

Market Report

MAREEBA COMBINED AGENTS PRIME AND STORE SALE

Tuesday 11th March 2025

Numbers were up in Mareeba this week with agents yarding a total of 480 head. The quality of the feeder Cattle was very good, but in the slaughter & heavy Cattle, the quality was not quite there, and this is reflected in the prices. There was good competition in the buyer panel in the store Cattle but the lack of quality on offer in the slaughter Cattle softened competition in those lines.

Prime Quotes:

In the fat market, heavy weight Steers over 500kg got to 278cents/kg to average 259cents/kg. These Steers were not quite in finished condition. Lighter weight Steers in the 400-500kg weight range, saw similar money getting to a top of around 270cents/kg, to average 243cents/kg. Due to the lack of Steers, Cows in good condition fetched a good rate. Some very good quality Droughtmaster Cows made 250cents/kg, while 400-600kg weight range Cows averaged 205cents/kg. Lighter weight Cows in the 250-400kg weight range, got to a top of 180cents/kg, to average 115cents/kg. There weren't a lot of heavy Bulls on offer today. In the 500-700kg weight range, prices got to a top of 236cents/kg. There was one heavy weight Bull over 750kg and he made 238cents/kg. There were some very good quality younger Braham Bulls on offer and these got to a top of 270cents/kg.

Description	Wt. Range kg	Head	Price in cents/kg		
			Lowest	Average	Highest
Steers & Bullocks	400 – 500kg	24	210.2	243.5	270.2
	Over 500kg	9	204.2	259.2	278.2
Heifers	400 – 500kg	0	0	0	0
	Over 500kg	0	0	0	0
Cows	Up to 400kg	18	24.2	111.1	180.2
	400 – 600kg	39	164.2	205.1	250.2
	Over 600kg	1	222.2	222.2	222.2
Bulls	350 – 500kg	14	120.0	241.5	270.0
	500 – 750kg	4	192.2	224.1	236.2
	Over 750kg	1	238.2	238.2	238.2

Store Quotes:

In the store market, there were very good lines of store Cattle both in the Steers and Heifers, and this is reflected in the prices which were up compared to other Saleyards across Australia. In the Steers 200-300kg, prices got to a top of 315cents/kg, to average 270cents/kg. In the 300-400kg weight range, prices got to 284cents/kg to average 248cents/kg. The top prices in each of these categories were for Droughtmaster type Steers. Brahman Cattle in similar weight ranges were around 30-40cents/kg less. In the Heifers, the top of the quality Heifers got to 248cents/kg. Most pens with any quality got around the 200-210cents/kg, with average line prices were around the 190cents/kg. There were a few Micky Bulls on offer in the up to 350kg weight range, and these got to 236cents/kg.

Description	Wt. Range kg	Head	Price in cents/kg		
			Lowest	Average	Highest
Steers	Up to 200kg	27	200.0	262.5	300.0
	200 – 300kg	110	182.2	269.9	315.2
	300 – 400kg	52	172.2	248.1	284.2
Mickeys	Up to 200kg	1	300.0	300.0	300.0
	200 – 350kg	19	250.2	254.2	263.5
Heifers	Up to 200kg	18	160.2	178.3	224.2
	200 – 300kg	89	140.2	190.2	248.2
	300 – 400kg	54	140.2	190.4	226.2

Next Mareeba Prime & Store Sale is booked for Tuesday 18th March 2025

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