

Stock Report by Geoff Plasto

Rain storms fell yesterday ranging from 5 to 15mm, however nowhere near the 20 to 40mm predicted by Weatherzone on the internet.

Dubbo last Thursday 3600 Prime cattle penned in a mostly good quality yarding with a good selection of young cattle and cows along with an outstanding display of bullocks in prime condition. Trade young cattle were firm to 3 cents cheaper, feeder steers rose 5 to 8 cents, feeder heifers were firm to 3 cents cheaper, restocker young steers were cheaper and reached 353 cents, heavy steers were firm to 3 cents cheaper, heavy heifers gained 10 cents, cows improved 2 to 6 cents. Quotations – calves 340 to 455, steer vealers 231 to 353, heifer vealers 271 to 319, yearling steers 271 to 344, yearling heifers 232 to 307, heavy steers 222 to 308, bullocks 240 to 290, heavy heifers 247 to 277, cows 150 to 234 and bulls 160 to 324.

Last Friday at Dubbo 2330 Store cattle penned in a good quality yarding with competition improving due to recent and expected rain. Steer weaners rose \$30 and more in places selling from \$300 to \$1150 to avg \$750 or 378 cents per kg, heifer weaners gained \$100 ranging from \$270 to \$830 to avg \$630 or 311 cents per kg, steer yearlings traded from \$775 to \$1140 to avg \$912, yearling heifers realised \$400 to \$1400 to avg \$712, one pen of PTIC heifers made \$1400, PTIC cows sold from \$975 to \$1660 cows & calves ranged from \$1200 to \$2025, for a pen of Angus cows on their second calf, unjoined cows traded from \$565 to \$990.

At Dubbo on Monday 7970 lambs penned in a fair quality yarding with odd pens of trade weight lambs along with a limited selection of heavy weights, processor light lambs gained \$6 to \$8, trade lambs rose \$6 to \$9, heavy weight lambs improved \$4, Merino lambs were dearer with trade weights selling from \$114 to \$143. Restockers paid to \$135 and hoggets topped at \$140. Quotations – light young lamb \$46 to \$113. Medium young lamb \$113 to \$140, heavy young lamb \$146 to \$164, supermarket young lamb \$158 to \$175, with a pen of light export young lamb making \$188, light lamb \$37 to \$135, medium lamb \$108 to \$135, heavy lamb \$125 to \$153, supermarket lamb \$147 to \$180, export lamb \$177 to \$204. 6100 Mutton penned in a mixed yarding with heavy weight Merino sheep a little dearer, while the balance of the sheep were \$5 to \$7 cheaper. Quotations – light ewes \$18 to \$90, medium ewes \$70 to \$128, heavy ewes \$100 to \$141, light wethers \$94, medium wethers \$92 to \$121, heavy wethers \$120 to \$155, rams \$41 to \$165 and ram lambs \$61 to \$87.

Schute Bell report that last week's wool market showed the headline market indicators hitting new record highs with strong gains across the board. Good gains on the first day of the sales were followed by smaller rises on the final day. All of the micron indicators between 18 and 23 now sit at levels inside the top 99% of prices received for the past 20 years, only the 19.5 micron indicator along with Merino cardings indicator actually set new record highs. 44,522 bales were sold nationally with a passed in rate of 2.2% AWTA testing is showing a 7.7% lift in the wool tested while AWEX action data is showing a 9.9% increase in bales offered. The Northern Region Indicator closed at 1718 cents per kg clean a rise of 5 cents.