

## Store report - cattle

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# Benambra

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Tuesday afternoon's Benambra weaner cattle sale was extremely successful with strong competition from feedlots and producers alike. Producers were purchasing both for finishing and for lines of females to enhance their herds, and all of this led to a very good result.

Due to a longer good season than other parts of East Gippsland, and a significant herd reduction over the past few years, the cattle were in quite good stead. The sale opened with a few pens of yearling Hereford steers, estimated to weigh up to 440kg liveweight. While this line of steers were not sold here the previous year because of the season, they presented buyers with something to get their teeth into. The 206 yearlings made to a top of \$1100, and averaged \$981/head, or an estimated 248c/kg lwt.

The line up of 600 weaner steers varied in weight, but all showed better bloom and condition than the previous few years. The weaner steers made from \$590 to \$940 for and average of \$743/head. This was equated to a liveweight average of 272c/kg.

Competition came from feedlots and producers with South Gippsland producers setting a strong pace early in the sale. Once again buyers had to adjust buying weights to fit in with what clients were prepared to pay. This saw a large number of the light to medium weight steers make from \$590 to \$780/head with the lower end being only around the 200kg to 250kg weight range.

A similar trend was seen for the 65 yearling and 390 Hereford weaner heifers sold. The yearling heifers presented some size and reasonable weight, and made between \$700 and \$970/head. Weaned heifers made from \$575 for very light calves to \$920/head for better weighted heifers. There was strong competition for noted lines of heifers, purchased for future breeders.

The estimated liveweight prices were between 227c and 350c/kg for an overall average estimated at 280c/kg.

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	
<b>Weaner Steers</b>												
200-280	Bos Indicus Cross		C	1	8	296	296	296	680.0	680.0	680.0	
			D	1	3	271	271	271	650.0	650.0	650.0	
			C	1	113	280	317	304	640.0	735.0	721.9	
			C	2	112	267	302	284	700.0	780.0	754.6	
			D	1	6	246	272	262	590.0	680.0	638.3	
280-330	British Cross		C	2	18	250	272	259	790.0	825.0	811.4	
			C	1	10	271	271	271	760.0	760.0	760.0	
			C	2	185	252	273	261	765.0	830.0	804.2	
330+		C	2	147	220	253	236	860.0	940.0	870.7		
						<b>602</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>590.0</b>	<b>940.0</b>	<b>743.4</b>
<b>Weaner Heifers</b>												
0-200			D	1	26	359	359	359	575.0	610.0	599.2	
			D	2	9	300	300	300	600.0	600.0	600.0	
200-280	British Cross		D	1	36	302	302	302	695.0	695.0	695.0	
			D	2	10	283	283	283	650.0	650.0	650.0	
			D	1	60	275	311	286	670.0	715.0	690.0	
			D	2	106	252	283	276	660.0	750.0	715.0	
			D	2	8	274	274	274	740.0	740.0	740.0	
280-330	British Cross		D	2	12	257	257	257	770.0	770.0	770.0	
			D	3	10	227	227	227	750.0	750.0	750.0	
			D	2	88	260	282	270	760.0	870.0	819.6	

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330+			D	3	10	257	257	257	770.0	770.0	770.0	
			D	3	14	271	271	271	920.0	920.0	920.0	
						<b>389</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>575.0</b>	<b>920.0</b>	<b>726.6</b>
<b>Yearling Steers</b>												
330-400			C	2	75	247	258	252	940.0	980.0	956.0	
400+			C	2	131	225	256	243	900.0	1100.0	1006.2	
						<b>206</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>900.0</b>	<b>1100.0</b>	<b>981.1</b>
<b>Yearling Heifers</b>												
330-400			D	2	64	203	249	233	700.0	970.0	865.8	
						<b>64</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>700.0</b>	<b>970.0</b>	<b>865.8</b>
<b>Feeder Steers</b>												
0-320			C	2	57	260	262	261	780.0	800.0	785.3	
320-400	British Cross		C	2	6	259	259	259	830.0	830.0	830.0	
	Hereford		C	2	99	253	267	257	810.0	880.0	826.3	
						<b>162</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>780.0</b>	<b>880.0</b>	<b>813.8</b>

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