

MARKET MACHINATION

Friday 7th February 2025

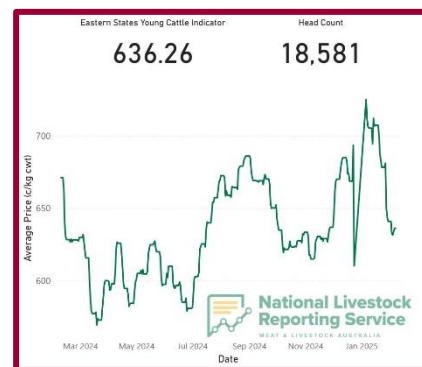
WEEKLY SALE for 4th February 2025



- At the epicentre this week Roma agents penned cattle from Winton to SA in a yarding that fell by 3500 head on the previous week due to rain and the promise of more in the usual supply areas.
- Quality remains very mixed, values for store cattle lifted while cows continue to move lower.
- Steers under 280kgs were 15-20c dearer to reach 468c, most from 400-452c.
- Steers 280-400kgs were 10-13c stronger topping at 440c, the bulk from 360-418c.
- Feeder steers 400-500kgs lifted by 8c selling to 388c and averaging 365c.
- Processors paid from 291-339c for suitable steers and bullocks.
- Heifers under 280kgs sold to 310c most from 250-300c.
- Backgrounding heifers 280-330kgs reached 348c and averaged 297c.
- Feeder heifers 330-500kgs were 10-15c dearer topping at 340c, most from 290-340c.
- Processors paid from 224-290c for suitable heifers.
- Heavy cows over 520kgs sold from 234-285c to be firm to 10c cheaper.
- Medium weight cows 400-520kgs made from 220-275c to remain firm.
- Lightweight boners and store cows ranged from 152-220c.
- Bulls for processors sold from 220-292c.
- Cows and calves reached \$1280 per unit in a plain small offering.

THE WEEK AHEAD

CATEGORY	LIVEWEIGHT	HSCW	PRICE RANGE	LWT Eq.	MOVEMENT
Trade Feeder Steers	300-400kg	n/a	n/a	NQ	
Trade Feeder Heifers	300-400kg	n/a	n/a	NQ	
Heavy Feeders	380-500kg	n/a	n/a	NQ	
Angus Feeders	380-520kg	n/a	n/a	NQ	
0 – 4T (MSA)	530-730kg	240-340kg	500c-675c	270c-364c	^
4 – 8T	550-730kg	300-420kg	565c-670c	305c-361c	^
Cows	440-600kg	200-300kg	525c-600c	265c-300c	^



The biggest changes in the markets this week was the reduction in numbers in most selling centres and the rain received across Queensland on the line from Blackall to the coast and from that line north. Reported rainfall in these areas has been from 100-200mm, and certainly not before time. Store cattle struggled over the past fortnight while prime cattle have eased, other than bullocks. I would say all bets are off for now, with many producers in these northern areas reassessing their selling programs. The other issue that will cloud export markets is the tariffs that the US has imposed on its three biggest trading partners: China, Canada and Mexico. Where this ends no one knows as affected exporters look to move product to other markets.

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