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Saleyard survey

Results for the 2025–26 saleyard survey

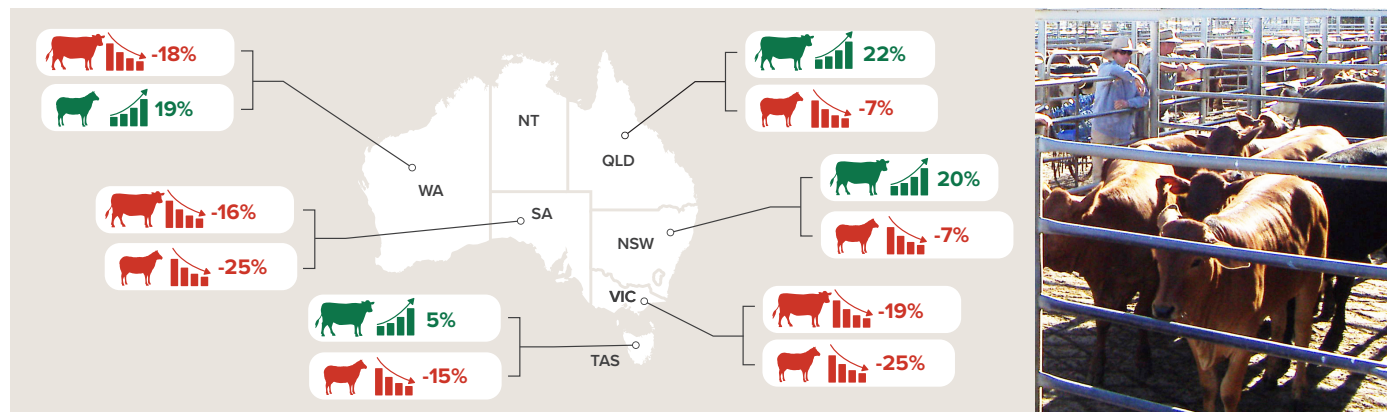
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Background

The MLA annual Saleyard Survey is designed to identify the total number of cattle and sheep transacted at Australia's saleyards over the course of a financial year.

Key numbers – state saleyard transactions % change year-on-year 2024–25



Australian saleyard transactions – year ended 30 June 2026

State	Reported cattle facilities	Cattle transacted	Reported sheep facilities	Sheep transacted
NSW	27	2,170,290	17	8,656,386
Qld	23	1,653,024	1	100,772
Vic	13	942,528	12	3,614,756
SA	4	198,968	3	722,937
WA	3	179,513	2	1,279,901
TAS	1	45,150	1	132,034
Australia	71	5,189,473	36	14,506,786

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New South Wales cattle saleyard transactions

