

MAREEBA COMBINED AGENTS PRIME AND STORE SALE

Tuesday – 27th October, 2026

Mareeba Combined Agents yarded a total of 1,478 head for Tuesday's sale at Mareeba Sale Yards. The yarding consisted predominantly of northern-type cattle, alongside a variety of mixed-quality local lines. The significant increase in numbers yarded was a strong reflection of the confidence building in the market as the region welcomes some early wet season rainfall. Improving seasonal conditions have provided renewed optimism among producers, strengthening buyer confidence and contributing to increased competition throughout the sale. Strong competition was evident, with a number of regular local and southern buyers and processors in attendance, alongside an array of new buyers contributing to the competitive buying gallery. This week's sale delivered impressive price growth, with some categories recording lifts of 50–60 cents per kilogram compared with prices achieved in previous weeks.

Prime Cattle:

Description	Wt. Range kg	Head	Price in cents/kg		
			Lowest	Average	Highest
Steers & Bullocks	480 – 600kg	26	350.2	437.4	460.2
	Over 600kg	7	378.2	422.5	444.2
Heifers	480 – 600kg	-	-	-	-
	Over 600kg	-	-	-	-
Cows	Up to 320kg	147	10.0	200.1	334.2
	320 – 480kg	108	226.2	336.0	406.2
	480 - 600kg	50	334.2	370.0	388.2
	Over 600kg	3	368.2	373.2	382.2
Bulls	480 – 600kg	33	280.2	353.7	396.2
	Over 600kg	26	340.2	379.2	404.2

The prime section consisted predominantly of northern-type cattle and was dominated by heavy bulls. Prices strengthened across all major categories, with heavy bulls reaching a top of **\$4.04/kg**, cows topping at **\$3.88/kg**, prime steers reaching **\$4.60/kg**, and prime heifers topping at **\$4.00/kg**. The improved results reflected a consistent lift across the prime categories, with prime steers delivering an outstanding result, increasing by 25 cents per kilogram compared with last week's sale.

Store Cattle:

Description	Wt. Range kg	Head	Price in cents/kg		
			Lowest	Average	Highest
Steers	Up to 320kg	93	110.0	376.0	478.2
	320 – 480kg	51	332.2	423.6	478.2
Mickeys	Up to 320kg	403	50.0	275.8	422.2
	320 – 480kg	332	50.0	345.0	440.2
Heifers	Up to 320kg	165	114.2	262.6	378.2
	320 – 480kg	32	350.0	389.5	400.2

The store section consisted predominantly of northern-type cattle, with Mickeys making up the majority of the offering. Competition remained strong throughout the section, with store steers reaching a top of **\$4.78/kg**, store heifers topping at **\$4.00/kg**, and Mickeys reaching **\$4.22/kg**. A small quantity of cow and calf units were offered for sale, topping at \$1,040.00 per unit.

Tuesday's sale delivered an outstanding result at Mareeba, with increased yarding's met by strong buyer competition and significant price improvements across both the prime and store sections. The strength of the market, despite the larger numbers on offer, highlights the depth of demand and growing confidence among buyers. With early wet season rainfall beginning to arrive across the region, producers are entering the season with renewed optimism, and this confidence is being reflected in the prices achieved at the yards. Continued seasonal improvement will be an important factor moving forward, with the latest results providing a positive outlook for producers and reinforcing the strength of the North Queensland cattle market heading into the wet season.

THE NEXT PRIME & STORE SALE IS BOOKED FOR TUESDAY 3rd NOVEMBER 2026.

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