

Store report - cattle

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Leongatha

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Yarding 2044

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Expectations were high, as Elders Leongatha commenced their annual weaner and yearling cattle sale. The very good season, one of Victoria's top selling complexes, and the most recent very high prime cattle prices set the scene for a strong sale.

The cattle penned were in forward store to prime condition, and presented very well under the roof on a soft floor. With the exception of some humid weather, the sale progressed very well with all districts of Gippsland represented, and making purchases. As expected, the local branch supplied a lot of the competition, which was complimented by two feedlots, and other Gippsland agents.

Around 90% of the cattle offered had their weight displayed, even though it was an open auction sale. The cattle were well drafted, and well represented, which is a credit to the vendors. It was also noted that most of the cattle were weaned.

The flurry of weaner cattle sales in January have been quoted at very high price levels, with this sale no exception. The weaner steers made from \$700 to \$905/head, which equated to 202c, to 270c for a 244c/kg lwt average. An Arawata producer who has supported this sale since conception 27 years ago, sold 117 steers to \$1,050 for an average of \$892/head. A Foster producer sold a run of 204 principally Angus and Angus Hereford steers to \$840 averaging \$787/head.

Highly sought after was a line of Angus steers from Leongatha, which sold very well to \$900, averaging \$834/head. A line of 104 Red Angus steers from Hedley Range sold to \$900, averaging \$809/head.

Weaned heifers made up the lesser part of the yarding, but their breeding and quality was no less than the steers. Prices achieved were equal to anywhere recently, with prices ranging between \$530 and \$795 for an average of \$695/head. Considering the heifers were smaller than the steers, this average was excellent, and equated to a 231c/kg lwt average. A line of 96 Angus heifers made to \$650, averaging \$616/head.

The 576 yearling steers ranged in weight from 370kg to 545kg lwt. Most of the steers were British and European breeds and their crosses, which made from \$765 to \$1,060/head. Including the crossbred and Friesian steers sold, the average live weight price was 212c/kg. There was a couple of sales of yearling heifers from \$715 to \$800/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
Weaner Steers											
200-280	Angus		C	1	20	259	270	266	700.0	730.0	718.0
	Cross Bred		D	1	3	240	240	240	600.0	600.0	600.0
	Hereford		C	1	12	269	269	269	700.0	700.0	700.0
	Red Angus		C	1	16	265	265	265	715.0	715.0	715.0
280-330	Angus		C	1	185	232	260	246	690.0	775.0	748.1
			C	2	97	235	260	243	750.0	780.0	764.5
	Charolais		C	1	22	243	248	245	760.0	775.0	769.6
	European Cross		C	1	17	238	241	239	760.0	795.0	772.4
			C	2	23	240	241	240	770.0	775.0	773.3
	Hereford		C	1	8	237	237	237	715.0	715.0	715.0
			C	2	20	251	251	251	780.0	780.0	780.0
	Hereford X Angus		C	1	25	233	255	254	700.0	832.0	826.7
			C	2	13	258	258	258	760.0	760.0	760.0
	Red Angus		C	2	40	238	245	242	760.0	780.0	772.0
330+	Angus		C	1	51	234	239	237	800.0	885.0	856.1
			C	2	311	221	256	237	775.0	905.0	842.6
	British Cross		C	2	20	246	246	246	814.0	814.0	814.0
	Charolais		C	1	22	227	227	227	850.0	850.0	850.0

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	Hereford		C	2	71	222	235	230	780.0	900.0	829.4
	Hereford X Angus		C	2	47	202	228	216	735.0	830.0	785.5
	Red Angus		C	2	52	231	243	238	820.0	900.0	861.9
					1075	202	270	244	600.0	905.0	774.0
Weaner Heifers											
200-280	Angus		C	1	18	244	244	244	634.0	634.0	634.0
			C	2	41	248	258	254	670.0	670.0	670.0
			D	1	81	230	258	247	530.0	646.0	597.7
280-330			C	1	18	228	228	228	660.0	660.0	660.0
			C	2	13	226	226	226	690.0	690.0	690.0
			D	2	75	219	252	229	670.0	735.0	695.8
	Charolais		C	1	12	236	236	236	680.0	680.0	680.0
			C	2	12	242	242	242	770.0	770.0	770.0
	European Cross		C	1	13	230	236	234	662.0	678.0	666.9
	Hereford		D	2	12	221	221	221	715.0	715.0	715.0
	Hereford X Angus		C	2	9	230	230	230	690.0	690.0	690.0
330+	Angus		C	3	19	206	206	206	770.0	770.0	770.0
			D	3	21	211	211	211	700.0	700.0	700.0
	Charolais		C	2	13	223	223	223	795.0	795.0	795.0
					357	206	258	231	530.0	795.0	695.3
Yearling Steers											
330-400	Angus		C	1	13	231	231	231	765.0	765.0	765.0
			C	2	34	232	232	232	860.0	900.0	878.8
	Cross Bred		D	1	15	201	217	206	745.0	760.0	749.0
	European Cross		C	1	5	222	222	222	810.0	810.0	810.0
	Hereford		C	2	25	218	223	221	835.0	890.0	868.0
	Hereford X Angus		C	2	12	230	230	230	880.0	880.0	880.0
	Murray Grey		C	1	18	227	227	227	835.0	835.0	835.0
			C	2	11	203	203	203	790.0	790.0	790.0
400+	Angus		C	1	17	217	217	217	895.0	895.0	895.0
			C	2	63	196	218	211	865.0	1058.0	931.1
	Bos Indicus Cross		C	2	32	214	216	215	865.0	925.0	895.0
	British Cross		C	2	18	219	219	219	995.0	995.0	995.0
	Cross Bred		D	1	8	160	160	160	805.0	805.0	805.0
			D	2	7	187	187	187	804.0	804.0	804.0
	European		C	1	25	216	217	216	900.0	925.0	914.0
	European Cross		C	1	24	198	212	206	848.0	876.0	859.7
			C	2	31	203	216	208	850.0	915.0	874.4
	Hereford		C	2	114	195	222	215	885.0	1060.0	948.3
	Hereford X Angus		C	2	48	207	217	210	910.0	920.0	917.1
	Murray Grey		C	2	56	198	221	213	885.0	985.0	909.4
					576	160	232	212	745.0	1060.0	866.2
Yearling Heifers											
0-330	Angus		C	1	21	227	227	227	715.0	715.0	715.0
330-400			C	2	8	231	231	231	800.0	800.0	800.0
					29	227	231	229	715.0	800.0	757.5

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