



National Livestock Reporting Service

National Restocker Yearling Steer Indicator

The National Restocker Yearling Steer Indicator is a seven-day rolling average of eligible steers from all NLRs reported saleyards across Australia. It is expressed in cents per kilogram live weight (¢/kg lwt) and is rounded to two decimal points.

What is a seven-day rolling average?

At any point in time, a seven-day rolling average includes data from the past seven calendar days. In the case of the Restocker Yearling Steer Indicator, the dataset takes the average ¢/kg lwt of an animal matching the specifications of the indicator per day for the past week, adds them up and divides the figure by seven. This figure is updated daily to create a rolling average value for this specification of animal.



National Restocker Yearling Steer Indicator composition

The National Restocker Yearling Steer Indicator includes yearling steers bought by restockers only with all fat and muscle scores and a live weight from 200–400kg (Table 1). The sales included in the National Restocker Yearling Steer Indicator are outlined in Table 2.

Table 1: Cattle categories in the National Restocker Yearling steer Indicator

Classification	Muscle and fat score	Live weight (kg)	Sales prefix ⁺
Yearling Steers	A,B,C,D,E	200 – 280	RS
	1,2,3,4,5	280.1 – 330	
		330.1 – 400	

Table 2: Prime sales in the National Restocker Yearling Steer Indicator

Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday	
Forbes	NSW	CTLX Carcoar	NSW	Casino	NSW	Armidale*	NSW
TRLX Tamworth	NSW	Gunnedah	NSW	Moss Vale	NSW	Dubbo	NSW
Wagga Wagga	NSW	IRLX Inverell	NSW	HRLX Singleton	NSW	SELX Yass	NSW
Toowoomba	QLD	Scone	NSW	Charters Towers	QLD	Blackhall	QLD
CVLX Ballarat*	VIC	Roma Store	QLD	CQLX Gracemere	QLD	Emerald	QLD
Mortlake	VIC	Warwick	QLD	Dalby	QLD	Bairnsdale	VIC
Pakenham	VIC	Camperdown	VIC	Leongatha	VIC	Swan Hill*	VIC
Muchea	WA	Shepparton	VIC	NVLX Wodonga	VIC	Mount Barker	WA
		Naracoorte	SA	Mount Gambier	SA		
		SA Livestock Exchange	SA				
		Powranna	TAS				

⁺ RS – Restocker purchased.

* Fortnightly.

How is the National Restocker Yearling Steer Indicator calculated?

The National Restocker Yearling Steer Indicator is the average price of cattle meeting the specifications for the past seven calendar days. It is calculated as follows, using the average live weight (lwt) price and number of head for individual pens:

- 1 The average price for each pen is weighted by the number of head in the pen. This is done by calculating the pen value.

$$\text{Pen value} = \text{lwt price} \times \text{head in pen}$$

- 2 The National Restocker Yearling Steer Indicator (¢/kg lwt) is obtained by dividing the sum of all pen values by the total number of cattle meeting Indicator specifications and rounding to two decimal points.

$$\text{National Restocker Yearling Steer Indicator} = \frac{\text{Sum of all pen values}}{\text{Total head in National Restocker Yearling Steer Indicator}}$$

The purpose of the National Restocker Yearling Steer Indicator



The National Restocker Yearling Steer Indicator is designed to be applicable to restocker producers in the supply chain who are looking for young steers. It describes what restockers are paying for young cattle out of the saleyard. These yearling steers purchased by restockers typically return to the farm for further finishing.

Expected performance

Typically, demand for restocker yearling steers is highly dependent on seasonal factors, with favourable conditions for producers reflected in price increases and conversely drought conditions influence softer demand for restocker steers and therefore impacted price performance.

You can access MLA's interactive National Restocker Yearling Steer Indicator reports at: <https://www.mla.com.au/prices-markets/cattle/new-restockeryearlingsteer/>

Price movements



It is important to note that price movements in individual saleyards and livestock categories are likely to be much more volatile than the National Restocker Yearling Steer Indicator, while still subject to the same underlying price trends.

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