

## Detailed saleyard report - cattle

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### Charters Towers (Dalrymple)

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-1303

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With isolated storms across the north and local area and the potential of further rain in the coming week, numbers declined by more than 1,300 head for a yarding of 520 cattle for Charters Towers Combined Selling Agents this week, comprising of mostly store steers and heifers. The absence of significant lines of cattle were a factor in the reduced offering, along with a recent contraction of values across many classes of cattle. The lack of prime cattle only saw one processor operating, however the return of one feeder buyer accompanied by local restockers and backgrounders ensured most store values were firm to dearer on last sale. Cattle comprised of one line of northern steers, with several smaller lines on offer. Cattle were drawn from Normanton, Einasleigh, Townsville, Mt Coolon and local areas. Light weight vealer steers to restockers improved 5c on last week, while similar light weight yearling steers to restockers eased by 11c/kg. Yearling steers over 280kg to restockers eased 8c, however similar steers to feed increased up to 27c/kg, with most destined for live export. Yearling steers over 330kg returning to paddock sold firm, to average 258c/kg. Light weight heifers increased up to 8c, while a selection of better quality yearling heifers to feed improved by more than 35c/kg on last sale. A limited offering of heavy 2 score cows to processing sold firm on the previous fortnight, while 2 score cows to restockers sold firm on last sale.

Light vealer steers sold to 280c, to average 271c, while the heavier types averaged 263c/kg. Light yearling steers to restockers topped at 266c, to average 250c, while steers over 280kg averaged 246c, with similar steers to feed averaging 237c/kg. Steers over 330kg returning to grass sold to 266c, to average 258c/kg. Young light weight heifers returning to the paddock sold to 224c, to average 197c, while better bred lines of yearling heifers to feed made to 216c, to average 175c/kg.

A single pen of heavy 2 score bullocks made 232c/kg. Grown heifers to processors sold to 151c, and heifers to feed sold to 138c/kg. Heavy 2 score cows to processors made to 162c, averaging 157c, while lighter 2 score cows to restockers averaged 154c/kg. Heavy bulls to live export sold to 238c/kg, while good conditioned cows with weanable calves sold to \$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          |             |              |           |      |                  |         |       |        |                               |      |     |                   |       |     |
| 80+             | RS          | C            | 2         | 23   | 130.0            | - 250.0 | 204.5 | -67    | -                             |      |     | 280               | - 588 | 422 |
|                 | RS          | D            | 2         | 25   | 130.0            | - 265.0 | 200.1 | N/Q    | -                             |      |     | 215               | - 384 | 341 |
|                 |             |              |           | 48   | 130.0            | 265.0   |       |        | 0                             | 0    |     | 215               | 588   |     |
| Vealer Steer    |             |              |           |      |                  |         |       |        |                               |      |     |                   |       |     |
| 0-200           | RS          | C            | 2         | 1    | 258.0            | - 258.0 | 258.0 | N/Q    | -                             |      |     | 413               | - 413 | 413 |
|                 | RS          | D            | 2         | 2    | 218.0            | - 218.0 | 218.0 | N/Q    | -                             |      |     | 349               | - 349 | 349 |
| 200-280         | RS          | C            | 2         | 44   | 244.0            | - 280.0 | 270.9 | 10     | -                             |      |     | 622               | - 697 | 659 |
|                 | RS          | D            | 2         | 2    | 272.0            | - 272.0 | 272.0 | N/Q    | -                             |      |     | 694               | - 694 | 694 |
| 280-330         | RS          | C            | 2         | 19   | 253.0            | - 266.0 | 263.3 | 3      | -                             |      |     | 758               | - 797 | 783 |
|                 |             |              |           | 68   | 218.0            | 280.0   |       |        | 0                             | 0    |     | 349               | 797   |     |
| Vealer Heifer   |             |              |           |      |                  |         |       |        |                               |      |     |                   |       |     |
| 200-280         | FD          | C            | 2         | 1    | 147.0            | - 147.0 | 147.0 | N/Q    | -                             |      |     | 390               | - 390 | 390 |
|                 | RS          | C            | 2         | 7    | 164.0            | - 164.0 | 164.0 | -39    | -                             |      |     | 344               | - 344 | 344 |
|                 | RS          | D            | 2         | 13   | 138.0            | - 188.0 | 180.3 | -11    | -                             |      |     | 317               | - 442 | 423 |
|                 | FD          | D            | 2         | 7    | 146.0            | - 164.0 | 161.4 | N/Q    | -                             |      |     | 358               | - 443 | 431 |
|                 |             |              |           | 28   | 138.0            | 188.0   |       |        | 0                             | 0    |     | 317               | 443   |     |
| Yearling Steer  |             |              |           |      |                  |         |       |        |                               |      |     |                   |       |     |
| 200-280         | RS          | C            | 2         | 19   | 266.0            | - 266.0 | 266.0 | 5      | -                             |      |     | 745               | - 745 | 745 |
|                 | RS          | D            | 2         | 70   | 242.0            | - 254.0 | 245.8 | 25     | -                             |      |     | 641               | - 711 | 667 |
|                 | FD          | D            | 2         | 2    | 220.0            | - 240.0 | 230.0 | N/Q    | -                             |      |     | 612               | - 616 | 614 |
| 280-330         | FD          | C            | 2         | 29   | 218.0            | - 240.0 | 232.0 | 22     | -                             |      |     | 632               | - 756 | 665 |

