

MAREEBA COMBINED AGENTS PRIME AND STORE SALE

Tuesday – 13th October, 2026

Mareeba Combined Agents yarded a total of **1,228 head** at Mareeba Sale Yards today, with the yarding comprising predominantly quality local lines of cattle, alongside isolated pens of northern-type cattle. The increased numbers attracted additional competition from southern buyers and processors, as well as strong participation from local buyers and processors.

Prime Cattle: The prime section was dominated by quality lines of well-finished local cattle, with isolated pens of northern-type cattle also represented. The increased yarding of quality cattle was met with strong buyer demand, resulting in a firm market and significantly higher prices than those recorded in recent weeks.

Description	Wt. Range kg	Head	Price in cents/kg		
			Lowest	Average	Highest
Steers & Bullocks	480 – 600kg	47	200.0	402.5	442.2
	Over 600kg	22	338.2	355.9	406.2
Heifers	480 – 600kg	1	324.2	324.2	324.2
	Over 600kg	-	-	-	-
Cows	Up to 320kg	77	30.0	204.9	302.2
	320 – 480kg	90	200.2	305.9	350.2
	480 - 600kg	21	340.2	340.5	342.2
	Over 600kg	12	344.2	346.6	348.2
Bulls	480 – 600kg	25	260.2	325.9	350.2
	Over 600kg	9	292.2	328.1	346.2

Prime steers reached a top of **\$4.42/kg**, butcher heifers topped at **\$3.24/kg**, prime cows reached **\$3.48/kg**, and prime bulls topped at **\$3.50/kg**. Queensland rural vendors presented an outstanding display of cattle throughout the prime section, with the majority of their pens topping the market and achieving the leading prices of the day.

Store Cattle: The store section offered a well-balanced selection of quality local lines alongside northern-type cattle. Strong competition throughout the section resulted in a significant improvement in prices compared with recent weeks, reflecting continued buyer confidence and demand for quality store cattle.

Description	Wt. Range kg	Head	Price in cents/kg		
			Lowest	Average	Highest
Steers	Up to 320kg	241	200.2	332.7	430.2
	320 – 480kg	77	318.2	398.1	430.2
Mickeys	Up to 320kg	183	100.0	284.3	388.2
	320 – 480kg	71	100.0	314.9	368.2
Heifers	Up to 320kg	347	120.2	258.4	300.2
	320 – 480kg	4	300.2	319.4	342.2

Store steers reached a top of **\$4.30/kg**, store heifers topped at **\$3.42/kg**, and Mickeys reached a top of **\$3.88/kg**. Cows and calf units also achieved an exceptional result, topping at **\$1,225 per unit**. This represents a significant improvement on prices achieved in previous weeks, reflecting strong buyer demand and continued confidence in the market.

This week's sale delivered a significant improvement in prices across both the prime and store sections, with results well above those seen in recent weeks. The stronger market was underpinned by ongoing confidence in the cattle industry, sustained buyer demand and increased competition from both local and southern buyers and processors.

The sale also benefited from the substantial offering of quality lines of cattle, providing buyers with an extensive selection of well-presented local stock compared with previous weeks. The combination of increased numbers, quality cattle and strong competition contributed to the positive results achieved throughout the yards.

Overall, Mareeba Sale Yards experienced a strong market, with quality cattle attracting keen interest and prices reflecting the continued confidence and demand present in the current market.

THE NEXT PRIME & STORE SALE IS BOOKED FOR TUESDAY 20th OCTOBER 2026.

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