

## Detailed saleyard report - cattle

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### Charters Towers (Dalrymple)

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Yarding Change <sup>1597</sup>/<sub>1057</sub>

comparison date 16/05/2018

A much larger yarding of 1,597 cattle was drawn by Charters Towers Combined Selling Agents this week, an increase of 1,057 head, featuring a very good line of full mouthed heavy bullocks, supported by several good lines of cows and heavy grown heifers, along with some high quality northern bred weaner steers. All regular processors were in attendance and operating at more enthusiastic rates than previous week's, supported by one local feeder buyer, one live exporter and some opportunity restockers throughout the sale. Cattle were drawn from Burketown, Richmond, Hughenden, Guru, local and coastal areas.

Increased numbers of vealer steers were generally suitably weaned types of very good quality, selling to increased rates, with a large sample of heavier vealers lifting by 10c, making to 280c to average 272c, with lighter types to 300c to average 279c/kg. Yearling steers were of mixed quality and the variation of the smaller lines was not a good indicator of the market. Medium weight steers to restockers sold to 258c averaging 250c, while medium weights to feed sold to 234c for better types and light yearling steers returning to grass sold to 269c to average 256/kg. Only a small number of vealer heifers were on offer, with no solid trends for the mixed quality lines. Suitably weaned heifers calves sold for 216c, with some very good quality crossbred vealer heifers returning to the paddock selling to 220c/kg. Yearling heifers consisted of many individual sales from 170c to 180c, topping at 188c/kg.

A large line of good quality full mouthed heavy bullocks, was the highlight of the sale, with those above 540kg easing 3c to average 247c, topping at 254c, while those above 470kg sold to 249c to average 244c/kg. Grown steers were very mixed with heavy steers to feed selling to 237c to average 231c, with 3 score types to feed selling to 240c/kg. A few grown steers to slaughter made to 243c/kg. Heavy cows values were more variable than recent weeks, with extra heavy 3 score cows easing 5c to average 200c, topping at 212c, with 4 scores increasing by more than 20c with a top of 219c/kg. Heavy 3 score cows improved by 2c, topping at 216c to average 191c, with D muscle types to 192c to average 184c/kg. Heavy D2 cows increased by more than 30c for a large sample to average 169c/kg. A small number of light cows to restockers sold to 127c/kg. Larger numbers of grown heifers were generally well finished and the improved weights saw improved demand topping at 230c to average 210c/kg. Heavy bulls continued recent strong demand led by live exporters, with heavy bulls making 272c, with similar bulls to feed destined for live export selling to 279c, to average 260c/kg. A larger offering of young males improved by more than 30c, with strong restocker interest pushing values to 266c to average 261c/kg. A good offering of cows and calves sold to \$1,240/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 |
| <b>Calves</b>        |             |              |           |            |                  |              |       |        |                               |            |     |                   |            |     |
| 80+                  | RS          | C            | 2         | 39         | 216.0            | - 270.0      | 231.2 | N/Q    | -                             | -          | -   | 346               | - 527      | 397 |
|                      |             | C            | 2         | 3          | 206.0            | - 206.0      | 206.0 | N/Q    | 396                           | - 396      | 396 | 505               | - 505      | 505 |
|                      | RS          | D            | 2         | 1          | 164.0            | - 164.0      | 164.0 | N/Q    | -                             | -          | -   | 287               | - 287      | 287 |
|                      |             |              |           | <b>43</b>  | <b>164.0</b>     | <b>270.0</b> |       |        | <b>396</b>                    | <b>396</b> |     | <b>287</b>        | <b>527</b> |     |
| <b>Vealer Steer</b>  |             |              |           |            |                  |              |       |        |                               |            |     |                   |            |     |
| 200-280              | RS          | C            | 2         | 93         | 268.0            | - 300.0      | 278.8 | N/Q    | -                             | -          | -   | 592               | - 750      | 666 |
| 280-330              | RS          | C            | 2         | 38         | 251.0            | - 280.0      | 271.6 | 10     | -                             | -          | -   | 783               | - 826      | 820 |
|                      |             |              |           | <b>131</b> | <b>251.0</b>     | <b>300.0</b> |       |        | <b>0</b>                      | <b>0</b>   |     | <b>592</b>        | <b>826</b> |     |
| <b>Vealer Heifer</b> |             |              |           |            |                  |              |       |        |                               |            |     |                   |            |     |
| 0-200                | RS          | C            | 2         | 31         | 216.0            | - 216.0      | 216.0 | N/Q    | -                             | -          | -   | 400               | - 400      | 400 |
|                      | RS          | E            | 2         | 2          | 130.0            | - 130.0      | 130.0 | N/Q    | -                             | -          | -   | 254               | - 254      | 254 |
| 200-280              | RS          | C            | 2         | 15         | 180.0            | - 220.0      | 190.7 | 20     | -                             | -          | -   | 432               | - 484      | 446 |
|                      |             | C            | 2         | 2          | 184.0            | - 184.0      | 184.0 | N/Q    | 354                           | - 354      | 354 | 432               | - 432      | 432 |
|                      | RS          | D            | 2         | 2          | 164.0            | - 164.0      | 164.0 | N/Q    | -                             | -          | -   | 361               | - 361      | 361 |
|                      |             | D            | 2         | 3          | 180.0            | - 180.0      | 180.0 | N/Q    | 346                           | - 346      | 346 | 414               | - 414      | 414 |
|                      | RS          | E            | 2         | 1          | 138.0            | - 138.0      | 138.0 | N/Q    | -                             | -          | -   | 290               | - 290      | 290 |
| 280-330              | RS          | C            | 2         | 2          | 186.0            | - 186.0      | 186.0 | N/Q    | -                             | -          | -   | 586               | - 586      | 586 |

