

## Detailed saleyard report - cattle

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### Charters Towers (Dalrymple)

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Numbers declined by 104 head to 1,020 for Charters Towers Combined Selling Agents this week. The sale comprised several very good lines of prime cows and small lines of bullocks which both eased 8c to 12c/kg, supported by several small lines of store steers and heifers that sold to limited competition. All processors were in attendance and operating, accompanied by one feeder buyer for live export and a limited gallery of restockers. Cattle were drawn from Croydon, Hugenden, Greenvale, Tully, Giru, local and coastal areas.

The few vealer steers sold to mixed demand, with the heavier better quality lines increasing 6c to 308c, averaging 293c, with plainer types topping at 278c/kg. Yearling steers were of very mixed quality and the small number sold to limited demand, topping at 278c/kg, with insufficient number to quote trends. Vealer heifers sold lower on last sale with many small lines and variation in quality and weight. Light vealer heifers to slaughter sold to 239c to average 236c, while larger framed heifers to restockers to 278c to average 271c/kg. The small number of yearling heifers to restockers reached 228c to average 220c/kg.

A small number of heavy 3 score bullocks sold 7c lower topping at 266c, with plainer types to feed destined for live export to 254c/kg. A number of well finished grown steers to slaughter sold to 256c, with similar types to feed also to live export to 258c/kg. A very good offering of cows dominated the sale and saw values generally ease on last sale and in line with southern markets, with best extra heavy 3 score cows to slaughter selling to 223c and 4 score cows to 224c/kg. Heavy C muscled 3 score cows sold to 220c to average 210c, with 3 score D muscled cows averaging 202c/kg. Heavy 2 score cows to processors sold to 221c to average 211c, with medium weight 2 score cows averaging 169c/kg. Grown heifers topped at 250c, easing 9c to average 234c, while a restocker was active on plainer types to 228c/kg. Heavy bulls increased in number and sold to much stronger prices due to a live export order, with most heavy 3 score bulls to slaughter making 269c, and similar bulls to live export making 268c to average 263c/kg. A small number of young males to restockers sold to 280c/kg. A small number of aged cows and calves sold to \$820/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          |             |              |           |      |                  |         |       |        |                               |       |     |                   |       |     |
| 80+             | RS          | C            | 2         | 10   | 224.0            | - 224.0 | 224.0 | N/Q    | -                             |       |     | 403               | - 403 | 403 |
|                 |             |              |           | 10   | 224.0            | 224.0   |       |        | 0                             | 0     |     | 403               | 403   |     |
| Vealer Steer    |             |              |           |      |                  |         |       |        |                               |       |     |                   |       |     |
| 0-200           | RS          | D            | 2         | 14   | 318.0            | - 318.0 | 318.0 | N/Q    | -                             |       |     | 604               | - 604 | 604 |
| 200-280         | RS          | C            | 2         | 26   | 270.0            | - 308.0 | 292.9 | 6      | -                             |       |     | 631               | - 780 | 733 |
|                 | RS          | D            | 2         | 13   | 304.0            | - 322.0 | 308.2 | -22    | -                             |       |     | 684               | - 789 | 708 |
|                 |             |              |           | 53   | 270.0            | 322.0   |       |        | 0                             | 0     |     | 604               | 789   |     |
| Vealer Heifer   |             |              |           |      |                  |         |       |        |                               |       |     |                   |       |     |
| 200-280         |             | C            | 2         | 12   | 234.0            | - 239.0 | 236.0 | N/Q    | 450                           | - 460 | 454 | 619               | - 645 | 635 |
|                 | RS          | C            | 2         | 15   | 224.0            | - 234.0 | 227.9 | -14    | -                             |       |     | 504               | - 536 | 523 |
|                 | RS          | D            | 2         | 26   | 215.0            | - 226.0 | 224.2 | N/Q    | -                             |       |     | 475               | - 605 | 516 |
|                 |             | D            | 2         | 1    | 180.0            | - 180.0 | 180.0 | N/Q    | 353                           | - 353 | 353 | 432               | - 432 | 432 |
| 280-330         |             | C            | 2         | 6    | 235.0            | - 235.0 | 235.0 | N/Q    | 452                           | - 452 | 452 | 729               | - 729 | 729 |
|                 | RS          | C            | 2         | 4    | 254.0            | - 254.0 | 254.0 | N/Q    | -                             |       |     | 800               | - 800 | 800 |
|                 |             | D            | 2         | 9    | 232.0            | - 232.0 | 232.0 | N/Q    | 446                           | - 446 | 446 | 731               | - 731 | 731 |
| 330+            | RS          | C            | 2         | 1    | 230.0            | - 230.0 | 230.0 | N/Q    | -                             |       |     | 874               | - 874 | 874 |
|                 |             |              |           | 74   | 180.0            | 254.0   |       |        | 353                           | 460   |     | 432               | 874   |     |
| Yearling Steer  |             |              |           |      |                  |         |       |        |                               |       |     |                   |       |     |
| 200-280         |             | C            | 2         | 1    | 200.0            | - 200.0 | 200.0 | N/Q    | 385                           | - 385 | 385 | 560               | - 560 | 560 |
|                 | RS          | C            | 2         | 5    | 270.0            | - 270.0 | 270.0 | N/Q    | -                             |       |     | 716               | - 716 | 716 |
|                 | FD          | D            | 2         | 1    | 160.0            | - 160.0 | 160.0 | N/Q    | -                             |       |     | 424               | - 424 | 424 |

