

Restockers stake claim

Yea

- ◆ 91 ptic females \$600-\$860, av \$703
- ◆ 57 cows and calves \$700-\$1010, av \$847
- ◆ 617 heifers \$265-\$590, av \$442 (about 150c/kg estimated)
- ◆ 894 steers \$220-\$715, av \$537 (about 180c/kg estimated)

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■ Gavin Hodge, manager of Ballandry at Strath Creek for Peter Griffin, was at the Yea store sale last Friday to see their 123 Angus and black baldy steers sell for \$410-\$630, to average \$531, while 55 heifers made \$365-\$386, to average \$378. Mr Hodge said they had lost 324 hectares to the Black Friday fires and were selling their annual turnoff a bit earlier than normal.

COWS and calves were thought to be "half buyable" at last Friday's mid-winter store sale at Yea, while the heavier end of the steer weaners sold to an estimated 220 cents a kilogram and more in a strong market. The 894 steers made from \$220-\$715, to average \$537 (about 180c/kg estimated), while 617 heifers made \$265-\$590, to average \$442 (about 150c/kg estimated).

Restockers keen to start herd building competed with feeders and processors on the better heifers, prompting Landmark auctioneer Brian McCormack to comment that "anything suitable to breed sold extremely well".

Rodwells' Adam Mountjoy described the sale as "very good", saying the general run of spring-drop steer weaners made \$600 plus with secondary types \$480-\$550.

"Given the season, it's a fair result," Mr Mountjoy said.

The major vendor was Peter Griffin, Ballandry, Strath Creek, who sold 123 Angus and black baldy steers at \$410-\$630, to average \$531. Ballandry also sold 55 heifers at \$365-\$386, average \$378.

Ballandry manager Gavin Hodge said these PertAngus blood calves were sold early because they had lost 324 hectares of pasture in the Black Saturday fires.

"This result is really good," Mr Hodge said.

WE and S Parsons, Maindample, averaged \$637 for 36 8-9-month-old Riga-blood calves which sold in two pens at \$630 and \$645.

Also with a plus \$600 average was Barry Jame, Inverness, Deniliquin, NSW, who sold 64 Yavenvale-blood, Inverness bred 14-16 month-old Hereford steers at \$580-\$645, to average \$617.

HA Seeley, Ashwood Park, Yea, topped the in-calf female section with 15, 02-drop Angus cows pregnancy tested in calf to Ashwood Park Charolais bulls at \$860.

In the heifer pens R Accardo, Arcadia stud sold 11 Angus at \$440 and \$580, to average \$529, while Clearview Agriculture sold 52 at \$280-\$520, to average \$461.

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Sales

STEERS:

Clearview Agriculture	35 \$350-\$660	av \$609
Yarra Valley Angus	21 \$400-\$620	av \$599
James Barry Wesley	64 \$580-\$645	av \$617
H and D Millar	58 \$465-\$565	av \$525
WE and S Parsons	36 \$630-\$645	av \$637
PJ Griffin	123 \$410-\$630	av \$531
Sabre Pastoral	19 \$465-\$615	av \$504
S and M Siers	30 \$475-\$620	av \$576

COWS:

Dunrobin Grazing	18 \$600-\$720	av \$667
DW Howie and Son	20 \$680 and \$690	av \$685
HA Seeley	17 \$860 and \$660	av \$836

COWS AND CALVES:

S Handbury	24 \$820-\$930	av \$866
Hazelwynde	9 \$700-\$860	av \$795

HEIFERS:

R Accardo, Arcadia stud	11 \$440 and \$580	av \$529
Clearview Agriculture	52 \$280-\$520	av \$461
M Evans	41 \$345-\$515	av \$500
Kakariki Pastoral	62 \$345-\$430	av \$411
PJ Griffin	55 \$365-\$386	av \$378
Yarra Valley Angus	26 \$365-\$470	av \$446