Detailed saleyard report - cattle

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Charters Towers (Dalrymple)

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Change 44

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Charters Towers Combined Selling Agents yarded 2,341 cattle this week, an increase of 44 head on last sale featuring continued lines of well finished good quality cows and bullocks, accompanied by some lines of western cattle showing the signs of the continuing dry season. With recent isolated storms across the northern region and the forecast of further isolated storms, there was cautious optimism among the buying gallery consisting of all regular processors for the first time this year, underpinning a firm to small increase in values for the heavier prime cattle, but more importantly creating competition throughout the offering. One regular feeder buyer and a small number of restockers were active on better quality lines, with lighter steers and heifers increasing by up to 20c for better types, while heavier types were generally 6c to 9c/kg lower. Cattle were drawn from Julia Creek, McKinlay, Richmond, Georgetown, Prairie, local and coastal areas.

Some very good quality large lines of vealer steers were on offer, lines attracting strong restocker interest, selling to 304c, with the improved quality averaging 297c, up 35c/kg on last sale. Lighter, newly weaned types sold to 306c/kg and some very light steer calves sold at $350/head. Yearling steers met mixed demand, influenced by quality with lighter steers returning to grass increasing by 21c, topping at 266c, with better grown 280-330kg steers selling to 286c to average 277c/kg and similar weight steers to feed of more variable quality sold to 210c to average 201c/kg. Vealer heifers were mostly newly weaned types and of good quality with one large line less than 200kg returning to grass for 237c/kg. Heifers 200-280kg sold to 278c for heavier types with most sales 238-242c/kg. Yearling heifers were very mixed in quality and weight, with the limited demand reflecting in significantly lower values for much of the offering. Heifers 220-280kg to feed sold to 220c to average 219c, while 280-330kg heifers also sold to 220c and heifers above 330kg to feed sold to 245c/kg.

A continued offering of well finished heavy bullocks sold up to 8c higher than last week, with best 3 and 4 score bullocks to slaughter reaching 255c to average 253c/kg. Plainer 2 score bullocks to slaughter sold to 244c, with a small number to feed reaching 234c/kg. Heavy grown steers to slaughter reached 258c and lighter types to feed sold to 231c to average 215c/kg with quality influencing prices. A large offering of well finished heavy 3 score cows to slaughter sold to 219c for those over 520kg, and 218c for 400-520kg cows, up 1c, to average 208c/kg. Heavy C muscled 2 score sold to 206c to average 200c/kg. Heavy 3 score D muscled cows sold to 212c to average 207c, while 2 score heavy cows sold to 203c to average 186c/kg. A large number of lighter 1 score cows to a southern restocker sold to 165c to average 142c/kg. Heavy grown heifers to slaughter sold to 232c, while restockers secured smaller framed, lighter conditioned heifers to 191c, averaging 174c/kg.

A small number of heavy bulls to slaughter sold to 226c, with sound types to feed or background destined for live export topping at 252c, while similar medium weight bulls sold to 259c/kg. Young males returning to paddocks sold to 270c to average 241c/kg. A large number of small framed, light western cows and calves sold for $530, while large frame cows and calves topped at $1,020/unit.

Category Weight	Sale Prefix	Muscle Score	Fat Score	Head	Live Weight c/kg				Estimated Carcase Weight c/kg			Estimated $/Head		
					Low	High	Avg	Change	Low	High	Avg	Low	High	Avg
Calves														
0-80	RS	C	2	14	600.0	600.0	600.0	N/Q		-		360	360	360
	RS	D	1	5	250.0	250.0	250.0	N/Q		-		200	200	200
80+	RS	C	2	35	234.0	272.0	253.0	-37		-		503	616	585
	RS	D	1	4	254.0	254.0	254.0	-34		-		305	305	305
	RS	D	2	41	246.0	274.0	257.6	15		-		351	534	472
				99	**234.0**	**600.0**			**0**	**0**		**200**	**616**	
Vealer Steer														
200-280	RS	C	2	150	236.0	306.0	290.2	3		-		566	821	766
	RS	D	2	12	200.0	276.0	257.0	-26		-		450	580	548
280-330	RS	C	2	213	254.0	304.0	296.7	35		-		749	951	873
				375	**200.0**	**306.0**			**0**	**0**		**450**	**951**	
Vealer Heifer														
0-200	RS	D	1	92	237.0	237.0	237.0	N/Q		-		438	438	438
200-280	RS	C	2	50	220.0	258.0	240.3	4		-		484	697	612