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|----------------------------|-------------|--------------|-----------|------------|------------------|--------------|-------|--------|-------------------------------|------------|-----|-------------------|-------------|------|
|                            |             |              |           |            | Low              | High         | Avg   | Change | Low                           | High       | Avg | Low               | High        | Avg  |
|                            |             |              |           | <b>58</b>  | <b>130.0</b>     | <b>220.0</b> |       |        | <b>346</b>                    | <b>354</b> |     | <b>254</b>        | <b>586</b>  |      |
| <b>Yearling Steer</b>      |             |              |           |            |                  |              |       |        |                               |            |     |                   |             |      |
| 280-330                    | RS          | C            | 2         | 38         | 200.0            | - 269.0      | 256.3 | N/Q    | -                             |            |     | 630               | - 888       | 840  |
| 330-400                    | RS          | C            | 2         | 23         | 209.0            | - 258.0      | 249.6 | N/Q    | -                             |            |     | 784               | - 877       | 852  |
|                            | FD          | C            | 2         | 21         | 220.0            | - 234.0      | 223.2 | -3     | -                             |            |     | 825               | - 885       | 846  |
|                            | RS          | C            | 3         | 8          | 241.0            | - 241.0      | 241.0 | N/Q    | -                             |            |     | 856               | - 856       | 856  |
| 400+                       | RS          | C            | 2         | 2          | 250.0            | - 250.0      | 250.0 | N/Q    | -                             |            |     | 1088              | - 1088      | 1088 |
|                            |             | C            | 3         | 1          | 240.0            | - 240.0      | 240.0 | N/Q    | 444                           | - 444      | 444 | 1212              | - 1212      | 1212 |
|                            |             |              |           | <b>93</b>  | <b>200.0</b>     | <b>269.0</b> |       |        | <b>444</b>                    | <b>444</b> |     | <b>630</b>        | <b>1212</b> |      |
| <b>Yearling Heifer</b>     |             |              |           |            |                  |              |       |        |                               |            |     |                   |             |      |
| 200-280                    |             | C            | 2         | 8          | 170.0            | - 170.0      | 170.0 | N/Q    | 327                           | - 327      | 327 | 442               | - 442       | 442  |
| 280-330                    |             | C            | 2         | 5          | 179.0            | - 180.0      | 179.4 | N/Q    | 344                           | - 346      | 345 | 555               | - 576       | 563  |
|                            | RS          | C            | 2         | 7          | 160.0            | - 180.0      | 177.1 | -1     | -                             |            |     | 496               | - 513       | 511  |
|                            |             | D            | 2         | 3          | 170.0            | - 170.0      | 170.0 | N/Q    | 327                           | - 333      | 329 | 519               | - 561       | 547  |
|                            | RS          | D            | 2         | 3          | 164.0            | - 164.0      | 164.0 | 24     | -                             |            |     | 508               | - 508       | 508  |
| 330-400                    |             | C            | 2         | 2          | 174.0            | - 188.0      | 181.0 | N/Q    | 335                           | - 362      | 348 | 626               | - 677       | 652  |
| 400+                       |             | C            | 2         | 1          | 190.0            | - 190.0      | 190.0 | N/Q    | 359                           | - 359      | 359 | 779               | - 779       | 779  |
|                            |             | C            | 3         | 1          | 189.0            | - 189.0      | 189.0 | N/Q    | 357                           | - 357      | 357 | 813               | - 813       | 813  |
|                            |             |              |           | <b>30</b>  | <b>160.0</b>     | <b>190.0</b> |       |        | <b>327</b>                    | <b>362</b> |     | <b>442</b>        | <b>813</b>  |      |
| <b>Grown Steer</b>         |             |              |           |            |                  |              |       |        |                               |            |     |                   |             |      |
| 0-400                      | FD          | C            | 2         | 6          | 140.0            | - 140.0      | 140.0 | N/Q    | -                             |            |     | 546               | - 546       | 546  |
