

LIVESTOCKEYE

TAUPO DAIRY-BEEF WEANER FAIR

WEANER STEER
SIMMENTAL
311KG
885

WEANER STEER
ANGUS-FRIESIAN
146 - 190KG
490 - 570

WEANER HEIFER
SIMMENTAL X
224 - 243KG
585 - 650

WEANER BULL
FRIESIAN
215 - 225KG
610 - 650

WEANER BULL
FRIESIAN
160 - 180KG
490 - 545

VIEWPOINT

Friesian bulls feature

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.



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Cattle fair tallies

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|---------------|------------|
| 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 |

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|----------------------|-------|-------|-----------|-----------|-------------|
| 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 |

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 |



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|--------------------|-------|-------|-----------|-----------|-------------|
| 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.