| 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  |
| 330-400                    | RS          | C            | 2         | 19        | 246.0            | - 246.0      | 246.0 | -8     | -                             |            |     | 726               | - 726       | 726  |
|                            | FD          | D            | 2         | 36        | 220.0            | - 244.0      | 239.3 | N/Q    | -                             |            |     | 671               | - 737       | 708  |
|                            | RS          | C            | 2         | 22        | 250.0            | - 266.0      | 258.0 | -3     | -                             |            |     | 904               | - 938       | 921  |
|                            | FD          | C            | 2         | 7         | 200.0            | - 200.0      | 200.0 | -34    | -                             |            |     | 730               | - 730       | 730  |
| <b>204</b>                 |             |              |           |           | <b>200.0</b>     | <b>266.0</b> |       |        | <b>0</b>                      | <b>0</b>   |     | <b>612</b>        | <b>938</b>  |      |
| <b>Yearling Heifer</b>     |             |              |           |           |                  |              |       |        |                               |            |     |                   |             |      |
| 200-280                    | RS          | C            | 2         | 7         | 140.0            | - 140.0      | 140.0 | -34    | -                             |            |     | 371               | - 371       | 371  |
|                            | FD          | C            | 2         | 6         | 150.0            | - 150.0      | 150.0 | N/Q    | -                             |            |     | 405               | - 405       | 405  |
|                            | FD          | D            | 2         | 7         | 157.0            | - 157.0      | 157.0 | N/Q    | -                             |            |     | 432               | - 432       | 432  |
|                            | RS          | D            | 2         | 9         | 120.0            | - 120.0      | 120.0 | -12    | -                             |            |     | 324               | - 324       | 324  |
| 280-330                    | FD          | C            | 2         | 11        | 210.0            | - 210.0      | 210.0 | 55     | -                             |            |     | 651               | - 651       | 651  |
| 330-400                    | FD          | C            | 2         | 15        | 146.0            | - 216.0      | 191.2 | 51     | -                             |            |     | 529               | - 810       | 700  |
|                            | RS          | D            | 2         | 2         | 174.0            | - 174.0      | 174.0 | N/Q    | -                             |            |     | 592               | - 592       | 592  |
| <b>57</b>                  |             |              |           |           | <b>120.0</b>     | <b>216.0</b> |       |        | <b>0</b>                      | <b>0</b>   |     | <b>324</b>        | <b>810</b>  |      |
| <b>Grown Steer</b>         |             |              |           |           |                  |              |       |        |                               |            |     |                   |             |      |
| 0-400                      | LE          | C            | 2         | 15        | 259.0            | - 259.0      | 259.0 | N/Q    | 498                           | - 498      | 498 | 971               | - 971       | 971  |
|                            | FD          | D            | 2         | 2         | 184.0            | - 184.0      | 184.0 | N/Q    | -                             |            |     | 580               | - 580       | 580  |
| <b>17</b>                  |             |              |           |           | <b>184.0</b>     | <b>259.0</b> |       |        | <b>498</b>                    | <b>498</b> |     | <b>580</b>        | <b>971</b>  |      |
| <b>Grown Heifer</b>        |             |              |           |           |                  |              |       |        |                               |            |     |                   |             |      |
| 0-540                      |             | C            | 2         | 7         | 151.0            | - 151.0      | 151.0 | N/Q    | 290                           | - 290      | 290 | 596               | - 596       | 596  |
|                            | FD          | C            | 2         | 7         | 138.0            | - 138.0      | 138.0 | N/Q    | -                             |            |     | 511               | - 511       | 511  |
|                            | RS          | D            | 2         | 2         | 138.0            | - 138.0      | 138.0 | N/Q    | -                             |            |     | 490               | - 490       | 490  |
