



LIVESTOCKEYE

TAUPO WEANER STEER & HEIFER FAIR

↑ WEANER STEER ANGUS
205 - 240KG
850 - 1005

↑ WEANER STEER HERE/FR
186 - 234KG
715 - 915

↑ WEANER STEER HERE/FR
154 - 155KG
675 - 685

○ WEANER HEIFER ANG
226KG
930

↑ WEANER HEIFER HERE/FR
139 - 148KG
535 - 571

VIEWPOINT



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Great start to Taupo weaner fair season

Taupo started their weaner fair season on the right note, with the steers and heifers selling on a lifting market compared to last year's sale. A big gallery of buyers from King Country, Waikato and Bay of Plenty braved the sweltering autumn day, alongside South Auckland buyers who dominated the dairy-beef section.

Numbers for this sale were up nearly 300 head on last year, with a noted increase in dairy-beef steers and heifers.

A quality line up of Angus cattle certainly had the bench clambering, and the real highlight was 37 heifers, 226kg, that bettered the first cut when they sold for \$930, \$4.12/kg, which was on par with steer money. The Angus steers lifted and 205-274kg sold for \$850-\$1175, \$4.05-\$4.30/kg, compared to last year's prices of \$855-\$1000, \$3.73-\$3.78/kg for 226-268kg. Beef-cross, 173-175kg, returned \$740, though top price went to Charolais-cross, 287kg, \$1210. Better lines of steers easily surpassed \$4.00/kg.

The top end of the beef and exotic

heifers sold to \$900-\$950, and like the steers Charolais-cross, 250kg, took out top honors. Much of the action for the heifers though was in the dairy-beef pens and prices were up \$75-\$115 on comparable lines in last year's fair. Angus-Friesian packed some real weight with most 210-236kg and trading at \$780-\$865, while 154-201kg made \$560-\$670, with better lines up to \$3.74-\$3.77/kg, and the remainder \$3.25-\$3.50/kg. A big line of 111 head sold exceptionally well as they went under the hammer for \$540, \$4.45/kg, which was also matched by a lighter line of 53 at 110kg.

Dairy-beef steer numbers were low at this sale last year so while it is hard to make any comparisons, prices were right up with recent results. Hereford-Friesian, 186-234kg, traded at \$715-\$915, \$3.82-\$3.92/kg, but as the weight dropped off and buyers stuck to their per head budgets the \$/kg climbed well over \$4.00/kg, with 154-155kg up to \$4.37-\$4.45/kg, and lighter lines pushing even higher.

Cattle fair tallies

Weaner steer	506
Weaner heifer	760
Total	1266



WEANER CALVES

	Tally	Cond.	Weight	\$/hd	\$/kg		Tally	Cond.	Weight	\$/hd	\$/kg
WEANER STEER						Char x	9		287	1210	4.22
Ang	17		274	1175	4.30	Char x	5		182	760	4.18
Ang	14		241	975	4.05	Exotic	8		274	1060	3.87
Ang	50		205 - 240	850 - 1005	4.10 - 4.20	Exotic	10		184	850	4.62
Ang x	10		242	1060	4.38	Here x	3		253	980	3.87
Beef x	18		252	800	3.17	Lim x	29		231	955	4.13
Beef x	5		250	960	3.84	Sim x	18		286	1160	4.05
Beef x	10		225	840	3.73	Sim x	6		238	925	3.88
Beef x	7		213	570	2.68	Sim/Here	9		247	1010	4.09
Beef x	6		188	645	3.42	Sim/Here	14		208	910	4.38
Beef x	10		176	650	3.69	Sim/Here	12		174	865	4.97
Beef x	27		173 - 175	740	4.23 - 4.28	Speckle x	7		261	1000	3.83
Beef x	8		156	615	3.94	Ang/Fr	16		239	950	3.98
Beef x	3		130	670	5.15	Ang/Fr	24		171 - 211	705 - 870	4.11 - 4.12

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	Tally	Cond.	Weight	\$/hd	\$/kg		Tally	Cond.	Weight	\$/hd	\$/kg
Ang/Fr	7		120	530	4.42	Ang/Fr	18		236	865	3.67
Here/Fr	7		234	835	3.56	Ang/Fr	10		234	610	2.61
Here/Fr	31	186 - 234	715 - 915	3.82 - 3.92		Ang/Fr	25		209	780	3.73
Here/Fr	17		175	725	4.15	Ang/Fr	5		206	710	3.45
Here/Fr	3		167	665	3.99	Ang/Fr	9		183	695	3.79
Here/Fr	5		158	610	3.86	Ang/Fr	18		166	600	3.61
Here/Fr	34	154 - 155	675 - 685	4.37 - 4.45		Here/Fr	14		264	540	2.05
Here/Fr	8		145	550	3.79	Here/Fr	6		262	780	2.98
Here/Fr	7		144	570	3.95	Here/Fr	6		220	435	1.98
Here/Fr	6		143	620	4.33	Here/Fr	33		206	750	3.63
Here/Fr	9		133	630 - 640	4.73 - 4.80	Here/Fr	24	189 - 201	615 - 665	3.25 - 3.31	
Here/Fr	4		115	570	4.96	Here/Fr	7		179	670	3.75
Fr x	1		190	450	2.37	Here/Fr	5		176	585	3.32
Fr x	9		170	595	3.50	Here/Fr	7		176	640	3.64
Fr x	3		137	360	2.63	Here/Fr	4		170	635	3.74
WEANER HEIFER						Here/Fr	14		170	675	3.97
Ang	16		256	910	3.55	Here/Fr	20		163	560 - 570	3.44 - 3.50
Ang	37		226	930	4.12	Here/Fr	8		163	550	3.38
Ang	8		168	645	3.85	Here/Fr	20	154 - 155	578 - 585	3.75 - 3.77	
Beef x	22		202	790	3.91	Here/Fr	20		152	535	3.52
Beef x	8		171	650	3.80	Here/Fr	45	139 - 148	535 - 571	3.85 - 3.91	
Beef x	7		147	588	4.00	Here/Fr	38		139	580	4.18
Char x	9		250	950	3.80	Here/Fr	10		132	400	3.03
Char x	4		183	655	3.59	Here/Fr	10		126	405	3.21
Char x	7		166	640	3.86	Here/Fr	12		123	425	3.45
Exotic	4		288	900	3.13	Here/Fr	111		121	540	4.45
Exotic	13	180 - 203	670 - 760	3.72 - 3.75		Here/Fr	9		117	482	4.13
Here	4		220	795	3.61	Here/Fr	53		110	492	4.45
Here x	2		290	805	2.78	Here/Fr	5		90	365	4.06
Here x	10		258	905	3.51	Fr x	11	173 - 189	535 - 600	3.10 - 3.18	
Here x	3		160	355	2.22	Fr x	6		162	385	2.38
Sim x	9		206	790	3.84	Fr x	2		140	460	3.29
Sim/Here	10		155	690	4.45	Fr x	2		95	355	3.74