

LIVESTOCKEYE

TAUPO WEANER FAIRS

○ WEANER STEER CHAR X 221 - 248KG 730 - 830	↓ WEANER STEER HERE/FR 182 - 225KG 660 - 705	↓ WEANER HEIFER HERE/FR 124 - 188KG 420 - 510	○ WEANER BULL HERE/FR 202 - 298KG 630 - 765	↓ WEANER BULL FR 190 - 216KG 680 - 780
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VIEWPOINT



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Buyer's market for steers and heifers; bulls more resilient

The Taupo weaner fair season kicked off on Monday with around 1200 steers and heifers. Unfortunately, a number of factors were determined to make the day a challenge and those in the market were able to purchase some good cattle at very reasonable rates. While the benches appeared full, many were there simply in an observation role, with very dry conditions wiping out buying power from the usually dominant local and King Country areas. Also a clash of dates, as Frankton changed its beef weaner fair day, meant divided loyalties for buyers and there was a noted reduction in interest from that area. The shining light for the day however was the Hereford-Friesian steer market, which was more resilient than the remainder of the fair.

Prices were notably back on last year's record results, though that is a common scenario playing out at all the fairs. Hereford-Friesian steers, 182-225kg, traded at \$660-\$705 compared to \$725-\$835 last year, while red lines of the same breed and 147-208kg were discounted to \$430-\$490. While no steers exceeded \$1000, top pens of Hereford cross, 331kg, and Simmental-cross, 309kg, did manage \$900. Charolais-cross, 221-248kg, sold for \$730-\$830, and Angus-cross, 239-298kg, \$700-\$855.

Overall Hereford-Friesian heifers had more weight than the 2018 offering, though per head prices were similar.

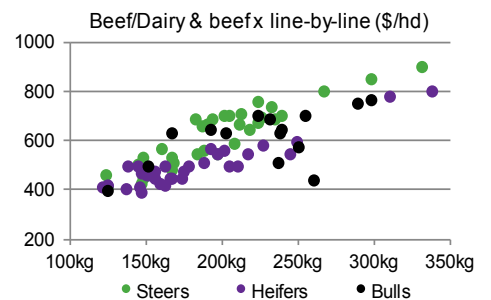
The top heifers weighed 249-310kg and sold for \$600-\$778, at just \$2.41-\$2.51/kg. Weights had to drop to 155kg before lines exceeded \$3.00/kg, but at that level all calves could be bought on a \$500 per head budget. Charolais-cross heifers sold over a very tight \$/kg range of \$2.69-\$2.77/kg, but that was for weights from 183kg up to 275kg.

Bulls followed today but vendors were gun-shy after Monday's results and some lines were cancelled, with the overall tally reduced to around 1050 head. Those that did still sell were rewarded with strong demand from the East Coast and Hawke's Bay, with Friesian bulls the highlight. Traceability was high on many a buyer's requirements and as most were bred locally buyers gave them a big tick. While prices were back on 2018 it was by a much smaller margin of \$30-\$80. The whole Friesian section could be split into two ranges - with 190-216kg making \$680-\$780 and 142-185kg, \$585-\$680. A top line of 147 annual draft Friesian headed to Central Hawke's Bay for \$780, \$3.61/kg to be the best-selling Friesian line, and even gave the beef bulls a run for their money.

The beef and beef-Friesian bulls were better shopping, and mainly headed to Waikato and Tamarunui. Hereford-Friesian, 202-298kg, made \$630-\$765, while two pens of Angus, 231-232kg, fetched \$675-\$710.

Cattle fair tallies

Weaner steer	490
Weaner heifer	591
Weaner bull	868
Weaner rig	3
Aut-born weaner bull	53
Total	2250



Average Sale Prices

Age/Class	Breed	kg	\$/hd	\$/kg
Weaner Steer	Exotic	230	730	3.18
Weaner Steer	Beef/Dairy	175	590	3.35
Weaner Heifer	Traditional	225	600	2.65
Weaner Heifer	Exotic	195	550	2.80
Weaner Heifer	Beef/Dairy	185	500	2.76
Weaner Bull	Traditional	265	730	2.75
Weaner Bull	Beef/Dairy	225	620	2.76
Weaner Bull	Friesian	190	690	3.68

WEANER CALVES

	Tally	Cond.	Weight	\$/hd	\$/kg
WEANER STEER					
Ang	7		213	700	3.29
Ang x	21		239 - 298	700 - 855	2.87 - 2.93
Ang x	10		166	485	2.92
Char x	29		221 - 248	730 - 830	3.30 - 3.35
Char x	17		138	540	3.91

	Tally	Cond.	Weight	\$/hd	\$/kg
Here x	9		331	900	2.72
Here x	5		234	690	2.95
Here x	17		232	740	3.19
Here x	4		218	650	2.98
Here x	11		211	670	3.18
Lim x	10		306	805	2.63
Lim x	8		243	750	3.09

