AgriHQ IVESTOCKE TAUPO CATTLE SALE

2-YEAR STEER **BEEF/DAIRY** 365 - 520KG 3.18



YEARLING HEIFER HERE/FR 320 - 360KG 3.18

YEARLING BULL FRIESIAN 265 - 305KG 3.01 - 3.21

VIEWPOINT



Reece Brick

Bit of sun keeps prices firm

The Taupo yards joined the action this week with an offering of more than 800 store cattle, mainly yearlings. Like everywhere else the grass is growing under the spring sun, which kept the sale moving relatively smoothly. Local buyers largely went toe-to-toe with an enthusiastic group of Hawke's Bay and King Country competitors.

The two-year cattle section was small but largely met expectations based on results in the lead up to the sale. All beef-Friesian steers, 365-520kg, were in the \$3.06-\$3.21/kg range, with a few Friesian steers just falling short of \$3.00/kg.

Pickings were slim on the yearling steers too, but what was there turned out to be excellent selling. A consignment of 315-355kg Angus-Friesian steers led the charge at \$3.63-\$3.72/kg, while a couple other beefcross lines were at similar levels too.

The heifers that followed went well enough but fell short of the heights of the steers. Heavy weights on a few lines almost worked against them - bidders seeming a bit reluctant to pay more than \$1000 on a part-dairy heifer. The stars of the show were a massive line of 315kg Hereford-Friesian (picture on pg. 2) which eventually sold at \$3.30/kg or \$1040. If offered in reasonable numbers then \$3.14-\$3.26/kg covered the majority of other standard Hereford-Friesian heifers above 250kg, with smaller lines or mixed-marked part-Friesian types nearer to \$2.85-\$3.05/kg.

Bulls weren't exactly cheap but were the weakest section of the day. A lot of both the Friesian and beef-cross lines fell into the \$3.00-\$3.10/kg range at all weights, though a single 265kg pen of Friesian bulls went as high as \$3.20/kg.

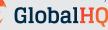
Store cattle tallies									
	Weaner	Yearling	2-year+	Total					
Steer	55	89	56	200					
Heifer	78	326	9	413					
Bull	-	185	-	185					
Cow	-	-	-	-					
Total	133	600	65	815					

Average Sale	Average Sale Prices										
Age/Class	Breed	kg	\$/hd	\$/kg							
2-year Steer	Beef/Dairy	405	1285	3.17							
Yearling Steer	Beef/Dairy	310	1090	3.52							
Yearling Heifer	Beef/Dairy	305	965	3.16							
Yearling Bull	Friesian	280	840	3.00							
Aut. Wnr Heifer	Beef/Dairy	150	600	4.04							

STORE CATTLE

	Tally	Cond.	Weight	\$/hd	\$/kg		Tally	Cond.	Weight	\$/hd	\$/kg
2-YEAR STE	ER					YEARLING HI	EIFER				
Ang/Fr	3		470	1440	3.06	Gallo x	13		194	595	3.07
Ang/Fr	30		364	1170	3.21	Red Dev x	6		302	860	2.85
Here/Fr	8		521	1600	3.07	Sim x	6		192	650	3.39
Here/Fr	3		447	1430	3.20	Speckle x	4		305	830	2.72
Fr	12		498 - 580	1490 - 1690	2.91 - 2.99	Here/Fr	39		347 - 358	1120 - 1140	3.17 - 3.26
2-YEAR HEII	FER					Here/Fr	26		318	1000	3.14
Here x	6		325	1000	3.08	Here/Fr	92		315	1040	3.30
Here/Fr	3		427	1200	2.81	Here/Fr	22		288	922	3.20
YEARLING S	STEER					Here/Fr	16		263 - 269	770 - 800	2.93 - 2.99
Red Dev x	7		269	930	3.46	Here/Fr	7		253	810	3.20
Sim x	7		203	800	3.94	Here/Fr	6		245	745	3.04
Speckle x	7		360	1300	3.61	Here/Fr	3		237	795	3.35
Ang/Fr	37		316 - 357	1170 - 1295	3.63 - 3.72	Here/Fr	5		165	535	3.24
Ang/Fr	9		258	900	3.49	Here/Fr (Red)	21		309	950	3.07
Here/Fr	12		303	960	3.17	Here/Dairy	20		228 - 308	650 - 850	2.76 - 2.85
Here/Fr	3		270	810	3.00	M. Grey/Fr	32		288 - 345	840 - 1035	2.92 - 3.00
Here/Fr	4		263	860	3.27	Fr x	5		244	410	1.68
Fr x	3		183	540	2.95	Fr x	3		187	500	2.67

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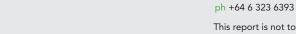
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	Tally	Cond.	Weight	\$/hd	\$/kg		Tally	Cond.	Weight	\$/hd	\$/kg	
YEARLING BULL					AUTUMN-BORN WEANER STEER							
Gallo x	8		184	500	2.72	Sim x	9		336	1290	3.84	
Here x	14		213 - 271	635 - 820	2.98 - 3.03	Sim x	3		310	1120	3.61	
Highland	3		343	500	1.46	Sim x	10		245	910	3.71	
M. Grey x	8		345	900	2.61	Here/Fr	25		186	795	4.27	
Ang/Fr	13		437	1340	3.07	Here/Fr	8		144	680	4.72	
Here/Fr	4		358	940	2.63	AUTUMN-BORN WEANER HEIFER						
Ayr x	9		288	770	2.67	Sim x	10		233	780	3.35	
Ayr x	16		226	550	2.43	Ang/Fr	20		136 - 183	505 - 665	3.63 - 3.7	
Fr	3		367	870	2.37	Here/Fr	12		152	630	4.14	
Fr	4		313	790	2.52	Here/Fr	17		134	540	4.03	
Fr	44		306	920	3.01	Here/Fr (Red)	19		143	635	4.44	
Fr	15		266	855	3.21							
Fr	20		210	650	3.10							
Fr x	21		352	870	2.47							
Fr x	3		250	500	2.00							

This line of almost a hundred 315kg Hereford-Friesian heifers was among the top lines the sale had on offer. They went on to make \$1040 or \$3.30/kg.





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