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Great expectations were held for Elders Ltd 70th Annual Mountain weaner cattle sales. Typically at this time of year a trip to the high country sees a lot of brown paddocks, and of recent years these paddocks have been very bare. However, from both West and South Gippsland, right through to Benambra the paddocks are green and the high country has plenty of feed. Also a notable change was the Tambo river, which at this time of year is struggling to flow. But after some more recent heavy rains there was a good flow to the river. All of this resulted in cattle being in good condition, although a very tough winter did see a fair percentage of the cattle in store to forward store condition.

Apart from quality, another factor indicating a potentially better year for vendors was the amount of rain that has befallen in NSW and Queensland. This was the case with prices 25c to 30c/kg lwt dearer than last year.

The first sale of the two days was an Angus and Angus cross, which sold to a large field of buyers from Warrnambool to Moree NSW) in the north. Competition came from agents, on behalf of clients, producers and feedlots with some large volumes purchased. Most of the northern cattle purchased are being fed or backgrounded for later feeding, while Gippsland finishers purchased a fair sample

Steers topped at \$750/head for a pen offered by GV & JG Crisp, as over 1,500 steers averaged \$617/head or around 224c/kg lwt. A line of 151 steers offered by FA & DM Boulton made to \$720 and averaged \$626/head. A consignment of 147 steers from Black Mountain Station averaged \$631/head. Overall, steers from 250 to 360kg made from 204c to 250c, while lighter weights sold from 225c to 269c/kg lwt.

The heifer portion of the sale contained 1,250 head. Once again these were in forward store condition with a smaller number of plainer grades and lightweights offered. A large line of 381 Angus and Black Baldy heifers offered by FA & DM Boulton averaged \$514 as the top price was achieved by AC & NH Smith for a small pen making \$610/head.

Category	Breed	Sub Breed	Muscle Score	Fat Score	Head	Low c/kg	High c/kg	Average c/kg	Low \$/head	High \$/head	Average \$/head
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Weaner Steers

0-200	Angus	C	1	29	245	269	248	485.0	490.0	489.5	
		D	1	13	237	245	238	450.0	490.0	456.2	
	Black Baldy	C	1	47	238	238	238	475.0	475.0	475.0	
		D	1	4	240	240	240	480.0	480.0	480.0	
200-280	Angus	C	1	469	215	260	239	532.0	590.0	567.8	
		C	2	27	224	246	232	542.0	560.0	553.3	
		D	1	125	219	248	230	500.0	590.0	556.6	
	Black Baldy	C	1	164	216	246	226	505.0	600.0	548.5	
		C	2	36	213	242	221	545.0	600.0	579.7	
		D	1	18	240	240	240	505.0	505.0	505.0	
		British Cross	D	1	1	208	208	208	500.0	500.0	500.0
280-330	Angus	C	1	153	212	224	219	635.0	700.0	671.3	
		C	2	290	212	233	221	635.0	710.0	678.9	
		D	1	38	230	230	230	645.0	645.0	645.0	
	Black Baldy	C	1	98	200	216	210	590.0	685.0	624.6	
		C	2	132	203	221	212	600.0	670.0	637.6	
		D	1	30	203	206	204	680.0	720.0	698.7	
330+	Angus	C	1	24	219	219	219	745.0	745.0	745.0	
		C	2	48	214	215	214	730.0	750.0	740.8	
	Black Baldy	C	1	1	194	194	194	660.0	660.0	660.0	
		C	2	30	203	206	204	680.0	720.0	698.7	
		D	1	1	194	194	194	660.0	660.0	660.0	
					1747	194	269	224	450.0	750.0	590.7

Category Weight Range	Breed	Sub Breed	Muscle Score	Fat Score	Head	Low c/kg	High c/kg	Average c/kg	Low \$/head	High \$/head	Average \$/head	
Weaner Heifers												
0-200	Angus		D	1	21	218	218	218	435.0	435.0	435.0	
	Black Baldy		D	1	89	178	218	200	330.0	435.0	385.5	
200-280	Angus		D	1	23	219	219	219	460.0	460.0	460.0	
	Black Baldy		D	2	189	179	200	191	460.0	520.0	487.9	
			D	1	160	185	216	209	435.0	475.0	457.3	
280-330	Angus		D	2	158	179	198	189	420.0	505.0	476.3	
			D	2	85	178	198	182	570.0	600.0	577.9	
	Black Baldy		D	2	59	180	190	185	545.0	600.0	557.7	
330+			D	2	5	174	174	174	610.0	610.0	610.0	
						789	174	219	196	330.0	610.0	494.2
Yearling Steers												
330-400	Angus		C	1	20	206	206	206	720.0	720.0	720.0	
						20	206	206	206	720.0	720.0	720.0
Yearling Heifers												
0-330			D	1	120	183	191	188	495.0	585.0	535.7	
	Black Baldy		D	1	100	181	198	190	514.0	580.0	542.7	
						220	181	198	189	495.0	585.0	539.2
Feeder Steers												
320-400	Angus		C	1	48	213	216	214	680.0	690.0	684.8	
			C	2	11	216	216	216	690.0	690.0	690.0	
						59	213	216	215	680.0	690.0	687.4
Feeder Heifers												
0-320	Black Baldy		D	2	148	188	196	193	515.0	565.0	533.1	
			D	1	30	186	186	186	540.0	540.0	540.0	
			D	2	48	170	196	187	485.0	560.0	522.6	
320-400			D	2	29	176	176	176	580.0	580.0	580.0	
						255	170	196	186	485.0	580.0	543.9

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