade and restockers **sold** from 108–137.2c/kg.

Vealer heifers mostly **sold** around 140c and plain condition classes 125c/kg.

Lightweight yearling steers to feed averaged 147c and poor quality lines received very little support to average 120c/kg.

Medium weights to feed lifted in price to average 164c and **sold** to 178.2c and D muscle lines averaged 142c/kg.

Heavyweights to feed made to a top of 184.2c to average 175c with some supplementary fed lines to local butchers reaching 190c/kg.

The best of the lightweight yearling heifers averaged 121c and poor quality lines averaged from 104–114c/kg.

Heavyweights to feed made to 160c to average 158c/kg.

Heavy grown steers averaged 175c and bullocks 178c with some to 190c/kg.

Medium weight plain cows averaged 84c and two scores 112c with sales to 117.2c/kg.

Good heavy cows made to 159.2c to average 151c.

Heavy bulls made to 163.2c/kg.

Toowoomba O'Sullivan

AGENTS reported a total combined yarding of 1143 head.

As dry weather continues, so do the cattle numbers to sales.

Numbers almost doubled this week from previous sales.

Western numbers starting to move again while the big off-sell is happening with local producers.

Export prices remained fully **firm** to maybe a few cents better, limited numbers of prime butcher trade were on offer of which **sold** to dearer rates.

Restockers are back into market buying lightweight weaners.

Best of younger bullocks grain assisted **sold** to 190c/kg while heavy prime cows **sold** to 159.2c.

All regular buyers operating and in attendance.

Heavy angus cross heifers from **Chinchilla** 527kg **sold** for 156.2c for \$823.

LR Armstrong, Homeleigh, Millmerran, **sold** quality charolais cross steers 650kg for 190c for \$1235.

Micheal and Chris Bruse, Biddeston, **sold** heavy droughtmaster steers 650kg for \$1054/hd, charolais feeder steers 301kg **sold** for 160.2c for \$481, angus steers 340kg **sold** for 167.2c.

Limousin steers 570kg **sold** for 180.2c for \$1027.

Limousin heifers 242kg **sold** for 154.2c for \$374.

Lucy Young **sold** angus cross heifers 535kg for 170.2c for \$910.

Charolais heifers 523kg from Kingsthorpe **sold** for 151.2c for \$791.

Angus steers 307kg **sold** for 178.2c for \$547, and braham cross cows 620kg **sold** for 159.2c for \$987.

Warwick cattle

THE trend of larger numbers continued with supply increasing by 51% with a total yarding of 2102 head.

There was a wide variation in the standard of the young cattle and the large penning of cows made up almost 70% of the grown cattle.

Buyer attendance was good and included most of the major export processors, plus additional interstate feeder buyers.

Prices experienced a mixed trend with young lightweight cattle hard to sell, especially the heifer portion.

However, medium and heavy weight yearling steers to feed improved 15–19c/kg.

Heavy grown steers and bullocks **sold** to very solid demand from processors.

The better end of the cows also experienced strong competition, while the plain condition classes improved in price.

Calves to restockers averaged 131c, with isolated sales to the trade at 170c/kg.

The supply of vealer heifers exceeded demand and average prices eased by 7–9c, with most around 135c/kg.

Well-presented lines to suit local butchers were in short supply with isolated sales to 196.2c/kg.

Lightweight yearling steers returning to the paddock averaged 162c and made to 167.2c/kg.

Medium weights to feed averaged 170c and heavyweights averaged close to 174c, with a few pens to 188.2c/kg.

Lightweight yearling heifers lacked demand with most in the mid 120c range, while poor quality lines averaged 109c/kg.

Medium weight feeders averaged 12c dearer at 154c and local trade descriptions improved 9c to average 163c, with sales to 174.2c/kg.

Heavy grown steers and bullocks made to 186.6c to average close to 180c/kg.

Medium weight plain cows averaged 96c and medium weight two-scores averaged 119c and made to 131.2c/kg.

Good heavy cows made to 159.6c to average 148c/kg.

Heavy bulls made to 165.6c/kg.

Dalby cattle

February 26 report:

ALMOST no rain across the local areas and the improved market of the previous week resulted in numbers lifting by 80%.