|                            | RS          | C            | 2         | 34         | 220.0            | - 220.0      | 220.0 | -21    | -                             |            |     | 704               | - 759       | 735  |
|                            | RS          | D            | 2         | 18         | 146.0            | - 146.0      | 146.0 | N/Q    | -                             |            |     | 496               | - 496       | 496  |
|                            | FD          | D            | 2         | 22         | 126.0            | - 184.0      | 174.6 | N/Q    | -                             |            |     | 491               | - 706       | 668  |
| 400-500                    | FD          | C            | 2         | 58         | 226.0            | - 237.0      | 230.8 | 31     | -                             |            |     | 1010              | - 1138      | 1118 |
|                            | RS          | C            | 2         | 10         | 224.0            | - 224.0      | 224.0 | N/Q    | -                             |            |     | 1030              | - 1030      | 1030 |
|                            |             | C            | 2         | 5          | 209.0            | - 243.0      | 223.0 | 30     | 394                           | - 450      | 419 | 899               | - 1191      | 1001 |
|                            | FD          | C            | 3         | 27         | 210.0            | - 240.0      | 213.3 | N/Q    | -                             |            |     | 935               | - 1176      | 955  |
|                            |             | C            | 3         | 3          | 223.0            | - 229.0      | 227.0 | 20     | 421                           | - 424      | 423 | 1053              | - 1059      | 1055 |
|                            |             | D            | 2         | 3          | 150.0            | - 150.0      | 150.0 | N/Q    | 294                           | - 294      | 294 | 705               | - 705       | 705  |
| 500-600                    | FD          | C            | 3         | 3          | 227.0            | - 227.0      | 227.0 | N/Q    | -                             |            |     | 1226              | - 1226      | 1226 |
|                            | RS          | C            | 3         | 2          | 228.0            | - 228.0      | 228.0 | N/Q    | -                             |            |     | 1163              | - 1163      | 1163 |
|                            |             |              |           | <b>191</b> | <b>126.0</b>     | <b>243.0</b> |       |        | <b>294</b>                    | <b>450</b> |     | <b>491</b>        | <b>1226</b> |      |
| <b>Grown Heifer</b>        |             |              |           |            |                  |              |       |        |                               |            |     |                   |             |      |
| 0-540                      |             | C            | 2         | 2          | 170.0            | - 181.0      | 175.5 | N/Q    | 340                           | - 369      | 355 | 612               | - 679       | 645  |
|                            | RS          | C            | 2         | 7          | 196.0            | - 196.0      | 196.0 | 14     | -                             |            |     | 794               | - 794       | 794  |
|                            |             | C            | 3         | 84         | 180.0            | - 230.0      | 201.3 | -10    | 353                           | - 434      | 391 | 774               | - 1196      | 896  |
|                            |             | D            | 2         | 19         | 168.0            | - 188.0      | 178.3 | 68     | 340                           | - 376      | 357 | 612               | - 743       | 679  |
|                            |             |              |           | <b>112</b> | <b>168.0</b>     | <b>230.0</b> |       |        | <b>340</b>                    | <b>434</b> |     | <b>612</b>        | <b>1196</b> |      |
| <b>Manufacturing Steer</b> |             |              |           |            |                  |              |       |        |                               |            |     |                   |             |      |
| 0-540                      |             | C            | 3         | 153        | 216.0            | - 249.0      | 243.9 | 1      | 400                           | - 464      | 453 | 1029              | - 1345      | 1246 |
|                            |             | D            | 2         | 1          | 210.0            | - 210.0      | 210.0 | N/Q    | 396                           | - 396      | 396 | 966               | - 966       | 966  |
|                            | FD          | D            | 2         | 4          | 179.0            | - 180.0      | 179.8 | N/Q    | -                             |            |     | 152               | - 801       | 639  |
|                            | RS          | D            | 2         | 1          | 100.0            | - 100.0      | 100.0 | N/Q    | -                             |            |     | 480               | - 480       | 480  |
|                            | FD          | D            | 3         | 1          | 202.0            | - 202.0      | 202.0 | N/Q    | -                             |            |     | 929               | - 929       | 929  |

