



CORONA VIRUS

At this stage, JJ Dresser & Co are still operating as normal.

Saleyard sales are still taking place, but it is requested that producers do not attend the sale. If you wish to buy stock, please notify one of our staff prior to the sale and they will arrange that on your behalf.

We still have good supplies of animal health products, dog feed etc. and will continue to obtain supplies.

Please stay safe!

1 MAY 2020

DETAILED SALEYARD REPORT – CATTLE

Market information provided by MLA's National Livestock Reporting Service

CTLX Carcoar

CTLX Carcoar report date 28 April 2020

Yarding 1096

Cattle numbers lifted and the quality was mixed with a lot more individual lots. There were some very good yearlings and cows penned, while trade cattle and heavy grown steers, and heifers remain very limited in numbers. There was extra competition on cows with the return of a northern buyer. The market sold to a consistently stronger trend.

Weaner steers to restockers sold from 400c to 500c, and heifers reached 430c/kg. Yearling steers to feed were overall dearer with the more popular bred lines to feed making from 380c to 410c and secondary lines from 355c to 385c/kg. Most heifers to feed sold from 340c to 383c/kg. Trade yearling steers sold to 402c, for the short supply and heifers made to 400c/kg. Heavy grown steers sold to 327c/kg.

Medium weight cows made from 245c to 285c, and restocking store cows reached 311c/kg. Heavy cows to processors sold from 265c to 310c/kg.

DETAILED SALEYARD REPORT - SHEEP AND LAMB

Market information provided by MLA's National Livestock Reporting Service

CTLX Carcoar report date 29 April 2020

Yarding 8064 Lambs 6305 Sheep 1759

Lamb numbers lifted and quality continues to be very good with the trade lambs showing plenty of finish. There were mainly trade weights penned along with a few heavy lambs and a run of stores were offered. All the buyers were operating except for one and competition was a little easier resulting in a firm to slightly cheaper market.

Light lambs to the processors sold from \$145 to \$180 while store lambs sold from \$80 to \$198 and from \$200 to \$207/head

for some well advanced lines. Medium and heavy trade weight lambs were firm to \$3/head cheaper and averaged from 870c to 880c/kg cwt. The heavy trade weight, 22 to 24kg, sold from \$200 to \$213/head. Heavy weight lambs were slightly cheaper and averaged from 800c to 820c/kg cwt.

The heavy weight lambs sold from \$212 to \$228 and extra heavy weights topped at \$271/head.

Mutton numbers fell and quality was very mixed and prices held firm. Medium Merino ewes sold from \$125 to \$156, while heavy first cross ewes sold from \$160 to a top of \$264/head or 680c to 720c/kg cwt.

DETAILED SALEYARD REPORT - SHEEP AND LAMB

Market information provided by MLA's National Livestock Reporting Service

Cowra report date 1 May 2020

Yarding 633 **Lambs** 606 **Sheep** 27

Numbers reduced for a limited yarding after significant falls of rain around the district and quality was very good. There were mainly heavy weights penned along with a few trade lambs and the light grades were limited in supply. Not all buyers operated and competition was solid resulting in a firm to slightly dearer market mainly due to lack of numbers.

Light lambs sold from \$100 to \$145, while store lambs averaged \$129/head. Medium and heavy trade weight lambs were firm to slightly dearer and averaged around 900c/kg cwt with the 22 to 23kg heavy trade weigh lambs selling from \$200 to \$203/head. Heavy weight lambs were also a little dearer mainly due to supply and averaged from 840c to 900c/kg cwt. Heavy weigh lambs sold from \$220 to \$244 while extra heavy weights sold from \$266 to a top of \$277/head.

Mutton numbers were very limited with heavy first cross ewes selling from \$170 to \$180/head.

UPCOMING SALES & EVENTS

8 May 2020 – CTLX Store Cattle Sale

12 June 2020 - CTLX Store Cattle Sale

5 May 2021 – Woodstock Field Day

THREE DAY SICKNESS IN CATTLE

Bovine ephemeral fever (BEF or three-day sickness) in cattle has been diagnosed in the North Coast, North West, Hunter, and Central West LLS regions over the last few months. Over the last two weeks Central Tablelands District Veterinarians have investigated several suspected cases in the Mudgee and Orange areas, resulting in one confirmed case and several more awaiting laboratory testing.

BEF is a virus that is transmitted when mosquitoes and midges bite cattle. The yearly distribution of BEF is therefore dependant on the distribution of these flying insects. Outbreaks tend to occur in warm weather following rain, which is exactly what we have been experiencing. Our District Veterinarians expect to see fewer cases as the weather becomes colder.

Cattle of all ages can be affected, although heavier animals like bulls and well-conditioned steers or cows tend to show more severe signs of disease.

Affected cattle will usually exhibit a reluctance to stand or walk. Watery eye and nasal discharges can be seen, as can salivation. As the common name suggests, the disease often lasts for approximately three days, and most animals recover. The more severely affected animals that are unable to stand for longer periods of time can develop secondary muscle or skin damage or pneumonia and die or require euthanasia on humane grounds.

