

MAREEBA COMBINED AGENTS PRIME AND STORE SALE

Tuesday – 8th September, 2026

Mareeba Combined Agents yarded a total of 1,008 head for this week's cattle sale at the Mareeba Sale Yards. The yarding was noticeably dominated by northern-type cattle, featuring selected pens of quality lines of local crossbred cattle. This represented a substantial increase on last week's yarding of 677 head, with an additional 331 head offered.

This week's buyer gallery saw a slight decrease from last week's sale, with the majority of bidding buyers being local or southern processors and buying agents. Competition remained firm throughout the sale, particularly for quality lines of cattle, with buyers continuing to show confidence in well-presented livestock.

Prime Cattle: The prime section largely consisted of northern-bred type cattle, with select pens of well-finished local crossbred cattle also available. The prime market held firm, remaining consistent with the overall pricing achieved at last week's sale.

Description	Wt. Range kg	Head	Price in cents/kg		
			Lowest	Average	Highest
Steers & Bullocks	480 – 600kg	22	232.2	365.6	416.2
	Over 600kg	5	376.2	376.2	376.2
Heifers	480 – 600kg	-	-	-	-
	Over 600kg	-	-	-	-
Cows	Up to 320kg	26	10.0	192.3	260.2
	320 – 480kg	203	152.2	276.0	346.2
	480 - 600kg	21	230.2	310.0	332.2
	Over 600kg	2	230.2	259.1	288.2
Bulls	480 – 600kg	6	268.2	318.7	340.2
	Over 600kg	7	320.2	329.7	350.2

Notable top prices this week included: Steers: \$4.16/kg, Cows: \$3.32/kg & Bulls: \$3.50/kg. The top steer price of \$4.16/kg was an improvement of 44¢/kg on last week's top of \$3.72/kg, demonstrating particularly strong competition for suitable finished steers. Cow prices eased slightly from last week's top of \$3.38/kg, while bulls improved from \$3.38/kg to \$3.50/kg. Overall, the prime market remained well supported, with competition strongest for quality, well-finished cattle suitable for processor requirements.

Store Cattle: The store section consisted mostly of larger runs of quality crossbred and Brahman Steers. The store market held firm and remained consistent with the pricing achieved at last week's sale, with strong buyer interest continuing for quality lines of cattle.

Description	Wt. Range kg	Head	Price in cents/kg		
			Lowest	Average	Highest
Steers	Up to 320kg	183	36.2	333.6	402.2
	320 – 480kg	63	272.2	369.5	420.2
Mickeys	Up to 320kg	225	70.0	260.3	358.2
	320 – 480kg	85	238.2	294.6	350.2
Heifers	Up to 320kg	147	30.0	225.3	300.2
	320 – 480kg	11	210.2	311.7	368.2

Notable top prices included: Store Steers: \$4.02/kg, Store Heifers: \$3.00/kg & Store Mickeys: \$3.58/kg. The top store steer price of \$4.02/kg improved on last week's top of \$3.78/kg, reflecting continued strong demand for quality steers. Store heifers reached \$3.00/kg, below last week's top of \$3.48/kg, while Mickeys topped at \$3.58/kg compared with \$3.75/kg last week. Despite some variation in individual top prices, the broader store market continued to achieve firm and competitive prices for quality lines of cattle, with buyer demand remaining consistent.

Market Outlook: Buyer competition remains encouraging across both prime and store categories. With processors and buying agents continuing to operate in the market, quality cattle should remain well supported in the coming sales. The strong result for steers this week, combined with continued firm demand for quality store cattle, provides a positive indication for the market moving forward. Queensland Rural thanks all vendors and buyers for their continued support.

THE NEXT PRIME & STORE SALE IS BOOKED FOR TUESDAY 15th SEPTEMBER 2026.

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