

LIVESTOCKEYE

TAUPO CATTLE SALE

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

↑ YEARLING STEER
ANG/FR
315 - 355KG
3.68

○ 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 beef-cross 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 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

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	Tally	Cond.	Weight	\$/hd	\$/kg
2-YEAR STEER					
Ang/Fr	3		470	1440	3.06
Ang/Fr	30		364	1170	3.21
Here/Fr	8		521	1600	3.07
Here/Fr	3		447	1430	3.20
Fr	12		498 - 580	1490 - 1690	2.91 - 2.99
2-YEAR HEIFER					
Here x	6		325	1000	3.08
Here/Fr	3		427	1200	2.81
YEARLING STEER					
Red Dev x	7		269	930	3.46
Sim x	7		203	800	3.94
Speckle x	7		360	1300	3.61
Ang/Fr	37		316 - 357	1170 - 1295	3.63 - 3.72
Ang/Fr	9		258	900	3.49
Here/Fr	12		303	960	3.17
Here/Fr	3		270	810	3.00
Here/Fr	4		263	860	3.27
Fr x	3		183	540	2.95

	Tally	Cond.	Weight	\$/hd	\$/kg
YEARLING HEIFER					
Gallo x	13		194	595	3.07
Red Dev x	6		302	860	2.85
Sim x	6		192	650	3.39
Speckle x	4		305	830	2.72
Here/Fr	39		347 - 358	1120 - 1140	3.17 - 3.26
Here/Fr	26		318	1000	3.14
Here/Fr	92		315	1040	3.30
Here/Fr	22		288	922	3.20
Here/Fr	16		263 - 269	770 - 800	2.93 - 2.99
Here/Fr	7		253	810	3.20
Here/Fr	6		245	745	3.04
Here/Fr	3		237	795	3.35
Here/Fr	5		165	535	3.24
Here/Fr (Red)	21		309	950	3.07
Here/Dairy	20		228 - 308	650 - 850	2.76 - 2.85
M. Grey/Fr	32		288 - 345	840 - 1035	2.92 - 3.00
Fr x	5		244	410	1.68
Fr x	3		187	500	2.67

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	Tally	Cond.	Weight	\$/hd	\$/kg
YEARLING BULL					
Gallo x	8		184	500	2.72
Here x	14		213 - 271	635 - 820	2.98 - 3.03
Highland	3		343	500	1.46
M. Grey x	8		345	900	2.61
Ang/Fr	13		437	1340	3.07
Here/Fr	4		358	940	2.63
Ayr x	9		288	770	2.67
Ayr x	16		226	550	2.43
Fr	3		367	870	2.37
Fr	4		313	790	2.52
Fr	44		306	920	3.01
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

	Tally	Cond.	Weight	\$/hd	\$/kg
AUTUMN-BORN WEANER STEER					
Sim x	9		336	1290	3.84
Sim x	3		310	1120	3.61
Sim x	10		245	910	3.71
Here/Fr	25		186	795	4.27
Here/Fr	8		144	680	4.72
AUTUMN-BORN WEANER HEIFER					
Sim x	10		233	780	3.35
Ang/Fr	20		136 - 183	505 - 665	3.63 - 3.71
Here/Fr	12		152	630	4.14
Here/Fr	17		134	540	4.03
Here/Fr (Red)	19		143	635	4.44

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.

