

Steers av \$532 in solid sale

Yea

- ◆ 1450 steers \$250-\$740, av \$532, most steers 180c but selling to above 220c
- ◆ 760 heifers \$229-\$550, av \$389, most \$310-\$450
- ◆ Cows and calves to \$1140



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— Adam Mountjoy, Rodwells



■ Gerry Sheahan, Glenmore, Yea, was one of the major vendors at Yea store sale last week, clearing 189 Angus steers at \$340-\$630, average \$559; and 113 heifers at \$360-\$460, average \$425, from his predominantly Lawsons-blood herd. "This is a pretty good result considering they've been bought up on short feed since birth," he said. "With a good season, you'd really see how these calves can perform. They were weaned in March but we've looked after them well."

A SOLID store cattle sale at Yea last Friday returned an average \$532 for 1450 steers, while 760 unjoined heifers averaged \$389.

The steers sold from \$250 to \$740, with a fair bit of moisture underfoot helping boost buyer confidence.

The sale opened with a line of 28 Herefords from Tarcombe Herefords. Estimated at 450kg, they made \$685 or 152c/kg.

Next up was a pen of 10 Angus from A Atkins. These made top dollar at \$740 and carrying an estimated 500kg, they sold the equivalent of 148c.

A handful of pens of older, heavier steers sold from \$585-\$675 but then a major change come over the sale.

Big lines of vendor bred Angus steers, principally from Habbies Howe, Glenmore, WE and S Parsons and the Yencken family, sparked more spirited bidding.

The main run of 90 steers in four pens from the noted Habbies Howe herd averaged \$645. Gerry Sheahan's Glenmore was next with two pens — one of 18 making \$630; another of 22 making \$625.

Pastoral, Kooyong, Mansfield, got \$605 for their 20 tops.

The 193 steers off Habbies Howe averaged \$600 in the sale of the day. The 189 steers off Glenmore averaged \$559 in another strong result.

Topping the weaner averages was WE and S Parsons, whose 72 steers averaged \$636. Yencken Pastoral got an average \$543 for 65 steers.

Rodwells auctioneer Adam Mountjoy said the market was very strong with the best August September drop steers making \$665, equating to 220c for 300kg vendor-bred steers. He said cows and calves selling to \$1140 was a "pretty good result" and joined females made above meat value, selling to \$850 to average \$747.

Landmark auctioneer Brian McCormack thought the best steer calves might have made as high as 225c, with many in the 215-220c range, with the heavier end close to 200c. He thought heifers were making 150-160c

Sales

STEERS

EG and PJ Albers	40 \$380-\$615	av \$491
MD and ER Bridgeland	21 \$380-\$560	av \$466
Glenmore	189 Angus \$340-\$630	av \$559
Habbies Howe	193 Angus \$490-\$665	av \$600
S Handbury	56 \$405-\$515	av \$487
JP Kelly	46 \$595-\$665	av \$630
Yencken Pastoral, Kooyong	65 \$420-\$605	av \$543
WE and S Parsons	72 \$600-\$645	av \$636

COWS AND CALVES

Anvil Angus	32 Angus cows and calves	av \$940
	\$680-\$1140	

HEIFERS

Glenmore	113 Angus \$360-\$460	av \$425
S Handbury	66 \$335-\$380	av \$362
A Hine	64 \$355-\$445	av \$404
JP Kelly	44 \$210-\$550	av \$527
Yencken Pastoral, Kooyong	55 \$350-\$450	av \$410

into the market but many of the calves sold would normally be sold later in the year.

Many vendors did not want to hold and feed. This could be a sign of a quickly shortfall later in

very good penning for this time of year with steers well above 200c and up to 220c.

Most demand came from Gippsland and local restockers with some northern support