

LIVESTOCKEYE

TAUPO CATTLE

R3 STEER
ANGUS-FRIESIAN
400 - 436KG
2.52 - 2.53

R3 HEIFER
SIMMENTAL X
509KG
2.30

R2 HEIFER
SIMMENTAL X
309 - 386KG
2.51 - 2.52

WEANER STEER
ANGUS-FRIESIAN
164KG
505

WEANER HEIFER
ANGUS-FRIESIAN
171KG
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