

LIVESTOCKEYE

FEILDING STORE CATTLE

 2-YEAR STEER ANGUS 455 - 590KG 3.41	 YEARLING STEER TRADITIONAL 340 - 400KG 3.70	 YEARLING HEIFER CHAROLAIS X 390 - 410KG 3.27	 YEARLING BULL FRIESIAN 365KG 3.41	 AUT. WNR STEER ANG & A/H 234KG 4.15
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VIEWPOINT



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Less cattle, similar prices

The smallest sale since late-October was rather uneventful when it comes to price changes. Although everywhere is gradually drying off, there is still more than enough cattle feed around to keep the market moving without too much pressure.

The main change was through the two-year steers where around 10c/kg was added back into the market. Two vendors supplied the majority of the almost two hundred traditional steers, with the bulk making \$3.38-\$3.51/kg at 455-590kg. Almost everything else was mixed quality and/or older, usually selling for \$2.80-\$3.00/kg at all weights.

The near absence of older cattle in other sections meant the sale skipped straight to the yearling steers afterwards. Everything was more varied than usual on the traditional steers - usually \$3.61-\$3.77/kg was paid on 330-400kg cuts, but there were a few instances of almost \$4.00/kg being forked out too. The beef-Friesian market ticked over steadily with the better 375-415kg lines at \$3.25-\$3.29/kg, and the remainder around 15-20c/kg less.

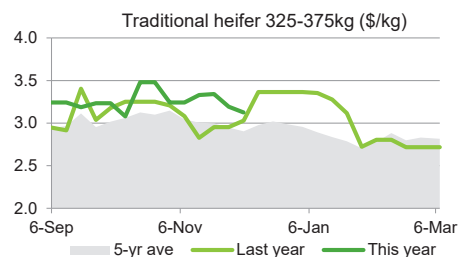
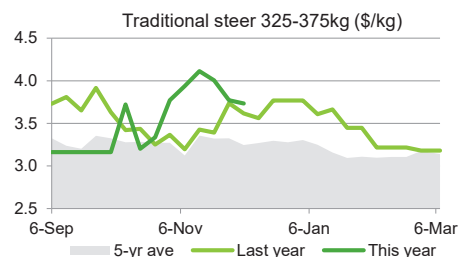
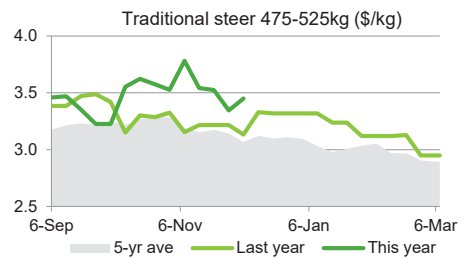
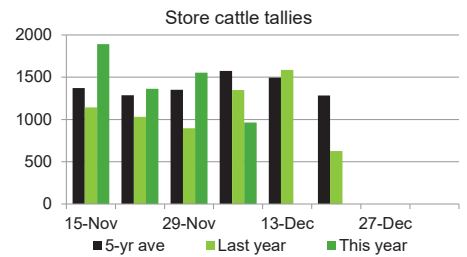
Once again the yearling bull selection had a broad spectrum of quality. There's clearly still some interest out there as the two starting

pens, 365-395kg Friesian and Angus, came to \$3.34-\$3.41/kg. There was a swift change of tune immediately after as mixture of 250-430kg bulls (generally small lines and varied breeding) were consistently \$3.04-\$3.15/kg. Only clearly crossbred bulls were below \$3.00/kg.

One of the day's highlights was a consignment of top-quality 390-410kg Charolais-cross yearling heifers. These were split across three pens, each making \$1300-\$1350 or \$3.23-\$3.32/kg. The bulk of the rest were good-sized lines of 280-370kg Angus and Hereford-Friesian, both selling on a similar, steady market of \$3.09-\$3.29/kg.

A set of well-presented autumn-born traditional steers and heifers brought in from the east coast added something a little different. The 235kg steer calves made \$970 (\$4.15/kg) while the 225kg heifers went for \$800 (\$3.52/kg). In the same vein, a set of breeding cattle were offered at the beginning of the auction. Two lines of Hereford-Friesian heifers with calves (also run-with-bull) were both bought for \$1480-\$1500. Following that was a line of purebred Red Devon cows, due to have Speckle Park calves in late-January, and these made \$1705.

