

Detailed Saleyard Report - Cattle

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Charters Towers (Dalrymple)

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 Yarding 2975
 Change -173

comparison date 01/04/2020

A yarding of 2,844 cattle were presented in Charters Towers, a reduction of 304 head on last sale. The prime cattle offering comprised of mixed quality lines, however some very good heavy lines of bullocks and cows, attracted strong demand for heavy yielding types from processors. Store cattle displayed improved weight on recent weeks, with quality contributing to the improvement. All regular processors and feeder/backgrounder buyers were in attendance and operating relative to quality for the cattle drawn from Mt Isa, Normanton, Richmond, Greenvale, Mt Coolon, local and coastal areas. Light weight vealer steers to restockers lifted 20c, while heifers to processors eased by more than 20c/kg. Medium weight yearling steers to feed averaged 17c lower, while those below 280kg to feed improved in price by up to 30c/kg. Grown heifers to the trade sold firm to 12c/kg dearer depending on quality. Strong demand for good lines of heavy bullocks saw prices increase 3c to 5c/kg, while medium and heavy weight cows sold firm on last sale. Heavy bulls to processors eased 5c to 8c/kg.

Light weight vealer steers returning to the paddocks sold to 322c, averaging 318c for better quality lines, with suitable types to feed averaging 300c/kg. Vealer heifers to processors reached 214c/kg. Medium weight yearling steers to feed made to 326c, with a good sample averaging 288c, while yearling steers above 280kg to feed reached 290c to average 263c/kg. Yearling heifers to the trade sold to 275.2c to average 266c, while suitable types to feed also averaged 266c, topping at 278c/kg. Grown heifers to the trade reached an occasional 278.2c, with a large sample averaging 215c/kg.

Increased numbers of heavy bullocks sold to strong demand for heavy weights, reaching 322.2c, with most sales from 302c to 318c/kg. Medium weight 2 score cows sold to 189.2c to average 169c to processors, while light conditioned cows to feed sold to 175.2c to average 158c/kg. Prime heavy weight cows to processors sold to an isolated 250.2c, with the 3 scores averaging 240c/kg. Heavy bulls to processors sold to 301c, while suitable types to live export to background feed averaged 286c/kg. Feeder weight males to background feed for live export topped at 255c to average 224c/kg. Mixed quality cows and calves sold to \$800/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
Calves														
80+														
	RS	N/A	N/A	4	265.0	265.0	265.0	N/Q	N/A	N/A	N/A	504	504	504
				4	265.0	265.0						504	504	
Vealer Steer														
200-280														
	FD	N/A	N/A	44	180.0	310.0	299.9	N/Q	N/A	N/A	N/A	432	815	756
	PR	N/A	N/A	3	220.0	220.0	220.0	N/Q	N/A	N/A	N/A	495	495	495
	RS	N/A	N/A	126	288.0	322.0	315.8	N/Q	N/A	N/A	N/A	734	902	821
280-330														
	FD	N/A	N/A	3	285.0	285.0	285.0	N/Q	N/A	N/A	N/A	827	827	827
	RS	N/A	N/A	23	290.0	314.0	299.4	N/Q	N/A	N/A	N/A	885	895	889
330+														
	FD	N/A	N/A	15	318.0	318.0	318.0	N/Q	N/A	N/A	N/A	1129	1129	1,129
				214	180.0	322.0						432	1129	
Vealer Heifer														
200-280														
	FD	N/A	N/A	2	200.0	200.0	200.0	N/Q	N/A	N/A	N/A	480	480	480
	PR	N/A	N/A	34	198.0	236.0	213.8	N/Q	N/A	N/A	N/A	455	635	503
	RS	N/A	N/A	2	212.0	212.0	212.0	N/Q	N/A	N/A	N/A	519	519	519
				38	198.0	236.0						455	635	
Yearling Steer														
200-280														
	FD	N/A	N/A	37	140.0	240.0	230.9	N/Q	N/A	N/A	N/A	378	672	643

