

## Detailed saleyard report - cattle

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### Ballarat

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Yarding Change 131  
-255

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Cattle supply was heavily reduced and quality overall was noticeably lower for the small field of processors and restockers. Demand was also weaker, especially for grown cattle due in part to the lack of export competition. The yarding comprised 41 steers, 28 heifers, 53 cows and 9 bulls with 14 extras sold by open auction, including cow and calf outfits.

Restockers supplied the best competition in the young cattle section of the sale even though not all the regulars were present. Prices here were unchanged and up to 10c/kg dearer but the trade buyers paid firm rates at best with sales mostly on the cheaper side even when allowing for the drop in quality. The C2 and C3 yearlings made 170c to 180c with restockers going to 210c while the vealer portion was from 186c to 208c/kg. The D1 and D2 yearlings sold between 120c and 170c/kg.

Just a few mixed quality grown steers and heifers were offered and were too few for a reliable quote. All up they made from 122c to 151.6c/kg. The cows averaged 10c to 12c/kg lower in the penning of medium and heavy weights from 1 through to over fat 5 scores. The 1 scores sold from 100c to 118c while the 2 to 5 scores made 110c to 132.5c/kg. Most cows cost processor's from 230c to 270c/kg cwt. The B2 heavy weight bulls were mainly of average quality and sold from 122c to 130c to be up to 10c/kg cheaper.

Category Weight	Sale Prefix	Muscle Score	Fat Score	Head	Live Weight c/kg				Estimated Carcase Weight c/kg			Estimated \$/Head		
					Low	High	Avg	Change	Low	High	Avg	Low	High	Avg
<b>Vealer Steer</b>														
200-280		C	2	1	208.0	- 208.0	208.0	N/Q	400	- 400	400	541	- 541	541
	RS	C	2	2	210.0	- 210.0	210.0	N/Q	-	-	-	447	- 447	447
280-330	RS	C	2	3	186.0	- 200.0	195.3	-5	-	-	-	590	- 614	598
		C	3	1	204.6	- 204.6	204.6	N/Q	386	- 386	386	675	- 675	675
				<b>7</b>	<b>186.0</b>	<b>210.0</b>	<b>202.7</b>		<b>386</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>393</b>	<b>447</b>	<b>675</b>	<b>558</b>
<b>Vealer Heifer</b>														
200-280		C	2	2	186.0	- 186.0	186.0	N/Q	358	- 358	358	391	- 456	423
	RS	D	2	3	154.0	- 170.0	164.7	6	-	-	-	370	- 383	378
280-330		C	2	2	200.0	- 200.0	200.0	N/Q	385	- 385	385	570	- 570	570
330+		C	2	1	186.0	- 186.0	186.0	N/Q	358	- 358	358	642	- 642	642
				<b>8</b>	<b>154.0</b>	<b>200.0</b>	<b>181.5</b>		<b>358</b>	<b>385</b>	<b>368</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>642</b>	<b>470</b>
<b>Yearling Steer</b>														
0-330	RS	C	2	7	173.0	- 201.0	190.4	-17	-	-	-	481	- 644	573
	RS	E	1	4	130.0	- 130.0	130.0	N/Q	-	-	-	189	- 299	239
330-400	RS	C	2	4	181.0	- 189.0	186.8	N/Q	-	-	-	641	- 652	644
		C	2	2	171.5	- 188.0	179.8	N/Q	336	- 369	353	658	- 660	659
		C	3	1	190.0	- 190.0	190.0	N/Q	359	- 359	359	684	- 684	684
400+		C	2	1	153.0	- 153.0	153.0	N/Q	306	- 306	306	704	- 704	704
		C	3	1	173.0	- 173.0	173.0	N/Q	326	- 326	326	926	- 926	926
	RS	D	2	1	160.0	- 160.0	160.0	N/Q	-	-	-	784	- 784	784
	DA	D	2	1	120.0	- 120.0	120.0	N/Q	250	- 250	250	612	- 612	612
				<b>22</b>	<b>120.0</b>	<b>201.0</b>	<b>170.7</b>		<b>250</b>	<b>369</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>926</b>	<b>571</b>
<b>Yearling Heifer</b>														
0-330	RS	C	2	3	173.5	- 173.5	173.5	-11	-	-	-	486	- 486	486
400+	RS	D	2	2	140.0	- 140.0	140.0	N/Q	-	-	-	574	- 574	574
				<b>5</b>	<b>140.0</b>	<b>173.5</b>	<b>160.0</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>486</b>	<b>574</b>	<b>521</b>

