

# LIVESTOCK EYE

## TAUPO WEANER BULL FAIR

**WEANER BULL  
HERE  
239KG  
1160**

**WEANER BULL  
FR  
215 - 227KG  
850 - 885**

**WEANER BULL  
FRIESIAN  
185 - 195KG  
730 - 760**

**WEANER BULL  
FRIESIAN  
130 - 150KG  
612 - 675**

**WEANER BULL  
FR  
121 - 122KG  
570 - 585**

VIEWPOINT



Suz Bremner

## Bull market steady on last year

Taupo put on another hot day for the bull section of the two-day weaner fair. Numbers were slightly down on expected levels due to a late cancellation, but the nearly 1100 head yarding was still worth the journey for Manawatu, Hawke's Bay, Gisborne and Waikato buyers. The buying bench may have been smaller than yesterday's but those there meant business. As is typical for the bull market though, buyers worked closely to budgets and had the calculators at the ready, so were very astute in their bidding.

The market for Friesian bulls was very similar to last year, give or take a few cents per kilogram here and there. The top Friesian, 215-264kg, did not have many comparative lines from

last year though prices were generally steady at \$850-\$935, with the lighter end earning \$3.91-\$3.95/kg. From there lighter lines sold at or over \$4.00/kg and 185-195kg sold on a steady market for \$730-\$760, \$3.99-\$4.02/kg. Those 130-150kg sold for \$612-\$675, compared to \$600-\$700 in 2017, with most making \$4.52-\$4.65/kg. If anything these were the one weight range to be slightly softer, though it was marginal. Prices for lighter lines, 121-122kg, were a carbon copy of the previous year as they went under the hammer for \$570-\$585, \$4.73-\$4.81/kg.

A small Hereford bull offering made top dollar as two lines at 239-256kg achieved \$1160, while Angus-Friesian, 239-271kg, sold for \$805-\$900.

Cattle fair tallies	
Weaner bull	1047
Aut-born weaner bull	46
<b>Total</b>	<b>1093</b>



WEANER CALVES

					WEANER BULL					
Tally	Cond.	Weight	\$/hd	\$/kg		Tally	Cond.	Weight	\$/hd	\$/kg
WEANER BULL					Fr	66		183 - 191	730 - 760	3.99 - 3.99
Ang x	6	235	730	3.11	Fr	50		178	760	4.26
Ang x	15	132	565	4.28	Fr	20		167	690	4.14
Here	4	273	1150	4.22	Fr	5		166	665	4.01
Here	7	256	1160	4.54	Fr	32		164	715	4.36
Here	16	239	1160	4.85	Fr	4		158	705	4.48
Here	5	198	920	4.66	Fr	7		156	715	4.59
Here	4	193	950	4.94	Fr	33		148	640	4.32
Here x	3	263	1140	4.33	Fr	4		148	600	4.07
Here x	6	217	700	3.23	Fr	20		148	675	4.58
Ang/Fr	25	239 - 271	805 - 900	3.32 - 3.37	Fr	93		136	615	4.52
Ang/Fr	5	200	635	3.18	Fr	60		132	612	4.65
Ang/Fr	8	178	680	3.83	Fr	147	121 - 122	570 - 585	4.73 - 4.81	
Sim/Fr	9	192	680	3.54	Fr	25		117	520	4.45
Fr	12	233 - 264	815 - 935	3.50 - 3.54	Fr	21		110	535	4.88
Fr	3	230	790	3.43	Fr	29		109	545	5.02
Fr	3	227	835	3.68	Fr	26		98	395	4.01
Fr	88	215 - 227	850 - 885	3.91 - 3.95	Fr x	3		170	625	3.68
Fr	18	210	780	3.71	<b>AUTUMN-BORN WEANER BULL</b>					
Fr	7	209	710	3.40	Ang/Fr	16		326	1020	3.13
Fr	11	200 - 203	720 - 740	3.60 - 3.64	Ang/Fr	11		293	950	3.25
Fr	123	199	800	4.02	Fr	19		280	965	3.45
Fr	24	197	760	3.86						