

MARKET MACHINATION

Friday 11th April 2025

WEEKLY SALE for 8th April 2025



- Numbers nearly halved with a mixed quality penning of 2,196 head at the epicentre this week.
- Roma agents drew cattle from South Australia, the Warrego and Maranoa in a market that lifted for all descriptions.
- Steers under 280kgs lifted by 30-60c topping at 490c, most from 400-468c.
- Steers 280-400kgs lifted by 20-30c selling to 440c, the bulk from 370-432c.
- Feeder steers 400-500 kgs were 25c dearer reaching 414c and averaging 383c.
- Steers and bullocks suitable for the processors sold from 330-392c to also be 20-30c dearer.
- Heifers under 280kgs lifted by 20-30c to reach 368c and sold from 290-362c.
- Backgrounding heifers 280-330kgs were 30c better topping at 382c and averaging 340c.
- Feeder heifers 330-500kgs lifted by similar levels to top at 382c and ranged from 320-370c.
- Processors paid from 260-354c for suitable heifers to move these 20c higher.
- Cows over 520kgs were 5-12c dearer ranging from 274-314c.
- Medium weight cows 400-520kgs sold from 202-260c to be firm.
- Lightweight boners and store cows sold from 100-220c.
- Bulls were dearer selling to the processors from 280-340c.
- Cows and calves sold to \$1,475 per unit in a very 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	^



Throughput across the country continues to hold above 140,000 cattle weekly, with Queensland still supplying more than half. This week southern markets continue to yard the bulk of the cattle with Carcoar penning 5,187 and Wagga in excess of 7,000. Prime cattle have eased with processors facing continuing uncertainty in regards major export markets as tariffs decisions are made and then rescinded. No market, whatever the product can operate efficiently under uncertainty. Let's hope sanity prevails, though its hard to see it at the moment. Due to the relative inelasticity of the lean beef market tariffs impact the whole supply chain so really shouldn't be a crimp on Australian beef (I hope). The fall of the South Pacific Peso this week will also help cushion the ride.

****AGENTS****

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30-DAY SOI: 9.87 Down 0.73 ; EYCI: 701.24 Down 1.92; AUD \$: US \$: 0.6195 Down 0.0045

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