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TAUPO WEANER BULL FAIR

WEANER BULL HERE	WEANER BULL FR	WEANER BULL FRIESIAN	WEANER BULL FRIESIAN	WEANER BULL FR
239KG	215 - 227KG	185 - 195KG	130 - 150KG	121 - 122KG
1160	**850 - 885**	**730 - 760**	**612 - 675**	**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
Total	**1093**

WEANER CALVES

	Tally	Cond.	Weight	$/hd	$/kg
WEANER BULL					
Ang x	6		235	730	3.11
Ang x	15		132	565	4.28
Here	4		273	1150	4.22
Here	7		256	1160	4.54
Here	16		239	1160	4.85
Here	5		198	920	4.66
Here	4		193	950	4.94
Here x	3		263	1140	4.33
Here x	6		217	700	3.23
Ang/Fr	25		239 - 271	805 - 900	3.32 - 3.37
Ang/Fr	5		200	635	3.18
Ang/Fr	8		178	680	3.83
Sim/Fr	9		192	680	3.54
Fr	12		233 - 264	815 - 935	3.50 - 3.54
Fr	3		230	790	3.43
Fr	3		227	835	3.68
Fr	88		215 - 227	850 - 885	3.91 - 3.95
Fr	18		210	780	3.71
Fr	7		209	710	3.40
Fr	11		200 - 203	720 - 740	3.60 - 3.64
Fr	123		199	800	4.02
Fr	24		197	760	3.86

	Tally	Cond.	Weight	$/hd	$/kg
Fr	66		183 - 191	730 - 760	3.99 - 3.99
Fr	50		178	760	4.26
Fr	20		167	690	4.14
Fr	5		166	665	4.01
Fr	32		164	715	4.36
Fr	4		158	705	4.48
Fr	7		156	715	4.59
Fr	33		148	640	4.32
Fr	4		148	600	4.07
Fr	20		148	675	4.58
Fr	93		136	615	4.52
Fr	60		132	612	4.65
Fr	147		121 - 122	570 - 585	4.73 - 4.81
Fr	25		117	520	4.45
Fr	21		110	535	4.88
Fr	29		109	545	5.02
Fr	26		98	395	4.01
Fr x	3		170	625	3.68
AUTUMN-BORN WEANER BULL					
Ang/Fr	16		326	1020	3.13
Ang/Fr	11		293	950	3.25
Fr	19		280	965	3.45