

# MARKET MACHINATION

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2025

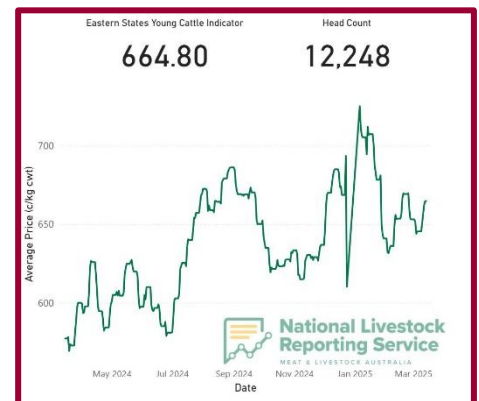
## WEEKLY SALE for 11<sup>th</sup> March 2025

- Numbers nearly halved at the epicentre with Roma agents penning 3420 head of mixed quality cattle this week.
- Cattle were penned from Goodooga to Cloncurry, Longreach, Winton, Blackall, the Warrego and Maranoa in a market that saw store cattle firm to dearer and prime cattle cheaper.
- Steers under 280kgs were 10-20c dearer topping at 478c, most from 340-430c.
- Steers 280-400kgs were firm to 10c dearer in places selling from 340-430c.
- Feeder steers 400-500kgs reached 380c and averaged 353c to remain firm.
- Steers and bullocks for the processors sold from 272-328c to be cheaper.
- Heifers under 280kgs were firm to a shade dearer topping at 330c, the bulk from 240-318c.
- Backgrounding heifers 280-330kgs sold to 310c and averaged 274c.
- Feeder heifers 330-500kgs ranged from 270-310c and topped at 320c.
- Processors paid from 240-291c for suitable heifers.
- Heavy cows over 520kgs sold from 210-276c to be 7-8c cheaper.
- Lightweight boners and store cows traded from 170-212c.
- Bulls for the processors and live export sold from 150-296c.
- Cows and calves reached \$2000 per unit (sold by Rosehearty) in a larger, better-quality yarding.



## 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 rain promised for west of the range off TC Alfred failed to materialise, however the disruption to transport to the east has certainly contributed to values dropping for prime cattle in southern Queensland. This transport disruption has seen major southern Queensland processors operate spasmodically at best. NSW processors did operate in Queensland markets but lacked competition to drive values higher. In southern states prime numbers are falling so prices have risen with the best cows back above 300c, the best steers and bullocks also moving higher to see the tops reach 390c. Once roads reopen and processors go back to full shifts the picture will get clearer.

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**30-DAY SOI: 1.29 Down 2.80; EYCI: 664.80 Up 19.27; AUD \$: US \$: 0.6298 Down 0.0005**

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