Town	Saleyard	State	2024/25	2025/26	% of State	% Change
Dubbo	Dubbo Regional Livestock Market*	NSW	238,000	313,565	14.4%	31.8%
Tamworth	Tamworth Regional Livestock Exchange*	NSW	174,644	241,244	11.1%	38.1%
Wagga Wagga	Wagga Wagga Livestock Marketing Centre*	NSW	233,961	187,826	8.7%	-19.7%
Gunnedah	Gunnedah Regional Saleyard*	NSW	107,939	186,350	8.6%	72.6%
Carcoar	Central Tablelands Livestock Exchange*	NSW	188,266	181,092	8.3%	-3.8%
Casino	Northern Rivers Livestock Exchange*	NSW	108,576	142,536	6.6%	31.3%
Inverell	Inverell Regional Livestock Exchange*	NSW	74,320	133,765	6.2%	80.0%
Moss Vale	Southern Regional Livestock Exchange*	NSW	75,978	96,712	4.5%	27.3%
Forbes	Central West Livestock Exchange*	NSW	78,423	89,126	4.1%	13.6%
Armidale	New England Livestock Selling Facility*	NSW	46,297	85,190	3.9%	84.0%
Scone	Scone Regional Livestock Selling Centre*	NSW	43,169	72,260	3.3%	67.4%
Yass	South Eastern Livestock Exchange*	NSW	70,721	58,323	2.7%	-17.5%
Singleton	Hunter Regional Livestock Exchange*	NSW	41,272	57,113	2.6%	38.4%
Grafton	Grafton Regional Livestock Selling Centre	NSW	39,196	49,361	2.3%	25.9%
Maitland	Maitland Saleyards	NSW	40,099	40,814	1.9%	1.8%
Mudgee	Midwestern Regional Council Saleyards	NSW	27,620	35,500	1.6%	28.5%
Dunedoo	Dunedoo Saleyards	NSW	23,267	30,320	1.4%	30.3%
Bega Valley	Bega Valley Saleyard / Pambula	NSW	23,348	24,833	1.1%	6.4%
Gloucester	Gloucester Saleyards	NSW	21,044	23,212	1.1%	10.3%
Tenterfield	Tenterfield Livestock Selling Centre	NSW	17,390	23,201	1.1%	33.4%
Macksville	Macksville Saleyards	NSW	16,889	20,080	0.9%	18.9%
Lismore	Lismore Saleyards	NSW	17,873	18,479	0.9%	3.4%
Coonamble	Coonamble Saleyards	NSW	13,219	14,616	0.7%	10.6%
Finley	Finley Livestock Exchange	NSW	16,378	12,741	0.6%	-22.2%
Cooma	Cooma Saleyards	NSW	14,609	11,518	0.5%	-21.2%
Glen Innes	Glen Innes Severn Regional Saleyards	NSW	6,038	10,716	0.5%	77.5%
Braidwood	Braidwood Saleyards	NSW	10,570	9,797	0.5%	-7.3%
Kempsey	Kempsey Regional Saleyards	NSW	42,295	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total		NSW	1,811,401	2,170,290	100.0%	19.8%

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New South Wales sheep saleyard transactions

Town	Saleyard	State	2024/25	2025/26	% of State	% Change
Wagga Wagga	Wagga Wagga Livestock Marketing Centre*	NSW	2,720,092	2,269,081	26.2%	-16.6%
Forbes	Central West Livestock Exchange*	NSW	1,738,394	1,858,887	21.5%	6.9%
Dubbo	Dubbo Regional Livestock Exchange*	NSW	1,303,741	1,420,992	16.4%	9.0%
Yass	South Eastern Livestock Exchange*	NSW	819,870	648,806	7.5%	-20.9%
Griffith	Griffith Livestock Marketing Centre*	NSW	538,034	544,307	6.3%	1.2%
Corowa	Corowa Saleyards*	NSW	601,547	441,786	5.1%	-26.6%
Carcoar	Central Tablelands Livestock Exchange*	NSW	416,251	362,988	4.2%	-12.8%
Tamworth	Tamworth Regional Livestock Exchange*	NSW	226,879	231,762	2.7%	2.2%
Cowra	Cowra Saleyards*	NSW	224,902	198,440	2.3%	-11.8%
Guyra	Guyra Saleyards	NSW	129,855	184,895	2.1%	42.4%
Deniliquin	Deniliquin Saleyards*	NSW	223,600	152,022	1.8%	-32.0%
Dunedoo	Dunedoo Saleyards	NSW	101,404	111,871	1.3%	10.3%
Inverell	Inverell Regional Livestock Exchange*	NSW	72,025	92,919	1.1%	29.0%
Finley	Finley Livestock Exchange	NSW	64,058	54,813	0.6%	-14.4%
Glen Innes	Glen Innes Severn Regional Saleyards	NSW	46,600	53,354	0.6%	14.5%
Mudgee	Midwestern Regional Council Saleyards	NSW	15,271	21,000	0.2%	37.5%
West Wyalong	West Wyalong District Saleyards	NSW	20,153	8,463	0.1%	-58.0%
Total		NSW	9,262,676	8,656,386	100.0%	-6.5%

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Queensland cattle saleyard transactions



