

Numbers were down this week with just over 3,200 head penned at the Emerald Saleyards. Prices were down on last week despite the improved quality of cattle on offer, with prime cattle the hardest hit. The few bullocks over 550kg on offer sold to 239c/kg to average 236c/kg. Heavy heifers over 400kgs reached 187c/kg to average 167c/kg. Heavy cows over 520kgs topped at 146c/kg to average 133c/kg and medium cows 450-520kg reached 130c/kg to average 123c/kg. Heavy bulls sold to 185c/kg to average 167c/kg.

Heavy steers over 400kgs sold to 252c/kg to average 237c/kg; feeder steers 350-400kg reached 250c/kg to average 220c/kg; steers 280-350kg topped 234c/kg to average 202c/kg; while weaner steers over 200kg made as much as 250c/kg to average 199c/kg; light weaner steers under 200kgs sold to 252c/kg to average182c/kg.

Heavy heifers over 400kg reached 187c/kg to average 167c/kg; feeder heifers 350-400kgs sold to 207c/kg to average 197c/kg; medium heifers 280-350kg topped at 200c/kg to average 174c/kg; while weaner heifers over 200kg reached 196c/kg to average 156c/kg; light heifers under 200kgs topping at 170c/kg for 136c/kg average. Charbray cows with Euro cross Calves ready to wean sold for \$540/unit with cow/calf units averaging \$510/unit.

Ron and Sandra Booker "Ron's Retreat" Yamala sold Charolais x steers to 218.2c/kg weighing 298kg to make \$651/head. Their sisters sold to 149c/kg to weigh 287kg returning \$428/head.

Will and Tanya Shaw "Billabong Plains" Comet sold Brahman x cows to 144c/kg to weigh 610kg and return \$878/head.

| Category | | Weight | No. of Head | Price Low | Price High | Avg c/kg | Change |
|-----------------|--------|---------------|----------------|--------------|---------------|-------------|--------|
| Bullocks | Heavy | Over 550kg | 27 | 236 | 239 | 236 | -17 |
| | Medium | 500kg-550kg | N/Q | | | | |
| Steers | Heavy | 400kg -500kg | 62 | 120 | 252 | 237 | -8 |
| | Feeder | 350kg-400kg | 115 | 110 | 250 | 220 | -24 |
| | Medium | 280kg – 350kg | 275 | 100 | 234 | 202 | -18 |
| | Weaner | 200kg-280kg | 737 | 100 | 250 | 199 | -20 |
| | Weaner | Under 200kg | 113 | 100 | 252 | 182 | -10 |
| Heifers | Heavy | Over 400kg | 42 | 141 | 187 | 167 | -30 |
| | Feeder | 350kg-400kg | 85 | 158 | 207 | 197 | -15 |
| | Medium | 280kg -350kg | 565 | 80 | 200 | 174 | -12 |
| | Weaner | 200kg – 280kg | 769 | 80 | 196 | 156 | -13 |
| | Weaner | Under 200kg | 229 | 80 | 170 | 136 | -10 |
| Cows | Heavy | Over 520kg | 89 | 118 | 146 | 133 | -50 |
| | Medium | 450kg-520kg | 76 | 110 | 130 | 123 | -40 |
| Bulls | | Over 600kg | 33 | 100 | 185 | 167 | -50 |
| Cows and Calves | | | 24 | \$465 | \$540 | \$510 | |

Next Emerald Combined Sale Thursday 14 March 2019

