

# LIVESTOCKEYE

## TAUPO WEANER FAIR

 <b>WEANER STEER</b> ANG 193KG <b>895 - 900</b>	 <b>WEANER STEER</b> SIM X 184 - 190KG <b>820 - 830</b>	 <b>WEANER HEIFER</b> ANG 170 - 196KG <b>630 - 740</b>	 <b>WEANER HEIFER</b> LIM X 255 - 258KG <b>845 - 850</b>	 <b>WEANER BULL</b> ANG 161 - 184KG <b>795 - 910</b>
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VIEWPOINT



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### Very different fair to first

Round two weaner fair at Taupo had a very different look to the first fairs, with variations in all sections. Steer numbers were very similar with Angus dominating the section and fewer Hereford-Friesian penned. This pattern was repeated in the heifer pens, and the Angus were also joined by a good yarding of Simmental and Simmental-cross. Friesian bulls were replaced with Angus and across all sections weights were on average much lighter than the previous fairs.

With that in mind comparisons between the two fairs are limited, but the rostrum was packed with outside buyers and quality beef-bred cattle were chased. However dairy-beef lines came back.

The Angus steers were offered in big lines of 24-63 head and the market was very solid. The top line at 215kg made \$920, with two lines 193kg earning \$895-\$900, \$4.64-\$4.66/kg. Simmental-cross, 184-190kg, also proved popular selling for \$820-\$830, \$4.37-\$4.46/kg. However the strength could not be found in the Hereford-Friesian pens, and prices came back significantly. Those 145-155kg dropped \$30-\$60 to \$520-\$615, while 132-143kg were very good shopping at \$445-\$580, compared to \$620-\$640 at the last fair.

Heifers followed in a very similar vein to the steers as beef cattle had a firm tone, but dairy-beef eased. The top Angus heifers beat the boys in weight at 254kg and sold for \$930, while 170-196kg returned \$630-\$740. A lighter line at 139kg cracked \$4.00/kg, with Angus-Hereford at similar levels. Exotic-cross lines sold well though shy of the Angus prices. Limousin-cross, 255-258kg, returned \$845-\$850, \$3.30-\$3.32/kg, while light Simmental-cross, 163-178kg, fetched \$610-\$660, \$3.65-\$3.73/kg. Straight Simmental conjured up some excitement from the bench though and at heavy weights of 262-299kg sold for the top price range of \$950-\$1100. As the sale moved into the Hereford-Friesian pens interest waned and so to did prices. Those 137-146kg sold at a \$55-\$65 discount to the last fair at \$480-\$505, with the heaviest line up to just 160kg.

As said the Friesian bulls were replaced with Angus and these proved very popular. The top line of 226kg made \$985, but it was the 161-184kg lines which sold exceptionally well, making \$4.94-\$4.95/kg. Simmental, 249-318kg, returned \$990-\$1270, while the only decent line of Friesian was 44 head at 205kg, which sold for \$790.

Cattle fair tallies	
R2 heifer	3
Weaner steer	495
Weaner heifer	530
Weaner bull	249
<b>Total</b>	<b>1288</b>

Average Sale Prices				
Age/Class	Breed	kg	\$/hd	\$/kg
Weaner Steer	Traditional	195	870	4.48
Weaner Steer	Exotic	200	850	4.25
Weaner Steer	Beef/Dairy	145	550	3.87
Weaner Heifer	Traditional	205	750	3.69
Weaner Heifer	Exotic	245	850	3.45
Weaner Heifer	Beef/Dairy	140	480	3.46



WEANER CALVES

	Tally	Cond.	Weight	\$/hd	\$/kg
<b>R2 HEIFER</b>					
S.Horn x	3		323	900	2.78
<b>WEANER STEER</b>					
Ang	63		215	920	4.27
Ang	100		193	895 - 900	4.64 - 4.66
Ang	24		154	690	4.48
Ang	5		116	550	4.74
Ang x	17		337	1130	3.35
Ang x	14		184	820	4.47
Char x	8		234	930	3.98

	Tally	Cond.	Weight	\$/hd	\$/kg
Exotic	7		207	855	4.13
Here	3		220	740	3.36
Here x	7		274	1010	3.68
Here x	11		241	830	3.45
Sim x	6		240	1060	4.42
Sim x	8		228	810	3.56
Sim x	53	184 - 190	820 - 830	820 - 830	4.37 - 4.46
Ang/Fr	5		168	500	2.98
Here/Fr	8		184	640	3.48
Here/Fr	3		163	505	3.09

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Here/Fr	16		156	615	3.94
Here/Fr	12		145 - 148	520 - 525	3.56 - 3.59
Here/Fr	20		143	580	4.07
Here/Fr	31		139	605	4.34
Here/Fr	7		138	625	4.55
Here/Fr	11		137	500	3.64
Here/Fr	11		137	555	4.04
Here/Fr	22		132	445	3.36
Here/Fr	12		128	525	4.12
Fr x	5		148	455	3.07
Fr x	6		138	525	3.80

WEANER HEIFER

Ang	41		254	930	3.65
Ang	50		170 - 196	630 - 740	3.71 - 3.78
Ang	18		139	562	4.03
Ang	12		128	477	3.74
Ang x	11		308	960	3.12
Ang x	11		185	685	3.69
Ang/Here	17		241	850	3.52
Ang/Here	40		228	865	3.79
Ang/Here	7		213	680	3.19
Char x	7		180	640	3.56
Exotic	6		258	800	3.10
Here	6		183	630	3.44
Here x	7		287	915	3.19
Here x	6		157 - 247	495 - 760	3.08 - 3.16
Here x	8		139	480	3.46
Lim x	42		255 - 258	845 - 850	3.30 - 3.32
M. Grey	7		261	825	3.16
S.Horn x	5		216	755	3.50
Sim	32		262 - 299	950 - 1100	3.63 - 3.68
Sim x	23		291	990	3.40
Sim x	7		281	920	3.27
Sim x	11		245	855	3.50
Sim x	6		243	720	2.96
Sim x	7		226	750	3.32
Sim x	35		163 - 178	610 - 660	3.65 - 3.73
Here/Fr	3		160	545	3.41
Here/Fr	7		151	435	2.87
Here/Fr	11		147	512	3.48
Here/Fr	3		147	475	3.24
Here/Fr	46		137 - 146	480 - 505	3.41 - 3.50
Here/Fr	10		133	550	4.14
Here/Fr	14		131	400	3.06
Here/Fr	14		124	465	3.76

	Tally	Cond.	Weight	\$/hd	\$/kg
<b>WEANER BULL</b>					
Ang	35		226	985	4.36
Ang	101		161 - 184	795 - 910	4.94 - 4.95
Ang x	10		282	995	3.53
Here	4		195	880	4.51
Here x	3		323	960	2.97
M. Grey	4		283	990	3.50
S.Horn x	6		237	890	3.76
Sim	22		249 - 318	990 - 1270	3.98 - 3.99
Ang/Fr	9		211	740	3.51
Here/Fr	5		144	575	3.99
Fr	2		285	775	2.72
Fr	44		205	790	3.86
Fr	4		180	595	3.31