In the early stages of the disease, body temperature can rise to over 41.0°C (normal bovine rectal temperature is 38.0-39.0°C), but usually returns to normal by the third day. Approximately 5% of pregnant cows may abort due to fever, and there have been reports of BEF causing severe respiratory signs leading to sudden death.

If you suspect your cattle may have BEF, call your local private veterinarian or LLS District Veterinarian. A thorough physical examination and blood tests are required to make a diagnosis and to rule out other diseases that may present with similar signs.

Treatment is usually not necessary for animals that remain standing. Those that cannot rise require dedicated nursing care, including provision of food, water and shade, soft bedding and regular turning to prevent muscle damage. Following examination and diagnosis, Veterinarians can prescribe medications to aid recovery.

Animals that recover from BEF usually develop a long lasting immunity to the disease. A vaccine is available, and requires two doses, two to four weeks apart. It is too late this year to vaccinate as there is insufficient time for immunity to develop.

If you are considering vaccinating for BEF next year, your [local LLS District Veterinarian](#) or private veterinarian can provide advice.

Courtesy of Tablelands Telegraph - May 2020

NVD – WHAT’S CHANGED?

Producers and supply chain stakeholders are being reminded of a suite of changes being made to the National Vendor Declaration (NVD) this year, providing an easier, more efficient and cost-effective system. The changes include the release of updated NVDs and the decommissioning of the eDEC system.

These changes follow the release of the updated electronic National Vendor Declaration (eNVD) system last month.

Updated NVD

Integrity Systems Company (ISC) CEO Dr Jane Weatherley said the development of updated versions of LPA NVDs for all species followed a review of all current NVD versions by SAFEMEAT in 2019, which recommended a number of changes be made.

“Updated versions of NVDs for all species will be available from 1 July 2020, to be identified by version number 0720,” Dr Weatherley said.

“Current versions of NVDs for all species will continue to be accepted until 31 December 2020. From 1 January 2021, only the updated versions of all NVDs (0720) will be accepted for all species.

“Key changes to NVDs for all species include removal of Part C (Agent’s Declaration), which is rarely used by industry and is not required for any legislative reason, and the inclusion of a ‘destination PIC’ section, which is a legislative requirement in Western Australia and Tasmania and will be optional for other states.

For sheep NVDs, there will be a new section for the number of electronic devices included in the consignment to accommodate the mandatory use of electronic NLIS in Victoria and its increasing use in other states.”

Producers are also reminded that as part of the [MLA Accelerated Adoption Initiative](#) announced in November 2019, there is no cost for NVD books until 30 June 2021.

eDEC decommissioning

With the new LPA eNVD doing everything the eDEC does, and in a more user-friendly way, the eDEC system is being decommissioned.

Sale of eDEC tokens will end on 30 April 2020. Any eDEC users who have eDEC tokens on their account can use them up until 31 December 2020, when the eDEC will be decommissioned.

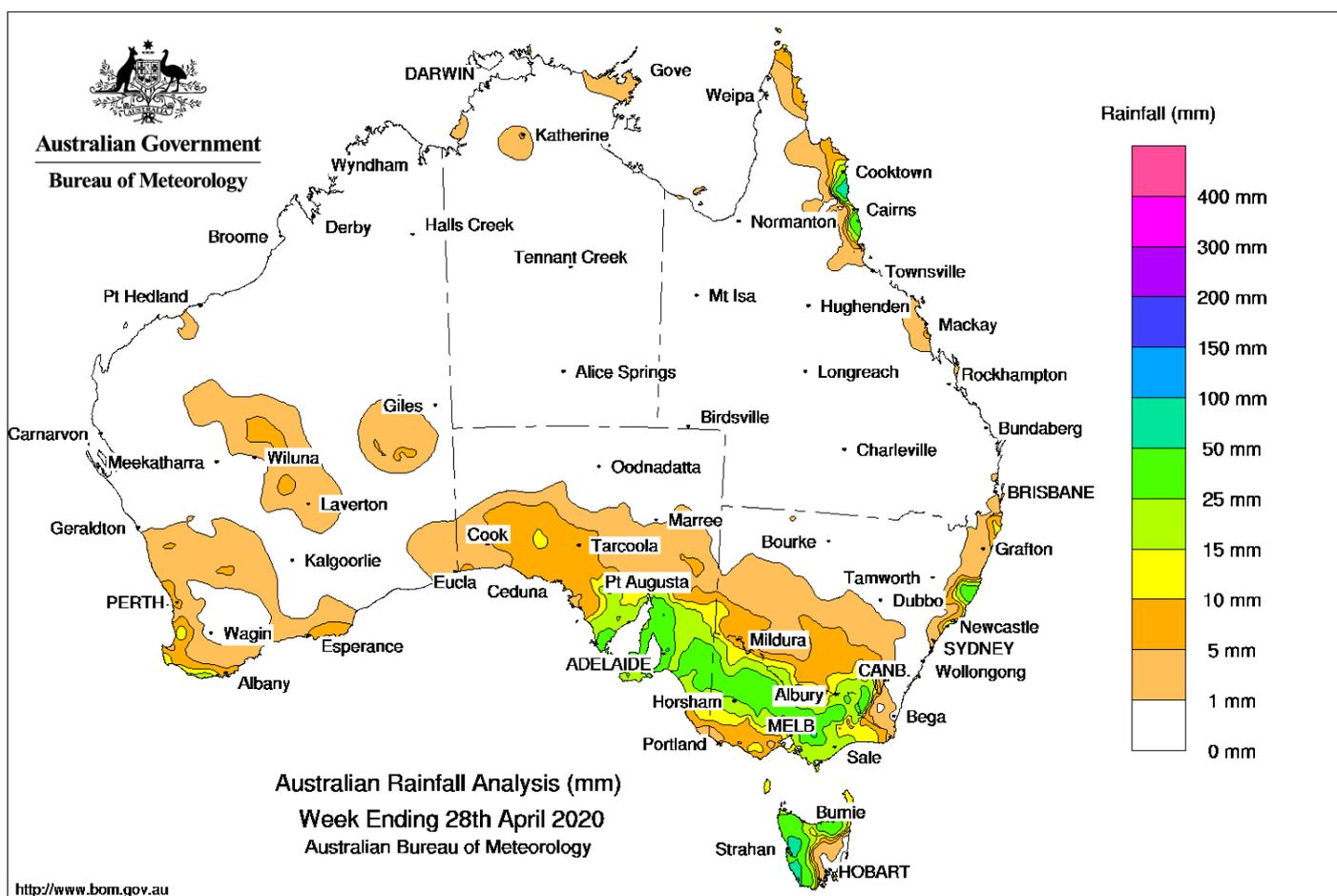
After 31 December 2020, users who need or want to continue using an electronic version can use the eNVD.

