

**Prices up for heavier cattle as lighter cattle set new highs**

What can we say about the current cattle market? 400c/kg is fast becoming the new 300c/kg but while the 400c/kg prices have been common for lighter cattle over recent weeks, heavier cattle also bypassed the new benchmark today. The yearling heifers almost hit 400c/kg as re-stockers scramble to rebuild their numbers. With prices at record highs, vendor Barry Smith said selling in such a strong market is a win-win – if the market does sustain the current prices they are still breeding cattle with more to sell but, at the same time, they've offloaded stock to give their paddocks a rest, adding that the higher c/kg for lighter calves made it worth selling them now rather than feeding for 6 months to reach heavier weights.

**STEERS**

***Vealer steers sold to 440c/kg (416c/kg) for a top price of \$1600, yearlings to 444c/kg (427c/kg) for a top price of \$1896 and grown steers to 374c/kg (379c/kg) for a top price of \$2530. Highlights included:***

4 and 6 tooth bullocks (pictured top left) sold by ELD on account Partridge made 341c/kg and averaged 702kg/\$2400;

Steers sold by ELD on account GF & CD Summers made 370c/kg and averaged 565kg/\$2090;

Steers sold by DCM on account C Lowe made 395c/kg and averaged 509kg/\$2011;

Hereford steers sold by IML on account Benoni Pastoral Co sold to 390c/kg and averaged 443kg/\$1727 with the heavier steers making 378c/kg and averaging 466kg/\$1761;

Steers sold by IMI on account Grills made 395c/kg and averaged 445kg/\$1757;

EU accredited steers sold by B&S on account Oisland Pastoral Co made 400c/kg and averaged 400kg/\$1600;

Charolais steers sold by CP on account Jason Taylor made 416c/kg and averaged 365kg/\$1518;

Angus steers sold by DCM for MA & SL Ranger made 417c/kg and averaged 317kg/\$1322;

Angus vealer steers sold by NLP made 422c/kg, averaging 277kg/\$1168;

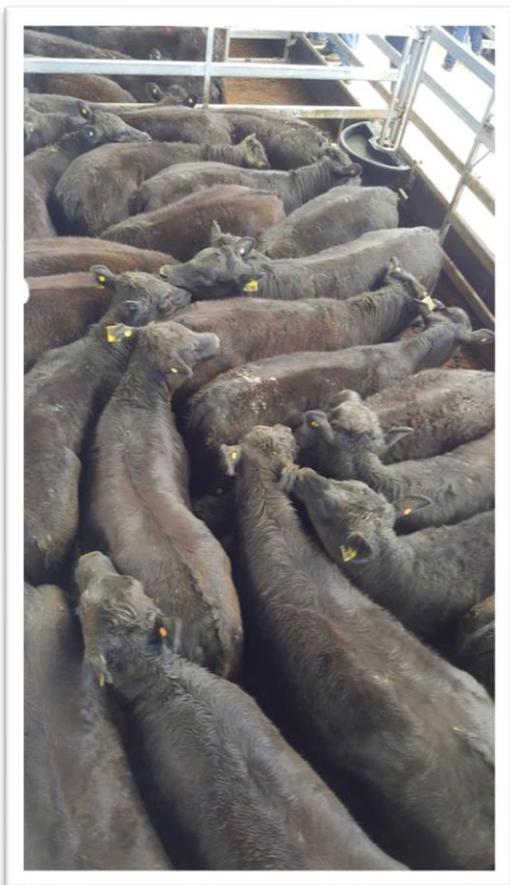
Vendor bred Angus weaners (pictured bottom left) in store condition sold by LMK for Barry Smith topped at 440c/kg for the lighter steers, averaging 179kg/\$787. The heavier calves made 418c/kg, averaging 266kg/\$1111; and

Angus steers sold by LMK on account WJ & JM Bacon made 444c/kg and averaged 227kg/\$1007.



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#### HEIFERS

**Vealer heifers sold to 440c/kg (379c/kg) for a top price of \$1476, yearling heifers sold to 399c/kg (392c/kg) for a top price of \$1610 and grown heifers sold to 353c/kg (348c/kg) for a top price of \$2100.**

**Highlights included:**

Angus heifers sold by LMK on account Ennis made 353c/kg and averaged 515kg/\$1818;

Angus x Limousin heifers (pictured top left) sold by IML on account CPN made 398c/kg and averaged 369kg/\$1468;

Vealer heifers sold by G&C on account CR & RE Clifton made 389c/kg and averaged 379kg/\$1476;

Charolais heifers, off the grain, sold by ELD on account DJ & JW Burr made 397c/kg and averaged 369kg/\$1407;

Charolais x yearling heifers (pictured bottom left) sold by CP on account RJ Laurie, Nowendoc made 398c/kg and averaged 309kg/\$1229 with the heavier heifers making 395c/kg and averaging 330kg/\$1303;

Milk and 2 tooth heifers sold by LMK on account SR & HR Smith, Quirindi made 391c/kg and averaged 283kg/\$1106;

The heifer portion of vendor bred Angus weaners sold by LMK on account Barry Smith topped at 390c/kg and averaged 237kg/\$924; and Angus vealer heifers sold by CP on account Jane Bennett made 440c/kg and averaged 169kg/\$743.



#### COWS

**Cows sold to 281c/kg (293c/kg) with top price of \$2043 going to Sam and Kelly Newsome selling through LMK. Other highlights included:**

Shorthorn cows sold by PPA on account of Baldwin made 273c/kg and averaged 608kg/\$1660.

#### BULLS

**Bulls sold to 352c/kg (294c/kg) for a top price of \$2973.**

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