

LIVESTOCKEYE

TAUPO SPRING CATTLE

R2 BULL
FR
376KG
2.93

R2 HEIFER
HERE/FR
395 - 480KG
2.78

R1 STEER
ANG/HERE
205 - 209KG
4.04 - 4.14

R1 STEER
HERE/FR
185 - 219KG
3.58 - 3.62

R1 HEIFER
BEEF/DAIRY
255 - 315KG
2.59

VIEWPOINT



Suz Bremner

Small yarding for first spring sale

Taupo was back into selling-mode this week, holding the first sale at the yards since May. Tallies were well down on the same sale for 2019 with a noted reduction in traditional volume, and 90% of the yarding was dairy-beef.

The buying bench was reduced to locals, and while there was good support from that corner on the forefront of many minds was the fact that pastures have almost come to a standstill in the last few weeks, after a run of frosts and weather not conducive to grass growth. That was not ideal timing for this sale, and a noted lack of outside support also meant it was a buyers' market for much of the sale. Fights were on for those with stand-out breeding though, including two pens of 205-209kg R1 Angus-Hereford steers, which were easily the highlight as they pushed to \$845-\$850, \$4.04-\$4.14/kg. Unfortunately, through the younger pens, there was not enough of that type of excitement and while

beef-dairy steers managed to average a respectable \$780, \$3.32/kg by sale end, heifers had a heavier average weight but were well off that pace at an average of \$675, \$2.67/kg. This clearly reflected where buyer loyalties lay as even the better weights found in the heifer pens could not entice buyers to jump ship.

Short-term cattle were not offered in any substantial volume, but R2 Hereford-Friesian heifers, 397-443kg, had a good sale at \$2.77-\$2.82/kg, which was around 10c/kg off the pace of similar lines at Frankton recently.

One big line of R2 Friesian bulls were possibly just outside the desired weight range to attract short-term buyers and at 397kg sold for \$1100, \$2.93/kg, while two small lines of R1 had the same issue and sold for \$585-\$710, \$2.61-\$2.78/kg. The balance of this section were beef-dairy and being that they exceeded 300kg were subjected to more interest, and all squared off at \$900 for varied \$/kg.

Store cattle tallies				
	R1	R2	R3+	Total
Steer	127	-	-	127
Heifer	93	29	-	122
Bull	50	46	-	96
Cow	-	-	-	-
Total	272	75	-	480

Average Sale Prices				
Age/Class	Breed	kg	\$/hd	\$/kg
R2 Heifer	Beef/Dairy	425	1180	2.76
Aut.1-year Heifer	Beef/Dairy	320	845	2.63
R1 Steer	Beef/Dairy	235	780	3.32
R1 Heifer	Beef/Dairy	255	675	2.67



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	Tally	Cond.	Weight	\$/hd	\$/kg
R2 HEIFER					
Here/Fr	4		483	1300	2.69
Here/Fr	18		397 - 443	1100 - 1250	2.77 - 2.82
Here/Fr (Red)	7		377 - 408	1000 - 1100	2.65 - 2.70
R2 BULL					
Fr	46		376	1100	2.93
AUTUMN-BORN 1-YEAR STEER					
Here/Fr	1		420	1200	2.86
AUTUMN-BORN 1-YEAR HEIFER					
Ang/Fr	8		313	850	2.72
Here/Fr	5		300	800	2.67
Here/Fr (Red)	9		337	900	2.67
Here/Fr (Red)	10		322	810	2.52

	Tally	Cond.	Weight	\$/hd	\$/kg
R1 STEER					
Ang	4		153	530	3.48
Ang/Here	30		205 - 209	845 - 850	4.04 - 4.14
Gallo	9		224	600	2.67
Red Dev	4		245	800	3.27
Ang/Fr	1		260	700	2.69
Ang/Fr	15		257	905	3.52
Ang/Fr	8		229	710	3.10
Ang/Fr	9		220	660	3.00
Here/Fr	8		256	850	3.32
Here/Fr	7		254	870	3.42
Here/Fr	6		248	700	2.82
Here/Fr	5		226	730	3.23
Here/Fr	21		185 - 219	670 - 785	3.58 - 3.62

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	Tally	Cond.	Weight	\$/hd	\$/kg
R1 HEIFER					
Ang	7		139	480	3.46
Sim	1		260	750	2.88
Sim	9		222	780	3.51
Ang/Fr	6		313	800	2.55
Ang/Fr	17		237	740	3.12
Here/Fr	13		268	700	2.61
Here/Fr	10		251	600	2.39
Here/Fr	11		212	650	3.07
Here/Fr (Red)	5		316	700	2.22
Here/Fr (Red)	8		253	650	2.57
Here/Fr (Red)	6		237	500	2.11

	Tally	Cond.	Weight	\$/hd	\$/kg
R1 BULL					
Ang/Fr	11		312	900	2.89
Here/Fr	15		325	900	2.77
Here/Fr (Red)	2		300	900	3.00
Fr	12		255	710	2.78
Fr	10		224	585	2.61
R1 MIXED SEX					
Fr x	2		225	400	1.78