



# Swan Hill Regional Livestock Exchange

PRIME CATTLE MARKET REPORT 16<sup>th</sup> February 2017

Swan Hill Regional Livestock Exchange held its fortnightly Prime Cattle sale with a slightly smaller number of cattle yarded from previous sale of 693 head with 350 export and 343 trade weight animals offered. Quality was generally good, with northern bred cattle having a greater influence on the market. Bidding for heavy steers fell by up to 24c/kg. The best trade-weight animals which displayed good muscle and finish held their value or were sometimes dearer, due in part to limited supplies.

Domestic processors paid from 332c to a top of 400c/kg for the pick of the vealers, most of which had some European breed influence and had the potential of higher carcass yields. The best of the grass fed or grain supplemented yearling cattle sold from 304c to 348c/kg live weight, but the bulk of the young cattle lacked finish and sold to feedlot and restocking orders at prices which varied according to quality. The handful of sales above 400c/kg, were for small calves weighing less than 200kg.

Export competition was more subdued, and most grown steer categories averaged lower. Heavy Trade cattle of 500-600kg sold from 286c to 305c/kg live weight, and included in this was a quality line of well finished Herefords. Heavy slaughter cows topped the market at 287c/kg and trended dearer when compared to results of a fortnight ago.

## Quotations:

Category	Weight Range	Average	Top	Top pen presented by	Origin
<b>Vealer Steers</b>	200 to 280kg:	361.2	400.6	Tanany	Broken Hill
	280 to 330kg:	332.2	357.6	Woolmark Pty Ltd	Koraleigh
	Over 330kg:	322.7	356.6	TL & AJ Betts	Swan Hill
<b>Vealer Heifers</b>	200 to 280kg:	335.9	362.0	TL & AJ Betts	Swan Hill
	280 to 330kg:	339.9	350.6	RM Collett & Sons	Nangiloc
	Over 330kg:	346.0	348.0	Woolmark Pty Ltd	Koraleigh
<b>Yearling Steers</b>	Up to 330kg:	329.6	377.6	Tanany	Broken Hill
	330 to 400kg:	311.1	357.6	Ayars Farming	Swan Hill
	400 to 500kg:	310.5	338.0	N & D Edgar	Swan Hill
	500 to 600kg:	293.8	312.0	Erhardt Partners	Ouyen
	Over 600kg:	282.5	287.0	Flora Spring Bulbs	Moulamein
<b>Yearling Heifers</b>	Up to 330kg:	312.3	356.0	Ormonde Farms P/L	Berriwillock
	330 to 400kg:	320.2	363.6	Ormonde Farms P/L	Berriwillock
	Over 400kg:	297.1	332.6	Warrawee Pastoral	Kyalite
<b>Heavy Trade Steers</b>	400 to 500kg:	293.8	327.6	P Glenn	Mallan
	500 to 600kg:	281.7	282.0	MI Robertson	Wentworth
	Over 600kg:	271.1	288.0	PD & MK Christie	Manangatang
<b>Heavy Trade Heifers</b>	330 to 400kg:	230.2	317.0	B Mangiameli	Woorinen
	400 to 500kg:	286.1	305.6	MI Robertson	Wentworth
	500 to 600kg:	289.7	310.0	PD&MK Christie	Manangatang
<b>Grain Fed Steers</b>	330 to 400kg:	325.6	336.0	GL Smith	Leitchville
	400 to 500kg:	326.3	336.6	CJ & JS Hulland	Murray Downs
	500 to 600kg:	288.2	308.0	GL Smith	Leitchville
<b>Cows</b>	Up to 400kg:	199.0	236.0	ER & EA Capstick	Kerang
	400 to 500kg:	228.5	287.6	Tanany	Broken Hill
	Over 520kg:	225.4	259.6	FM & NJ Hiscock	Netherby

Note: Next week is our regular prime sheep sale on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February at 1:00pm and next fortnightly prime cattle sale on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March starting at 7:30am.