Overall quality was generally good and, despite the dry weather, most of the medium and heavy weight yearling steers and grown cattle were in condition suitable for slaughter or feed while there was a large variation in the standard of the young lightweight cattle.

All major export processors were present and operating along with the regular feeder operators however two major interstate processors were absent from the buying panel in the young cattle section.

Calves and lightweight yearling heifers lacked support from processors and prices eased by 4c to 16c/kg, while a couple of restocker stepped in and lifted prices on the lightweight yearling steers by 7c/kg.

Medium and heavy weight yearling steers to feed improved in price by 4c/kg.

Heavy grown steers and bullocks met solid demand while cows improved a further 4–10c/kg.

Calves to slaughter averaged 123c, while those returning to the paddock made to 185c and averaged 146c/kg.

Vealer heifers mostly **sold** around 135c, with the occasional sale to 161c/kg.

The lightweight yearling steers to feed averaged 177c, with some well-bred lines to 192c, while the largest numbers returned to the paddock at 170c/kg.

Medium and heavy weight yearling steers to feed were well supplied and buyers were able to absorb the large supply and lift average prices into the high 170c range, with some heavy weights to 190c/kg.

Lightweight yearling heifers to slaughter and restockers mostly **sold** in the high 120c/kg range.

Medium weights to feeders averaged 141c, while a fair sample to slaughter averaged 153c and made to 164c/kg.

Heavyweights to the trade averaged 13c dearer at 146c with some **B** muscle lines to 172c/kg.

Heavy grown steers averaged 177c and bullocks averaged 174c and made to 185c/kg.

Medium weight plain cows averaged 91c while the better 2 scores averaged 115c and made to 127c/kg.

A fairly large selection of good heavy cows made to 159c to average 4c dearer at close to 149c/kg.

Heavy bulls made to 165c/kg.

Roma store

A TOTAL of 5070 head of cattle were penned at Roma's Store Sale on Tuesday.

Weaners under 220kg topped at 176c/kg and averaged 148c/kg, while weaner steers 220–280kg reached 183c/kg and averaged 158c/kg.

Steers 280–350kg reached 187c/kg and averaged 160c/kg, and steers 350–400kg reached 183c/kg and averaged 166c/kg.

Feeder steers 400–550kg topped at 189c/kg and averaged 178c/kg.

Russell Webb, Harreldean, Yuleba, **sold** santa-cross steers to 189c/kg for 425kg to return \$804/head.

Enid Ward, Karana, Injune, **sold** charbray steers to 187c for 350kg to return \$655.

The charbray heifers **sold** to 152c for 347kg to return \$529.

R and S Mayne, Cumalong, **Chinchilla**, **sold** santa steers to 187c for 335kg to return \$627.

The Charlton Trust, Charlton, Roma, **sold** santa-cross steers to 183c for 382kg to return \$701.

V, K, and A Hafemeister, Oakleigh, Injune, **sold** brangus-cross steers to 183c for 380kg to return \$697.

A and E Forster, Windemere, Winton, **sold** charbray steers to 183c for 235kg to return \$431.

R and J Copeland, Knockbine, Taroom, **sold** angus-cross steers to 182c for 272kg to return \$496.

L and G Sellars, Hillcrest, Roma, **sold** charolais-cross steers to 180c for 367kg to return \$661.

K and L Kadel, Hillview, Yuleba, **sold** droughtmaster-cross steers to 180c for 323kg to return \$583.

The charolais-cross heifers **sold** to 150c for 318kg to return \$478.

Stuart and Samantha Apel, Mt Auburn, **Chinchilla**, **sold** droughtmaster-cross steers to 178c for 332kg to return \$592.

C and J York, Glengyle, Dulacca, **sold** simmental-cross steers to 178c for 294kg to return \$524.

The angus-cross heifers **sold** to 148c for 217kg to return \$321.

L and **M** Ridge, Lesmar, Roma, **sold** angus steers to 176c for 275kg to return \$485.

The angus-cross heifers **sold** to 146c for 288kg to return \$421.

Supawick, Ascot Downs, Barcaldine, **sold** charolais-cross steers to 175c for 343kg to return \$602.

