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Driving up to the Sharp Fullgrabbe & Co mountain cattle weaner sale at the yards at Hinnomunjie was a surreal experience this year. From McMillans Lookout on the way up the hill, the view of the surrounding hills was all green which was in stark contrast to previous years. It was an overcast morning with cloud cover eclipsing the higher hills, but the day could not have been better for producers selling their annual supply of weaners.

While the quality was better than previous years, it was typical in weight and age of the cattle. Most of the yarding were weaners, and while a lot were weaned a few weeks prior to the sale, some were not. This varied the trend to a small degree, but one thing was for certain and that was the need for cattle, particularly heifers for future breeders.

Yearling steers offered by "Penderscourt" opened the sale, and after a slow start reached the top steer price of \$1,000/head. Steers weighing over 330kg lwt made above \$750/head. Most of the steers were estimated to weigh between 240 and 330kg lwt, and made from \$735 to \$860/head. Across all steers they averaged \$772/head.

"Penderscourt" sold 65 Hereford steers to \$1,000 for and averaged \$882/head. A regular supporter of this sale is B.S. Dyer who, offered 76 Hereford steers which made to \$900 and averaged \$820/head. C.J. Pendergast is one of many of the Pendergast families that sell in the high country sales, and this year sold 70 Angus cross Hereford steers topping at \$925, and averaging \$856/head.

About half of the total heifers sold were purchased for future breeders, and the others to background to eventually end up in feedlots. Strong competition between two buyers for Angus heifers to put straight to the bull fought a battle to set a sale top price of \$1,030/head. This set the trend for the balance of the heifers, which were mostly between 220 and 320kg lwt. Most heifers made between \$645 and \$830, and averaged \$728/head. Long time supporters of this sale, L & S Pendergast sold 78 lighter weight steers, and 92 similar weighted heifers. The steers averaged \$674, while the heifers \$687/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											
0-200	Hereford		C	1	39	318	325	324	635.0	650.0	648.9
200-280	Angus		C	1	7	293	293	293	645.0	645.0	645.0
	Black Baldy		C	1	7	295	295	295	650.0	650.0	650.0
			C	2	16	236	289	281	650.0	780.0	759.7
	British Cross		C	1	8	272	272	272	735.0	735.0	735.0
	European Cross		D	1	11	310	310	310	650.0	650.0	650.0
	Hereford		C	1	111	274	312	286	640.0	755.0	699.9
			D	1	10	261	291	285	600.0	640.0	632.0
280-330	Black Baldy		C	2	62	261	264	263	812.0	872.0	841.0
	British Cross		C	2	7	258	259	258	750.0	775.0	771.4
	Hereford		C	1	51	258	293	272	780.0	850.0	817.1
			C	2	139	259	288	266	790.0	865.0	841.2
330+	Black Baldy		C	2	29	241	250	250	845.0	925.0	916.2
	Bos Indicus Cross		C	2	9	240	240	240	815.0	815.0	815.0
	British Cross		C	2	8	234	234	234	912.0	912.0	912.0
	European Cross		C	2	1	223	223	223	890.0	890.0	890.0
	Hereford		C	2	71	228	249	239	855.0	1000.0	907.3
					586	223	325	270	600.0	1000.0	772.4
Weaner Heifers											
0-200	British Cross		D	1	8	354	354	354	602.0	602.0	602.0
	Hereford		D	1	28	315	336	318	480.0	630.0	608.6

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
200-280	Angus		D	2	2	300	300	300	600.0	600.0	600.0
			C	2	10	280	280	280	755.0	755.0	755.0
			D	2	35	280	336	305	685.0	705.0	695.1
280-330	European Cross		D	2	6	261	261	261	705.0	705.0	705.0
			D	2	90	239	317	296	645.0	715.0	690.7
	Angus		D	2	4	250	250	250	750.0	750.0	750.0
			D	2	14	265	267	266	755.0	775.0	766.4
			D	2	5	221	250	238	640.0	750.0	706.0
330+	European Cross		C	3	1	242	242	242	725.0	725.0	725.0
			C	3	1	232	232	232	650.0	650.0	650.0
	Hereford		D	2	68	248	268	258	720.0	750.0	730.8
			D	3	12	245	245	245	785.0	785.0	785.0
			D	3	14	268	268	268	1030.0	1030.0	1030.0
	C	2	1	216	216	216	830.0	830.0	830.0		
	C	3	1	196	196	196	755.0	755.0	755.0		
					300	196	354	266	480.0	1030.0	728.5
Yearling Steers											
330-400	Black Baldy		C	2	10	243	243	243	935.0	935.0	935.0
			C	2	1	231	231	231	900.0	900.0	900.0
					11	231	243	237	900.0	935.0	917.5
Yearling Heifers											
0-330	Black Baldy		D	2	4	234	234	234	750.0	750.0	750.0
330-400	Angus		D	2	21	233	241	239	770.0	795.0	790.2
						25	233	241	237	750.0	795.0

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