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					Low	High	Avg	Change	Low	High	Avg	Low	High	Avg
<b>Grown Steer</b>														
600-750		C	3	1	145.0	- 145.0	145.0	N/Q	279	- 279	279	943	- 943	943
750+		C	4	1	150.0	- 150.0	150.0	N/Q	289	- 289	289	1148	- 1148	1148
				<b>2</b>	<b>145.0</b>	<b>150.0</b>	<b>147.5</b>		<b>279</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>943</b>	<b>1148</b>	<b>1045</b>
<b>Grown Heifer</b>														
0-540		C	2	1	151.6	- 151.6	151.6	N/Q	303	- 303	303	796	- 796	796
		C	3	1	150.0	- 150.0	150.0	N/Q	300	- 300	300	660	- 660	660
	RS	D	2	1	135.0	- 135.0	135.0	N/Q	-			614	- 614	614
540+		C	4	1	130.0	- 130.0	130.0	N/Q	250	- 250	250	832	- 832	832
		D	3	2	122.0	- 122.0	122.0	N/Q	254	- 254	254	695	- 695	695
				<b>6</b>	<b>122.0</b>	<b>151.6</b>	<b>135.2</b>		<b>250</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>614</b>	<b>832</b>	<b>716</b>
<b>Manufacturing Steer</b>														
0-540		D	1	2	128.0	- 128.0	128.0	N/Q	267	- 267	267	621	- 621	621
540+		D	3	2	150.0	- 150.0	150.0	N/Q	294	- 294	294	863	- 863	863
				<b>4</b>	<b>128.0</b>	<b>150.0</b>	<b>139.0</b>		<b>267</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>621</b>	<b>863</b>	<b>742</b>
<b>Cows</b>														
0-400	RS	C	1	1	113.0	- 113.0	113.0	N/Q	-			418	- 418	418
400-520		D	1	6	100.0	- 109.6	105.5	-11	249	- 261	253	465	- 535	509
	RS	D	1	2	110.0	- 110.0	110.0	N/Q	-			528	- 528	528
	DA	E	1	1	108.0	- 108.0	108.0	N/Q	257	- 257	257	535	- 535	535
520+		C	2	1	132.0	- 132.0	132.0	N/Q	269	- 269	269	739	- 739	739
		C	3	3	132.5	- 132.5	132.5	-12	265	- 265	265	894	- 894	894
		C	4	5	132.0	- 132.0	132.0	-9	259	- 259	259	832	- 858	837
		C	5	1	126.2	- 126.2	126.2	N/Q	248	- 248	248	776	- 776	776
	RS	D	1	1	110.0	- 110.0	110.0	N/Q	-			600	- 600	600
	DA	D	1	12	100.0	- 118.0	107.3	-8	238	- 281	252	550	- 826	616
		D	2	4	120.0	- 120.0	120.0	-10	250	- 250	250	630	- 714	651
		D	3	5	126.2	- 126.2	126.2	-13	252	- 258	255	694	- 776	752
		D	4	2	110.0	- 110.0	110.0	N/Q	220	- 220	220	583	- 671	627
		D	5	2	110.0	- 125.0	117.5	N/Q	220	- 245	233	825	- 963	894
				<b>46</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>132.5</b>	<b>116.4</b>		<b>220</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>418</b>	<b>963</b>	<b>670</b>
<b>Bulls</b>														
0-450	RS	C	2	1	156.0	- 156.0	156.0	N/C	-			546	- 546	546
	RS	D	2	2	144.0	- 144.0	144.0	N/Q	-			317	- 317	317
450-600		B	2	1	171.2	- 171.2	171.2	N/Q	317	- 317	317	822	- 822	822
		C	1	1	107.0	- 107.0	107.0	N/Q	210	- 210	210	605	- 605	605
		C	2	1	120.0	- 120.0	120.0	N/Q	226	- 226	226	714	- 714	714
		D	1	1	100.0	- 100.0	100.0	N/Q	208	- 208	208	520	- 520	520
600+		B	2	4	122.0	- 130.0	127.5	-9	222	- 237	231	1086	- 1254	1151
				<b>11</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>171.2</b>	<b>132.0</b>		<b>208</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>1254</b>	<b>768</b>

#### Abbreviations

CATTLE FD: Feeder RS: Restocker GF: Grainfed DA: Dairy PC: Pastoral Cattle SHEEP & LAMB RS: Restocker MR: Merino RM: Restocker Merino 1X: 1st Cross FD: Feeder

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