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Green grass everywhere in East Gippsland, including the high country, which is unusual for this time of year, coupled with the very good season all over Gippsland and the eastern seaboard, meant competition reached extreme levels for the Black Cattle sale.

This seasons opening sale was very strong led by competition from all quarters. Competition came from far and wide with cattle going to the south east of SA, into NSW, and a lot of places in between. There were feedlot buyers operating, along with one live shipping company as well as the usual fatteners. There was also strong competition for a number of notable lines of heifers for future breeders, and put all of this together, the dearest sale ever recorded for this district was accomplished.

Considering the good season, a number of people commented that they were expecting the cattle to be heavier, and in better condition than presented. In talking to the producers, this resulted in comments that the grass is very fresh and not allowing the cattle to fatten as well as expected.

It is worthy of note that a lot of the cattle presented were carded as being weaned, EU accredited, and beef only, or any part thereof. This gave buyers the opportunity to select pens that best suited their requirements. It certainly helped the live shipping order for Angus heifers over 300kg, and the heifers that fitted their requirements topped the sale at \$1,020/head. The live export order purchased the top priced heifers, with 194 head overall.

The top twenty sales of heifers were above \$830/head, and set a very high precedent for the rest of the heifers sold. While not out doing the steers the 1,265 heifers averaged \$771/head. This is around \$200/head higher than the previous year, and there were new liveweight equivalent prices set. The weaner heifers averaged 284c, and the yearlings 248c/kg.

Steers sold very well with a feedlot purchasing the first few pens from \$850 to \$960/head. On the day these were the cheapest on a liveweight basis estimated to be 258c/kg, as most of the lighter weight steers made from \$620 to \$890/head or around 315c/kg lwt.

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	Angus		C	1	27	305	361	332	610.0	650.0	629.3
			D	1	15	310	310	310	620.0	620.0	620.0
	Black Baldy		C	1	27	343	343	343	635.0	635.0	635.0
			D	1	11	295	335	328	590.0	670.0	655.5
200-280	Angus		C	1	439	267	343	319	640.0	800.0	758.2
			C	2	121	289	326	305	690.0	800.0	771.0
	Black Baldy		C	1	53	304	323	320	760.0	775.0	772.5
			C	2	107	304	336	324	680.0	790.0	736.2
		D	1	22	311	319	314	670.0	715.0	696.6	
	British Cross		C	1	66	260	308	290	650.0	800.0	731.1
280-330	Angus		C	2	271	237	277	264	710.0	890.0	838.8
	Black Baldy		C	1	6	283	283	283	820.0	820.0	820.0
			C	2	153	256	284	269	800.0	850.0	828.3
	British Cross		C	1	16	259	288	274	820.0	830.0	825.0
330+	Angus		C	1	17	254	254	254	890.0	890.0	890.0
			C	2	130	236	253	243	850.0	900.0	868.1
	Black Baldy		C	2	11	261	261	261	940.0	940.0	940.0
					1492	236	361	296	590.0	940.0	765.6

Weaner Heifers

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
0-200	Angus		D	1	5	333	333	333	500.0	500.0	500.0
			D	2	17	344	344	344	550.0	550.0	550.0
	Black Baldy		D	1	46	311	316	313	560.0	585.0	567.6
			D	2	44	335	339	339	570.0	645.0	636.5
	British Cross		D	2	6	295	295	295	590.0	590.0	590.0
	Hereford X Angus		D	1	1	303	303	303	500.0	500.0	500.0
		D	2	27	306	369	335	550.0	590.0	578.9	
200-280	Angus		D	2	186	275	292	286	660.0	765.0	714.2
			D	3	39	257	300	293	695.0	750.0	741.5
	Black Baldy		D	2	136	269	292	281	670.0	740.0	720.5
			D	1	3	307	307	307	630.0	630.0	630.0
	Hereford X Angus		D	2	54	300	320	311	705.0	720.0	711.7
			D	3	4	250	250	250	650.0	650.0	650.0
280-330	Angus		C	2	50	309	316	313	1010.0	1020.0	1014.4
			D	2	153	247	277	263	770.0	890.0	814.9
	Black Baldy		D	2	89	257	274	264	740.0	825.0	778.4
			D	3	18	230	263	254	750.0	760.0	755.6
	British Cross		D	2	6	257	257	257	770.0	770.0	770.0
			D	3	1	217	217	217	650.0	650.0	650.0
330+	Angus		D	3	24	253	280	265	860.0	980.0	915.0
					909	217	369	291	500.0	1020.0	689.5
Yearling Heifers											
0-330			D	3	18	273	273	273	875.0	875.0	875.0
330-400			C	3	42	245	249	246	895.0	930.0	915.0
			D	2	16	235	235	235	775.0	775.0	775.0
	Black Baldy		D	3	40	232	244	237	800.0	855.0	824.8
			D	2	137	239	262	249	790.0	890.0	854.9
			D	3	50	228	258	245	820.0	955.0	894.5
					303	228	273	248	775.0	955.0	856.5
Feeder Steers											
320-400	Angus		C	2	237	239	272	253	850.0	960.0	895.9
	Black Baldy		C	2	16	262	262	262	890.0	890.0	890.0
					253	239	272	258	850.0	960.0	892.9
Feeder Heifers											
0-320			D	2	35	261	267	264	730.0	760.0	742.6
					35	261	267	264	730.0	760.0	742.6

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