

Detailed Saleyard Report - Cattle

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Charters Towers (Dalrymple)

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 Yarding 2987
 Change 978

comparison date 15/04/2020

Numbers increased by almost 1,000 head to 2,987 cattle in Charters Towers, with increased numbers of heavy grown steers and prime cows. The mixed quality yarding presented sold to an easier trend for most classes, however better quality lines of store steers sold to improved rates. The regular buying panel was bolstered by central and southern backgrounder orders generating increased demand for many store lines, with cattle drawn from Normanton, Georgetown, Richmond, Hughenden, Bowen, Collinsville, local and coastal areas. Light steers to restockers and backgrounders sold firm, while increased numbers of light vealer heifers met strong demand improving by more than 35c/kg. The supply of yearling steers increased attracting strong demand throughout, increasing averages from 23c to 55c, while medium weight yearling heifers to feed lifted by 16c/kg. The supply of grown steers also attracted strong demand with medium weight steers returning to the paddock saw quality related improvements, while steers to background feed for live export lifted by up to 32c/kg. Limited numbers of bullocks to export processor improved by up to 18c/kg. Medium weight cows to processors increased by 7c, heavy cows sold firm and prime heavy weight cows increased by 14c/kg. Light weight cows returning to grass lifted by 15c to 50c to western restockers, and cows to feed lifted by 3c/kg. Heavy bulls to processors increase by more than 30c, and suitable types for live export to background feed increased by up to 32c/kg.

Vealer steers to restockers and backgrounders sold to 336.2c to average 311c for a large sample and heavier types to feed averaged 298c/kg. Light weight vealer heifers returning to the paddock sold to 235.2c to average 225c, with a large sample of heifers, 200-280kg, selling to 282.2c to average 243c/kg. The supply of medium and heavy yearling steers increased with strong demand lifting averages for feeder types to 263c, and those returning to grass reaching 317.2c to average near 297c/kg. Medium weight yearling heifers to feed sold to 228c to average 205c, with heifers to the trade selling to 246.2c, to average from 215c to 231c/kg.

Grown heifers to the trade averaged 204c/kg. The supply of grown steers increased, with steers to processors averaging from 270c to 287c, topping at 289.2c/kg. Medium weight cows to processors sold to 214c to average above 187c, with heavy 3 score cows selling to 225c to average 211c/kg. The prime heavy weights topping at 240.2c to average 233c/kg. Light weight cows to restockers sold to 204.2c to average 178c/kg. Heavy bulls to processors sold to 304c, to average 286c, with suitable processor types for live export to background feed averaging from 239c to 279c/kg. A large sample of light males returning to grass sold to 306.2c to average 284c/kg. A small number of cows and calves sold to \$1,060/unit.

Category	Sale Weight	Muscle Prefix	Fat Score *	Head Score*	Live Weight c/kg				Estimated Carcase Weight c/kg*			Estimated \$/Head		
					Low	High	Avg	Change	Low	High	Avg	Low	High	Avg
Vealer Steer														
0-200														
	RS	N/A	N/A	44	168.0	310.0	272.2	-40	N/A	N/A	N/A	311	574	504
200-280														
	FD	N/A	N/A	54	160.0	296.0	240.7	-31	N/A	N/A	N/A	378	799	609
	RS	N/A	N/A	716	138.0	336.0	311.4	N/C	N/A	N/A	N/A	311	853	694
280-330														
	FD	N/A	N/A	42	294.0	306.0	298.0	68	N/A	N/A	N/A	933	970	958
				856	138.0	336.0						311	970	
Vealer Heifer														
0-200														
	FD	N/A	N/A	229	128.0	234.0	210.7	N/Q	N/A	N/A	N/A	205	429	348
	RS	N/A	N/A	103	162.0	235.0	225.0	11	N/A	N/A	N/A	259	456	421
200-280														
	FD	N/A	N/A	140	75.0	237.0	206.8	-4	N/A	N/A	N/A	154	628	485
	PR	N/A	N/A	66	174.0	243.0	224.1	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	392	569	519
	RS	N/A	N/A	407	200.0	282.0	242.3	37	N/A	N/A	N/A	420	620	517
280-330														
	FD	N/A	N/A	52	214.0	214.0	214.0	N/Q	N/A	N/A	N/A	663	663	663
				997	75.0	282.0						154	663	
Yearling Steer														
200-280														

