

LIVESTOCKEYE

TAUPO CATTLE SALE

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| ○ 1-YEAR STEER HERE/FR 345 - 347KG 3.18 - 3.20 | ○ 1-YEAR STEER ANG/FR 302 - 347KG 3.05 - 3.14 | ○ 1-YEAR HEIFER ANG/FR 305KG 2.97 | ○ WEANER HEIFER HERE/FR 119 - 129KG 4.26 - 4.29 | ○ WEANER BULL FR 98 - 104KG 5.15 - 5.19 |
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VIEWPOINT



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Weaner's steal the show

Sale goers would no doubt have preferred to be either on or in the lake today as another hot, muggy day made selling conditions at Taupo not ideal, but the show had to go on and the market was nearly as hot as the weather. Good local buying support was underpinned by Hawke's Bay and Waikato presence, and 18-month dairy-beef steers, and weaner heifers and bulls were the main attractions.

A small 2-year section had Friesian steers, 433-467kg, trading at \$2.67-\$2.70/kg, but such low numbers meant the sale quickly moved into the 1-year pens.

Quality was good through the Angus-Friesian and Hereford-Friesian lines, with the latter making a premium. Around 60% of the Hereford-Friesian fell in a 345-347kg weight range that made \$3.18-\$3.20/kg, though a line of 333kg sold as high as \$3.30/kg. Angus-Friesian, 302-347kg, also made good returns at \$3.05-\$3.14/kg, while a single

line of 350kg took out top honors at \$3.29/kg. The heifer and bull sections were much smaller and featured Angus-Friesian heifers, 305kg, \$2.97/kg, and a line of Friesian bulls, 470kg, \$2.79/kg.

The dairy-beef weaner's really stole the show however as fierce bidding erupted for all weights and breeds. Mouths are needed and a popular entry point for many is the lower per head budgets for weaner cattle. This resulted in all bar the Friesian steers making \$500-\$610, with all near or over \$5.00/kg. Buyers were hard pressed to purchase Friesian bulls under \$500 unless they were very light, as 97-130kg made \$505-\$540, and 130-158kg, \$595-\$610. Not to be outdone the heifer market posted fantastic results also. Hereford-Friesian, 110-130kg, returned \$500-\$550, though top honors went to a line of 148kg at \$580. Even beef-cross lines found homes for high values as 108-112kg went under the hammer for \$470-\$480.

| Store cattle tallies | | | | |
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| | Weaner | 1-year | 2-year+ | Total |
| Steer | 48 | 302 | 29 | 379 |
| Heifer | 213 | 43 | 4 | 260 |
| Bull | 233 | 43 | - | 276 |
| Cow | - | - | - | - |
| Total | 494 | 388 | 33 | 918 |



STORE CATTLE

| | Tally | Cond. | Weight | \$/hd | \$/kg |
|----------------------|-------|-------|-----------|-------------|-------------|
| 2-YEAR STEER | | | | | |
| Fr | 26 | | 433 - 467 | 1155 - 1260 | 2.67 - 2.70 |
| Fr x | 3 | | 440 | 1230 | 2.80 |
| 2-YEAR HEIFER | | | | | |
| Here/Fr | 4 | | 403 | 1050 | 2.61 |
| 1-YEAR STEER | | | | | |
| Ang/Fr | 39 | | 350 | 1150 | 3.29 |
| Ang/Fr | 91 | | 302 - 347 | 930 - 1060 | 3.05 - 3.14 |
| Here/Fr | 6 | | 407 | 1160 | 2.85 |
| Here/Fr | 25 | | 360 | 1100 | 3.06 |
| Here/Fr | 101 | | 345 - 347 | 1100 - 1110 | 3.18 - 3.20 |
| Here/Fr | 7 | | 340 | 1040 | 3.06 |
| Here/Fr | 26 | | 333 | 1100 | 3.30 |
| Fr | 7 | | 309 | 840 | 2.72 |
| 1-YEAR HEIFER | | | | | |
| Here x | 6 | | 433 | 1110 | 2.56 |
| Ang/Fr | 22 | | 305 | 905 | 2.97 |
| Ang/Fr | 12 | | 270 | 720 | 2.67 |

| | Tally | Cond. | Weight | \$/hd | \$/kg |
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| Here/Fr | 3 | | 380 | 940 | 2.47 |
| 1-YEAR BULL | | | | | |
| Fr | 21 | | 470 | 1310 | 2.79 |
| Fr | 15 | | 363 - 443 | 950 - 1170 | 2.62 - 2.64 |
| Fr x | 4 | | 315 | 700 | 2.22 |
| Jer | 3 | | 447 | 960 | 2.15 |
| WEANER STEER | | | | | |
| Here x | 5 | | 100 | 500 | 5.00 |
| Here/Fr | 6 | | 113 | 610 | 5.40 |
| Here/Fr | 17 | | 111 | 550 | 4.95 |
| Here/Fr | 7 | | 101 | 550 | 5.45 |
| Fr | 13 | | 155 | 410 | 2.65 |
| WEANER HEIFER | | | | | |
| Beef x | 31 | | 108 - 112 | 470 - 480 | 4.29 - 4.35 |
| Beef x | 7 | | 96 | 460 | 4.79 |
| Beef x | 8 | | 93 | 460 | 4.95 |
| Here x | 9 | | 141 | 465 | 3.30 |
| Here x | 10 | | 124 | 500 | 4.03 |

STORE CATTLE

| | Tally | Cond. | Weight | \$/hd | \$/kg |
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| Here x | 20 | | 120 | 505 | 4.21 |
| Here x | 5 | | 114 | 530 | 4.65 |
| Here x | 6 | | 108 | 440 | 4.07 |
| Here x | 14 | | 103 - 104 | 460 - 465 | 4.42 - 4.51 |
| Here/Fr | 16 | | 148 | 580 | 3.92 |
| Here/Fr | 29 | | 119 - 129 | 510 - 550 | 4.26 - 4.29 |
| Here/Fr | 35 | | 110 | 500 | 4.55 |
| Here/Fr | 6 | | 102 | 490 | 4.80 |
| Jer x | 12 | | 178 | 535 | 3.01 |

WEANER BULL

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|---------|----|--|-----------|-----------|-------------|
| Beef x | 5 | | 100 | 330 | 3.30 |
| Here x | 6 | | 120 | 520 | 4.33 |
| Here/Fr | 3 | | 137 | 550 | 4.01 |
| Here/Fr | 8 | | 135 | 630 | 4.67 |
| Here/Fr | 4 | | 93 | 550 | 5.91 |
| Fr | 18 | | 158 | 610 | 3.86 |
| Fr | 5 | | 132 | 550 | 4.17 |
| Fr | 33 | | 131 | 595 | 4.54 |
| Fr | 28 | | 118 - 126 | 505 - 535 | 4.25 - 4.28 |
| Fr | 51 | | 98 - 104 | 505 - 540 | 5.15 - 5.19 |
| Fr | 37 | | 97 | 525 | 5.41 |
| Fr | 4 | | 90 | 460 | 5.11 |
| Fr | 21 | | 84 | 330 | 3.93 |
| Fr x | 10 | | 127 | 505 | 3.98 |

AUTUMN-BORN WEANER HEIFER

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| Here/Fr | 5 | | 244 | 690 | 2.83 |
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TAUPO SHEEP

Just over 200 sheep were also offered, including 121 ewes, 87 lambs and five wethers. The top ewes sold for \$125-\$160, medium \$114 and lighter, \$75-\$99. Lambs were mainly mixed sex and good to very good lines made \$86-\$91, and medium types returning \$50-\$78.