

## Rain brings promise and price rises

Our first official "Off the Rails" for 2020 after a break over January and what a difference from our last report. The market has been slowly rising since Christmas and continued that trend today with the lightest cattle getting up towards 400c/kg, prices not seen since 2016, with every category except cows achieving top prices over 300c/kg. Even cows nudged 300c/kg, compared to a top price of 207c/kg for our last sale before Christmas. It's fantastic news and we can't think of a better way to start the year with the MLA reporting the usual buyers competing with feed lotters and "a confident gallery of re-stockers." For this week only we have included pre-Christmas prices for comparison. It makes for some very impressive gains.



### STEERS

Vealer steers sold to 388c/kg (250c/kg), yearlings to 362c/kg (292c/kg) and grown steers to 350c/kg (297c/kg). Highlights included:

Angus steers (pictured above left) sold by PPA on account J Connors made 388c/kg and averaged 186kg/\$722;

Hereford steers sold by NL on account K & H Fulwood made 354c/kg and averaged 279kg/\$989 ;

Angus steers sold by PPA on account C Eyekamp made 355c/kg and averaged 379kg/\$1344

Santa x steers sold by DC on account D & Z Greenaway made 348c/kg and averaged 329kg/\$1144

Limo x steers (pictured above middle) sold by DC on account P & D Bailey made 350c/kg and averaged 422kg/\$1477;

Steers sold by GC on account F & G Klasen made 302c/kg and averaged 507kg/\$1532;

Angus steers sold by NL on account on account D Thompson made 354c/kg and averaged 447kg/\$1584;

Angus x steers sold by DC on account Kevin O'Shea made 326c/kg and averaged 492kg/\$1600; and

4 tooth bullocks off the feeder (pictured above right) sold by Pitt on account Phoenix Partnership made 337c/kg and averaged 530kg/\$1787.



#### HEIFERS

*Vealer heifers sold to 340c/kg (155c/kg), yearlings to 340c/kg (280c/kg) and grown heifers to 330c/kg (256c/kg). Highlights included:*

Angus heifers sold by PPA on account Stephen Bradshaw made 338c/kg and averaged 260kg/\$880;

Santa x heifers sold by DC on account Bailey made 320c/kg and averaged 267kg/\$930;

Black baldy heifers sold by Pitt on account Karori Pastoral Co made 331c/kg and averaged 351kg/\$1162;

Angus heifers sold by NL on account E & J Clarke made 338c/kg and averaged 367kg/\$1242

Charolais x heifers sold by PPA on account Banks Partnership sold to 330c/kg with the lead pen making 326c/kg and averaging 406kg/\$1324;

Angus x heifers (pictured above left) sold by CP on account Shaky Unit Trust made 328c/kg and averaged 446kg/\$1463;

Hereford heifers (pictured above middle) sold by IML on account Clermont Pastoral Co made 324c/kg and averaged 579kg/\$1878 and Angus heifers made 330c/kg and averaged 567kg/\$1870.

#### COWS

*Cows topped at 291c/kg (207c/kg) for black baldy cows (pictured above right in 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> pens) off the feed bin sold by NL on account Nagarah. The top pen averaged 650kg/\$1892. Other good results included:*

Charolais cows (pen 30) sold by DC on account Kevin Pearson made 289c/kg and averaged 539kg/\$1558;

Charolais x cows sold by CP on account G & J Littlejohns made 280c/kg and averaged 587kg/\$1642; and

Santa cows (pen 28) sold by DC on account Randot made 284c/kg and averaged 587kg/\$1668.

#### BULLS

*Bulls topped at 362c/kg (250c/kg) for re-stocker bulls and a top price of \$3151 for a 1075kg bull sold by IML.*

*Next store sale | Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February- 11am*