

MARKET MACHINATIONS

Friday 15th March 2019



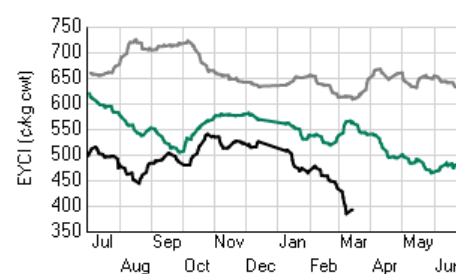
STORE

- Numbers fell by 30% to 4461 head of mixed quality cattle this week at Roma.
- Number were once again drawn from the Warrego and Maranoa in a market stronger for lightweight cattle by between 5 and 20c.
- Lightweight steers under 280kgs were up to 20c better selling to 260c (sold by S & R White) most selling from 225 to 250c.
- Steers from 280 to 400kg topped at 263c, with the bulk from 220 to 225c to be 5c dearer.
- Feeder steers reached 263c and averaged 234c down 10c.
- Light heifers under 280kgs sold to 190c, most making from 140 to 178c a lift of 5-15c.
- Heifers from 280 to 450kg were 2-5c cheaper selling to 210c, though most sold from 150 to 180c.
- Processors paid to 210c for the kill heifers and ranged from 140 to 190c.
- The top kill cows reached 168c, and ranged from 116 to 150c.
- Store and boner cows sold from 70 to 124c to remain firm on last week.

PRIME

- Numbers fell further this week with only 315 head of predominately cows penned.
- All the usual processors were in attendance however, one major Queensland operator is still on the sideline.
- Steers, bullocks and cows were dearer with heifers firm to a shade softer.
- Steers and bullocks sold to 253c, most from 238-250c to be 10-20c dearer.
- Export weight heifer sold to 203c, most from 175-195c, the lighter trade weights sold from 140-158c.
- Heavy 4 score cows were 10c, and up to 15c in places better reaching 193c, the bulk from 155-185c.
- Medium weight and 3 score cows were 10-20c dearer selling to 176c, most from 128-158c.
- Boner and lightweight cows ranged from 100-147c with some store buyers operating.
- Bulls were dearer selling to 218c.

CATEGORY	LIVEWEIGHT	HSCW	PRICE RANGE	LWT Eq.	MOVEMENT
Trade Feeder Steers	300-400kg	n/a	n/a	260-270	NC
Trade Feeder Heifers	300-400kg	n/a	n/a	250-260	NC
Heavy Feeders	350-500kg	n/a	n/a	280 - 300c	NC
Angus Feeders	380-520kg	n/a	n/a	315 - 330c	NC
0 - 2T (MSA)	530-730kg	240-340kg	540 - 560c	292 - 302c	NC
4 - 8T	550-730kg	300-420kg	525 - 535c	284 - 289c	NC
Cows	440-475kg	200-300kg	360 - 440c	173 - 211c	NC



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THE WEEK AHEAD

Vendors were happy to receive some better prices for cattle sold this week with both prime and store cattle lifting by 10-20c for most descriptions. The lift in store values was strongest for better quality lightweight cattle. The lift was attributed to buyers coming out of the north who were happy to bid strongly on suitable lines of weaners. Processors lifted rates in the saleyards for all descriptions, however quotes for OTH remain hard to source. This is also the problem with feeder cattle also being hard to place and get quotes. BOM has offered some hope of storms this weekend; that would be good, and some relief from the heat would be handy as well! Listening to BOM forecasts also raises another issue. How long do producers wait? In addition, if forecasts are consistently off the mark; how long do you ignore the overall season and hang on? We are bombarded constantly with information. Some is good; some is as handy as what you read on the tabloids or on social media. We all have to make decisions we don't like, but it feels better when they are made and we move on. Hang tough.

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EYCI: 393.00, Down 7.75; 30-DAY SOI: -14.50, Up .21; AUD \$: US \$: 0.7085, Down .0076

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