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|-----------------|-------------|--------------|-----------|------------|------------------|--------------|---------|--------|-------------------------------|------------|-------|-------------------|-------------|--------|------|
|                 |             |              |           |            | Low              | High         | Avg     | Change | Low                           | High       | Avg   | Low               | High        | Avg    |      |
| 540+            |             | E            | 2         | 1          | 179.0            | - 179.0      | 179.0   | N/Q    | 338                           | - 338      | 338   | 877               | - 877       | 877    |      |
|                 |             | C            | 3         | 181        | 213.0            | - 254.0      | 247.1   | -3     | 394                           | - 462      | 455   | 1182              | - 1892      | 1458   |      |
|                 |             | D            | 2         | 1          | 218.0            | - 218.0      | 218.0   | N/Q    | 411                           | - 411      | 411   | 1232              | - 1232      | 1232   |      |
|                 |             |              |           | <b>343</b> | <b>100.0</b>     | <b>254.0</b> |         |        | <b>338</b>                    | <b>464</b> |       | <b>152</b>        | <b>1892</b> |        |      |
| <b>Cows</b>     |             |              |           |            |                  |              |         |        |                               |            |       |                   |             |        |      |
| 0-400           | RS          | D            | 1         | 12         | 90.0             | - 110.0      | 107.3   | N/Q    |                               | -          |       | 306               | - 380       | 369    |      |
|                 |             | D            | 1         | 1          | 121.0            | - 121.0      | 121.0   | N/Q    | 269                           | - 269      | 269   | 454               | - 454       | 454    |      |
|                 |             | D            | 2         | 11         | 140.0            | - 173.0      | 153.1   | 43     | 298                           | - 360      | 326   | 511               | - 649       | 587    |      |
|                 |             | RS           | D         | 2          | 8                | 127.0        | - 127.0 | 127.0  | 50                            |            | -     |                   | 432         | - 432  | 432  |
|                 |             | D            | 3         | 2          | 80.0             | - 165.0      | 122.5   | N/Q    | 167                           | - 351      | 259   | 288               | - 652       | 470    |      |
| 400-520         | RS          | E            | 1         | 1          | 100.0            | - 100.0      | 100.0   | N/Q    |                               | -          |       | 335               | - 335       | 335    |      |
|                 |             | C            | 2         | 17         | 181.0            | - 187.0      | 183.2   | -4     | 369                           | - 374      | 371   | 778               | - 888       | 815    |      |
|                 |             | C            | 3         | 81         | 170.0            | - 216.0      | 191.0   | 2      | 340                           | - 424      | 380   | 723               | - 1102      | 900    |      |
|                 |             | D            | 2         | 112        | 110.0            | - 184.0      | 169.4   | 35     | 225                           | - 383      | 354   | 479               | - 810       | 717    |      |
|                 |             | D            | 3         | 68         | 154.0            | - 192.0      | 183.8   | 5      | 314                           | - 390      | 374   | 685               | - 912       | 828    |      |
| 520+            |             | C            | 3         | 22         | 194.0            | - 212.0      | 199.6   | -5     | 373                           | - 416      | 387   | 1044              | - 1189      | 1096   |      |
|                 |             | C            | 4         | 9          | 219.0            | - 219.0      | 219.0   | 26     | 421                           | - 421      | 421   | 1194              | - 1194      | 1194   |      |
|                 |             |              |           | <b>344</b> | <b>80.0</b>      | <b>219.0</b> |         |        | <b>167</b>                    | <b>424</b> |       | <b>288</b>        | <b>1194</b> |        |      |
