

**Detailed Saleyard Report - Cattle**

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**Charters Towers (Dalrymple)**

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 Yarding 3105  
 Change 118

comparison date 22/04/2020

Numbers once again increased beyond 3,000 head for a yarding of 3,105 cattle, 118 more than last sale. The offering comprised of some excellent lines of heavy prime cows and increased numbers of young crossbred steers all selling to increased rates on recent weeks. Most classes sold to increased prices with strong demand from the regular buying panel, assisted by central feeder and background orders. Cattle were drawn from Burketown, Croydon, Georgetown, Mt Garnet, Einasleigh, Richmond, Hughenden, Collinsville, local and coastal areas.

Young vealer steers sold to improved prices with crossbred steers attracting strong demand improving by more than 15c/kg on last sale. Vealer heifers met solid demand for better quality lines, however a mixed quality offering of yearling heifers sold in line with quality. Yearling steers to feed increased by 10c to 15c/kg in all weight ranges. However grown steers were of very mixed quality, medium weights to feed eased in line with quality and good heavy steers to processors improved by up to 3c/kg on last sale. Grown heifers to feed increasing more than 20c for better quality lines, with heifers to the trade improving by 6c/kg for heavy weights. Good quality heavy bullocks to export processor improved by 4c to 6c/kg. Medium weight cows to processors eased by 11c, mostly in plain condition, while suitable types to restockers lifted by 12c/kg. Heavy cows increased 9c/kg, with prime heavy weights firm on last sale. Heavy bulls to background feed destined for live export saw average increases above 20c/kg, with similar increases for good quality bulls to processors.

Light weight vealer steers to restockers sold to 334.2c to average near 300c, while steers above 200kg returning to grass sold to 352.2c to average 320c, with steers to feeder orders averaging 288c/kg. Very good quality vealer heifers returning to the paddock sold to 272c, with a good sample averaging near 228c/kg. Suitable processor types made to 274.2c to average 249c, while a very good line of heavy young heifers to feed averaged 245c/kg. Yearling steers to feed mostly sold from 265c to 284c, with all weight categories averaging 273c to 278c/kg. Yearling heifer demand was mixed in line with quality with averages from 175c to 210c/kg.

Grown steers to processors sold to 292.2c to average above 285c/kg for heavy better bred lines. Mixed quality grown heifers eased slightly, with quality and weight a factor, however heavy weights reached 259c to average above 235c, with medium weights to feed averaging above 207c/kg. A good sample of heavy export bullocks to processors topped at 295c to average near 280c/kg. Medium weight cows to processors sold to 211c to average 179c/kg, with number of plain condition lines on offer. Increased numbers of good heavy cows sold to 245c to average near 220c, with some excellent prime heavy weights reaching 250.2c to average 233c/kg. Heavy bulls suitable for live export to background feed mostly sold from 275c to 299c to average above 280c/kg. Small lines of good quality cows and calves 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>Vealer Steer</b>														
<b>0-200</b>														
	FD	N/A	N/A	16	180.0	334.0	276.3	N/Q	N/A	N/A	N/A	279	635	501
	RS	N/A	N/A	29	270.0	330.0	322.6	50	N/A	N/A	N/A	459	660	628
<b>200-280</b>														
	FD	N/A	N/A	88	210.0	317.0	288.1	47	N/A	N/A	N/A	441	888	746
	PR	N/A	N/A	1	212.0	212.0	212.0	N/Q	N/A	N/A	N/A	519	519	519
	RS	N/A	N/A	406	180.0	352.0	320.1	9	N/A	N/A	N/A	423	834	719
<b>280-330</b>														
	FD	N/A	N/A	1	306.0	306.0	306.0	8	N/A	N/A	N/A	872	872	872
	RS	N/A	N/A	3	240.0	240.0	240.0	N/Q	N/A	N/A	N/A	768	768	768
<b>330+</b>														
	RS	N/A	N/A	1	282.0	282.0	282.0	N/Q	N/A	N/A	N/A	973	973	973
				545	180.0	352.0						279	973	
<b>Vealer Heifer</b>														
<b>0-200</b>														
	FD	N/A	N/A	35	120.0	209.0	190.7	-20	N/A	N/A	N/A	157	366	319
	RS	N/A	N/A	1	300.0	300.0	300.0	75	N/A	N/A	N/A	555	555	555
<b>200-280</b>														
	FD	N/A	N/A	43	160.0	241.0	209.0	2	N/A	N/A	N/A	336	615	513
	PR	N/A	N/A	54	160.0	274.0	249.0	25	N/A	N/A	N/A	376	658	609

