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TAUPO WEANER FAIR

WEANER STEER ANG	WEANER STEER HERE/FR	WEANER HEIFER ANG	WEANER HEIFER SIM X	WEANER BULL FR
180 - 211KG	172KG	242KG	263 - 269KG	186 - 197KG
670-800	**660**	**710**	**690-710**	**605-670**

VIEWPOINT

Notable lack of buyers

Caitlin Pemberton

Localised rain the night before the second Taupo weaner fair did nothing to lift the confidence of buyers, as most continue to miss any decent rainfall. Many potential buyers were missing due to lack of feed, particularly from the King Country and Waikato, and even the local buyers were thin on the ground. Of the 1500 head offering, two-thirds of the weaners were beef-bred, with the balance made up of Friesian bulls & Hereford-Friesian steers & heifers. Beef-bred weaner steers sold readily enough. There was more straight Angus on offer at this fair and these sold in two ranges, with 262-329kg making $950- $1000, while 122-211kg were more of a bargain at $500-$800. The rest were mostly bought for $800-$960, and anything under 230kg was felt to be discounted, as were Hereford-Friesian which also struggled at $500- $790.

Heifers were hard to move, particularly for lighter weights. However, some larger pens of traditional and exotic calves did strengthen and Angus, 264-314kg, made good money at $740-$820. Simmental, Simmental-cross and Hereford-cross, 273-306kg, were bought for $770-$920, with the rest of the pens mostly trading at $400-$710.

The bull numbers were much smaller, and some were quite light which was reflected in the prices. Angus, 146-186kg, made $600-$640 and Angus-Hereford, 222kg, were similar at $620. Very heavy Hereford and Simmental, 303-343kg, sold well at $945-$1100. Friesian bulls were mostly 186-197kg and sold on a steady to easing market for $650-$670, with 250kg slightly more expensive at $750.

Cattle fair tallies	
Weaner Steer	318
Weaner Heifer	711
Weaner Bull	266
Total	**1500**

Average Sale Prices				
Age/Class	Breed	kg	$/hd	$/kg
Weaner Steer	Traditional	230	800	3.50
Weaner Steer	Exotic	260	885	3.41
Weaner Steer	Beef/Dairy	200	660	3.31
Weaner Heifer	Traditional	220	630	2.83
Weaner Heifer	Exotic	240	660	2.73
Weaner Heifer	Beef/Dairy	230	580	2.49
Weaner Bull	Traditional	185	640	3.45

WEANER CALVES

	Tally	Cond.	Weight	$/hd	$/kg
WEANER STEER					
Ang	16		329	1000	3.04
Ang	17		290	980	3.38
Ang	17		262	950	3.63
Ang	61		180 - 211	670 - 800	3.72 - 3.79
Ang	17		122	500	4.10
Ang x	3		190	520	2.74
Ang/Here	17		298	910	3.05
Ang/Here	14		205	750	3.66
Char x	18		237 - 252	800 - 870	3.38 - 3.45
Here x	4		333	915	2.75
Here x	11		292	900	3.08
Here x	18		222	850	3.83
Here x	11		173	685	3.96

	Tally	Cond.	Weight	$/hd	$/kg
S. Dev x	6		233	790	3.39
Sim	9		290	980	3.38
Sim x	4		288	960	3.33
Sim x	14		263 - 264	920 - 925	3.50 - 3.50
Sim x	5		250	810	3.24
Speckle x	6		228	750	3.29
Here/Fr	5		296	790	2.67
Here/Fr	6		252	755	3.00
Here/Fr	5		180	635	3.53
Here/Fr	21		172	660	3.84
Here/Fr (Red)	4		240	755	3.15
Here/Fr (Red)	9		170	500	2.94

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	Tally	Cond.	Weight	$/hd	$/kg
WEANER HEIFER					
Ang	16		314	820	2.61
Ang	19		264	740	2.80
Ang	17		251	670	2.67
Ang	40		242	710	2.93
Ang	23		235 - 242	650 - 685	2.77 - 2.83
Ang	11		218	580	2.66
Ang	21		215	600	2.79
Ang	36		141 - 180	445 - 560	3.11 - 3.16
Ang	31		138	445 - 455	3.22 - 3.30
Ang x	7		207	495	2.39
Ang x	29		177	500	2.82
Ang x	8		131	440	3.36
Ang/Here	40		225 - 264	610 - 700	2.62 - 2.71
Ang/Here	10		201	590	2.94
Char x	7		261	640	2.45
Char x	5		194	405	2.09
Dev x	18		178 - 208	445 - 500	2.40 - 2.50
Here	8		254	685	2.70
Here x	22		276	800	2.90
Here x	7		195 - 227	510 - 600	2.62 - 2.64
Here x	5		182	445	2.45
M. Grey	6		190	460	2.42
Sim	15		306	920	3.01
Sim	5		242	695	2.87
Sim x	11		274	895	3.27
Sim x	7		273	770	2.82
Sim x	30		263 - 269	690 - 710	2.62 - 2.64
Sim x	3		260	660	2.54
Sim x	22		231 - 240	630 - 645	2.69 - 2.73
Sim x	15		194	495	2.55
Sim x	10		183	550	3.01
Speckle x	8		273	680	2.49
Ang/Fr	12		243	460	1.89
Here/Fr	28		238	595	2.50
Here/Fr	58		236	650	2.75
Here/Fr	10		216	555	2.57
Here/Fr	12		185	435	2.35
Here/Fr	21		175	500	2.86
Here/Fr (Red)	14		323	710	2.20
Here/Fr (Red)	5		286	670	2.34
Here/Fr (Red)	21		228	500	2.19
Here/Fr (Red)	5		202	500	2.48
Here/Jer	13		252	425	1.69

	Tally	Cond.	Weight	$/hd	$/kg
WEANER BULL					
Ang	18		186	635	3.41
Ang	18		171	640	3.74
Ang	26		146	600	4.11
Ang	8		123	420	3.41
Ang/Here	5		222	620	2.79
Here	4		418	960	2.30
Here	6		303	945	3.12
M. Grey	4		180	500	2.78
Sim	42		312 - 343	980 - 1100	3.14 - 3.21
Fr	21		250	750	3.00
Fr	114		186 - 197	650 - 670	3.40 - 3.49

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