

# LIVESTOCKEYE

## TAUPO CATTLE

2-YEAR STEER  
ANG  
470KG  
**3.15**

AUT-BORN YRLG HEIFER  
HERE/FR  
347KG  
**2.61**

YEARLING STEER  
ANG & A/H  
173 - 216KG  
**3.40 - 3.41**

YEARLING HEIFER  
ANG & A/H  
165 - 201KG  
**2.94 - 3.03**

YEARLING BULL  
FR  
235KG  
**2.83**

### VIEWPOINT



Suz Bremner

## Strong market for hot food and drinks

A sudden return to winter meant that a strong market for hot food and drink was noted by the auctioneer. For the cattle the demand was perhaps not so heated, though buyers had come for the 2-year cattle and better yearlings and these markets at least were brisk.

If there was one advantage to the wet day it was that the cattle glossed up well, as the photo shows, and the promise of spring growth following the rain certainly added an air of optimism. One pen of good-weighted 2-year Angus steers were able to reach \$1470, \$3.15/kg with weight dictating price as a small pen of similar weighted Friesian-cross fell just short of \$3/kg. 18-month Hereford-Friesian heifers, 308-347kg, were reasonably consistent at \$2.50-\$2.61/kg.

The highlight of the day was a small yearling steer section, which consisted of the type of cattle buyers were looking for. Angus & Angus-Hereford, 173-

216kg, were able to reach \$3.40-\$3.46/kg, levels very common at larger North Island yards. A bit of a treat was 282-319kg Simmental and Limousin-cross which had plenty of yield potential and subsequently sold for \$900-\$1010, \$3.17-\$3.19/kg. The sisters of both consignments followed soon after and the traditional lines at 165-201kg made \$2.94-\$3.03/kg and exotic, \$680, \$2.75/kg. The pick of these pens though was five Speckle Park, 294kg, which sold well at \$850, \$2.89/kg.

The only line of yearling bulls of note was 21 Friesian, 235kg, which also sold in line with recent sales at \$2.83/kg. There were a few more of this breed found in the autumn-born weaner pens and 167kg (pictured) sold for \$535 with a second cut 10kg lighter and \$490. Good Hereford-Friesian bulls, 156kg, made \$545, and Hereford-dairy heifers, 132-149kg, \$350-\$430. Several other lines were passed in.

Store cattle tallies				
	Weaner	Yearling	2-year+	Total
Steer	-	46	36	82
Heifer	19	74	7	100
Bull	59	27	1	87
Cow	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>315</b>

Average Sale Prices				
Age/Class	Breed	kg	\$/hd	\$/kg
Aut. wnr Bull	Beef/Dairy	155	480	3.06



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	Tally	Cond.	Weight	\$/hd	\$/kg
<b>2-YEAR STEER</b>					
Ang	10		470	1480	3.15
Ang	4		420	1160	2.76
Ang/Dairy	10		410	1100	2.68
Gallo	6		373	950	2.55
Fr x	2		600	1630	2.72
Fr x	4		485	1450	2.99
<b>2-YEAR HEIFER</b>					
Ang/Dairy	7		374	955	2.55
<b>2-YEAR BULL</b>					
Jer x	1		450	850	1.89
<b>AUTUMN-BORN YEARLING HEIFER</b>					
Here/Fr	12		347	905	2.61
Here/Fr	12		308	770	2.50
Here/Fr (Red)	3		317	750	2.37

	Tally	Cond.	Weight	\$/hd	\$/kg
<b>YEARLING STEER</b>					
Ang & A/H	30		173 - 216	590 - 735	3.40 - 3.41
Sim & Lim x	14		282 - 319	900 - 1010	3.17 - 3.19
Here/Fr	2		340	970	2.85
<b>YEARLING HEIFER</b>					
Ang & A/H	30		165 - 201	500 - 590	2.94 - 3.03
Speckle	5		294	850	2.89
Sim & Lim x	7		247	680	2.75
Here/Fr	5		280	640	2.29
<b>YEARLING BULL</b>					
S.Horn	2		280	650	2.32
Here/Fr	1		380	800	2.11
Fr	21		235	665	2.83
Fr x	3		240	500	2.08
<b>YEARLING MIXED SEX</b>					
Ang	2		390	1000	2.56
Ang/Dairy	3		243	430	1.77

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	Tally	Cond.	Weight	\$/hd	\$/kg
<b>AUTUMN-BORN WEANER HEIFER</b>					
Here/Dairy	8		149	430	2.89
Here/Dairy	2		135	350	2.59
Here/Dairy	9		132	400	3.03

<b>AUTUMN-BORN WEANER BULL</b>					
Here/Fr	14		156	545	3.49
Here/Fr	4		153	350	2.29
Here/Fr (Red)	6		167	435	2.60
Wagyu/Fr	4		150	450	3.00
Fr	17		167	535	3.20
Fr	12		158	490	3.10

	Tally	Cond.	Weight	\$/hd	\$/kg
<b>WEANER BULL</b>					
Fr & Fr x	2		280	650	2.32
<b>MA COWS &amp; CALVES</b>					
Ang/Dairy	1		840	1200	1.43