

Detailed Saleyard Report - Cattle  
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Charters Towers (Dalrymple)

Yarding 3490  
Change 385

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The continuation of large numbers in Charters Towers, saw 3,490 cattle penned, 385 more than last week. Quality was mixed throughout and despite some lines showing the effects of the season, several lines of good heavy prime cows and bullocks were on offer, supported by increased numbers of light young store steer and heifers. The regular buying panel was accompanied by some additional central feeder and backgrounder orders, with resellers also active on lighter vealers and calves. Cattle were drawn from Katherine in Northern Territory, Croymon, Georgetown, Mt Garnet, Collinsville, Clermont, local and coastal areas.

Young vealer steers met increased demand, increasing by up to 12c for better drafts and similar quality light vealer heifers increased by 7c to 11c/kg. Mixed quality yearling steers also sold to a dearer trend, increasing by up to 20c/kg for better quality types, particularly those to backgrounders destined for feed. Yearling heifer quality was mixed with increased feeder demand, while grown heifers to the trade improved by 10c/kg.

Increased numbers of heavy export bullocks sold up to 8c/kg higher, with many secondary types meeting increased buyer demand. Medium weight cows to processors increased by up to 22c, due to supply pressures in southern markets, while heavy cows also sold to up to 7c/kg higher. Heavy bulls eased by up to 10c/kg in line with quality on offer.

Light vealer steers to restocker sold to 342c to average 325c, with heavier types reaching 370c, to with the better quality majority selling from 330c to 348c/kg. Light vealer heifer demand was spurred by resellers, reaching 276c to average above 255c, with suitable types to trade averaging from 258c to 267c/kg. Feeder and backgrounder orders dominated the yearling steer offering, with a large sample of better quality types selling to 350c to average from 336c to 340c/kg. Yearling heifers to feed sold to 270c to average an improved 254c/kg. A small sample of grown steers to feed sold to 321c, while grown heifer quality was mixed with heavy heifers reaching 258c to average 211c/kg.

Heavy bullocks to export processor sold to 298c to average 290c, while increased numbers of secondary types averaged 260c/kg. Medium weight cows sold to 214c to average 198c/kg, with southern processors jostling to fill orders. Heavy cows topped at 243c to average 219c and some very good lines of prime heavy weight cows sold to and averaged 240c/kg. Large framed light conditioned cows to restockers sold to 202c to average near 183c/kg. Heavy bulls to backgrounder feed destined for live export sold to 300c to average above 280c, while those to processors sold to 284c/kg. Small lines of cows and calves mostly sold from \$800 to \$1,060/unit.

Category	Sale Weight	Muscle Prefix	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>														
<b>80+</b>														
	FD	N/A	N/A	21	258.0	258.0	258.0	N/Q	N/A	N/A	N/A	477	529	487
	PR	N/A	N/A	6	276.0	276.0	276.0	N/Q	N/A	N/A	N/A	635	635	635
	RS	N/A	N/A	2	240.0	240.0	240.0	N/Q	N/A	N/A	N/A	456	456	456
				29	240.0	276.0						456	635	
<b>Vealer Steer</b>														
<b>0-200</b>														
	RS	N/A	N/A	107	277.0	342.0	325.2	3	N/A	N/A	N/A	526	684	635
<b>200-280</b>														
	RS	N/A	N/A	330	230.0	370.0	316.1	-4	N/A	N/A	N/A	482	930	725
<b>280-330</b>														
	FD	N/A	N/A	1	310.0	310.0	310.0	4	N/A	N/A	N/A	961	961	961
	RS	N/A	N/A	1	324.0	324.0	324.0	84	N/A	N/A	N/A	923	923	923
				439	230.0	370.0						482	961	
<b>Vealer Heifer</b>														
<b>0-200</b>														
	FD	N/A	N/A	23	130.0	174.0	172.1	-19	N/A	N/A	N/A	241	270	268
	PR	N/A	N/A	25	258.0	258.0	258.0	N/Q	N/A	N/A	N/A	490	490	490
	RS	N/A	N/A	38	258.0	263.0	259.5	-41	N/A	N/A	N/A	408	494	458