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					Low	High	Avg	Change	Low	High	Avg	Low	High	Avg
	RS	D	1	52	241.0	- 241.0	241.0	N/Q		-		518	- 530	524
	RS	D	2	32	214.0	- 278.0	230.0	-10		-		492	- 598	519
280-330	RS	C	2	1	224.0	- 224.0	224.0	N/Q		-		638	- 638	638
330+	FD	C	3	1	250.0	- 250.0	250.0	N/Q		-		925	- 925	925
				228	**214.0**	**278.0**			**0**	**0**		**438**	**925**	
Yearling Steer														
200-280	RS	C	2	10	238.0	- 238.0	238.0	-40		-		666	- 666	666
	FD	D	2	26	150.0	- 180.0	152.3	32		-		420	- 432	421
	RS	D	2	26	40.0	- 266.0	254.8	21		-		96	- 732	699
	FD	E	1	22	150.0	- 150.0	150.0	N/Q		-		360	- 360	360
	RS	E	2	8	80.0	- 80.0	80.0	N/Q		-		188	- 188	188
280-330	RS	C	2	38	248.0	- 286.0	276.7	N/Q		-		794	- 842	831
	FD	C	2	1	256.0	- 256.0	256.0	N/Q		-		845	- 845	845
	RS	D	2	16	230.0	- 256.0	239.8	8		-		656	- 781	702
	FD	D	2	58	180.0	- 210.0	200.7	-6		-		558	- 662	624
330-400	RS	C	2	5	250.0	- 250.0	250.0	-10		-		913	- 913	913
	FD	D	2	5	211.0	- 228.0	214.4	N/Q		-		707	- 775	721
400+		C	2	4	256.0	- 256.0	256.0	N/Q	483	- 483	483	1139	- 1139	1139
	FD	C	2	13	245.0	- 245.0	245.0	N/Q		-		1029	- 1029	1029
		C	3	2	257.0	- 257.0	257.0	N/Q	476	- 476	476	1375	- 1375	1375
				234	**40.0**	**286.0**			**476**	**483**		**96**	**1375**	
Yearling Heifer														
0-200	RS	D	1	1	150.0	- 150.0	150.0	N/Q		-		255	- 255	255
200-280	RS	C	2	1	224.0	- 224.0	224.0	N/Q		-		594	- 594	594
	RS	D	1	11	80.0	- 80.0	80.0	N/Q		-		188	- 188	188
	RS	D	2	9	170.0	- 170.0	170.0	-56		-		417	- 417	417
	FD	D	2	96	216.0	- 220.0	218.8	-9		-		594	- 616	610
280-330	FD	C	2	17	224.0	- 230.0	227.9	-10		-		667	- 694	677
	RS	D	2	18	189.0	- 189.0	189.0	N/Q		-		586	- 586	586
	FD	D	2	23	220.0	- 220.0	220.0	-7		-		693	- 693	693
	RS	E	2	11	150.0	- 150.0	150.0	N/Q		-		428	- 428	428
330-400	FD	C	2	13	220.0	- 230.0	226.9	-8		-		781	- 782	782
	FD	C	3	7	245.0	- 245.0	245.0	2		-		919	- 919	919
	FD	D	2	1	214.0	- 214.0	214.0	N/Q		-		717	- 717	717
400+		C	2	6	250.0	- 250.0	250.0	11	481	- 481	481	1025	- 1025	1025
		D	2	1	175.0	- 175.0	175.0	N/Q	343	- 343	343	744	- 744	744
				215	**80.0**	**250.0**			**343**	**481**		**188**	**1025**	
Grown Steer														
0-400		D	2	3	198.0	- 198.0	198.0	N/Q	381	- 381	381	733	- 733	733
	FD	D	2	21	196.0	- 231.0	214.6	48		-		593	- 866	745
	RS	D	2	5	160.0	- 251.0	230.0	-6		-		504	- 817	749
400-500	FD	C	2	5	245.0	- 245.0	245.0	N/Q		-		1078	- 1078	1078
		C	2	12	220.0	- 251.0	248.4	2	415	- 465	461	979	- 1155	1140
	FD	D	2	4	220.0	- 220.0	220.0	N/Q		-		935	- 935	935
500-600		C	3	24	257.0	- 258.0	257.5	N/Q	476	- 478	477	1311	- 1329	1320