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280-330	RS	N/A	N/A	138	185.0	272.0	229.2	-13	N/A	N/A	N/A	398	558	498
	FD	N/A	N/A	97	244.0	246.0	245.2	31	N/A	N/A	N/A	744	800	771
				368	120.0	300.0						157	800	
Yearling Steer														
0-200														
	FD	N/A	N/A	1	110.0	110.0	110.0	N/Q	N/A	N/A	N/A	209	209	209
200-280														
	FD	N/A	N/A	102	100.0	286.0	251.8	12	N/A	N/A	N/A	220	776	664
	RS	N/A	N/A	27	280.0	296.0	285.8	21	N/A	N/A	N/A	728	818	788
280-330														
	FD	N/A	N/A	58	180.0	295.0	273.6	10	N/A	N/A	N/A	558	917	872
	RS	N/A	N/A	22	240.0	320.0	283.5	-15	N/A	N/A	N/A	725	1056	846
330-400														
	FD	N/A	N/A	42	250.0	286.0	278.4	16	N/A	N/A	N/A	888	1015	986
	RS	N/A	N/A	21	240.0	308.0	300.3	4	N/A	N/A	N/A	804	1201	1,153
				273	100.0	320.0						209	1201	
Yearling Heifer														
200-280														
	FD	N/A	N/A	50	161.0	199.0	175.1	-5	N/A	N/A	N/A	378	537	452
	RS	N/A	N/A	3	186.0	186.0	186.0	16	N/A	N/A	N/A	521	521	521
280-330														
	FD	N/A	N/A	36	170.0	230.0	200.8	-5	N/A	N/A	N/A	493	736	608
	RS	N/A	N/A	2	195.0	195.0	195.0	N/Q	N/A	N/A	N/A	566	566	566
330-400														
	FD	N/A	N/A	59	201.0	220.0	210.0	-23	N/A	N/A	N/A	734	814	775
	PR	N/A	N/A	30	140.0	226.0	196.5	-19	N/A	N/A	N/A	483	848	724
	RS	N/A	N/A	4	192.0	192.0	192.0	-34	N/A	N/A	N/A	701	701	701
				184	140.0	230.0						378	848	
Grown Steer														
0-400														
	FD	N/A	N/A	6	249.0	268.0	261.7	44	N/A	N/A	N/A	971	978	976
	RS	N/A	N/A	2	294.0	294.0	294.0	9	N/A	N/A	N/A	1088	1088	1,088
400-500														
	FD	N/A	N/A	88	200.0	286.0	261.2	-5	N/A	N/A	N/A	850	1343	1,169
	PR	N/A	N/A	58	208.0	291.0	268.9	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	967	1440	1,281
500-600														
	FD	N/A	N/A	6	254.0	254.0	254.0	-32	N/A	N/A	N/A	1346	1346	1,346
	PR	N/A	N/A	24	285.0	292.0	290.5	2	N/A	N/A	N/A	1484	1562	1,528
				184	200.0	294.0						850	1562	
Grown Heifer														
0-540														
	FD	N/A	N/A	156	120.0	230.0	207.4	48	N/A	N/A	N/A	306	943	794
	PR	N/A	N/A	167	159.0	259.0	201.0	-3	N/A	N/A	N/A	587	1198	793
	RS	N/A	N/A	3	150.0	162.0	154.0	-68	N/A	N/A	N/A	458	535	483

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					Low	High	Avg	Change	Low	High	Avg	Low	High	Avg
				326	120.0	259.0						306	1198	
Manufacturing Steer														
0-540	PR	N/A	N/A	155	210.0	295.0	277.1	-4	N/A	N/A	N/A	1001	1562	1,375
540+	PR	N/A	N/A	4	207.0	276.0	241.5	N/Q	N/A	N/A	N/A	1221	1546	1,384
				159	207.0	295.0						1001	1562	
Cows														
0-400	FD	N/A	N/A	76	100.0	227.0	165.0	2	N/A	N/A	N/A	310	885	592
	PR	N/A	N/A	297	120.0	212.0	175.2	-11	N/A	N/A	N/A	456	827	661
	RS	N/A	N/A	164	180.0	220.0	198.7	20	N/A	N/A	N/A	663	858	732
400-520	PR	N/A	N/A	1014	174.0	245.0	219.8	9	N/A	N/A	N/A	705	1222	993
	RS	N/A	N/A	10	215.0	215.0	215.0	N/Q	N/A	N/A	N/A	914	914	914
520+	PR	N/A	N/A	190	228.0	250.0	232.8	N/C	N/A	N/A	N/A	1197	1351	1,272
				1751	100.0	250.0						310	1351	
Bulls														
0-450	FD	N/A	N/A	115	150.0	286.0	251.1	-7	N/A	N/A	N/A	315	995	738
	PR	N/A	N/A	22	196.0	220.0	200.4	N/Q	N/A	N/A	N/A	764	836	777
	RS	N/A	N/A	48	236.0	320.0	297.0	13	N/A	N/A	N/A	545	616	600
450-600	FD	N/A	N/A	74	180.0	290.0	275.2	36	N/A	N/A	N/A	882	1618	1,373
	PR	N/A	N/A	12	238.0	279.0	266.3	38	N/A	N/A	N/A	1214	1618	1,477
600+	FD	N/A	N/A	20	286.0	299.0	288.6	10	N/A	N/A	N/A	1788	1973	1,825
	PR	N/A	N/A	12	230.0	281.0	257.2	-29	N/A	N/A	N/A	1507	2137	1,802
				303	150.0	320.0						315	2137	

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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