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	Tally	Cond.	Weight	\$/hd	\$/kg
WEANER STEER cont					
S. Dev x	10		177	515	2.91
S.Horn x	18		204 - 223	700 - 760	3.41 - 3.43
Sim x	31		275 - 309	810 - 900	2.91 - 2.95
Sim x	11		248	765	3.08
Sim x	17		182	700	3.85
Ang/Fr	10		190	670	3.53
Here/Fr	11		223 - 225	675 - 695	3.03 - 3.09
Here/Fr	5		212	710	3.35
Here/Fr	48		187 - 201	660 - 705	3.51 - 3.58
Here/Fr	29		182	690	3.79
Here/Fr	9		166	530	3.19
Here/Fr	19		148 - 160	535 - 570	3.56 - 3.61
Here/Fr	9		148	447	3.02
Here/Fr	12		144	505	3.51
Here/Fr	15		123	460	3.74
Sim/Fr	9		168	515	3.07
Here/Fr (Red)	3		267	805	3.01
Here/Fr (Red)	16		197 - 208	550 - 590	2.79 - 2.84
Here/Fr (Red)	31		147 - 188	430 - 560	2.93 - 3.01
Here/Fr (Red)	7		124	410	3.31
Fr x	4		178	430	2.42
Fr x	9		162	490	3.02

	Tally	Cond.	Weight	\$/hd	\$/kg
WEANER HEIFER					
Ang	8		261	685	2.62
Ang	11		215	600	2.79
Ang	4		203	530	2.61
Ang x	13		162	500	3.09
Ang/Here	6		232	610	2.63
Char x	27		183 - 275	493 - 740	2.69 - 2.77
Char x	19		150	500	3.33
Char x	7		141	435	3.09
Char x	7		121	500	4.13
Here	9		198 - 240	500 - 605	2.52 - 2.53
Here x	4		145	415	2.86
Here x	8		138	500	3.62
S. Dev x	11		301	670	2.23
S. Dev x	8		199	475	2.39
Ang/Fr	15		201	560	2.79
Ang/Fr	9		137	405	2.96
Here/Fr	4		338	805	2.38
Here/Fr	60		249 - 310	600 - 778	2.41 - 2.51
Here/Fr	40		216 - 227	545 - 580	2.52 - 2.56
Here/Fr	10		204 - 210	495 - 500	2.36 - 2.45
Here/Fr	8		196	545	2.78
Here/Fr	23		192	570	2.97
Here/Fr	51		165 - 188	450 - 510	2.71 - 2.73
Here/Fr	5		162	420	2.59
Here/Fr	10		155	450	2.90
Here/Fr	12		155	475	3.06
Here/Fr	80		150 - 151	460 - 465	3.05 - 3.08

	Tally	Cond.	Weight	\$/hd	\$/kg
Here/Fr	9		147	395	2.69
Here/Fr	8		146	470	3.22
Here/Fr	30		124 - 144	420 - 500	3.39 - 3.47
Here/Fr	19		124	417	3.36
Sim/Fr	13		178	495	2.78
Here/Fr (Red)	15		244	545	2.23
Here/Fr (Red)	10		167 - 173	447 - 450	2.60 - 2.68
Here/Fr (Red)	9		159	430	2.70
Here/Fr (Red)	9		121	412	3.40

	Tally	Cond.	Weight	\$/hd	\$/kg
AUTUMN-BORN WEANER BULL					
Ang/Fr	18		289	750	2.60
Ang/Fr	7		254	700	2.76
Fr	20		264	770	2.92
Fr	8		210	700	3.33

	Tally	Cond.	Weight	\$/hd	\$/kg
WEANER BULL					
Ang	15		325	805	2.48
Ang	10		232	710	3.06
Ang	11		231	675	2.92
Ang/Here	7		263	700	2.66
Here	4		203	650	3.20
Ang/Fr	14		215 - 250	500 - 575	2.30 - 2.33
Ang/Fr	17		124 - 151	400 - 500	3.23 - 3.31
Here/Fr	29		238 - 298	630 - 765	2.57 - 2.65
Here/Fr	53		231	690	2.99
Here/Fr	26		202 - 223	630 - 700	3.12 - 3.14
Here/Fr	19		192	645	3.36
Here/Fr	7		166	630	3.80
Here/Fr (Red)	5		260	440	1.69
Here/Fr (Red)	18		239	650	2.72
Here/Fr (Red)	36		236	510	2.16
Fr	9		290	775	2.67
Fr	5		228	700	3.07
Fr	147		216	780	3.61
Fr	44		215	720	3.35
Fr	6		210	675	3.21
Fr	36		195 - 200	680 - 700	3.49 - 3.50
Fr	19		191	690	3.61
Fr	6		190	605	3.18
Fr	15		186	620	3.33
Fr	6		183	560	3.06
Fr	12		176	585	3.32
Fr	61		174	680	3.91
Fr	20		172	600	3.49
Fr	15		167	630	3.77
Fr	96		167	680	4.07
Fr	6		163	560	3.44
Fr	33		163	660	4.05
Fr	25		151	610	4.04
Fr	36		142	590	4.15

	Tally	Cond.	Weight	\$/hd	\$/kg
WEANER RIG					
Here	3		283	700	2.47