

AuctionsPlus weekly cattle summary – w/e Friday, April 16 2021

Cattle offered through AuctionsPlus increased a further 13% this week to 22,234 head, with prices fluctuating on the previous week, as buyers appeared to be hesitant at current prices for the proven breeding lines. While the feature in the physical market for the week was an EYCI surging through the 900c/kg cwt barrier, finishing Thursday at 907.5c/kg cwt, the AuctionsPlus steer categories in c/kg terms were up for the lighter lines, while the heavier categories eased.

With the higher numbers offered and mild weather in recent weeks, there was no clear price pattern coming out of this week's AuctionsPlus sales. However, with the higher numbers presented this week, overall clearance rates were well down on last week for steers and breeding lines – an indication that buyers remain very hesitant to lift their bids, as vendors keep reserve levels just out of reach.

PTIC heifers eased \$65 this week, to \$2,378/head – with the average clearance rate of only 47% for the 3,285 head offered, compared with the 60% clearance last week. An indicative line of 85 PTIC Hereford heifers sold to \$2,120/head this week – averaging 403.3kg liveweight at 18-19 months of age. For the 280-330kg heifers, the average price for the week slipped \$6, to \$1,486/head – with the clearance rate at 54% for the 2,481 head offered. In contrast, the heavier, 330-400kg heifer category averaged \$13 higher on last week, at \$1,635/head, with an 82% clearance rate for the 1,447 head offered.

The heaviest populated steer category this week was for the 280-330kg lines, with a 75% clearance rate for the 3,740 head offered. Compared to last week's much smaller offering, average prices slipped \$35 lower, to \$1,615/head. The two lighter categories increased \$111 and \$70/head, respectively on the previous week, with under 200kg steers averaging \$1,119/head, while 200-280kg steers averaged \$1,472/head.

One feature lot this week was 111 weaned Angus steers from Greenethorpe NSW, which sold to \$1,800 head – averaging 276.9/kg liveweight at 6-7 months of age.

The 982 PTIC cows offered this week, averaged \$2,256/head – down \$119 on the previous week.

Note: Prices as at 2pm Friday 16th April.

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Classification	Offered	\$/head					actual €/kg lwt			
		Low	High	Average	Change	Clearance	Low	High	Average	Change
Steers										
<i>less than 200kg</i>	275	700	1,320	1119	111	49%	352	815	608	28
<i>200.1 - 280kg</i>	2,528	955	1,800	1472	70	74%	392	728	601	33
<i>280.1 - 330kg</i>	3,740	1,390	1,775	1615	-35	75%	460	608	538	-4
<i>330.1 - 400kg</i>	1,598	432	1,945	1702	21	65%	131	539	469	-2
<i>400.1+kg</i>	485	1,500	2,090	1861	-62	50%	320	482	431	-15
Heifers										
<i>less than 200kg</i>	317	940	1,315	1172	127	95%	505	709	627	19
<i>201.1 - 280kg</i>	2,255	960	1,630	1350	-35	81%	422	638	542	-12
<i>281.1 - 330kg</i>	2,481	1,215	1,680	1,486	-6	54%	408	575	493	-1
<i>330.1 - 400kg</i>	1,447	1,415	1,880	1635	13	82%	365	514	461	11
<i>400.1+kg</i>	503	1,500	2,100	1809	-114	80%	318	524	420	-11
Breeding Stock										
<i>NSM Cows</i>	73	1,700	2,100	1885	270	100%	294	440	357	38
<i>SM Heifers</i>	376	1,470	2,110	1717	229	35%	354	442	413	-50
<i>PTIC Heifers</i>	3,285	1,740	3,220	2,378	-65	47%	379	800	525	-17
<i>PTIC Cows</i>	982	1,670	3,100	2,256	-119	56%	331	510	407	9
<i>NSM Cows and Calves</i>	805	2,270	4,020	3,087	-107	77%	-	-	-	-
<i>PTIC Cows and Calves</i>	86	2,520	4,010	3,310	180	59%	-	-	-	-
<i>SM Cows and Calves</i>	674	1,420	3,925	2,733	123	59%	-	-	-	-

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