

Cows smash 300c/kg and vealers to 468c/kg in “grass driven market”

The market was red hot today after weekend rain saw local flooding, roads closed, and re-stockers prepared to pay well over 400c/kg for the lightest cattle. Cow prices also reached unprecedented levels with a top price of 322c/kg. Agents say that while they’ve seen cows make over 300c/kg they’ve never seen prices so high, adding that the market is “being driven by grass” as re-stockers go around the processors. While the drought is far from over, it’s fantastic news and a much-needed morale boost for those selling, with many buyers today resigned to the high prices. It comes as the EYCI rose 146c/kg over the last 4 weeks.



STEERS


Vealer steers sold to 466c/kg (388c/kg), yearlings to 448c/kg (362c/kg) and grown steers to 358c/kg (350c/kg). Highlights included:

Agent	Vendor	Type	Breed	c/kg	Av kg	\$/head	
PPA	Dunbier	VS	Angus	464	223 kg	\$1034	
MCA	Smith	YS	Angus	418	276 kg	\$1154	
DC	Buggy	YS	Angus	466	231 kg	\$1076	Above left
IML	Ball	YS	Angus	374	323 kg	\$1208	
GC	D & B George	YS	Angus	436	279 kg	\$1218	
CP	Wendouree	VS	Angus	450	273 kg	\$1229	
RWL	IR & CF Balmain	YS	Charolais	418	314 kg	\$1300	Above middle
IML	Karrawendri	YS	Speckle Park	347	377 kg	\$1309	
NL	Abbotstlea	YS	Angus	398	332 kg	\$1322	
Pitt	Militiades	YS	Angus x	430	316 kg	\$1359	
GC	Blacksprings PS	4T bullocks	Crossbred	355	536 kg	\$1904	Above right
IML	Danny Perkins	YS	Hereford	345	629 kg	\$2171	



HEIFERS

Vealer heifers sold to 345c/kg (340c/kg), yearlings to 384c/kg (340c/kg) and grown heifers 336c/kg (330c/kg).

Agent	Vendor	Type	Breed	c/kg	Av kg	\$/head	
GC	Cameron PS	YH	Angus	370	288 kg	\$1066	
IML	Glencoe Pastoral	YH	Angus	342	431 kg	\$1474	Above left
PPA	Sony Pym	YH	Charolais	328	545 kg	\$1712	Above middle
CP	Wendouree	YH	Charolais x	344	564 kg	\$1885	

COWS

Cows topped at 322c/kg (291c/kg) for Charolais x cows  above right sold by CP on account Robert Wilson. The top pen averaged a whopping 722kg/\$2325 for the top price for the sale, apart from bulls.

Agent	Vendor	Type	Breed	c/kg	Av kg	\$/head
ELD	Bendee	Store	Angus	290	453 kg	\$ 1315
NL	Lockyer		Santa x	309	532 kg	\$1643
NL	Nangarra		Angus	314	524kg	\$1646
CP	Wendouree		Charolais x	321	600 kg	\$1926
ELD	Farrer High School		Angus	319	638 kg	\$2036

BULLS

Bulls topped at 340c/kg (362c/kg) for a top price of \$3107 for a bull sold by CP.

Next store sale | Friday 21st February - 11am

Agent codes used for report: CP (Chris Paterson Livestock) | DC (Davidson Cameron) | ELD (Elders) | G&C (Garvin & Cousins) | IML (Ian Morgan Livestock) | (MCA) McCulloch Agencies | (NL) Nutrien Livestock (formerly Landmark) | Pitt (Pitt Sons) | PPA (Purtle Plevy Agencies) | RWL (Ray White Livestock) .

Report Based on information provided by the National Livestock Reporting Service (NLRS) and individual agents.

