

LIVESTOCKEYE

TAUPO CATTLE

2-YEAR STEER
ANGUS-FRIESIAN
499 - 500KG
3.12 - 3.14

R2 HEIFER
ANGUS
331KG
3.14

YEARLING STEER
HEREFORD-FRIESIAN
370 - 393KG
3.08 - 3.11

YEARLING HEIFER
ANGUS-FRIESIAN
265KG
2.64

WEANER BULL
HEREFORD-DAIRY
200 - 206KG
550

VIEWPOINT

Solid market for mixed-quality

There was a reasonably small sale today of 320 head. The market was solid given that it was mostly made up of bits and pieces as farmers look to tidy up their herds before Christmas. An entirely local bench of buyers easily absorbed the offering, keen to top up numbers and utilise the abundance of feed.

The lion's share of 2-year steers achieved \$3.05-\$3.14/kg. Good R2 Angus heifers, 331kg, achieved \$3.14/kg, and the balance of 454-490kg dairy-beef \$3.02-\$3.04/kg.

Quality varied in the yearling steer pens. Hereford-Friesian, 370-393kg, realised \$3.08-\$3.11/kg, \$1150-\$1210, and 329kg Red

Devon-cross was able to reach \$3.21/kg, \$1055.

Better yearling Hereford-Friesian heifers traded at \$3.06-\$3.13/kg, the next cut \$2.93-\$2.98/kg and lesser types, \$2.64-\$2.73/kg. Yearling bulls were limited to just five beef-cross which earned \$2.40/kg.

Weaner dairy-beef heifers above 200kg fetched \$520-\$540, and lighter types not far off at \$425-\$450. Hereford-Friesian bulls, 117kg, sold well at \$615 though the bulk shifted for \$450-\$550.

This was the last sale for 2021 at the Taupo sale yards. Sales will commence in 2022 on Thursday 20th January



Caitlin Pemberton

Cattle fair tallies

2-year Steer	58
2-year Heifer	51
Yearling Steer	41
Yearling Heifer	47
Yearling Bull	5
Aut. weaner Steer	9
Aut. weaner Heifer	7
Weaner Steer	4
Weaner Heifer	28
Weaner Bull	54
Total	320

STORE CATTLE

	Tally	Cond.	Weight	\$/hd	\$/kg
2-YEAR STEER					
Here x	8		456	1390	3.05
Ang/Fr	32		499 - 500	1560 - 1570	3.12 - 3.14
Here/Fr	3		530	1590	3.00
Here/Fr	5		516	1600	3.10
Ayr	10		601	1700	2.83
2-YEAR HEIFER					
Ang (R2)	33		331	1040	3.14
Ang/Fr	12		454	1380	3.04
Here/Fr	6		490	1480	3.02
YEARLING STEER					
Ang x	11		291	870	2.99
Ang x	3		243	700	2.88
Red Dev x	10		329	1055	3.21
Ang/Fr	7		284	820	2.88
Here/Fr	10		370 - 393	1150 - 1210	3.08 - 3.11

	Tally	Cond.	Weight	\$/hd	\$/kg
YEARLING HEIFER					
Ang	5		304	905	2.98
Ang/Fr	12		265	700	2.64
Here/Fr	3		370	1095	2.96
Here/Fr	9		346	945	2.73
Here/Fr	6		335	1025	3.06
Here/Fr	4		303	885	2.93
Here/Fr	8		299	935	3.13
YEARLING BULL					
Beef x	5		334	800	2.40
AUTUMN-BORN WEANER STEER					
Sim x	9		264	920	3.48
AUTUMN-BORN WEANER HEIFER					
Sim x	7		234	820	3.50
WEANER STEER					
Here/Dairy	4		108	440	4.09

STORE CATTLE

	Tally	Cond.	Weight	\$/hd	\$/kg
WEANER HEIFER					
Here/Fr	8		204	540	2.65
Here/Fr (Red)	7		211	520	2.46
Here/Fr (Red)	7		94	425	4.51
Here/Dairy	6		122	450	3.70
WEANER BULL					
Speckle x	5		114	450	3.95
Here/Fr	6		117	615	5.27
Here/Fr (Red)	6		172	490	2.85
Here/Fr (Red)	8		138	500	3.64
Here/Dairy	14		200 - 206	550	2.67 - 2.75
Here/Dairy	7		131	550	4.19
Fr	8		96	355	3.69

Average Sale Prices				
Age/Class	Breed	Ave. kg	Ave. \$/hd	Ave. \$/kg
2-year Steer	Dairy-beef	505	1570	3.12
Yearling Heifer	Dairy-beef	310	890	2.87
Weaner Heifer	Dairy-beef	160	485	3.03
Weaner Bull	Dairy-beef	160	540	3.36