

Thank heavens for Trevor

The talk today was who got what rain over the weekend with the tail end of ex tropical cyclone Trevor bringing some of the best falls in years. Trevor brought up to 100mm in the Hunter, 60mm in the west at Wee Waa, 60mm or more in Tamworth and 25mm at Walcha, topping up the 25mm last week, although some were luckier than others.

After hitting rock bottom three weeks ago, the cow market has had a remarkable turnaround, topping at 258c/kg for a feature line of young PTIC Angus cows sold by IML. The MLA reported that “demand was high and competition strong through the young cattle” and every category was dearer today on the back of extra re-stocker and feedlotter competition. The best gains were up to 37c/kg for medium and heavyweight feeder heifers. While there's still a long way to go to break the drought, it's a great start with water in dams and enough moisture for many to plant a winter crop. Now we just need another Trevor.



STEERS

Vealer steers sold to 298c/kg (302c/kg), yearlings to 309c/kg (289c/kg) and grown steers to 294c/kg (298c/kg).

Highlights included:

Angus vealer steers sold by IML on account Fisher Investments made 290c/kg and averaged 209kg/\$605;
 Charolais x steers sold by ELD on account Osborne, Bendemeer made 272c/kg and averaged 227kg/\$618;
 Angus vealer steers sold by CP on account of Wendouree made 298c/kg and averaged 328kg/\$976;
 Angus and Angus x steers sold by Pitt on account Lockyer made 302c/kg and averaged 348kg/\$1045 and their Hereford steers (pictured above left) made 277c/kg and averaged 410kg/\$1135;
 Angus x steers sold by D&C on account R & K Heyman made 290c/kg and averaged 391kg/\$1135
 Charolais x steers sold by Pitt on account Miltiades made 283c/kg and averaged 457kg/\$1297;
 Angus yearling steers (pictured above middle) sold by IML on account BD & RJ Marshall made 309c/kg and averaged Milk and 2 tooth steers (pictured above right) sold by CP on account Jock Collins made 290c/kg and averaged 499kg/\$1446; and
 Angus x steers sold by Pitt on account Kermode made 294c/kg and averaged 535kg/\$1573.



HEIFERS

Vealer heifers sold to 278c/kg (280c/kg), yearlings to 285c/kg (270c/kg) and grown heifers to 266c/kg (277c/kg).

Highlights included:

Angus/Angus heifers sold by CP on account Gareth Rogers, Talmine made 258c/kg and averaged 331kg/\$855;
Angus/Angus x heifers sold by Pitt Sons on account Lockyer made 282c/kg and averaged 337kg/\$950;
Beautiful PTIC heifers (above left) sold by LMK on account QN & TR Webb made 272c/kg and averaged 384kg/\$1045;
Charolais x heifers sold by Pitt on account Brazel made 274c/kg and averaged 380kg/\$1049; and
Angus heifers sold by B&S on account Allen Reid made 267c/kg and averaged 455kg/\$1215.

COWS

Cows topped at 258c/kg (230c/kg) for the 3 ½ year old Wattletop and Bald Blair blood cows (pictured above middle), de-pastured Oct-Dec, sold by IML on account Fishers Agriculture. They were described by John Rodd as “quality young breeders” and the lead pen came back at 467kg/\$1205. Other good results included:

Angus x cows (pictured above right) sold by IML on account Pike made 245c/kg and averaged 698kg/\$1710;
Angus cows sold by Pitt on account Neville Blake made 239c/kg and averaged 666kg/\$1593;
Angus cows (pen 39) sold by LMK on account Rolfe made 246c/kg and averaged 622kg/\$1525;
Hereford cows sold by IML on account Jacob made 242c/kg and averaged 614kg/\$1487;
Angus/Angus x cows sold by Pitt on account Cheyenne made 235c/kg and averaged 569kg/\$1335; and
Cows sold by CP on account Ben Clarke, Niangala made 248c/kg and averaged 534kg/\$1325.

BULLS

Bulls topped at 247c/kg (226c/kg) for a top price of \$3654 for a bull sold by DC.

FEATURE WEANER SALE

Fri 12th April 2019 – selling starts at 11am
2500 - 3000 weaners expected

Agent codes used for report:

B&S (Burke & Smyth) | CP (Chris Paterson Livestock) | DC (Davidson Cameron) | ELD (Elders) | G&C (Garvin & Cousens) | IML (Ian Morgan Livestock) | LMK (Landmark) | Pitt (Pitt Sons) | PPA (Purtle Plevy Agencies) | RWL (Ray White Livestock)

