

## Store report - cattle

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The excessive drought conditions of the previous year saw a lot of cows sold during 2009, and it was very noticeable when seeing the yarding at the Sharp Fullgrabbe Hinomunggie weaner cattle sale. The numbers were down compared to the previous few years, but company principal indicated that the quality of the cattle had improved a lot since the start of the year with the now very good season.

The penning of 561 steers consisted mostly of Herefords with a small number of Angus/Hereford cross steers sold. Most were estimated to weigh between 220kg and 360kg lwt and their condition was mostly forward store to fat condition. This was due in part to some of the calves not having been weaned, although those that had offered all of the buyers cattle that would go straight ahead when reaching their destination.

Destinations varied with buyers from Victoria and NSW purchasing, although fewer numbers went north. One of the volume purchasers of steers came from Gippsland, but there was an even spread across the heifer portion, which totalled 242 head. Prices were between \$50 and \$100 higher than the previous year, and although the quality was better the weights were equal to lower creating a very good result.

The sale opened with four pens which made from \$650 to \$775/head. Steers weighing between 280kg and 360kg made from \$575 to the top figure with lighter weight calves were between \$440 and \$604/head. The liveweight price average was estimated to be 215c/kg. The yarding of steers averaged \$577/head, which was a good result as this included a few pens of young calves of light weights.

One pen of heifers were purchased by a feedlot with others varying between backgrounders, conditioners and breeders. As some calves were not weaned and showed good condition and quality, there was a couple of purchases by a processor. Heifers made as high as \$638 with most sales being between \$475 and \$580/head. The average for the heifers was \$530/head, and once again this included some young lightweight calves.

Category	Breed	Sub Breed	Muscle Score	Fat Score	Head	Low c/kg	High c/kg	Average c/kg	Low \$/head	High \$/head	Average \$/head
<b>Weaner Steers</b>											
0-200	Black Baldy		C	1	12	238	238	238	475.0	475.0	475.0
			D	1	8	220	243	232	440.0	450.0	445.0
200-280			C	1	9	200	226	223	500.0	560.0	553.3
			C	2	9	193	220	214	520.0	595.0	574.4
			D	1	12	207	227	223	450.0	520.0	493.5
			C	1	1	226	226	226	475.0	475.0	475.0
280-330	European Cross		C	1	66	194	232	221	500.0	590.0	536.1
			C	2	43	208	232	220	520.0	604.0	582.2
	Hereford		C	2	52	197	212	206	575.0	664.0	631.4
			C	1	9	198	198	198	632.0	632.0	632.0
			C	2	73	185	216	199	555.0	650.0	627.7
			C	1	3	200	200	200	570.0	570.0	570.0
330+	European Cross		C	1	15	213	213	213	596.0	596.0	596.0
			C	2	199	194	215	205	608.0	675.0	645.1
	Hereford		D	1	18	217	217	217	650.0	650.0	650.0
			C	2	25	210	210	210	735.0	755.0	744.6
					<b>554</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>440.0</b>	<b>755.0</b>	<b>577.0</b>
<b>Weaner Heifers</b>											
0-200			D	1	7	198	211	201	395.0	422.0	402.4
200-280	Angus		D	1	1	214	214	214	450.0	450.0	450.0

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
280-330			D	2	22	195	198	196	526.0	535.0	528.9
		Black Baldy	D	2	21	191	216	197	475.0	525.0	509.7
		Hereford	D	1	9	208	208	208	458.0	458.0	458.0
			D	2	65	191	206	198	454.0	515.0	483.7
		Hereford X Angus	D	2	2	196	196	196	520.0	520.0	520.0
		Angus	C	2	11	199	199	199	638.0	638.0	638.0
		Black Baldy	D	2	30	192	193	193	548.0	570.0	556.1
		British Cross	D	2	10	191	191	191	534.0	534.0	534.0
		Hereford	C	2	17	195	195	195	586.0	586.0	586.0
			D	2	23	208	208	208	582.0	582.0	582.0
		D	3	12	186	186	186	530.0	530.0	530.0	
					<b>230</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>395.0</b>	<b>638.0</b>	<b>521.4</b>
<b>Feeder Heifers</b>											
0-320	Angus		D	2	12	193	193	193	580.0	580.0	580.0
					<b>12</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>580.0</b>	<b>580.0</b>	<b>580.0</b>

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