

# MARKET MACHINATION

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2025

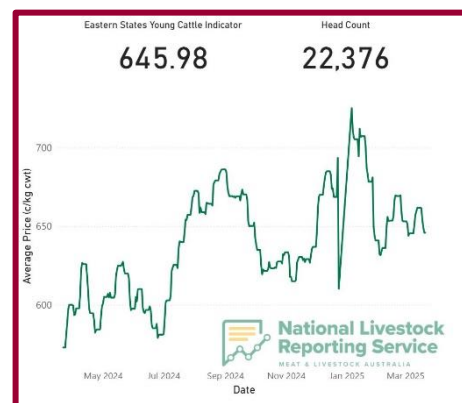
## WEEKLY SALE for 18<sup>th</sup> March 2025

- After weather, or the supposed threat of rain held cattle up the previous week, numbers nearly doubled at the epicentre to 6712 head of mixed quality cattle.
- Cattle were drawn from Cloncurry, Julia Creek, the Central West, Warrego and the Maranoa in a market that saw young cattle firm, feeder steers cheaper, feeder heifers dearer, as were prime cattle (sold by Rosehearty).
- Steers under 280kgs reached 436c, most from 350-432c.
- Steers 280-400kgs sold to 434c, the bulk from 330-420c.
- Feeder steers 400-500kgs topped at 382c and averaged 326c to be 25c cheaper.
- Steers and bullocks suitable for the processors sold from 276-338c.
- Heifers under 280kgs were firm and sold from 240-334c.
- Heifers to background were firm to 3c dearer topping at 326c and averaging 277c.
- Feeder heifers 330-500kgs were 8-10c dearer selling from 280-326c.
- Processors paid from 220-318c for suitable heifers.
- Heavy cows over 520kgs were 8-10c dearer 231-288c.
- Medium weight cows 400-520kgs were fully firm selling from 214-240c.
- Lightweight boners and store cows sold from 134-180c.
- Bulls for the processors ranged from 200-294c and were dearer.
- Cows and calves reached \$1820 per unit and ranged from \$700-1280 per unit.



## 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	^



China has given the US pork and poultry industries a last minute reprieve with no restrictions (at present) on these products to China. The US beef industries so far have not had their export licences renewed. To state the obvious, China is playing games, as are the US and the whole sorry mess is tied up with tariffs. Basic high school economics explains tariffs to be inflationary and hurt the people who can least afford them i.e. the bottom half of society. No doubt in this sort of approach that the US has taken friend and foe alike well get bashed, however no one will know who's going to get the biggest flogging. Markets for young store cattle remain strong. Feeder heifers have also taken a leg up, though the feeder steers continue to struggle with supply chain congestion. Once this clears, we should get a better picture. Prime cattle are lifting on the back of limited supply, particularly in the south. Throughput for the week ending 14/03 stood at 130,198 head with Queensland supplying 66,238 head. Expect to see both these figures lift going forward.

### **\*\*AGENTS\*\***

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**30-DAY SOI: 5.33 Up 4.04 ; EYCI: 645.98 Down 18.82; AUD \$: US \$: 0.6292 Down 0.0006**

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