

## MARKET MACHINATIONS

Friday 2nd August 2019

### STORE

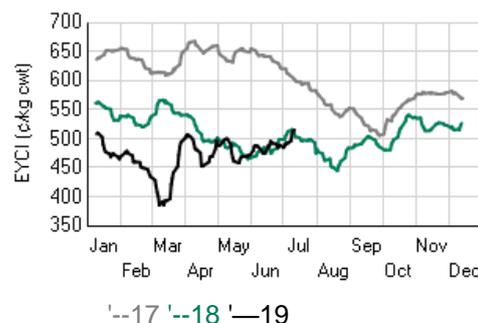
- Numbers increased slightly to 8147 head at this week's Roma sale.
- Cattle were drawn from the usual areas; the central west, Warrego and the Maranoa.
- Steers under 280kgs were 10c dearer topping at 316c, most from 270 to 300c.
- Steers from 280 to 400kgs were 5-10c dearer to sell to 322c, and ranged from 280 to 310c.
- Feeder steers were 5c dearer topping at 316c and averaged 294c.
- Heifers under 280kgs were firm topping at 280c, most from 210 to 245c.
- Heifers from 280 to 450kgs reached 282c, the bulk from 220 to 265c.
- Processors paid to 272c (sold by the Dearden family) and ranged from 220 to 260c.
- Processors paid to 244c for the most suitable cows, most sold from 180 to 280c to be 5-10c easier.
- Store and boner cows were firm and sold from 140 to 194c depending upon weight and condition.



### PRIME

- Numbers were fairly constant at Roma's fortnightly prime sale with 1002 head of mainly females penned.
- All the usual processors were in attendance and operating in a sale that yielded mixed results.
- Steers and bullocks were 5-10c dearer to reach 307c, most selling from 270-290c.
- Export weight heifers sold to 283c, and ranged from 245-275c, to be firm to 4c cheaper.
- Heavy 4 score cows topped at 273c for some very clean heifery types, the bulk from 200-245c.
- Medium weight and 3 score cows were 5-6c better reaching 263c, though most sold from 190-225c.
- Lightweight and boner cows were 10-15c dearer selling from 147-169c.
- Bulls sold to a top of 298c with live exporters competing strongly.

CATEGORY	LIVEWEIGHT	HSCW	PRICE RANGE	LWT Eq.	MOVEMENT
Trade Feeder Steers	300-400kg	n/a	n/a	280 – 300c	+10
Trade Feeder Heifers	300-400kg	n/a	n/a	260 – 280c	+10
Heavy Feeders	350-500kg	n/a	n/a	285 - 295c	+5
Angus Feeders	380-520kg	n/a	n/a	300 – 330c	NC
0 – 2T (MSA)	530-730kg	240-340kg	550 - 570c	297 - 307c	+10
4 – 8T	550-730kg	300-420kg	480 - 550c	259 - 297c	+10
Cows	440-475kg	200-300kg	410- 440c	197- 211c	+10



### THE WEEK AHEAD

Above average numbers of cattle continued to flow into southern Queensland saleyards unabated this week. Large numbers of cows are particularly being yarded as the weather continues to bite. One southern processor did not return this week to Southern Queensland markets, though his absence didn't make a major difference to values. Throughput in the southern states continues to slow while Queensland throughput continues to rise. Live exporters are also competing strongly for cattle ready to process and are operating in Southern Queensland. Their competition on HGP treated cattle has been of great benefit particularly when no southern operators want to play on this class of cattle. China is still the main game and they are continuing to refuse to take HGP treated cattle, much to Donald's disgust. Trump's latest tweets have sent most financial markets southwards over the past 24 hours, and this has seen the Aussie dollar test the 68c barrier. "Every cloud has a silver lining", and though the Aussie dollar is sinking it continues to help Australian beef remain competitive. Brazil is once again looming large as a competitor in the major Asian markets. This won't be a problem while demand continues to outstrip supply but we could face serious price competition when the supply demand equation normalizes. Australia must remain a producer of clean green high quality beef to remain the player it is now.

[Poll Hereford bulls rising 2 year old.](#)

[Alandale and Bowen bloodlines.](#)

[Paddock condition ready to work \\$3000 plus GST can be semen tested if required.](#)

**\*\*Next Prime Sale 15th August 2019\*\***

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**EYCI: 532.50, Down 1.00; 30-DAY SOI: -7.02, Up 3.05; AUD \$: US \$: 0.6812; Down .0125**