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Roma	Roma Saleyards*	QLD	298,085	362,051	21.9%	21.5%
Dalby	Dalby Regional Saleyards*	QLD	230,706	298,499	18.1%	29.4%
Charters Towers	Dalrymple Saleyards*	QLD	120,779	158,318	9.6%	31.1%
Gracemere	Central Queensland Livestock Exchange*	QLD	129,350	132,312	8.0%	2.3%
Blackall	Blackall Saleyards*	QLD	67,231	101,952	6.2%	51.6%
Emerald	Emerald Saleyards*	QLD	90,481	93,675	5.7%	3.5%
Warwick	Warwick Saleyards*	QLD	62,733	71,087	4.3%	13.3%
Biggenden	Burnett Livestock Exchange	QLD	61,397	67,016	4.1%	9.2%
Silverdale (Churchill)	Silverdale Saleyards	QLD	44,766	63,656	3.9%	42.2%
Gympie	Gympie Cattle Saleyard	QLD	41,209	47,922	2.9%	16.3%
Toogoolawah	Toogoolawah Saleyards	QLD	33,179	40,451	2.4%	21.9%
Mareeba	North Queensland Saleyards Co	QLD	30,682	34,214	2.1%	11.5%
Moreton	Moreton Saleyards	QLD	22,011	30,713	1.9%	39.5%
Monto	Monto Saleyards	QLD	28,000	28,000	1.7%	0.0%
Murgon	Murgon Saleyards	QLD	20,440	24,426	1.5%	19.5%
Sarina	Sarina Saleyards	QLD	11,219	23,413	1.4%	108.7%
Clermont	Clermont Saleyards	QLD	21,140	22,821	1.4%	8.0%
Laidley	Laidley Saleyards	QLD	12,654	14,853	0.9%	17.4%
Coolabunia	Coolabunia Saleyards	QLD	10,458	13,073	0.8%	25.0%
Eumundi	Eumundi Saleyards	QLD	3,860	8,519	0.5%	120.7%
Woodford	Woodford Saleyards	QLD	7,353	6,322	0.4%	-14.0%
Nebo	Braeside Yards	QLD	9,222	6,161	0.4%	-33.2%
Kilcoy	Kilcoy Saleyards	QLD	1,900	3,570	0.2%	87.9%
Total		QLD	1,358,855	1,653,024	100%	21.6%

Queensland sheep saleyard transactions



Town	Saleyard	State	2024/25	2025/26	% of State	% Change
Warwick	Warwick Saleyards*	QLD	108,260	100,772	100.0%	-6.9%
Total		QLD	108,260	100,772	100.0%	-6.9%

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Victoria cattle saleyard transactions

Town	Saleyard	State	2024/25	2025/26	% of State	% Change
Leongatha	Eastern Victoria Livestock Exchange (Leongatha)*	VIC	273,202	247,340	26.2%	-9%
Mortlake	Western Victorian Livestock Exchange*	VIC	224,778	166,569	17.7%	-26%
Wodonga (Barnawatha)	Northern Victoria Livestock Exchange*	VIC	172,075	127,179	13.5%	-26%
Shepparton	Goulburn Valley Livestock Exchange*	VIC	100,901	80,796	8.6%	-20%
Echuca	Echuca Livestock Exchange*	VIC	60,475	69,308	7.4%	15%
Bairnsdale	East Gippsland Livestock Exchange*	VIC	57,518	59,861	6.4%	4%
Ballarat	Central Victoria Livestock Exchange*	VIC	80,122	53,800	5.7%	-33%
Yea	Yea Saleyards	VIC	60,500	31,841	3.4%	-47%
Colac	Colac Regional Saleyards	VIC	33,745	27,647	2.9%	-18%
Sale	Gippsland Regional Livestock Exchange	VIC	26,780	24,588	2.6%	-8%
Hamilton	Hamilton Regional Livestock Exchange	VIC	31,569	20,808	2.2%	-34%
Euroa	Euroa Saleyards	VIC	26,496	17,606	1.9%	-34%
Swan Hill	Swan Hill Saleyards	VIC	16,135	15,185	1.6%	-6%
Total		VIC	1,164,296	942,528	100.0%	-19.0%



