

AuctionsPlus weekly cattle summary – w/e Friday 14th May, 2021

It was a varied week for online sales, with the 26% increase in total throughput, at 20,668 head, largely felt through the mid-weight steer and heifer lines. In the breeding selections, demand was strong for the heavier populated PTIC heifer and PTIC cow lines, while prices largely took a step back for the thinner traded breeding categories.

Patchy falls through the eastern half of the eastern states for the week were welcomed in several regions, boosting fodder crops, while the forecast for the onset of cold weather through the south and heavy frosts may start to influence the market.

Steers 200-280kg averaged \$74 lower this week, at \$1,409/head, as supplies for the weight range more than doubled compared to the previous week, at 3,102 head – with a healthy 88% clearance rate. With numbers close to last week for the two heavier categories, prices increased \$66 head for the 280-330kg steers, to average \$1,689/head, while 330-400kg steers edged \$16 higher, to average \$1,784/head.

A 14% weekly increase in PTIC heifer offerings, at 2,877 head, failed to impact the average price for the week, rising \$48, to \$2,273/head. For the young heifer lines, prices averaged higher for the 200-280kg and 280-330kg categories, averaging \$1,358 and \$1,550/head, respectively. For the 330-400kg heifer category, an offering of 1,036 head resulted in an 85% clearance rate – with the average price slipping \$45 on last week, to average \$1,628/head.

Quality was varied through some of the smaller categories this week, leading to some large price movements – in both directions. The lightest steer and heifer categories contracted \$191 and \$153/head, respectively on last week, to \$1,040 and \$916/head, respectively. Similarly, the heavy steer category contracted \$263 on last week, to average \$1,861/head, with only 278 head available.

A feature for the week and boosting the PTIC Cows and CAF category was an outstanding line of 43 PTIC cows with CAF, which sold to \$4,150/unit. From Garfield North, Victoria, the 4–5-year-old Angus cows, with Te Mania and Rennylea bloodlines averaged 606kg liveweight, with 5–7-month-old calves at foot averaging 243kg.

NOTE: Prices as at 2pm Friday, May 14th 2021.

Classification	Offered	Low	High	Average			Clearance	Low	High	Average	
				\$/head						actual €/kg lwt	
Steers											
less than 200kg	419	750	1,285	1,040	-191	47%	384	796	586	-98	
200.1 - 280kg	3,102	750	1,780	1,409	-74	88%	312	696	568	-28	
280.1 - 330kg	2,105	1,385	2,630	1,689	66	74%	454	904	556	22	
330.1 - 400kg	2,194	1,585	1,985	1,784	16	73%	459	559	506	6	
400.1+kg	278	1,260	2,175	1,861	-263	92%	289	512	411	-49	
Heifers											
less than 200kg	674	735	1,150	916	-153	77%	485	626	543	-75	
200.1 - 280kg	1,784	1,000	2,380	1,358	27	89%	426	857	549	11	
280.1 - 330kg	1,953	1,200	2,120	1,550	46	80%	413	749	510	5	
330.1 - 400kg	1,036	1,407	1,860	1,628	-45	85%	408	537	456	-5	
400.1+kg	391	1,500	2,000	1,812	-69	59%	357	451	402	-26	
Breeding Stock											
SM Heifers	406	1,260	2,010	1,533	-94	68%	367	482	411	130	
PTIC Heifers	2,877	1,220	2,680	2,273	48	66%	375	673	505	99	
PTIC Cows	1,671	1,460	4,000	2,203	21	77%	271	712	405	-90	
NSM Cows	39	1,620	1,620	1,620	-159	100%	287	287	287	-93	
NSM Heifers and Calves	445	1,654	4,000	2,947	-16	57%	-	-	-	-	
NSM Cows and Calves	357	2,010	3,800	2,963	-14	84%	-	-	-	-	
SM Cows and Calves	650	2,100	3,150	2,731	-303	62%	-	-	-	-	
PTIC Cows and Calves	68	4,150	4,150	4,150	1,430	63%	-	-	-	-	

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