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					Low	High	Avg	Change	Low	High	Avg	Low	High	Avg
280-330	RS	N/A	N/A	20	280.0	307.0	297.1	N/Q	N/A	N/A	N/A	770	814	796
	FD	N/A	N/A	84	200.0	290.0	262.8	N/Q	N/A	N/A	N/A	580	924	801
330-400	RS	N/A	N/A	13	200.0	261.0	234.2	N/Q	N/A	N/A	N/A	638	809	705
	FD	N/A	N/A	209	220.0	326.0	288.0	N/Q	N/A	N/A	N/A	748	1206	1,046
	PR	N/A	N/A	1	202.0	202.0	202.0	N/Q	N/A	N/A	N/A	727	727	727
	RS	N/A	N/A	10	276.0	276.0	276.0	N/Q	N/A	N/A	N/A	925	925	925
				374	140.0	326.0					378	1206		
Yearling Heifer														
200-280														
	FD	N/A	N/A	259	152.0	278.0	266.1	N/Q	N/A	N/A	N/A	388	751	645
	PR	N/A	N/A	9	231.0	231.0	231.0	N/Q	N/A	N/A	N/A	635	635	635
	RS	N/A	N/A	8	60.0	118.0	110.8	N/Q	N/A	N/A	N/A	129	271	254
280-330														
	PR	N/A	N/A	4	230.0	230.0	230.0	N/Q	N/A	N/A	N/A	667	667	667
	RS	N/A	N/A	3	190.0	224.0	212.7	N/Q	N/A	N/A	N/A	551	694	647
330-400														
	FD	N/A	N/A	12	228.0	264.0	241.0	N/Q	N/A	N/A	N/A	787	977	860
	PR	N/A	N/A	17	200.0	238.0	222.5	N/Q	N/A	N/A	N/A	746	869	814
400+														
	PR	N/A	N/A	17	260.0	275.0	266.4	N/Q	N/A	N/A	N/A	1183	1269	1,221
				329	60.0	278.0					129	1269		
Grown Steer														
0-400														
	FD	N/A	N/A	12	150.0	181.0	157.8	N/Q	N/A	N/A	N/A	405	561	444
400-500														
	PR	N/A	N/A	14	250.0	250.0	250.0	N/Q	N/A	N/A	N/A	1225	1225	1,225
500-600														
	PR	N/A	N/A	9	310.0	310.0	310.0	N/Q	N/A	N/A	N/A	1736	1736	1,736
				35	150.0	310.0					405	1736		
Grown Heifer														
0-540														
	FD	N/A	N/A	1	213.0	213.0	213.0	N/Q	N/A	N/A	N/A	884	884	884
	PR	N/A	N/A	102	162.0	278.0	215.5	N/Q	N/A	N/A	N/A	650	1334	872
				103	162.0	278.0					650	1334		
Manufacturing Steer														
0-540														
	PR	N/A	N/A	230	126.0	322.0	271.2	N/Q	N/A	N/A	N/A	491	1712	1,342
540+														
	PR	N/A	N/A	70	302.0	318.0	310.1	N/Q	N/A	N/A	N/A	1668	1810	1,745
				300	126.0	322.0					491	1810		
Cows														
0-400														
	FD	N/A	N/A	36	20.0	175.0	157.8	N/Q	N/A	N/A	N/A	66	648	569

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					Low	High	Avg	Change	Low	High	Avg	Low	High	Avg
400-520	PR	N/A	N/A	155	100.0	189.0	169.1	N/Q	N/A	N/A	N/A	320	737	639
	RS	N/A	N/A	73	170.0	223.0	188.1	N/Q	N/A	N/A	N/A	639	825	703
	FD	N/A	N/A	1	216.0	216.0	216.0	N/Q	N/A	N/A	N/A	896	896	896
Bulls 0-450	PR	N/A	N/A	652	158.0	250.0	225.7	N/Q	N/A	N/A	N/A	656	1275	1,026
				917	20.0	250.0						66	1275	
450-600	FD	N/A	N/A	78	50.0	255.0	225.2	N/Q	N/A	N/A	N/A	165	876	661
	PR	N/A	N/A	1	292.0	292.0	292.0	N/Q	N/A	N/A	N/A	1139	1139	1,139
	RS	N/A	N/A	27	180.0	314.0	271.9	N/Q	N/A	N/A	N/A	338	707	558
600+	FD	N/A	N/A	26	180.0	298.0	271.6	N/Q	N/A	N/A	N/A	920	1726	1,453
	PR	N/A	N/A	19	248.0	301.0	267.4	N/Q	N/A	N/A	N/A	1300	1746	1,485
600+	FD	N/A	N/A	36	218.0	299.0	286.5	N/Q	N/A	N/A	N/A	1395	2175	1,976
	PR	N/A	N/A	16	246.0	301.0	286.1	N/Q	N/A	N/A	N/A	1501	1987	1,808
				203	50.0	314.0						165	2175	

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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