MARKET MACHINATIONS

Thursday 1st April 2021

WEEKLY COMBINED SALE on 30/03/2021

- Numbers more slightly higher to 2430 head of mainly plainer quality cattle.
- Values reflected quality with cattle drawn from the central west, Warrego and the Maranoa.
- Steers under 280kgs were firm to 20c dearer selling to 710c, most from 500-600c.
- Steers 280-400kgs were also 20c dearer topping at 610c though most sold from 430-500c.
- Feeder steers fell by 10c reaching 444c and averaging 391c.
- Steers to processors and live exporters were also 10c cheaper ranging from 300-360c.
- Heifers under 280kgs topped at 646c and sold from 470-538c to be 10-20c cheaper.
- Heifers' 280-450kgs were also 10-20c cheaper selling to 512c though the bulk sold from 320-430c depending upon age and quality.
- Processors paid from 280-320c for suitable heifers for the trade.
- Heavy cows were 10-20c cheaper selling from 245-283c, with one processor failing to operate.
- Medium weight cows suffered similar falls and ranged from 230-281c.
- Store cows and light boners went against the trend selling from 230-298c depending on quality.
- Heavy bulls suffered a similar fate selling from 240-280c.
- Feeder bulls sold from 300-360c.
- Cows and calves topped at \$2550 per unit.

CATEGORY	LIVEWEIGHT	HSCW	PRICE RANGE	LWT Eq.	MOVEMENT
Trade Feeder Steers	300-400kg	n/a	n/a	420c-470c	NC
Trade Feeder Heifers	300-400kg	n/a	n/a	400c-450c	NC
Heavy Feeders	350-500kg	n/a	n/a	400c-425c	NC
Angus Feeders	380-520kg	n/a	n/a	450c-470c	NC
0 – 4T (MSA)	530-730kg	240-340kg	645-700c	348c-378c	NC
4 – 8T	550-730kg	300-420kg	620-655c	335c-354c	NC
Cows	440-600kg	200-300kg	540-580c	259c-278c	NC



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THE WEEK AHEAD

Markets this week suffered with a lack of numbers and quality. Young lightweight cattle continued on their merry way with prices and demand high. Feeder's prices continue to lack any clear direction, either higher or lower. Numbers will lift next week after the short week leading into Easter however, it will not be a dramatic lift nor will it be sustainable. The country across the Warrego Maranoa and Western Downs has changed just about overnight with green feed from fence to fence. Water supplies in some districts remain adequate, though with the cooler weather not the critical factor as it is during the warmer months. Those producers who are able will be planting oats as soon as the country dries out enough for planting to commence. I hope everyone has a great Easter break.

**ROMA STORE SALE – 6 April 2021 **

120 Santa Gertrudis/Hereford X Steers, No 0, 300-360kg

**FOR PRIVATE SALE **

65 PTIC Brahman X Cows

One Brand, 2-9 Years of Age, 481kg average, Small percentage with calves already on the ground, Vet Certificate can be provided, All Preg Tested 4 months plus in calf to Brahman Bulls, Vendor is happy to hold until first week of May at no cost, Located 160kms South of Roma. <u>Link to Photos</u>

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56 Charolais/Santa X Heifers Palgrove blood including pure Santa Gertrudis heifers Gyranda blood Aug-Oct 19 drop. Veterinary pregnancy tested to top quality Millah Murrah, low birth weight Angus bulls to commence calving July for 60 days.

48 Angus/Black Simmental x Heifers Millah Murrah blood Aug-Oct 19 drop, pregnancy tested to top quality Millah Murrah low birth weight Angus bulls same calving period as above.

All heifers are current with their 7 in 1 vaccinations. Both lots are well grown rising two year old heifers that are being offered due to family reconstruction of one property. They present in good forward condition and are out of a top quality highly fertile herd that are pregnancy tested annually and no expense spared in the purchase of top quality sires. Heifers can be purchased as above or as a complete drop.

Link to Photos

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