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					Low	High	Avg	Change	Low	High	Avg	Low	High	Avg
				74	**160.0**	**258.0**			**381**	**478**		**504**	**1329**	
Grown Heifer														
0-540		C	2	5	175.0	- 200.0	180.0	-44	343	- 426	360	718	- 720	718
		C	3	9	220.0	- 224.0	223.6	-7	431	- 439	438	986	- 1012	989
		D	2	28	30.0	- 221.0	197.1	23	60	- 433	390	78	- 950	762
	FD	D	2	9	188.0	- 190.0	188.7	34		-		561	- 649	619
	RS	D	2	33	140.0	- 191.0	174.1	-48		-		456	- 659	576
		D	3	16	212.0	- 232.0	230.8	55	424	- 455	453	905	- 922	906
	RS	E	1	1	50.0	- 50.0	50.0	N/Q		-		130	- 130	130
	RS	E	2	28	70.0	- 154.0	116.1	N/Q		-		182	- 385	301
				129	**30.0**	**232.0**			**60**	**455**		**78**	**1012**	
Manufacturing Steer														
0-540		C	2	5	244.0	- 244.0	244.0	11	460	- 460	460	1122	- 1122	1122
	FD	C	3	1	234.0	- 234.0	234.0	N/Q		-		995	- 995	995
		C	3	10	216.0	- 244.0	238.8	-3	415	- 444	437	1134	- 1257	1203
		D	2	8	160.0	- 238.0	226.5	-2	308	- 449	428	568	- 1119	1044
	FD	D	2	6	232.0	- 232.0	232.0	N/Q		-		882	- 882	882
		D	3	13	216.0	- 253.0	246.1	N/Q	408	- 477	458	1091	- 1328	1278
540+		C	3	53	251.0	- 255.0	253.3	8	460	- 474	464	1417	- 1632	1431
		C	4	91	229.0	- 255.0	253.3	8	432	- 464	461	1248	- 1626	1535
		D	4	1	246.0	- 246.0	246.0	N/Q	447	- 447	447	1378	- 1378	1378
				188	**160.0**	**255.0**			**308**	**477**		**568**	**1632**	
Cows														
0-400		C	2	12	192.0	- 192.0	192.0	N/Q	400	- 400	400	758	- 758	758
	RS	D	1	117	100.0	- 165.0	141.8	6		-		345	- 644	500
		D	1	54	130.0	- 145.0	140.3	-26	289	- 322	312	436	- 522	483
		D	2	110	120.0	- 189.0	168.4	5	261	- 402	360	396	- 747	642
	RS	D	2	22	130.0	- 164.0	152.5	-17		-		442	- 582	532
		D	3	11	173.0	- 173.0	173.0	-22	360	- 360	360	649	- 649	649
		E	1	56	80.0	- 120.0	114.7	N/Q	182	- 273	261	260	- 402	372
	RS	E	1	21	30.0	- 108.0	90.6	N/Q		-		84	- 340	275
400-520		C	2	26	187.0	- 206.0	199.6	-3	382	- 420	407	795	- 989	912
		C	3	66	195.0	- 218.0	207.8	1	398	- 436	416	868	- 1068	986
		C	4	7	211.0	- 212.0	211.9	-4	416	- 422	417	971	- 1081	1065
		C	5	1	165.0	- 165.0	165.0	N/Q	351	- 351	351	817	- 817	817
	RS	D	1	1	120.0	- 120.0	120.0	N/Q		-		498	- 498	498
		D	1	4	180.0	- 180.0	180.0	N/Q	367	- 367	367	756	- 756	756
		D	2	144	158.0	- 203.0	185.9	N/C	322	- 421	387	648	- 873	782
	FD	D	2	14	170.0	- 170.0	170.0	N/Q		-		689	- 689	689
	RS	D	2	2	164.0	- 164.0	164.0	N/Q		-		672	- 672	672
		D	3	28	195.0	- 212.0	206.7	14	398	- 424	413	858	- 1071	958
	RS	E	1	1	130.0	- 130.0	130.0	N/Q		-		559	- 559	559
520+		C	3	2	219.0	- 219.0	219.0	N/Q	429	- 429	429	1194	- 1194	1194
				699	**30.0**	**219.0**			**182**	**436**		**84**	**1194**	

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					Low	High	Avg	Change	Low	High	Avg	Low	High	Avg
Bulls														
0-450	RS	C	2	23	140.0	270.0	241.1	-14				210	932	586
	FD	C	2	7	120.0	236.0	214.9	-33				306	844	762
	FD	D	2	12	160.0	246.0	226.7	8				547	889	686
	RS	D	2	3	174.0	240.0	196.0	-67				722	984	809
	FD	E	1	1	60.0	60.0	60.0	N/Q				228	228	228
		E	1	1	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/Q	200	200	200	350	350	350
450-600	FD	C	2	9	241.0	246.0	244.3	-8				1289	1304	1299
	RS	C	2	3	250.0	253.0	251.0	N/Q				1150	1442	1247
	FD	C	3	2	255.0	259.0	257.0	N/Q				1352	1476	1414
		C	3	8	218.0	218.0	218.0	-23	436	436	436	1036	1036	1036
		D	1	1	210.0	210.0	210.0	N/Q	404	404	404	1134	1134	1134
	FD	D	1	6	185.0	200.0	197.5	40				999	1010	1008
	FD	D	2	1	180.0	180.0	180.0	N/Q				1008	1008	1008
		D	2	5	192.0	226.0	212.4	N/Q	362	435	406	1094	1333	1238
600+	FD	C	2	2	252.0	252.0	252.0	N/Q				1688	1688	1688
	RS	C	2	1	250.0	250.0	250.0	N/Q				1563	1563	1563
	FD	C	3	1	166.0	166.0	166.0	N/Q				1179	1179	1179
		C	3	1	224.0	224.0	224.0	N/Q	415	415	415	1411	1411	1411
		D	2	1	200.0	200.0	200.0	N/Q	377	377	377	1340	1340	1340
				88	**60.0**	**270.0**			**200**	**436**		**210**	**1688**	

Abbreviations

CATTLE FD: Feeder RS: Restocker GF: Grainfed DA: Dairy PC: Pastoral Cattle SHEEP & LAMB RS: Restocker MR: Merino RM: Restocker Merino 1X: 1st Cross FD: Feeder DP: Dorper