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					Low	High	Avg	Change	Low	High	Avg	Low	High	Avg
280-330	FD	N/A	N/A	70	100.0	292.0	239.5	57	N/A	N/A	N/A	248	818	653
	RS	N/A	N/A	48	175.0	298.0	264.4	38	N/A	N/A	N/A	420	820	704
330-400	FD	N/A	N/A	60	240.0	302.0	263.8	23	N/A	N/A	N/A	696	951	772
	RS	N/A	N/A	218	260.0	318.0	298.3	48	N/A	N/A	N/A	783	1018	922
330-400	FD	N/A	N/A	122	238.0	290.0	262.8	-10	N/A	N/A	N/A	830	1030	914
	RS	N/A	N/A	220	193.0	314.0	296.8	-9	N/A	N/A	N/A	666	1108	1,031
				738	100.0	318.0						248	1108	
Yearling Heifer														
200-280														
	FD	N/A	N/A	46	139.0	190.0	180.0	-19	N/A	N/A	N/A	389	532	504
	PR	N/A	N/A	56	169.0	169.0	169.0	-36	N/A	N/A	N/A	456	456	456
	RS	N/A	N/A	32	100.0	195.0	170.1	N/Q	N/A	N/A	N/A	255	536	456
280-330														
	FD	N/A	N/A	249	168.0	228.0	205.5	16	N/A	N/A	N/A	496	715	647
	PR	N/A	N/A	64	200.0	224.0	218.7	N/Q	N/A	N/A	N/A	620	728	692
330-400														
	FD	N/A	N/A	3	233.0	233.0	233.0	47	N/A	N/A	N/A	792	792	792
	PR	N/A	N/A	145	182.0	246.0	215.2	21	N/A	N/A	N/A	610	935	769
	RS	N/A	N/A	24	220.0	237.0	226.4	N/Q	N/A	N/A	N/A	830	836	834
400+														
	PR	N/A	N/A	12	230.0	235.0	231.3	-7	N/A	N/A	N/A	989	1034	1,000
	RS	N/A	N/A	9	246.0	246.0	246.0	N/Q	N/A	N/A	N/A	1070	1070	1,070
				640	100.0	246.0						255	1070	
Grown Steer														
0-400														
	FD	N/A	N/A	55	155.0	265.0	217.3	-13	N/A	N/A	N/A	496	1034	824
	PR	N/A	N/A	3	170.0	170.0	170.0	N/Q	N/A	N/A	N/A	663	663	663
	RS	N/A	N/A	108	110.0	296.0	284.7	N/Q	N/A	N/A	N/A	358	1095	1,030
400-500														
	FD	N/A	N/A	278	216.0	290.0	266.3	25	N/A	N/A	N/A	929	1440	1,245
	PR	N/A	N/A	159	189.0	288.0	268.4	88	N/A	N/A	N/A	784	1440	1,249
500-600														
	FD	N/A	N/A	57	286.0	286.0	286.0	N/Q	N/A	N/A	N/A	1473	1473	1,473
	PR	N/A	N/A	35	274.0	289.0	288.1	N/Q	N/A	N/A	N/A	1425	1503	1,498
				695	110.0	296.0						358	1503	
Grown Heifer														
0-540														
	FD	N/A	N/A	90	120.0	208.0	159.7	-30	N/A	N/A	N/A	408	790	559
	PR	N/A	N/A	375	128.0	240.0	203.8	-19	N/A	N/A	N/A	416	1128	813
	RS	N/A	N/A	57	130.0	244.0	222.0	N/Q	N/A	N/A	N/A	449	903	840
				522	120.0	244.0						408	1128	
Manufacturing Steer														
0-540														

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					Low	High	Avg	Change	Low	High	Avg	Low	High	Avg
	PR	N/A	N/A	31	272.0	288.0	281.3	18	N/A	N/A	N/A	1306	1440	1,402
				31	272.0	288.0						1306	1440	
Cows														
0-400														
	FD	N/A	N/A	186	50.0	187.0	163.2	3	N/A	N/A	N/A	145	725	592
	PR	N/A	N/A	479	155.0	214.0	186.5	7	N/A	N/A	N/A	545	835	707
	RS	N/A	N/A	174	50.0	204.0	178.5	58	N/A	N/A	N/A	163	775	656
400-520														
	PR	N/A	N/A	630	180.0	225.0	211.0	N/C	N/A	N/A	N/A	756	1159	971
520+														
	PR	N/A	N/A	36	222.0	240.0	233.0	14	N/A	N/A	N/A	1166	1416	1,319
				1505	50.0	240.0						145	1416	
Bulls														
0-450														
	FD	N/A	N/A	150	92.0	296.0	258.4	38	N/A	N/A	N/A	405	999	695
	RS	N/A	N/A	290	150.0	306.0	283.7	N/Q	N/A	N/A	N/A	330	775	595
450-600														
	FD	N/A	N/A	36	156.0	275.0	239.4	-3	N/A	N/A	N/A	733	1543	1,295
	PR	N/A	N/A	15	200.0	266.0	227.9	-6	N/A	N/A	N/A	1060	1436	1,262
600+														
	FD	N/A	N/A	8	272.0	282.0	279.0	32	N/A	N/A	N/A	1706	1876	1,757
	PR	N/A	N/A	27	256.0	304.0	286.4	36	N/A	N/A	N/A	1562	1946	1,829
				526	92.0	306.0						330	1946	

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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