

**MARKET MACHINATIONS**  
**Friday 23rd November 2018**  
**STORE**

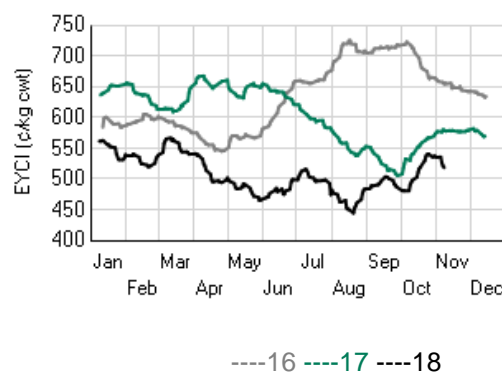


- Numbers remained fairly static at 2340 head of mixed quality mainly western cattle for this week's store sale.
- Steers were firm to dearer with females cheaper across the board.
- Steers under 280kgs were 5-10c dearer selling to 332c, most from 280-320c.
- Steers from 280 to 400kg were firm to 3c dearer topping at 322c, generally from 270-315c.
- Feeder weight steers from 400-550kg sold to 322c and averaged 310c, 2c better.
- Heifers under 280kgs were firm to a shade easier selling to 302c, though most sold from 210 to 260c.
- Heifers from 280 to 450kg were firm reaching 288c, the bulk from 220 to 260c.
- Processors paid to 281c for most suitable kill heifers, most from 240 to 260.
- Kill cows sold from 210 to 245c and topped at 250c a fall of 5-10c.
- Boner and store cows sold from 170 to 213c to be 5-8c cheaper.
- Cows and calves sold to \$1170 per unit.

**PRIME**

- 295 head of predominately cows were penned this week in Roma with wet weather restricting some consignments.
- All the usual processors were in attendance and operating in a dearer market.
- Steers, bullocks and heifers were offered in insufficient numbers to give an accurate quote.
- Heavy 4 score cows sold to 258c (sold by Dangarfield Cattle Co) to be 6-8c dearer, most making from 230 to 250c.
- Medium weight and three score cows were firm to dearer topping at 246c, and ranged from 200 to 238c.
- Boner and lightweight cows sold from 150 to 190c to be 10c dearer.
- Bulls were dearer topping at 261c.

CATEGORY	LIVEWEIGHT	HSCW	PRICE RANGE	LWT Eq.	MOVEMENT
Trade Feeder Steers	300-400kg	n/a	n/a	300 - 315c	+5
Trade Feeder Heifers	300-400kg	n/a	n/a	280 - 300c	NC
Heavy Feeders	350-500kg	n/a	n/a	290 - 310c	NC
Angus Feeders	380-520kg	n/a	n/a	325 - 360c	+10
0 - 2T (MSA)	530-730kg	240-340kg	540 - 565c	297 - 310c	NC
4 - 8T	550-730kg	300-420kg	540 - 555c	297 - 305c	NC
Cows	440-475kg	200-300kg	455 - 480c	218 - 230c	NC



**THE WEEK AHEAD**

Scattered falls of rain have been received through many districts across the eastern seaboard. None has been drought breaking and many have only ranged from 2-10mms. But hell, it has finally begun to rain! Yes, it is only storm rain, however it is rain. Cattle markets have generally responded favourably with most descriptions trading higher this week. The trend is still for the heavier cattle to create the greatest interest. Light heifers under 220kgs are still struggling while representing great trading potential if you are lucky enough to have some feed on hand. Numbers wise most saleyards saw little overall change in supply. The EYCI did move from 513.75 to 526 as of 20/11, a lift of just under 13 points. Throughput to Qld plants lifted for the week ending 16/11, 7% higher than the proceeding week and higher by a similar level for the same week last year. NSW and Victoria also lifted their throughputs, and both states had higher kills than last year. This gives a clear picture that the more favourable weather of late has not slowed kills, or incidentally the higher percentage of females going to slaughter. No doubt, this also means when the season breaks properly supply or lack thereof, will drive values higher. Store cattle will move first with prime cattle facing greater constraints due to the international nature of the beef market. Australian feedlot capacity is now licenced for 1,309,905 head with cattle on feed for the September quarter creating a new record at 1/13m head. This shows that even with very skinny margins in the feedlot industry the drought continues to drive more cattle on feed.

**ROMA STORE SALE – Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2018, Commencing 8.00am Qld Time**

- 300 Santa, Santa / Hereford / Angus X & Brangus / Hereford X Heifers**  
No. 8, 270 – 370 kg

Yard weaned with dogs, horses and bikes. Broken into troughs. Preconditioned on a ration of hay, cottonseed and silage.  
 NSM – One Brand A/C the Breeder, CA Flower & Co – EU Accredited

- 200 Angus with a percentage of Angus / Shorthorn X Heifers**

No. 8, 250 – 350 kg, Yard weaned and tailed out on bikes. NSM – One Brand A/C the Breeder– EU Accredited

**Some photos available at [www.maaroma.com.au](http://www.maaroma.com.au)**

- 200 Charolais X / Angus X Mixed Sex Weaners, 220-260kg**
- 150 Angus X / Hereford X Steers, 280-340kg, HGP Free**

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**EYCI: 527.50 Up 11.00    30-DAY SOI: +0.03 Down 0.93    AUD \$: US \$: 0.7253 Down 0.0010**

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