John Irwin, Bikini, Yuleba, **sold** charolais steers to 174c for 470kg to return \$818.

Heifers 350–450kg reached 154c/kg and averaged 122c/kg.

Heifers 280–350kg topped at 156c/kg and averaged 137c/kg.

Heifers 220–280kg topped at 146c/kg and averaged 129c/kg, while heifers under 220kg topped at 148c/kg and averaged 124c/kg.

G and J Bryant, Amarillo, Roma, **sold** droughtmaster-cross heifers to 146c for 274kg to return \$401.

Cows over 500kg **sold** to 143c/kg and averaged 137c/kg, while cows 400–500kg topped at 141c/kg and averaged 102c/kg.

Cows 300–400kg **sold** to 124c/kg and averaged 88c/kg.

Cows and calves **sold** to \$590/unit.

Bulls up to 400kg reached 142c/kg and average 108c/kg.

Roma prime

February 27 report:

A TOTAL yarding of 602 head of cattle were penned at Roma's prime sale last Thursday.

Steers over 550kg **sold** to 182c/kg and averaged 166c/kg, while steers 400–550kg earned to 173c/kg and averaged 164c/kg.

Heifers over 450kg **sold** to 145c/kg and averaged 132c/kg, while heifers 350–450kg **sold** to 155c/kg and averaged 129c/kg.

S and R Cormack, Perola Park, Wallumbilla, **sold** droughtmaster-cross heifers to 155c/kg for 434kg to return \$674/head.

Jimmy Ford, Roma, **sold** charolais-cross heifers to 140c for 480kg to return \$672.

The santa-cross cows **sold** to 146c for 560kg to return \$818.

Cows over 500kg peaked at 146c/kg and averaged 127c/kg, while cows 400–500kg class topped at 140c/kg and averaged 111c/kg.

Cows 300–400kg **sold** to 123c/kg and averaged 97c/kg.

J and N Dingle, Belford, Injune, **sold** brahman cows to 138c for 476kg to return \$658.

P and K Timmins, Kerry, Mitchell, **sold** santa cows to 135c for 583kg to return \$788.

Bulls over 600kg topped at 161c/kg and averaged 143c/kg.

Moreton grain-assist

AGENTS Boyd O'Brien Bartholomew reported a yarding of 1625 head at Moreton on Tuesday.

At the time of this report many cattle had not been **sold**, calves met limited demand due to large numbers.

All export **sold** very well especially cows.

John Doonan, Calvert **sold** limousin vealer steers for 165c weighing 175kg to return \$288.

Roughan Nominees, Toogoolawah **sold** angus steers for 171c weighing 425kg to return \$726.

Yearling heifers account Rosewood Cabinetmakers **sold** for 148c weighing 340kg to return \$503.

Pasture heifers account R and E Lyons, Lake Clarendon **sold** for 167.2c weighing 350kg to return \$585.

Light feeders account Alan Vogler, Toogoolawah, **sold** for 158.2c weighing 377kg to return \$597.

Pasture steers, account Leighton Builders, **sold** for 191.2c weighing 615kg to return \$1175.

S Belford, Boonah, **sold** braford steers for 176.2c weighing 412kg to return \$726.

Feeder heifers, account Meagher Racing, **sold** for 150.2c weighing 397kg to return \$597.

Medium cows account G, R and K Millewski **sold** for 167.2c to return \$730.

Cows, account Y Wagu Pastoral, **sold** for 170.2c weighing 670kg to return \$1140.

R and H Dann **sold** a bull for 166.2c weighing 1130kg to return \$1878.

Warwick sheep

AGENTS yarded 2220 lambs and hoggets and 1308 sheep at the weekly sale on February 26.

Top lambs, account K and C Penfold, **sold** for \$133 purchased by Grants Meats.

In a larger yarding of both sheep and lambs, the market was dearer for all descriptions.

Quotations: Crossbred lambs 46–55kg from \$89–\$133, crossbred lambs 42–45kg from \$84–120, crossbred lambs 36–42kg from \$78–\$120.

Crossbred hoggets 47kg **sold** to \$90 (shorn).

Toowoomba pigs

SEE www.ruralweekly.com.au for the full pig report from this week.