Store cattle tallies				
	Weaner	Yearling	2-year+	Total
Steer	23	253	224	500
Heifer	24	175	48	247
Bull	5	140	-	145
Cow	-	-	-	16
Total	52	568	272	963



Average Sale Prices				
Age/Class	Breed	Ave. Weight	Ave. \$/hd	Ave. \$/kg
2-year Steer	Traditional	500	1720	3.43
Yearling Steer	Traditional	365	1355	3.71
Yearling Steer	Beef/Dairy	375	1200	3.20
Yearling Heifer	Traditional	330	1050	3.17
Yearling Heifer	Exotic	405	1330	3.27
Yearling Heifer	Beef/Dairy	340	1075	3.15
Yearling Bull	Friesian	355	1140	3.24
Yearling Bull	Crossbred	240	660	2.74

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	Tally	Cond.	Weight	\$/hd	\$/kg
3-YEAR STEER					
Ang	6	G	643	2180	3.39
Fr & Fr x	14	M/G	556	1565	2.81
AUTUMN-BORN 2-YEAR STEER					
Here/Fr	4	G	690	2300	3.33
Here/Fr	8	M/G	475	1400	2.95
2-YEAR STEER					
Ang	34	G	567 - 591	1890 - 2000	3.33 - 3.38
Ang	79	M/G	456 - 554	1575 - 1900	3.43 - 3.51
Ang	20	M/G	453	1580	3.49
Ang	10	M	430	1310	3.05
Ang & A/H	17	M/G	556	1890	3.40
Ang/Here	30	M/G	459	1645	3.58
Red Dev x	7	M/G	496	1470	2.96
Here/Fr (horns)	4	M/G	547	1620	2.96
Here/Fr	4	M	405	1210	2.99
Here/Dairy	5	M/G	492	1370	2.78
Fr	14	M/G	623	1740	2.79
2-YEAR HEIFER					
Ang	7	M/G	467	1490	3.19
M. Grey/Fr	7	M	347	1010	2.91
YEARLING STEER					
Ang	19	M/G	359	1320	3.68
Ang	50	M	366 - 399	1370 - 1470	3.68 - 3.74
Ang	10	M	328	1185	3.61
Ang	7	M	306	990	3.24
Ang	7	M	280	1010	3.61
Ang & A/H	14	M	411	1620	3.94
Ang & A/H	12	M	342	1290	3.77
Ang/Here	15	M	402	1470	3.66
Ang/Here	9	M	332	1300	3.92
Char x	4	M	282	1100	3.90
Red Poll	12	M/G	370	1300	3.51
Ang/Fr	14	M	281	805	2.86
Here/Fr	40	M	398 - 414	1300 - 1345	3.25 - 3.27
Here/Fr	8	M	387	1200	3.10
Here/Fr	24	M	375 - 380	1220 - 1250	3.25 - 3.29
Here/Fr	4	M	350	1100	3.14
xBred	4	M	330	780	2.36
YEARLING HEIFER					
Ang	35	M/G	330 - 370	1050 - 1155	3.12 - 3.18
Ang	15	M/G	321	1040	3.24
Ang	4	M	307	960	3.13
Ang	7	M	269	900	3.35
Char x	25	M/G	392 - 412	1300 - 1350	3.28 - 3.32
Char x	18	M	412	1330	3.23
Here	9	M	325	990	3.05
Here/Fr	9	M/G	431	1320	3.06
Here/Fr	6	M/G	383	1130	2.95
Here/Fr	12	M/G	358	1105	3.09
Here/Fr	35	M	280 - 326	920 - 1055	3.24 - 3.29

	Tally	Cond.	Weight	\$/hd	\$/kg
YEARLING BULL					
Ang (purebred)	16	M/G	395	1320	3.34
Here	5	M	248	780	3.15
Here/Fr	6	M	248	770	3.10
Here/Dairy	8	M	359	1130	3.15
Fr	21	M	421 - 429	1320 - 1340	3.12 - 3.14
Fr	28	M	367	1250	3.41
Fr	4	M	312	950	3.04
Fr	12	M	264	860	3.26
Fr	12	L/M	293	900	3.07
Fr x	4	M	315	940	2.98
xBred	24	M	195 - 288	530 - 755	2.62 - 2.72
AUTUMN-BORN WEANER STEER					
Ang & A/H	23	M	234	970	4.15
AUTUMN-BORN WEANER HEIFER					
Ang & A/H	24	M	227	800	3.52
WEANER BULL					
Fr	5	M	98	420	4.29
VIC MA COW					
Red Dev (PB)	16	G	599	1705	2.85
RWB 2-YEAR HEIFERS & CALVES					
Here/Fr	14	M/G	560	1480	2.64
Here/Fr	18	M	537	1500	2.79
Fr & Fr x	2	M	645	1380	2.14

These Charolais-cross were part of a set of three pens which topped the yearling heifer section. This particular pen (410kg) made \$1350 or \$3.28/kg.

