



Pastoral Market Update

Live Cattle Exports via Darwin Port – **MARCH 2006**

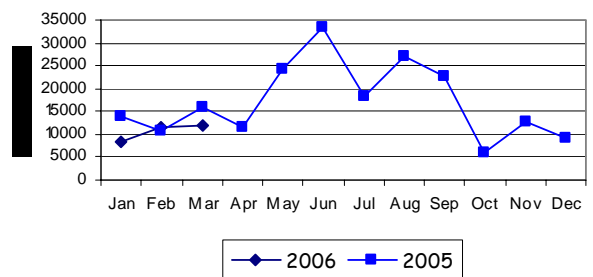
Please note that the "NT CATTLE" figures are NT cattle exported through the Port of Darwin only, some NT cattle are exported through interstate ports.

Destination	TOTAL CATTLE (including interstate)							# NT CATTLE						
	2004	2005	Last year 31/3/05	YTD 31/3/06	1-31 March	Previous Month	Difference	2004	2005	Last year 31/3/05	YTD 31/3/06	1-31 March	Previous Month	Difference
BRUNEI	14,101	6,642	0	2,360	1,230	1,130	+100	10,492	6,462	0	2,360	1,230	1,130	+100
INDONESIA	158,600	186,031	40,298	29,094	10,586	10,159	+427	150,048	184,767	40,298	29,094	10,586	10,159	+427
PHILIPPINES	31,623	13,052	0	0	0	0	0	29,393	12,438	0	0	0	0	0
SABAH	304	1,905	0	0	0	0	0	304	1,905	0	0	0	0	0
SARAWAK	320	04,893	0	0	0	0	0	0	4,893	0	0	0	0	0
W-MALAYSIA	6,379	93	93	112	0	112	-112	6,272	93	93	0	0	0	0
EAST TIMOR	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	211,042	212,616	40,391	31,566	11,816	11,401	+415	212,520	210,558	40,391	31,454	11,816	11,401	+527
				-8,825							-8,937			

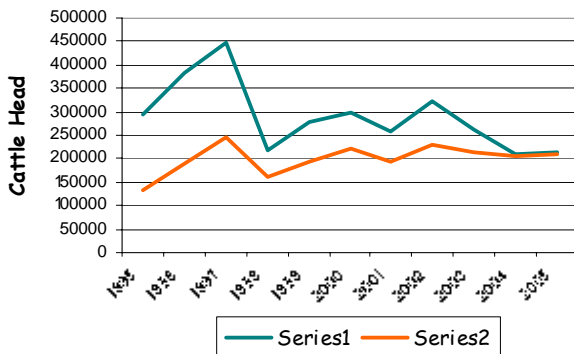
"March at a glance"

- 11,816 head of cattle through the Port of Darwin during March, 415 head more than February, and 4,076 less than March last year.
- YTD figures indicate 8,825 head less than the same time last year.

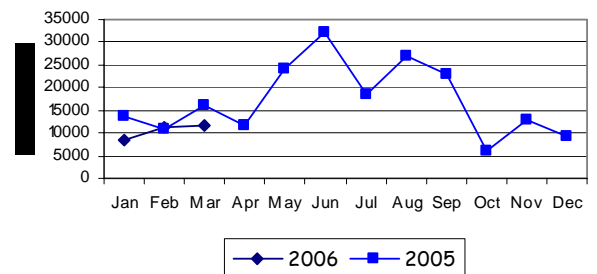
TOTAL Live Cattle Exports thru Port of Darwin 2005 v 2006



Live Cattle Exports thru the Port of Darwin (last 10 years)



NT Live Cattle Exports thru Port of Darwin 2005 v 2006




PREVIOUS 7 YEARS

Total Cattle, Port of Darwin							NT Cattle, Port of Darwin								
1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
219,439	280,011	299,179	258,127	322,602	260,618	211,042	212,616	160,412	192,441	222,669	193,172	229,796	212,520	205,204	210,558

OTHER LIVESTOCK EXPORTS VIA DARWIN PORT (includes NT and Interstate Stock)

Destination	Buffalo			Camels			Goats			Deer			Horses			Sheep			Pigs			
	2005	2006	1-31 MAR	2005	2006	1-31 MAR	2005	2006	1-31 MAR	2005	2006	1-31 MAR	2005	2006	1-31 MAR	2005	2006	1-31 MAR	2005	2006	1-31 MAR	
BRUNEI	816	70	0	34	0	0	1,097	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
INDONESIA	100	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PHILIPPINES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	450	0	0
W-MALAYSIA	672	750	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SABAH	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,016	0	0	0	0	0	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	1,902	820	0	34	0	0	4,113	0	0	0	0	0	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	450	0	0

NATIONAL CATTLE PRICES - W/E 31/3/06

JAPAN OX									MEDIUM 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)	NSW	QLD	SA	AV (Aust)
This week	327	330	NQ	328	300	340	335	322	This week	337	336	340	336	306	333	326	321		
Last week	327	334	331	326	320	342	335	3127	Last week	336	346	333	339	316	334	326	323		
Year ago	198	321	334	322	311	309	335	320	Year ago	305	331	343	326	307	306	331	318		
US COW									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)	NSW	QLD	SA	AV (Aust)
This week	280	289	299	285	268	282	255	255	This week	358	347	352	353	323	318	311	331		
Last week	280	293	294	281	268	282	255	255	Last week	369	359	343	358	324	318	311	331		
Year ago	282	279	293	281	259	261	268	250	Year ago	362	353	370	369	317	286	308	322		
LIVE EXPORT QUOTES									<p>Prices courtesy of Meat & Livestock Australia</p>  <p>www.mla.com.au</p>										
Estimated <u>live</u> weight price (cents/kg)																			
LIGHT STEERS (280-400 kg)				HEAVY STEERS (400+ kg)															
Darwin		Fremantle		Darwin		Fremantle													
This week	175		nq		165			Nq											
Last week	175		NQ		165			Nq											
Year ago	160		170		145			155											

CURRENCY EXCHANGE RATES

Key Currencies 1AUD =	Current 3/4.2006	Previous month 28/2.2006	3 months ago 31.12.2005	1 Year ago 31./3/.2005	Pre-devaluation 01.07.1997
Brunei Dollar	1.22097	1.22000	1.23393	1.2806	1.076
Indonesian Rupiah	6,832.36	6,877.37	7,582.38	7095.25	1830
Philippine Peso	38.18171	38.39179	42.69084	42.7435	19.84
Malaysian Ringgit	2.76264	2.75255	2.86534	2.9455	1.9
Euro	0.61996	0.62304	0.63132	0.5942	N/A
US Dollar	0.74541	0.73863	0.76030	0.7749	0.752

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