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# LIVESTOCKEYE

## TAUPO CATTLE

| R3 STEER | R3 HEIFER | R2 HEIFER | WEANER STEER | WEANER HEIFER |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| ANGUS-FRIESIAN | SIMMENTAL X | SIMMENTAL X | ANGUS-FRIESIAN | ANGUS-FRIESIAN |
| 400 - 436KG | 509KG | 309 - 386KG | 164KG | 171KG |
| **2.52 - 2.53** | **2.30** | **2.51 - 2.52** | **505** | **565** |

## VIEWPOINT

# Dry conditions limit buying power

Hot, dry weather in the region has reduced pasture levels and quality. This resulted in a softer market which was to be expected. A small offering of 244 cattle was met by an equally small but active bench of local buyers looking to secure quality cattle to clean up pasture.

The older cattle started off a bit sticky, and the majority of 2-year/R3 steers, 400-439kg, made $2.52-$2.53/kg with Friesian-cross, 603kg, at $2.42/kg. Same-aged heifers eased around 10c/kg to $2.30-$2.33/kg. Two-year/R3 crossbred bulls varied with better types up to $1.87/kg and lighter at $1.54/kg.

1-year/R2 cattle were limited and steers fetched $2.60-$2.67/kg, with heifers typically at the $2.50/kg mark. Murray Grey bulls sold reasonably well and achieved $2.71/kg.

The balance of the yarding consisted of weaner calves which sold on a steady market. Angus-Friesian steers, 164kg, traded at $505 and Friesian and Jersey bulls around 150kg, made $400-$435. The best of the weaner heifers was 171kg Angus-Friesian which reached $565, though the lion's share of 120-130kg Hereford-Friesian and beef-cross made $400-$455.

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| Cattle fair tallies | |
|---|---|
| 2-year Steer | 38 |
| 2-year Heifer | 16 |
| 2-year Bull | 7 |
| Yearling Steer | 9 |
| Yearling Heifer | 44 |
| Yearling Bull | 6 |
| Weaner Steer | 22 |
| Weaner Heifer | 70 |
| Weaner Bull | 28 |
| **Total** | **244** |

## STORE CATTLE

| | Tally | Cond. | Weight | $/hd | $/kg |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **2-YEAR/R3 STEER** | | | | | |
| Sim x | 9 | | 439 | 1110 | 2.53 |
| Ang/Fr | 26 | | 400 - 436 | 1010 - 1100 | 2.52 - 2.53 |
| Fr x | 3 | | 603 | 1460 | 2.42 |
| **2-YEAR/R3 HEIFER** | | | | | |
| Sim x | 13 | | 509 | 1170 | 2.30 |
| Here/Fr | 3 | | 417 | 970 | 2.33 |
| **2-YEAR/R3 BULL** | | | | | |
| xBred | 2 | | 470 | 880 | 1.87 |
| xBred | 5 | | 324 | 500 | 1.54 |
| **1-YEAR/R2 STEER** | | | | | |
| Sim x | 4 | | 375 | 1000 | 2.67 |
| Here/Fr | 5 | | 350 | 910 | 2.60 |
| **1-YEAR/R2 HEIFER** | | | | | |
| M. Grey | 6 | | 252 | 630 | 2.50 |
| Sim x | 25 | | 309 - 386 | 780 - 970 | 2.51 - 2.52 |
| Here/Fr | 8 | | 286 | 720 | 2.52 |
| xBred | 5 | | 252 | 400 | 1.59 |
| **1-YEAR/R2 BULL** | | | | | |
| M. Grey | 6 | | 292 | 790 | 2.71 |
| **WEANER STEER** | | | | | |
| Ang/Fr | 18 | | 164 | 505 | 3.07 |

| | Tally | Cond. | Weight | $/hd | $/kg |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **WEANER HEIFER** | | | | | |
| Beef x | 8 | | 130 | 400 | 3.08 |
| Ang/Fr | 15 | | 171 | 565 | 3.30 |
| Here/Fr | 16 | | 127 | 482 | 3.80 |
| Here/Fr | 19 | | 119 - 124 | 432 - 455 | 3.64 - 3.67 |
| Here/Fr | 12 | | 118 | 365 | 3.08 |
| **WEANER BULL** | | | | | |
| Fr | 12 | | 158 | 435 | 2.75 |
| Jer | 12 | | 152 | 400 | 2.64 |
| Jer | 4 | | 118 | 280 | 2.38 |

Simmental-cross 15-month heifers



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