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|----------------------------|-------------|--------------|-----------|------------|------------------|--------------|-------|--------|-------------------------------|------------|-----|-------------------|-------------|------|
|                            |             |              |           |            | Low              | High         | Avg   | Change | Low                           | High       | Avg | Low               | High        | Avg  |
| 280-330                    |             | C            | 2         | 5          | 270.0            | - 270.0      | 270.0 | N/Q    | 519                           | - 519      | 519 | 783               | - 783       | 783  |
|                            | RS          | C            | 2         | 23         | 264.0            | - 278.0      | 271.3 | -36    |                               | -          |     | 805               | - 820       | 814  |
|                            | RS          | C            | 4         | 2          | 254.0            | - 254.0      | 254.0 | N/Q    |                               | -          |     | 749               | - 749       | 749  |
| 330-400                    | RS          | C            | 2         | 4          | 240.0            | - 240.0      | 240.0 | 2      |                               | -          |     | 828               | - 828       | 828  |
|                            |             | C            | 2         | 7          | 240.0            | - 242.0      | 241.4 | N/Q    | 462                           | - 465      | 464 | 912               | - 920       | 917  |
|                            | RS          | D            | 2         | 2          | 255.0            | - 255.0      | 255.0 | N/Q    |                               | -          |     | 854               | - 854       | 854  |
| 400+                       |             | C            | 2         | 9          | 240.0            | - 240.0      | 240.0 | N/Q    | 453                           | - 462      | 455 | 984               | - 1008      | 989  |
|                            |             |              |           | <b>59</b>  | <b>160.0</b>     | <b>278.0</b> |       |        | <b>385</b>                    | <b>519</b> |     | <b>424</b>        | <b>1008</b> |      |
| <b>Yearling Heifer</b>     |             |              |           |            |                  |              |       |        |                               |            |     |                   |             |      |
| 200-280                    |             | C            | 2         | 7          | 230.0            | - 230.0      | 230.0 | N/Q    | 442                           | - 442      | 442 | 564               | - 564       | 564  |
|                            |             | D            | 2         | 1          | 170.0            | - 170.0      | 170.0 | N/Q    | 333                           | - 333      | 333 | 417               | - 417       | 417  |
| 280-330                    | RS          | C            | 2         | 22         | 218.0            | - 228.0      | 219.7 | -16    |                               | -          |     | 682               | - 707       | 692  |
| 330-400                    |             | C            | 2         | 10         | 225.0            | - 230.0      | 227.5 | N/Q    | 441                           | - 451      | 446 | 765               | - 851       | 808  |
| 400+                       |             | C            | 3         | 4          | 234.0            | - 234.0      | 234.0 | N/Q    | 459                           | - 459      | 459 | 959               | - 959       | 959  |
|                            |             |              |           | <b>44</b>  | <b>170.0</b>     | <b>234.0</b> |       |        | <b>333</b>                    | <b>459</b> |     | <b>417</b>        | <b>959</b>  |      |
| <b>Grown Steer</b>         |             |              |           |            |                  |              |       |        |                               |            |     |                   |             |      |
| 0-400                      |             | D            | 2         | 2          | 250.0            | - 250.0      | 250.0 | N/Q    | 481                           | - 481      | 481 | 975               | - 975       | 975  |
|                            | FD          | D            | 2         | 1          | 220.0            | - 220.0      | 220.0 | N/Q    |                               | -          |     | 737               | - 737       | 737  |
| 400-500                    |             | C            | 2         | 6          | 251.0            | - 251.0      | 251.0 | -15    | 474                           | - 474      | 474 | 1117              | - 1117      | 1117 |
|                            | FD          | C            | 2         | 9          | 258.0            | - 258.0      | 258.0 | N/Q    |                               | -          |     | 1238              | - 1238      | 1238 |
|                            | RS          | C            | 3         | 5          | 253.0            | - 265.0      | 262.6 | N/Q    |                               | -          |     | 1088              | - 1206      | 1182 |