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					Low	High	Avg	Change	Low	High	Avg	Low	High	Avg
200-280														
	FD	N/A	N/A	48	174.0	260.0	216.3	7	N/A	N/A	N/A	374	624	502
	PR	N/A	N/A	156	225.0	278.0	267.1	18	N/A	N/A	N/A	461	723	602
	RS	N/A	N/A	28	247.0	258.0	251.0	22	N/A	N/A	N/A	525	630	587
				318	130.0	278.0						241	723	
Yearling Steer														
200-280														
	FD	N/A	N/A	10	150.0	278.0	260.4	9	N/A	N/A	N/A	323	709	655
	RS	N/A	N/A	16	284.0	284.0	284.0	-2	N/A	N/A	N/A	781	781	781
280-330														
	FD	N/A	N/A	43	200.0	312.0	276.1	3	N/A	N/A	N/A	610	998	852
	RS	N/A	N/A	80	324.0	350.0	336.3	53	N/A	N/A	N/A	1009	1105	1,042
330-400														
	FD	N/A	N/A	36	235.0	320.0	283.6	5	N/A	N/A	N/A	799	1194	1,028
	RS	N/A	N/A	13	334.0	342.0	340.8	40	N/A	N/A	N/A	1119	1163	1,156
				198	150.0	350.0						323	1194	
Yearling Heifer														
200-280														
	FD	N/A	N/A	45	180.0	252.0	235.8	61	N/A	N/A	N/A	468	693	612
	PR	N/A	N/A	4	217.0	217.0	217.0	N/Q	N/A	N/A	N/A	499	499	499
280-330														
	FD	N/A	N/A	23	208.0	270.0	250.1	49	N/A	N/A	N/A	676	878	809
	PR	N/A	N/A	2	261.0	261.0	261.0	N/Q	N/A	N/A	N/A	835	835	835
330-400														
	FD	N/A	N/A	141	230.0	272.0	254.9	45	N/A	N/A	N/A	782	1061	938
	PR	N/A	N/A	35	204.0	270.0	233.7	37	N/A	N/A	N/A	796	972	828
400+														
	FD	N/A	N/A	39	240.0	265.0	259.1	N/Q	N/A	N/A	N/A	996	1097	1,056
	PR	N/A	N/A	8	238.0	250.0	239.9	N/Q	N/A	N/A	N/A	1028	1059	1,045
				297	180.0	272.0						468	1097	
Grown Steer														
0-400														
	FD	N/A	N/A	7	210.0	266.0	258.0	-4	N/A	N/A	N/A	798	984	958
	PR	N/A	N/A	14	160.0	194.0	181.9	N/Q	N/A	N/A	N/A	592	718	673
400-500														
	FD	N/A	N/A	4	314.0	321.0	315.8	55	N/A	N/A	N/A	1366	1477	1,394
				25	160.0	321.0						592	1477	
Grown Heifer														
0-540														
	FD	N/A	N/A	36	198.0	252.0	223.6	16	N/A	N/A	N/A	733	932	833
	PR	N/A	N/A	65	146.0	258.0	211.3	10	N/A	N/A	N/A	518	1187	862
				101	146.0	258.0						518	1187	
Manufacturing Steer														
0-540														
	PR	N/A	N/A	60	198.0	294.0	259.4	-18	N/A	N/A	N/A	832	1521	1,295

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					Low	High	Avg	Change	Low	High	Avg	Low	High	Avg
540+	PR	N/A	N/A	74	268.0	303.0	290.4	49	N/A	N/A	N/A	1461	1792	1,680
				134	198.0	303.0					832	1792		
Cows														
0-400														
	FD	N/A	N/A	126	130.0	215.0	191.8	27	N/A	N/A	N/A	488	839	715
	PR	N/A	N/A	221	148.0	214.0	197.6	22	N/A	N/A	N/A	570	856	765
	RS	N/A	N/A	107	134.0	202.0	178.7	-20	N/A	N/A	N/A	422	778	660
400-520														
	FD	N/A	N/A	14	204.0	214.0	209.0	N/Q	N/A	N/A	N/A	847	888	867
	PR	N/A	N/A	540	147.0	243.0	218.9	-1	N/A	N/A	N/A	603	1239	969
520+														
	FD	N/A	N/A	1	192.0	192.0	192.0	N/Q	N/A	N/A	N/A	1037	1037	1,037
	PR	N/A	N/A	44	240.0	240.0	240.0	7	N/A	N/A	N/A	1272	1308	1,292
				1053	130.0	243.0						422	1308	
Bulls														
0-450														
	FD	N/A	N/A	36	163.0	261.0	238.8	-12	N/A	N/A	N/A	564	1056	837
	PR	N/A	N/A	3	120.0	261.0	203.7	3	N/A	N/A	N/A	252	574	444
	RS	N/A	N/A	113	246.0	334.0	316.5	19	N/A	N/A	N/A	608	858	699
450-600														
	FD	N/A	N/A	49	180.0	300.0	264.8	-10	N/A	N/A	N/A	963	1682	1,470
	PR	N/A	N/A	18	136.0	284.0	239.9	-26	N/A	N/A	N/A	694	1646	1,262
600+														
	FD	N/A	N/A	9	280.0	280.0	280.0	-9	N/A	N/A	N/A	1750	1848	1,804
				228	120.0	334.0						252	1848	

DA - Dairy, FD - Feeder, GF - Grainfed, PR - Processor, LE - Live Export, PC - Pastoral Cattle, PT - PTIC, RS - Restocker

\* Fields populated with N/A indicate the unavailability of animal assessment at the time of publishing

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