Biggenden

BURNETT Livestock and Realty's meatworks and store sale held on Monday saw a yarding of 1904 head.

Meatworks cattle lifted for all descriptions and bullocks topped at 178.2c and averaged up to three cents dearer.

The Bayntun Family, Gayndah, **sold** charbray-cross No1 bullocks for 178.2c or \$1060 to \$1068.

Mooru Grazing, Takilberan **sold** brangus cross bullocks for 172.2c or \$1187.

Heavy cows over 500kg topped at 160.2c for a pen of 657kg charolais cows but most other cows over 500kg **sold** from 135–148c to average 14c dearer.

Cows 400–500kg averaged 17c dearer while cows less than 400kg were 9c dearer.

Heavy charolais cows on account of Clare Grazing, Theodore **sold** for 160.2c or \$1052.

Glenellen Cattle Co, **Chinchilla sold** brahman cows for 148.2c or \$720.

Trade heifers were mixed quality and averaged five cents cheaper.

NJ and KM Gibson, Boompa **sold** droughtmaster two tooth heifers to top at 155.2c or \$714.

Heavy bulls topped at 160.2c to average 13c dearer.

Steers 400–500kg **sold** to mixed results with plenty being four teeth or more, this weight steer averaged seven cents cheaper.

Steers 300–400kg **sold firm** on the previous sale while steers less than 300kg and weaner steers received more interest from inland buyers to average nine to 22c dearer.

RP Lamb, Childers, **sold** droughtmaster two tooth steers to top at 148.2c or \$600.

RG and J Drinkwater, Eidsvold, **sold** brangus cross **milk** and two tooth steers for 145c or \$595.

The Myers Family, South Kolan, **sold** charbray weaner steers for 166.2c or \$420.

Heifers 300–400kg were also mixed quality and topped at 147.2c and averaged six cents dearer.

Heifers 200–300kg averaged **firm** while heifers under 200kg averaged 15c dearer.

Ron Kirk and family, Gayndah, **sold** charbray No3 heifers for 147.2c or \$516.

Fraser Coast Free Eggs **sold** droughtmaster heifers to top at 135c or \$459.

Twenty-one cows and calves **sold** from \$250–\$420.

Cattle were drawn from **Chinchilla**, Theodore, Monto, Eidsvold, Mundubbera, Mt Perry, Gayndah, Woollooga, Glen Echo, Gundiah, Thinoomba, Yerra, Maryborough, Hervey Bay, Burrum Heads, Buxton, Childers, Bundaberg, South Kolan, Yandaran, Rosedale, Miriam Vale, Takilberan, Gin Gin and all local areas.

The next meatworks and store sale will be held on Monday, March 17.

Emerald sales report

IT DIDN'T take long for the numbers to keep rolling again, with a big increase to just over 2400 at Emerald.

Plenty of people in attendance today and, although odd categories held **firm**, most descriptions lost ground on last week's improved small wet sale, the best of the heavy bullocks topped 181c, the average still a reasonable 174c/kg.

Steers 500–550kg reached 176c/kg and averaged 167c, steers 400–500kg lost 4c to sell to 167c/kg and average 154c.

Those 320–400kg made as much as 177c/kg for a 160c average, while steers in the weaner weight range lost the most ground when compared o last week peaking at 184c/kg to average in the mid 160c/kg range.

Heavy cows over 520kg made to 148c/kg, 6c easier to average 144c/kg, while 400–520kg cow reached 143c and average 128c/kg, 8c less than last sale.

Heavy heifers over 400kg eased considerably the best to 160c/kg for a 142c average, while 300–400kg heifers lifted 7c to sell to 159c/kg average 137c/kg, aided by a good quality draft the Clermont district.

Heifers in the weaner weight ranges were relatively unchanged the best to 138c/kg to average in the early to mid 120c/kg range.

Still limited life in the cow and calf market the best to \$500 per unit.

Gracemere

A BETTER quality yarding consisting of 2300 head at Gracemere saleyards.

Meatworks slaughter cattle **firm** to a shade dearer.

Quality feeder steers and heifers improved in value while weaner steers and heifers eased on last weeks improved prices.

Cows and calves **sold** to increased buyer competition and rates.

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