| <b>Bulls</b>    |             |              |           |            |                  |              |         |        |                               |            |       |                   |             |        |      |
| 0-450           | FD          | C            | 2         | 14         | 210.0            | - 266.0      | 219.4   | 13     |                               | -          |       | 756               | - 1157      | 832    |      |
|                 |             | RS           | C         | 2          | 145              | 249.0        | - 266.0 | 261.0  | 34                            |            | -     |                   | 479         | - 934  | 601  |
|                 |             | RS           | D         | 2          | 4                | 170.0        | - 230.0 | 215.0  | 18                            |            | -     |                   | 417         | - 552  | 518  |
|                 |             | FD           | D         | 2          | 5                | 140.0        | - 180.0 | 156.0  | N/Q                           |            | -     |                   | 532         | - 738  | 614  |
|                 |             | FD           | E         | 2          | 1                | 140.0        | - 140.0 | 140.0  | N/Q                           |            | -     |                   | 518         | - 518  | 518  |
| 450-600         | FD          | C            | 2         | 5          | 267.0            | - 267.0      | 267.0   | 57     |                               | -          |       | 1362              | - 1362      | 1362   |      |
|                 |             | LE           | C         | 2          | 3                | 210.0        | - 272.0 | 251.3  | -2                            | 396        | - 513 | 474               | 1176        | - 1550 | 1426 |
|                 |             | FD           | C         | 3          | 2                | 240.0        | - 267.0 | 253.5  | N/Q                           |            | -     |                   | 1268        | - 1416 | 1342 |
|                 |             | LE           | C         | 3          | 3                | 268.0        | - 271.0 | 269.0  | N/Q                           | 496        | - 502 | 498               | 1341        | - 1554 | 1483 |
|                 |             | FD           | D         | 1          | 1                | 170.0        | - 170.0 | 170.0  | N/Q                           |            | -     |                   | 859         | - 859  | 859  |
| 600+            | FD          | D            | 2         | 6          | 182.0            | - 267.0      | 203.2   | N/Q    |                               | -          |       | 855               | - 1575      | 1030   |      |
|                 |             | B            | 2         | 2          | 202.0            | - 202.0      | 202.0   | N/Q    | 374                           | - 374      | 374   | 1454              | - 1454      | 1454   |      |
|                 |             | FD           | B         | 3          | 6                | 249.0        | - 258.0 | 250.5  | N/Q                           |            | -     |                   | 1664        | - 2092 | 2020 |
|                 |             | C            | 2         | 2          | 192.0            | - 266.0      | 229.0   | N/Q    | 362                           | - 493      | 427   | 1162              | - 1623      | 1392   |      |
|                 |             | LE           | C         | 2          | 1                | 264.0        | - 264.0 | 264.0  | N/Q                           | 489        | - 489 | 489               | 1624        | - 1624 | 1624 |
|                 |             | C            | 3         | 5          | 210.0            | - 262.0      | 247.6   | N/C    | 389                           | - 485      | 455   | 1386              | - 1888      | 1692   |      |
|                 |             | FD           | C         | 3          | 6                | 207.0        | - 279.0 | 259.7  | N/Q                           |            | -     |                   | 1325        | - 1925 | 1745 |
|                 |             | LE           | C         | 3          | 1                | 266.0        | - 266.0 | 266.0  | N/Q                           | 484        | - 484 | 484               | 1915        | - 1915 | 1915 |
|                 |             |              |           | <b>212</b> | <b>140.0</b>     | <b>279.0</b> |         |        | <b>362</b>                    | <b>513</b> |       | <b>417</b>        | <b>2092</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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