MARKET MACHINATIONS Friday 5th April 2019

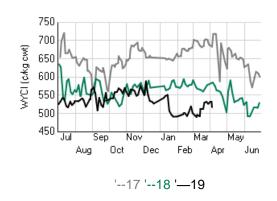
STORE

- Numbers fell by 24% to 3490 head of mixed quality cattle this week in Roma.
- After falls of rain of between 10 and 50mm locally, and more to the east, west and north, most cattle were penned from the Maranoa and Warrego.
- Weaner steers under 280kgs were 7-18c dearer to reach 326c the bulk from 280 to 314c.
- Steers from 280 to 400kg were firm to 2c dearer topping at 330c, most from 270-290c.
- Feeders over 400kg were in limited numbers selling to 296c and averaged 284c.
- Heifers under 200kgs were 20c dearer to top at 282c, the bulk from 220 to 268c.
- Heifers from 280 to 450kg were 10-20c dearer reaching 288c, most from 220 to 260c.
- In a very small offering cows and calves sold to \$800 per unit.

PRIME

- Prime cattle offered this week with trade heifers selling to 257c, most from 220 to 250c.
- Heavy 4 score cows were firm to 3c dearer to reach 234c, most selling from 190 to 215c.
- Medium weight and 3 score cows sold from 170 to 190c.
- Boner and store cows were firm to easier and sold from 120-180c depending upon weight and condition.

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

Store cattle markets continue to react favourably to the recent rainfall with values for the lighter calves in particular continuing to move higher. Feeder weight cattle have been slower to move though they are certainly stronger than three weeks ago. Prime cattle have generally eased this week, with cow offerings in the southern states going through the roof. It appears that many southern producers have decided to cull cows and sell as they wean this year's calf drop. Hopefully this spike in numbers will ease soon and marketing return to a more normal trend. Prime cattle should be becoming scarcer as the days get shorter which should see values reasonably stable. If the south receives a proper break, demand for all classes of cattle should move north. Northern NSW weaner sales have been in full swing this week. Craig Thomas from Colin Say & Co. reports that most of the better steer calves sold from 280-350c per kg with the heifers from 180-250c depending on quality. Most cattle were Angus or Angus X.

ROMA STORE SALE - 9TH April 2019

250 Angus & Angus X Heifers, 260 – 350kg 50 Angus & Angus X Heifers, 350– 400kg 10 Angus X Cows & Calves, No7 50 Charolais X Weaner Heifers, 180 – 200kg 40 Charolais X Weaner Heifers, 150 – 200kg 240 Simmential X, Mixed Sex Weaners

AGENTS

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EYCI: 505.00, Up 90.75; 30-DAY SOI: -4.81, Up 4.28; AUD \$: US \$: 0.7125, Up .0022