

AuctionsPlus weekly cattle summary – w/e 12th March 2021

A 21% increase in AuctionsPlus cattle offerings this week, at 19,226 head, contributed to a widespread fall in prices across most categories. Prices were back across eight of the ten young cattle categories, while averages for the indicative breeding stock categories were varied.

A 73% increase in the number of 200-280kg steers offered this week, at 3,245 head, was the main driver behind a \$72 decline in the average, at \$1,383/head. For 280-330kg steers, the average price eased \$55, to \$1,540/head, with slightly more head offered than last week.

From Rolleston Qld, 82 5-9-month-old, weaned Santa Gertrudis steers, averaging 234.4kg liveweight, sold to \$1,455/head. Comparatively, 45 unweaned Angus steers from Armidale, NSW, 7-8 months old and averaging 224.4kg liveweight, sold to \$1,620 head.

Interestingly, while supplies this week declined for the heaviest steer category by 300 head, the average price dropped \$164, to average \$1,855/head.

PTIC heifers are attracting keen interest and offers from buyers, but subdued clearance rates, with prices averaging \$38 higher on last week, at \$2,294/head.

Highlighting the span of AuctionsPlus sales, 110 PTIC cows out of Richmond, Qld, this week averaged \$1,250/head. These Brahman PTIC cows ranged from 9-16yrs old, were assessed 100% PTIC, averaged 445.5kg liveweight, with 89% at FS2. In the same sale, 49 PTIC Angus cows, from Glenburn, Vic, 7-9-years-old, averaging 593.2kg liveweight, sold to \$2,120/head.

The past week saw some much-needed falls through central and southern Queensland, with the forecast indicating the potential for much more to follow in the coming week. Given that these two regions had been offering up significant supplies for the almost unquenchable demand for young cattle and breeding stock through eastern Australia in recent months, widespread and overdue falls could squeeze already very tight supplied lines.

NOTE: prices reported as at 2pm Friday, 12 March 2021.

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Classification	Offered	Low	High	Average			Clearance	Low	High	Average	
				\$/head						actual €/kg lwt	
Steers											
less than 200kg	373	615	1,255	876	-109	94%	329	694	525	-110	
200.1-280kg	3,245	740	1,700	1383	-72	88%	333	725	580	-3	
280.1-330kg	1,226	1,230	1,795	1540	-55	69%	407	597	507	-15	
330.1-400kg	1,541	1,450	1,920	1700	-40	66%	436	528	469	-13	
400.1+kg	737	1,100	2,240	1855	-164	58%	258	480	423	-23	
Heifers											
less than 200kg	346	620	1,380	941	48	94%	440	698	531	34	
201-280kg	2,485	830	1,570	1236	-159	70%	322	651	514	-44	
281-330kg	1,240	1,300	1,705	1,488	47	49%	439	559	479	3	
330-400kg	935	1,290	1,860	1642	-74	80%	382	524	452	-18	
400.1+kg	102	1,600	2,016	1772	-93	80%	387	430	410	-5	
Breeding Stock											
PTIC heifers	2,404	1,490	3,150	2294	38	54%	387	678	504	0	
SM heifers	705	1,300	1,790	1522	-176	30%	366	489	425	-40	
NSM Cows	31	1,530	1,908	1719	289	100%	265	303	284	-110	
PTIC Cows	1,822	1,250	3,000	2,145	-272	58%	281	559	386	-14	
NSM Cows CAF	655	2,200	3,660	2,771	175	83%	470	815	618	7	
PTIC Cows CAF	159	1,880	1,880	1,880	-	39%	-	-	-	-	
SM Cows CAF	1,220	2,210	3,760	2,769	152	22%	-	-	-	-	

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