|                            |             | D            | 2         | 1         | 140.0            | - 140.0      | 140.0 | N/Q    | 269                           | - 269      | 269 | 462               | - 462       | 462  |
| <b>17</b>                  |             |              |           |           | <b>138.0</b>     | <b>151.0</b> |       |        | <b>269</b>                    | <b>290</b> |     | <b>462</b>        | <b>596</b>  |      |
| <b>Manufacturing Steer</b> |             |              |           |           |                  |              |       |        |                               |            |     |                   |             |      |
| 0-540                      |             | C            | 3         | 4         | 232.0            | - 232.0      | 232.0 | N/Q    | 438                           | - 438      | 438 | 1125              | - 1125      | 1125 |
|                            |             |              |           | <b>4</b>  | <b>232.0</b>     | <b>232.0</b> |       |        | <b>438</b>                    | <b>438</b> |     | <b>1125</b>       | <b>1125</b> |      |
| <b>Cows</b>                |             |              |           |           |                  |              |       |        |                               |            |     |                   |             |      |
| 400-520                    | RS          | C            | 2         | 7         | 151.0            | - 169.0      | 153.6 | 67     | -                             |            |     | 649               | - 744       | 663  |
|                            |             | C            | 2         | 17        | 149.0            | - 162.0      | 156.6 | N/Q    | 317                           | - 338      | 329 | 618               | - 713       | 674  |
|                            | RS          | D            | 2         | 1         | 80.0             | - 80.0       | 80.0  | N/Q    | -                             |            |     | 324               | - 324       | 324  |
|                            |             |              |           | <b>25</b> | <b>80.0</b>      | <b>169.0</b> |       |        | <b>317</b>                    | <b>338</b> |     | <b>324</b>        | <b>744</b>  |      |
| <b>Bulls</b>               |             |              |           |           |                  |              |       |        |                               |            |     |                   |             |      |
| 0-450                      | RS          | C            | 2         | 10        | 232.0            | - 232.0      | 232.0 | -20    | -                             |            |     | 534               | - 626       | 543  |
|                            | FD          | C            | 2         | 3         | 220.0            | - 232.0      | 224.0 | 32     | -                             |            |     | 539               | - 603       | 560  |
|                            | FD          | D            | 2         | 5         | 160.0            | - 226.0      | 212.8 | N/Q    | -                             |            |     | 576               | - 859       | 802  |
|                            | FD          | C            | 2         | 8         | 242.0            | - 268.0      | 260.0 | -6     | -                             |            |     | 1113              | - 1443      | 1235 |
| 450-600                    | LE          | C            | 2         | 1         | 238.0            | - 238.0      | 238.0 | N/Q    | 449                           | - 449      | 449 | 1261              | - 1261      | 1261 |
|                            | FD          | C            | 3         | 3         | 244.0            | - 264.0      | 255.7 | N/Q    | -                             |            |     | 1342              | - 1412      | 1367 |
|                            | LE          | D            | 2         | 6         | 230.0            | - 230.0      | 230.0 | N/Q    | 442                           | - 442      | 442 | 1219              | - 1219      | 1219 |
|                            |             |              |           | <b>36</b> | <b>160.0</b>     | <b>268.0</b> |       |        | <b>442</b>                    | <b>449</b> |     | <b>534</b>        | <b>1443</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

#### Disclaimer:

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|-----------------|-------------|--------------|-----------|------|------------------|------|-----|--------|-------------------------------|------|-----|-------------------|------|-----|
|                 |             |              |           |      | Low              | High | Avg | Change | Low                           | High | Avg | Low               | High | Avg |

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