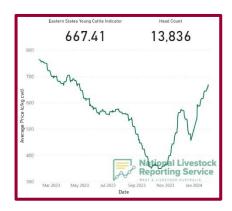
MARKET MACHINATIONS Friday 2nd February 2024

WEEKLY SALE for 30/01/2024

- After a weekend of scattered to useful falls across the drawing area, numbers fell at the epicentre with 2943 mixed quality cattle penned.
- Cattle were drawn from Blackall, Augathella, Dirranbandi, the Warrego and Maranoa in a market that saw feeders move higher, most of the balance firm to a shade dearer.
- Steers under 280kgs remained firm to reach 500c, most from 400-486c.
- Steers 280-400kgs topped at 464c, the bulk from 370-440c to be 8-10c dearer.
- Feeder were 10c dearer to top at 399c and average 381c.
- Steers and bullock remained firm to sell from 268-314c.
- Heifers under 280kgs were 10c stronger topping at 369 and ranged from 300-368c.
- Heifers 280-330kgs sold to 342c and averaged 327c to be 5c dearer.
- Feeder heifers 330-500kgs also moved higher to reach 338c, selling from 280-330c.
- Processors paid from 260 to 310c for suitable heifers.
- Heavy cows over 520kgs sold from 245-281c to be 5c better.
- Medium weight cows 450-520kgs made 224-280c, also 5c dearer.
- Lightweight boners and store cows sold from 196-238c.
- Bulls moved higher selling from 241-316c.
- Cows and calves topped at \$1600 per unit in a plainer offering.

CATEGORY	LIVEWEIGHT	HSCW	PRICE RANGE	LWT Eq.	MOVEMENT
Trade Feeder Steers	300-400kg	n/a	n/a	310c-350c	+10
Trade Feeder Heifers	300-400kg	n/a	n/a	300c-320c	+10
Heavy Feeders	380-500kg	n/a	n/a	320c-350c	+10
Angus Feeders	380-520kg	n/a	n/a	340c-360c	+10
0 – 4T (MSA)	530-730kg	240-340kg	540-565c	297c-305c	+10
4 – 8T	550-730kg	300-420kg	500-540c	270c-297c	+10
Cows	440-600kg	200-300kg	440-495c	220c-247c	+10



THE WEEK AHEAD

Markets for all classes of cattle continue to move along positively while demand is outstripping supply. The weather continues to get buyers on their toes with disruptions across most districts of southern Queensland. TC Kirrily continues to provide BOM with multiple questions of where its going next? Unfortunately, they have a much of a clue as you or me! It would be handy if it does swing south as most of the rain across the Maranoa and Warrego has been storms. Beneficial, though very scattered. We'll all be mush wiser by the middle of next week. If I win lotto tonight don't wait for next week's report.

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