|                            |             | C            | 3         | 8          | 251.0            | - 256.0      | 253.5 | -20    | 474                           | - 483      | 478 | 1075              | - 1104      | 1090 |
|                            | FD          | D            | 2         | 2          | 243.0            | - 243.0      | 243.0 | N/Q    |                               | -          |     | 996               | - 996       | 996  |
|                            |             |              |           | <b>33</b>  | <b>220.0</b>     | <b>265.0</b> |       |        | <b>474</b>                    | <b>483</b> |     | <b>737</b>        | <b>1238</b> |      |
| <b>Grown Heifer</b>        |             |              |           |            |                  |              |       |        |                               |            |     |                   |             |      |
| 0-540                      |             | C            | 2         | 28         | 227.0            | - 236.0      | 228.6 | -1     | 454                           | - 463      | 456 | 802               | - 953       | 926  |
|                            | RS          | C            | 2         | 47         | 218.0            | - 228.0      | 221.9 | -1     |                               | -          |     | 741               | - 844       | 779  |
|                            |             | C            | 3         | 42         | 215.0            | - 250.0      | 233.7 | -9     | 430                           | - 492      | 461 | 817               | - 1215      | 1013 |
|                            |             | D            | 2         | 5          | 207.0            | - 218.0      | 214.8 | -12    | 418                           | - 436      | 431 | 730               | - 884       | 779  |
|                            |             | D            | 3         | 1          | 210.0            | - 210.0      | 210.0 | N/Q    | 420                           | - 420      | 420 | 809               | - 809       | 809  |
|                            |             |              |           | <b>123</b> | <b>207.0</b>     | <b>250.0</b> |       |        | <b>418</b>                    | <b>492</b> |     | <b>730</b>        | <b>1215</b> |      |
| <b>Manufacturing Steer</b> |             |              |           |            |                  |              |       |        |                               |            |     |                   |             |      |
| 0-540                      |             | C            | 2         | 2          | 253.0            | - 253.0      | 253.0 | N/Q    | 477                           | - 477      | 477 | 1176              | - 1176      | 1176 |
|                            |             | C            | 3         | 7          | 253.0            | - 266.0      | 259.1 | -8     | 477                           | - 493      | 481 | 1227              | - 1436      | 1368 |
|                            | FD          | C            | 3         | 1          | 246.0            | - 246.0      | 246.0 | N/Q    |                               | -          |     | 1107              | - 1107      | 1107 |
|                            | FD          | D            | 2         | 8          | 226.0            | - 254.0      | 231.5 | N/Q    |                               | -          |     | 848               | - 1168      | 953  |
| 540+                       |             | C            | 3         | 1          | 262.0            | - 262.0      | 262.0 | N/Q    | 485                           | - 485      | 485 | 1651              | - 1651      | 1651 |
|                            |             | C            | 4         | 3          | 253.0            | - 261.0      | 258.3 | N/Q    | 469                           | - 483      | 478 | 1417              | - 1514      | 1481 |
|                            |             |              |           | <b>22</b>  | <b>226.0</b>     | <b>266.0</b> |       |        | <b>469</b>                    | <b>493</b> |     | <b>848</b>        | <b>1651</b> |      |
| <b>Cows</b>                |             |              |           |            |                  |              |       |        |                               |            |     |                   |             |      |
| 0-400                      |             | D            | 1         | 2          | 140.0            | - 140.0      | 140.0 | N/Q    | 318                           | - 318      | 318 | 462               | - 462       | 462  |
|                            | RS          | D            | 1         | 3          | 83.0             | - 186.0      | 151.7 | 15     |                               | -          |     | 274               | - 716       | 569  |
|                            | RS          | D            | 2         | 6          | 110.0            | - 161.0      | 152.5 | -22    |                               | -          |     | 363               | - 588       | 550  |
|                            |             | D            | 2         | 45         | 100.0            | - 189.0      | 168.8 | 19     | 222                           | - 394      | 357 | 335               | - 728       | 628  |
|                            |             | D            | 3         | 1          | 176.0            | - 176.0      | 176.0 | N/Q    | 375                           | - 375      | 375 | 642               | - 642       | 642  |

