

Store report - cattle

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The yarding of predominately Herefords included 861 steers and 505 heifers with most of these being in forward store to prime condition. The good season has treated this district better than elsewhere, which was evident when travelling further up the mountains towards to saleyards. There are some buyers who prefer Herefords who waited for this part of the day. There was a larger than expected crowd, which contained a good number were onlookers and producers.

Gippsland buyers and a purchaser from Warrnambool were the major buyers of steers, while there was more competition from northern operators for the heifer portion. Heifers sold very well, and while most were purchased to return to the paddock or by feeders, there were a couple of prime heifers secured for slaughter.

Due to the good season the top pen of just 3 head made \$780, but most of the steers made between \$530 and \$710/head. Steers made to an estimated 230c with most sales closer to 210c/kg lwt. Most of these cattle had not been weaned, and will have some weight loss for the buyers by the time cattle reach their destination.

Because of the good quality offered the top price for heifers was \$605/head purchased by a feedlot. Most heifers made over \$450/head, to average around 197c/kg lwt. The heifers made from 182c to a top of 221c/kg.

Category	Breed	Sub Breed	Muscle Score	Fat Score	Head	Low c/kg	High c/kg	Average c/kg	Low \$/head	High \$/head	Average \$/head
Weaner Steers											
0-200	Hereford		D	1	4	223	223	223	445.0	445.0	445.0
200-280			C	1	96	200	230	220	480.0	580.0	527.2
			C	2	10	202	202	202	525.0	525.0	525.0
			D	1	16	218	218	218	480.0	480.0	480.0
	Hereford X Angus		C	1	8	204	204	204	530.0	530.0	530.0
280-330	Hereford		C	1	58	203	211	207	590.0	610.0	597.5
			C	2	407	203	215	208	580.0	710.0	638.3
330+			C	2	216	181	211	201	680.0	780.0	721.6
					815	181	230	210	445.0	780.0	558.1
Weaner Heifers											
0-200			D	1	13	195	205	204	390.0	410.0	408.5
200-280			D	1	28	196	196	196	450.0	450.0	450.0
			D	2	282	192	221	200	450.0	570.0	498.1
	Hereford X Angus		D	1	18	204	209	207	470.0	470.0	470.0
			D	2	15	185	187	186	495.0	500.0	498.0
280-330	Hereford		C	3	11	197	197	197	580.0	580.0	580.0
			D	2	96	185	211	197	555.0	600.0	578.7
			D	3	20	182	182	182	590.0	590.0	590.0
					483	182	221	196	390.0	600.0	509.2
Feeder Steers											
0-320			C	2	31	206	215	211	640.0	645.0	642.6
	Hereford X Angus		C	2	15	205	205	205	635.0	635.0	635.0
					46	205	215	208	635.0	645.0	638.8
Feeder Heifers											
	Hereford		C	1	22	202	202	202	605.0	605.0	605.0
					22	202	202	202	605.0	605.0	605.0

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