AgriHQ

MARCH 1, 2021

LIVESTOCKEYE

TAUPO DAIRY-BEEF WEANER FAIR

WEANER STEER	WEANER STEER	WEANER HEIFER	WEANER BULL	WEANER BULL
SIMMENTAL	ANGUS-FRIESIAN	SIMMENTAL X	FRIESIAN	FRIESIAN
311KG	146 - 190KG	224 - 243KG	215 - 225KG	160 - 180KG
885	**490 - 570**	**585 - 650**	**610 - 650**	**490 - 545**

VIEWPOINT

Friesian bulls feature

Suz Bremner

A shower of rain settled the dust as buyers arrived at Taupo for what was essentially a dairy-beef weaner fair, though it did kick off with a few pens of beef weaners. Outside buyers supported the market and the fair returned solid results for vendors. The feature was a big yarding of quality Friesian bulls, which stretched across 16 pens and ranged in tally from six up to 112. Good volumes of consistent types have been slow to come forward and so this section was supported by bidding from the Far North and Gisborne. Values at $2.95-$3.05/kg covered a large portion weighing 160-195kg which meant budgets were tight at $490-$590. Those pushing past 210kg attracted bids up to 650kg though $/kg values dropped to be consistent at $2.78-$2.88/kg. Outside of these ranges there was the odd anomaly, such as a line of 44 at 144kg which made $480, $3.34/kg to be one of the highest priced pens of the day on a $/kg basis.

Both the steer and heifer sections started with heavy Simmental and Simmental-cross. Straight Simmental steers pushed to 311kg and were good buying at $885, $2.84/kg while the smaller per head outlay on lighter Simmental-cross, 228-271kg, meant these made a premium at $2.90-$2.97/kg. That also bettered similar weighted Angus-cross, which sold for $625-$725, $2.72-$2.79/kg. The balance of the steers was dairy-beef and while it was noted that Hereford-Friesian made a premium over Angus-Friesian, the latter were very consistent in type and sold well. All weighed 146-190kg and sold for $490-$570, which put the top lines at $3.00-$3.04/kg and lighter up to $3.27-$3.36/kg. A smaller entry of Hereford-Friesian was able to achieve $3.38/kg to $3.53/kg for 160-175kg, which meant most sold for $550-$600.

Heifers outnumbered steers and Simmental lines sold over a much tighter range at $2.61-$2.67/kg for weights varying from 224kg to 294kg. It was the heavier end that attracted the higher $/kg as they pushed to $780. For the balance of the section the lines could be split in two price brackets - $560-$640 for the heavier lines and $345-$490 for the balance. Most lines sold below $3.00/kg but one exception to that rule was 33 Hereford-Friesian, 142kg, that caught the eye of a few and eventually sold for $480, $3.38/kg.

Cattle fair tallies

Weaner Steer	201
Weaner Heifer	294
Weaner Bull	450
Total	**970**

Average Sale Prices

Age/Class	Breed	kg	$/hd	$/kg
Weaner Steer	Exotic	270	800	2.95
Weaner Steer	Beef/Dairy	170	540	3.19
Weaner Heifer	Beef/Dairy	155	450	2.86
Weaner Bull	Friesian	185	540	2.94

WEANER CALVES

	Tally	Cond.	Weight	$/hd	$/kg
WEANER STEER					
Ang x	23		224 - 267	625 - 725	2.72 - 2.79
Ang x	7		201	575	2.85
Sim	9		311	885	2.84
Sim x	14		228 - 271	660 - 805	2.90 - 2.97
Sim x	3		217	725	3.35
Ang/Fr	36		165 - 190	500 - 570	3.00 - 3.04
Ang/Fr	36		146 - 162	490 - 530	3.27 - 3.36
Here/Fr	6		243	690	2.84
Here/Fr	8		217 - 226	635 - 670	2.93 - 2.96
Here/Fr	6		175	600	3.43
Here/Fr	8		171	605	3.53
Here/Fr	16		160 - 170	550 - 575	3.38 - 3.44
Here/Fr (Red)	4		170	480	2.82
Here/Fr (Red)	14		169	525	3.10
M. Grey/Fr	11		154	525	3.42

	Tally	Cond.	Weight	$/hd	$/kg
WEANER HEIFER					
Ang x	16		248	615	2.48
Ang x	13		214	560	2.62
Sim	9		294	780	2.65
Sim x	18		224 - 243	585 - 650	2.61 - 2.67
Ang/Fr	18		171	410	2.40
Ang/Fr	23		142	390	2.74
Here/Fr	6		247	635	2.57
Here/Fr	5		226	630	2.79
Here/Fr	11		217	640	2.95
Here/Fr	7		173	455	2.63
Here/Fr	12		158	490	3.11
Here/Fr	21		143	420	2.94
Here/Fr	33		142	480	3.38
Here/Fr	22		141	450	3.18
Here/Fr	6		132	320	2.43
Here/Fr	15		125	372	2.97

This report is a licenced subscription service and not for redistribution. Thank you for respecting our business model. We welcome referrals.

GlobalHQ We'll weather together.

WEANER CALVES

	Tally	Cond.	Weight	$/hd	$/kg
Here/Fr (Red)	3		233	580	2.49
Here/Fr (Red)	10		163	487	2.99
Here/Fr (Red)	4		153	440	2.89
Here/Fr (Red)	5		134	365	2.72
M. Grey/Fr	19		173	455	2.64
M. Grey/Fr	18		137	345	2.52

	Tally	Cond.	Weight	$/hd	$/kg
WEANER BULL					
M. Grey/Fr	5		354	835	2.36
Fr	1		280	570	2.04
Fr	12		248	660	2.66
Fr	68		226	650	2.88
Fr	27		216 - 221	610 - 615	2.78 - 2.83
Fr	1		210	530	2.52
Fr	112		195	590	3.03
Fr	32		181	485	2.69
Fr	56		179	545	3.05
Fr	17		171	500	2.92
Fr	6		162	490	3.03
Fr	12		161	505	3.14
Fr	15		156	460	2.95
Fr	44		144	480	3.34
Fr	17		139	405	2.92
Fr	10		126	400	3.17
Fr	8		101	250	2.47
Fr	7		99	85	0.86

Friesian bulls were a feature of the fair at Taupo today, contributing over 440 to the tally. The biggest line housed 112 and at 195kg sold for $590, $3.03/kg.

This report is a licenced subscription service and not for redistribution. Thank you for respecting our business model. We welcome referrals.

GlobalHQ We'll weather together.