

Pastoral Market Update

March, 2003

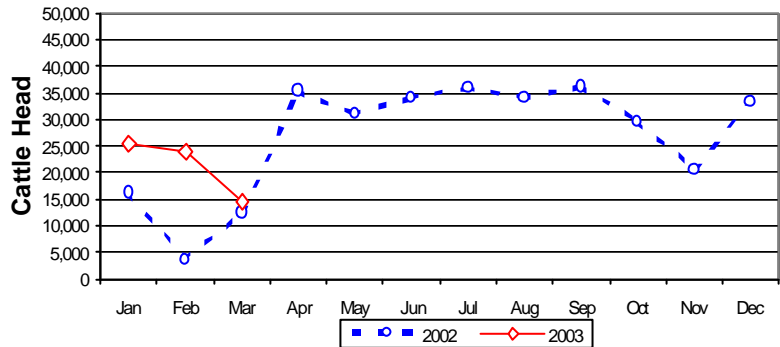
LIVE CATTLE EXPORTS VIA DARWIN PORT

Destination	Total Cattle (including interstate)							NT Cattle only						
	2001	2002	Last year 31.03.02	YTD 31.03.03	1-31 Mar	Previous Month	Difference	2001	2002	Last year 31.03.02	YTD 31.03.03	1-31 Mar	Previous Month	Difference
BRUNEI	16,155	19,085	4,960	5,743	1,787	1,435	352	11,003	12,012	2,952	5,128	1,787	1,382	405
EGYPT	52,692	10,873	0	0	0	0	0	30,376	10,873	0	0	0	0	0
INDONESIA	151,190	199,327	14,909	45,344	12,590	15,957	-3,367	121,632	133,763	11,732	33,113	9,149	12,757	-3,608
PHILIPPINES	31,984	65,931	12,210	8,287	0	2,772	-2,772	25,701	52,692	11,774	4,770	0	1,155	-1,155
SABAH	110	318	0	0	0	0	0	110	17	0	0	0	0	0
SAUDI ARABIA	0	6,550	0	0	0	0	0	0	5,066	0	0	0	0	0
SARAWAK	0	1,033	0	320	0	0	0	0	846	0	92	0	0	0
VIETNAM	941	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
W-MALAYSIA	5,055	18,765	337	4,130	0	3,890	-3,890	4,350	13,839	337	2,157	0	2,157	-2,157
EAST TIMOR	0	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
JORDAN	0	688	0	0	0	0	0	0	688	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	258,127	322,602	32,416	63,824	14,377	24,054	-9,677	193,172	229,796	26,795	45,260	10,936	17,451	-6,515
				+31,408							+18,465			

"March at a glance"

- 14,377 head through the Port of Darwin during March. A disappointing 9,677 head less than February, but still 1,848 more than March last year.
- The downturn on the graph clearly indicates that March was not a good month, however at this early stage we are still 31,408 head up on last year and AQIS veterinarian Robert Harmata assures me that with 9 ships already booked April will be a much better month!

Live Cattle Exports thru Port of Darwin
2002 v 2003



'OTHER' LIVESTOCK EXPORTS VIA DARWIN PORT (incl. NT and Interstate Stock)

Destination	Buffalo			Camels			Goats			Deer			Horses			Sheep			Pigs			
	2002	YTD 2003	1-31 Mar	2002	YTD 2003	1-31 Mar	2002	YTD 2003	1-31 Mar	2002	YTD 2003	1-31 Mar	2002	YTD 2003	1-31 Mar	2002	YTD 2003	1-31 Mar	2002	YTD 2003	1-31 Mar	
BRUNEI	3,359	831	133	144	15	0	2,439	1,147	389	37	0	0	0	0	0	430	0	0	0	0	0	0
EAST TIMOR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
W-MALAYSIA	173	32	0	609	145	0	7,182	983	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	1,573	0	0	0	0	0	0
SAUDI ARABIA	0	0	0	118	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SARAWAK	57	0	0	64	100	0	225	239	0	0	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PHILIPPINES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	6	0	0	0	0	0	686	0	0
INDONESIA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
THAILAND	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	320	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	3,589	863	133	935	260	0	9,846	2,369	389	357	60	0	44	6	0	2,003	0	0	686	0	0	0

PREVIOUS 6 YEARS

Total Cattle, Port of Darwin

1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
383,535	448,196	219,439	280,011	299,179	258,127	322,602

NT Cattle, Port of Darwin

1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
189,918	246,389	160,412	192,441	222,669	193,172	229,796

EXCHANGE RATES

Key Currencies 1 Australian Dollar =	Current 31.03.03	Previous week 24.03.03	3 months ago 31.12.02	1 Year ago 31.03.02	Pre-devaluation 01.07.1997
Brunei Dollar	1.0624	1.0464	0.9802	0.9844	1.076
Egyptian Pound	3.4683	3.4153	2.6273	2.4893	2.56
Euro	0.557	0.5593	0.5391	0.6137	N/A
Indonesian Rupiah	5346.46	5312.64	5063.64	5261.9	1830
Libyan Dinar	0.7339	0.7224	0.7051	0.7183	0.27
Malaysian Ringgit	2.2783	2.2509	2.148	2.0299	1.9
Philippine Peso	32.8911	32.2797	30.3122	27.309	19.84
Thai Baht	25.8589	25.4324	24.5391	23.2353	18.6744
US Dollar	0.6013	0.5921	0.565	0.5339	0.752

NATIONAL CATTLE PRICES - W/E 28/03/03

JAPANESE STEER									KOREAN STEER								
Estimated dressed weight price (cents/kg)									Estimated dressed weight price (cents/kg)								
SALEYARDS					O.T.HOOKS				SALEYARDS					O.T.HOOKS			
NSW	QLD	SA	AV (Aust)		NSW	QLD	SA	AV (Aust)	NSW	QLD	SA	AV (Aust)		NSW	QLD	SA	AV (Aust)
This week	348	346	304	339	308	336	305	308	This week	322	323	315	321	301	316	nq	286
Last week	338	350	327	341	308	332	315	308	Last week	326	321	310	322	301	314	nq	285
Year ago	300	287	290	289	303	285	310	294	Year ago	289	279	291	290	nq	277	nq	277
US MANUFACTURING COW									DOMESTIC TRADE STEER								
Estimated dressed weight price (cents/kg)									Estimated dressed weight price (cents/kg)								
SALEYARDS					O.T.HOOKS				SALEYARDS					O.T.HOOKS			
NSW	QLD	SA	AV (Aust)		NSW	QLD	SA	AV (Aust)	NSW	QLD	SA	AV (Aust)		NSW	QLD	SA	AV (Aust)
This week	264	286	253	271	249	283	223	233	This week	342	330	329	335	281	306	nq	304
Last week	277	294	246	276	245	281	232	233	Last week	346	335	334	339	276	294	290	299
Year ago	275	251	256	256	254	247	280	250	Year ago	335	317	317	322	323	281	300	284
LIVE EXPORT QUOTES																	
Estimated <u>live</u> weight price (cents/kg)																	
LIGHT STEERS (280-400 kg)					HEAVY STEERS (400+ kg)												
Darwin	T/ville	F/mantle			Darwin	T/ville	F/mantle										
This week	180	nq	nq		175	nq	nq										
Last week	180	nq	168		175	nq	168										
Year ago	185	nq	nq		180	nq	nq										

Prices courtesy of:
Meat and Livestock Australia (MLA).

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