

Market indicator specifications

The table below outlines the specifications of each of the indicators reported by MLA's National Livestock Reporting Service, their source and frequency of publication.

Indicator	Units	Specification	Source	How often
CATTLE				
Saleyard	Weighted average price for animals meeting the specification, at NLRs-reported saleyards over the past seven days.			
Eastern Young Cattle Indicator (EYCI)	¢/kg cwt	Vealer and yearling heifers and steers, C muscle, 2 or 3 fat score, 200kg lwt or greater, from 26 saleyards across Queensland, New South Wales and Victoria	NLRS	Daily
Trade steer	¢/kg cwt	Yearling steers, 330-400kg lwt, C muscle, 3 fat score	NLRS	ESDI or weekly
Medium steer	¢/kg cwt	Grown steers, 400-500kg lwt, C muscle, 3 fat score	NLRS	ESDI or weekly
Heavy steer	¢/kg cwt	Grown steers, 500-600kg lwt, C muscle, 4 fat score	NLRS	ESDI or weekly
Medium cow	¢/kg cwt	Cows, 400-520kg lwt, D muscle, 3 fat score	NLRS	ESDI or weekly
Feeder steer	¢/kg cwt	Yearling steers, 330-400kg lwt, C muscle, 2 fat score, bought by lot feeders	NLRS	ESDI or weekly
Over the hooks (OTH)	Average price for animals meeting the specification, using data collected directly from contributing processors.			
Trade steer	¢/kg cwt	Yearling steers, 220-260kg cwt, A-C muscle, 3-12mm fat	NLRS	Weekly
Medium steer	¢/kg cwt	Grown steers, 260-300kg cwt, A-C muscle, 7-22mm fat	NLRS	Weekly
Heavy steer	¢/kg cwt	Grown steers, 300-420kg cwt, A-C muscle, 7-22mm fat	NLRS	Weekly
Medium cow	¢/kg cwt	Cows, 240-280kg cwt, A-E muscle, 3-22mm fat	NLRS	Weekly
QLD 100-day grainfed	¢/kg cwt	Steers, 300-420kg cwt, A-C muscle, 3-4 fat score	NLRS	Weekly
Feeder cattle indicators	Average price for animals meeting the specification, using data collected directly from contributing feedlots.			
Domestic feeder steer	¢/kg lwt	Feeder steers to be placed on feed for 70-100 days	NLRS	Weekly
Domestic feeder heifer	¢/kg lwt	Feeder heifers to be placed on feed for 70-100 days	NLRS	Weekly
Export feeder – 100-120 DOF	¢/kg lwt	Feeder cattle to be placed on feed for 100-120 days	NLRS	Weekly
Export feeder – 120-220 DOF	¢/kg lwt	Feeder cattle to be placed on feed for 120-220 days	NLRS	Weekly
Export feeder – 220+ DOF	¢/kg lwt	Feeder cattle to be placed on feed for more than 220 days	NLRS	Weekly
WA OTH indicators				
Grassfed yearling	¢/kg cwt	NQ	NLRS	Weekly
Grainfed yearling	¢/kg cwt	220-260kg cwt steer, A-C muscle, 2-3 score.	NLRS	Weekly
MSA yearling	¢/kg cwt	220-260kg cwt steer, A-C muscle,	NLRS	Weekly

		2-3 score.		
Medium cow	¢/kg cwt	240-280kg cwt cow, A-E muscle, 2-4 score.	NLRS	Weekly
WA saleyard indicators				
Pastoral cow	¢/kg lwt	Cows 0-520kg lwt, no specified fat or muscle score, with NLRS prefix designated 'pastoral'	NLRS	Weekly
Heavy cow	¢/kg lwt	Cows, 520kg+ lwt, D muscle, 3 or 4 fat score, purchased by processors	NLRS	Weekly
Heavy yearling	¢/kg lwt	Yearling steers and heifers, 400kg+ lwt, C or D muscle, 2 and 3 fat score, purchased by processors	NLRS	Weekly
Feeder yearling	¢/kg lwt	Yearling steers and heifers, 0-400kg lwt, C & D muscle, 2 fat score, purchased by lot feeders	NLRS	Weekly
Other				
90CL	US¢/lb	Indicative price for Australian beef exports to the US Reported in US¢/lb CIF (including cost, insurance, freight)	Steiner	Weekly
90CL	A¢/kg swt	Indicative price for Australian beef exports to the US, reported in A¢/kg shipped weight Price is FAS (free alongside ship)	Steiner	Weekly
Light steer ex-Darwin	A¢/kg lwt	Steers, 280-350kg lwt, exported out of Darwin.	Landmark	MLW weekly
Slaughter (weekly)	No. head	Total number of head slaughtered in the past week at participating processing plants	NLRS	Weekly
Yardings (weekly)	No. head	Total number of head yarded in the past week at NLRS-reported saleyards	NLRS	Weekly
SHEEP & LAMBS				
Saleyard				
Weighted average price for animals meeting the specification, at NLRS-reported saleyards over the past seven days.				
Eastern States Trade Lamb Indicator (ESTLI)	¢/kg cwt	Lambs, 18-22kg cwt, 1 st or 2 nd cross, fat score 2-4, sold on Australian eastern seaboard	NLRS	Daily
Restocker / feeder lamb	¢/kg cwt	Lambs, 0-18kg cwt, fat score 1-2, bought by restockers or feeders	NLRS	ESDI or weekly
Light lamb	¢/kg cwt	Lambs, 12-18kg cwt, 1 st & 2 nd cross and merino, fat score 2-3	NLRS	ESDI or weekly
Trade lamb	¢/kg cwt	Lambs, 18-22kg cwt, 1 st or 2 nd cross, fat score 2-4	NLRS	ESDI or weekly
Heavy lamb	¢/kg cwt	Lambs, 22kg+ cwt, 1 st or 2 nd cross, fat score 2-4	NLRS	ESDI or weekly
Merino Lambs	¢/kg cwt	Lambs, 16-22kg cwt, Merino, fat score 2 and 3.	NLRS	ESDI or weekly
Mutton	¢/kg cwt	Adult sheep, 18-24kg cwt, fat score 2-3	NLRS	ESDI or weekly
Over the hooks (OTH)				
Average price for animals meeting the specification, using data collected directly from contributing processors.				
Medium trade lamb	¢/kg cwt	Lambs, 18-20kg cwt, fat score 2-4	NLRS	Weekly
Heavy trade lamb	¢/kg cwt	Lambs, 20-22kg cwt, fat score 2-4	NLRS	Weekly
Heavy lamb	¢/kg cwt	Lambs, 22kg+ cwt, fat score 2-5	NLRS	Weekly
Mutton	¢/kg cwt	Adult sheep, 18-24kg cwt, fat score	NLRS	Weekly

		2-4		
Other				
Export wethers	A\$/head	Live export wether, fat score 2 and 3.	NLRS	MLW weekly
Slaughter – sheep (weekly)	No. head	Total number of head slaughtered in the past week at participating processing plants	NLRS	Weekly
Slaughter – lambs (weekly)	No. head	Total number of head slaughtered in the past week at participating processing plants	NLRS	Weekly
Yardings – sheep (weekly)	No. head	Total number of head yarded in the past week at NLRS-reported saleyards	NLRS	Weekly
Yardings – lambs (weekly)	No. head	Total number of head yarded in the past week at NLRS-reported saleyards	NLRS	Weekly
WOOL				
Eastern Market Indicator (EMI)	¢/kg clean	Includes a basket of 128 wool types, reflecting overall offering in selling centres in the eastern states of Australia.	AWEX	Weekly