Victoria sheep saleyard transactions

Town	Saleyard	State	2024/25	2025/26	% of State	% Change
Ballarat	Central Victoria Livestock Exchange*	VIC	1,685,958	1,148,129	31.76%	-31.9%
Bendigo	Bendigo Regional Livestock Exchange*	VIC	1,076,977	844,576	23.36%	-21.6%
Hamilton	Hamilton Regional Livestock Exchange*	VIC	1,112,820	808,474	22.37%	-27.3%
Ouyen	Ouyen Saleyards	VIC	280,873	264,272	7.31%	-5.9%
Horsham	Horsham Regional Livestock Exchange*	VIC	375,594	227,990	6.31%	-39.3%
Swan Hill	Swan Hill Saleyards	VIC	111,111	151,185	4.18%	36.1%
Warracknabeal	Warracknabeal Saleyards	VIC	61,988	54,478	1.51%	-12.1%
Bairnsdale	East Gippsland Livestock Exchange	VIC	37,318	46,686	1.29%	25.1%
Shepparton	Goulburn Valley Livestock Exchange	VIC	58,366	29,296	0.81%	-49.8%
Sale	Gippsland Regional Livestock Exchange	VIC	23,489	23,380	0.65%	-0.5%
Leongatha	Eastern Victoria Livestock Exchange (Leongatha)*	VIC	16,892	15,911	0.44%	-5.8%
Colac	Colac Regional Saleyards	VIC	751	379	0.01%	-49.5%
Total		VIC	4,842,137	3,614,756	100.0%	-25.3%

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South Australia cattle saleyard transactions

Town	Saleyard	State	2024/25	2025/26	% of State	% Change
Naracoorte	Naracoorte Saleyards*	SA	102,005	79,774	40.1%	-21.8%
Mount Gambier	Mount Gambier Saleyards*	SA	76,355	68,631	34.5%	-10.1%
Mount Compass	Southern Livestock Exchange*	SA	49,807	40,384	20.3%	-18.9%
Dublin	South Australian Livestock Exchange*	SA	8,860	10,179	5.1%	14.9%
Total		SA	237,027	198,968	100.0%	-16.1%



South Australia sheep saleyard transactions

Town	Saleyard	State	2024/25	2025/26	% of State	% Change
Dublin	South Australian Livestock Exchange*	SA	472,698	341,810	47.3%	-27.7%
Naracoorte	Naracoorte Saleyards*	SA	441,210	318,460	44.1%	-27.8%
Mount Gambier	Mount Gambier Saleyards*	SA	49,392	62,667	8.7%	26.9%
Total		SA	963,300	722,937	100.0%	-25.0%



Western Australia cattle saleyard transactions

Town	Saleyard	State	2024/25	2025/26	% of State	% Change
Boyanup	Boyanup Saleyards	WA	69,101	68,575	38.2%	-0.8%
Mt Barker	Great Southern Regional Cattle Saleyards*	WA	70,173	59,819	33.3%	-14.8%
Muchea	Muchea Livestock Centre (WAMIA)*	WA	78,967	51,119	28.5%	-35.3%
Total		WA	218,241	179,513	100.0%	-17.7%



Western Australia sheep saleyard transactions

Town	Saleyard	State	2024/25	2025/26	% of State	% Change
Katanning	Katanning Regional Sheep Saleyard*	WA	568,733	725,245	56.7%	27.5%
Muchea	Muchea Livestock Centre (WAMIA)*	WA	506,979	554,656	43.3%	9.4%
Total		WA	1,075,712	1,279,901	100.0%	19.0%



Tasmania cattle saleyard transactions

Town	Saleyard	State	2024/25	2025/26	% of State	% Change
Tasmania total	Tasmania total*	TAS	42,812	45,150	100.0%	5.5%
Total		TAS	42,812	45,150	100.0%	5.5%



Tasmania sheep saleyard transactions

Town	Saleyard	State	2024/25	2025/26	% of State	% Change
Tasmania total	Tasmania total*	TAS	155,928	132,034	100.0%	-15.3%
Total		TAS	155,928	132,034	100.0%	-15.3%

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