

Market Report

MAREEBA COMBINED AGENTS PRIME AND STORE SALE

Tuesday 29th April 2025

Agents yarded just over 400 head this week in Mareeba. Yard quality was very good in both the slaughter and feeder Cattle. The buyer panel was very strong with the notable attendance of two contract buyers that had not been operating at the saleyards in the last few weeks. Overall prices were strong, helped along by the additional buyer competition.

Prime Quotes:

In the fat market, slaughter Steers in the over 500kg weight category got to 296cents/kg to average 280cents/kg. Lighter Steers, not quite as finished, got to a top of 322cents/kg, to average 285cents/kg. These were some very good quality Santa /Droughtmaster type Cattle. There were a couple of good pens of slaughter Heifers on offer and these went for 250cents/kg. In the Cows, we saw very good competition across all lines. In the 400-600kg weight range, prices got to 270cents/kg, to average 236cents/kg. This is a rise of approximately 10-15cents/kg on last week. More store-quality type Cows in the 250-400kg weight range, got to 232cents/kg, to average 200cents/kg. There were limited quality Bulls on offer, the tops of these got to 284cents/kg and this was for some Brangus Bulls suitable to return to the paddock. There were a couple of very good quality, well covered slaughter Bulls which got to 276cents/kg, to average 275cents/kg.

Description	Wt. Range kg	Head	Price in cents/kg		
			Lowest	Average	Highest
Steers & Bullocks	400 – 500kg	36	236.2	285.2	322.2
	Over 500kg	18	212.2	280.3	296.2
Heifers	400 – 500kg	7	250.2	250.2	250.2
	Over 500kg	0	0	0	0
Cows	Up to 400kg	18	146.2	201.0	232.2
	400 – 600kg	52	202.2	236.7	270.0
	Over 600kg	0	0	0	0
Bulls	350 – 500kg	1	160.2	160.2	160.2
	500 – 750kg	3	246.2	269.4	284.2
	Over 750kg	2	274.2	275.3	276.2

Store Quotes:

In the store market, quality was very good. The top of the sale this week was some very good quality Steers in the under 200kg weight category which made 328cents/kg. Heavier Steers, 200-300kg weight range, got to 298cents/kg, to average 241cents/kg and the 300-400kg weight range got out to 270cents/kg to average 257cents/kg. In the Heifers, prices were strong with good quality Cattle on offer. In the 200-300kg weight range, prices went to 286cents/kg for some Santa Gertrudis type Heifers, while the line average was 245cents/kg. In the heavier weight category, 300-400kg, prices got to 268cents/kg, to average 250cents/kg. This is a 20-30cents/kg rise on previous weeks.

Description	Wt. Range kg	Head	Price in cents/kg		
			Lowest	Average	Highest
Steers	Up to 200kg	44	180.0	268.7	328.2
	200 – 300kg	23	200.0	241.9	298.2
	300 – 400kg	12	220.0	257.9	270.2
Mickeys	Up to 350kg	44	80.0	197.7	246.2
Heifers	Up to 200kg	107	160.0	245.7	266.2
	200 – 300kg	26	170.0	248.0	286.2
	300 – 400kg	6	210.0	250.9	268.2

NEXT: Mareeba Prime & Store Sale is booked for Tuesday 6th May 2025 REMINDER: Queensland Rural Mareeba Store Sale is booked for Friday 9th May 2025!

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