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|                 |             |              |           |      | Low              | High         | Avg          | Change | Low                           | High       | Avg | Low               | High        | Avg  |
| 400-520         |             | E            | 2         | 1    | 130.0            | - 130.0      | 130.0        | N/Q    | 283                           | - 283      | 283 | 403               | - 403       | 403  |
|                 |             | C            | 2         | 40   | 195.0            | - 221.0      | 211.4        | 2      | 398                           | - 433      | 425 | 878               | - 1138      | 1005 |
|                 |             | C            | 3         | 148  | 188.0            | - 220.0      | 210.2        | -6     | 384                           | - 447      | 427 | 865               | - 1073      | 992  |
|                 |             | D            | 2         | 70   | 150.0            | - 195.0      | 184.6        | -5     | 319                           | - 406      | 389 | 615               | - 878       | 794  |
|                 |             | D            | 3         | 190  | 170.0            | - 219.0      | 202.6        | -7     | 354                           | - 447      | 421 | 791               | - 1084      | 907  |
| 520+            |             | C            | 3         | 22   | 218.0            | - 223.0      | 220.9        | -12    | 433                           | - 446      | 445 | 1145              | - 1182      | 1166 |
|                 |             | C            | 4         | 2    | 197.0            | - 224.0      | 210.5        | N/Q    | 379                           | - 431      | 405 | 1261              | - 1389      | 1325 |
|                 |             |              |           |      | <b>530</b>       | <b>83.0</b>  | <b>224.0</b> |        | <b>222</b>                    | <b>447</b> |     | <b>274</b>        | <b>1389</b> |      |
| <b>Bulls</b>    |             |              |           |      |                  |              |              |        |                               |            |     |                   |             |      |
| 0-450           | RS          | C            | 2         | 12   | 280.0            | - 280.0      | 280.0        | 60     |                               | -          |     | 630               | - 630       | 630  |
|                 |             | C            | 2         | 3    | 236.0            | - 236.0      | 236.0        | N/Q    | 454                           | - 454      | 454 | 578               | - 578       | 578  |
| 450-600         | RS          | D            | 2         | 6    | 252.0            | - 280.0      | 275.3        | 37     |                               | -          |     | 686               | - 706       | 689  |
|                 | RS          | E            | 1         | 2    | 100.0            | - 100.0      | 100.0        | N/Q    |                               | -          |     | 280               | - 280       | 280  |
|                 |             | C            | 2         | 1    | 251.0            | - 251.0      | 251.0        | N/Q    | 474                           | - 474      | 474 | 1481              | - 1481      | 1481 |
|                 | FD          | C            | 2         | 6    | 238.0            | - 267.0      | 258.5        | N/Q    |                               | -          |     | 1261              | - 1540      | 1446 |
|                 | FD          | C            | 3         | 2    | 268.0            | - 268.0      | 268.0        | N/Q    |                               | -          |     | 1474              | - 1474      | 1474 |
| 600+            |             | D            | 2         | 1    | 191.0            | - 191.0      | 191.0        | N/Q    | 360                           | - 360      | 360 | 993               | - 993       | 993  |
|                 |             | D            | 3         | 1    | 250.0            | - 250.0      | 250.0        | N/Q    | 463                           | - 463      | 463 | 1475              | - 1475      | 1475 |
|                 | FD          | C            | 2         | 10   | 250.0            | - 268.0      | 262.6        | N/Q    |                               | -          |     | 1675              | - 1755      | 1731 |
|                 |             | C            | 2         | 5    | 268.0            | - 268.0      | 268.0        | 37     | 496                           | - 496      | 496 | 1742              | - 1742      | 1742 |
|                 | FD          | C            | 3         | 2    | 263.0            | - 268.0      | 265.5        | N/Q    |                               | -          |     | 1675              | - 1710      | 1692 |
|                 |             | C            | 3         | 4    | 265.0            | - 269.0      | 268.0        | 9      | 482                           | - 498      | 494 | 1923              | - 1961      | 1933 |
|                 |             | D            | 2         | 1    | 266.0            | - 266.0      | 266.0        | N/Q    | 502                           | - 502      | 502 | 1756              | - 1756      | 1756 |
|                 | FD          | D            | 2         | 6    | 243.0            | - 269.0      | 264.7        | N/Q    |                               | -          |     | 1652              | - 1695      | 1688 |
|                 |             |              |           |      | <b>62</b>        | <b>100.0</b> | <b>280.0</b> |        | <b>360</b>                    | <b>502</b> |     | <b>280</b>        | <b>1961</b> |      |

#### 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

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