To accommodate these NVD changes, the LPA service centre is undergoing updates which LPA users will notice when they log in.

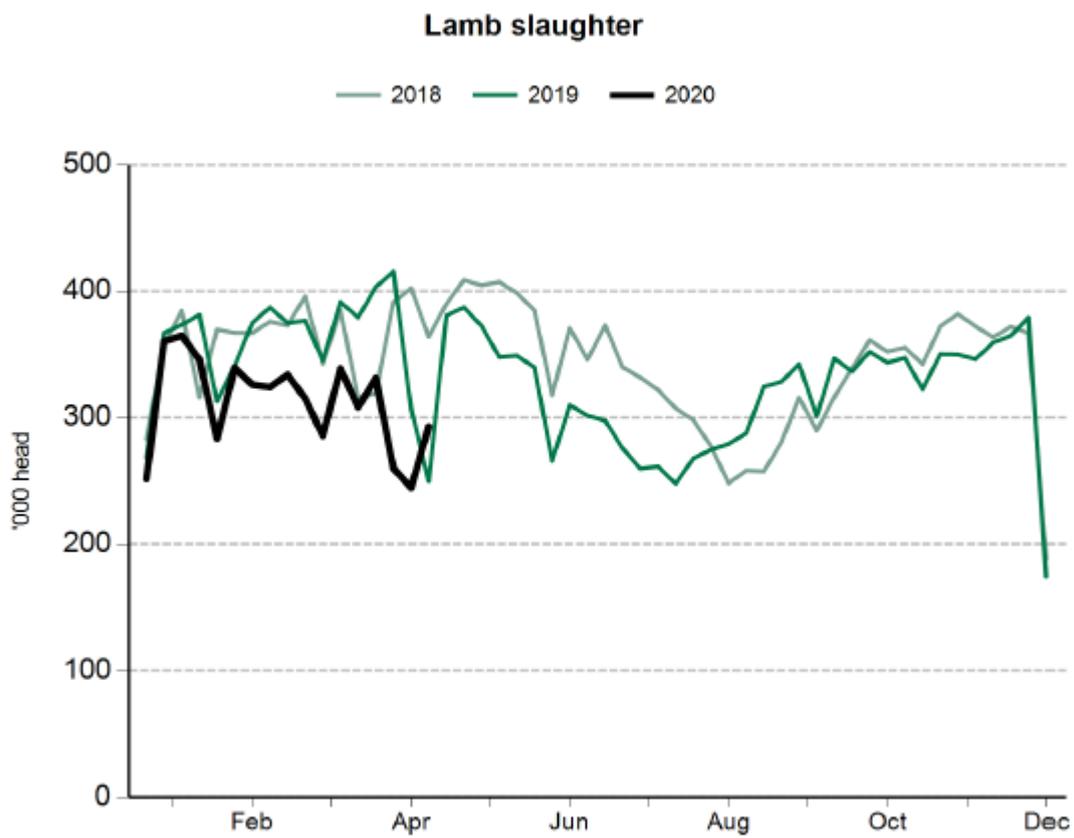
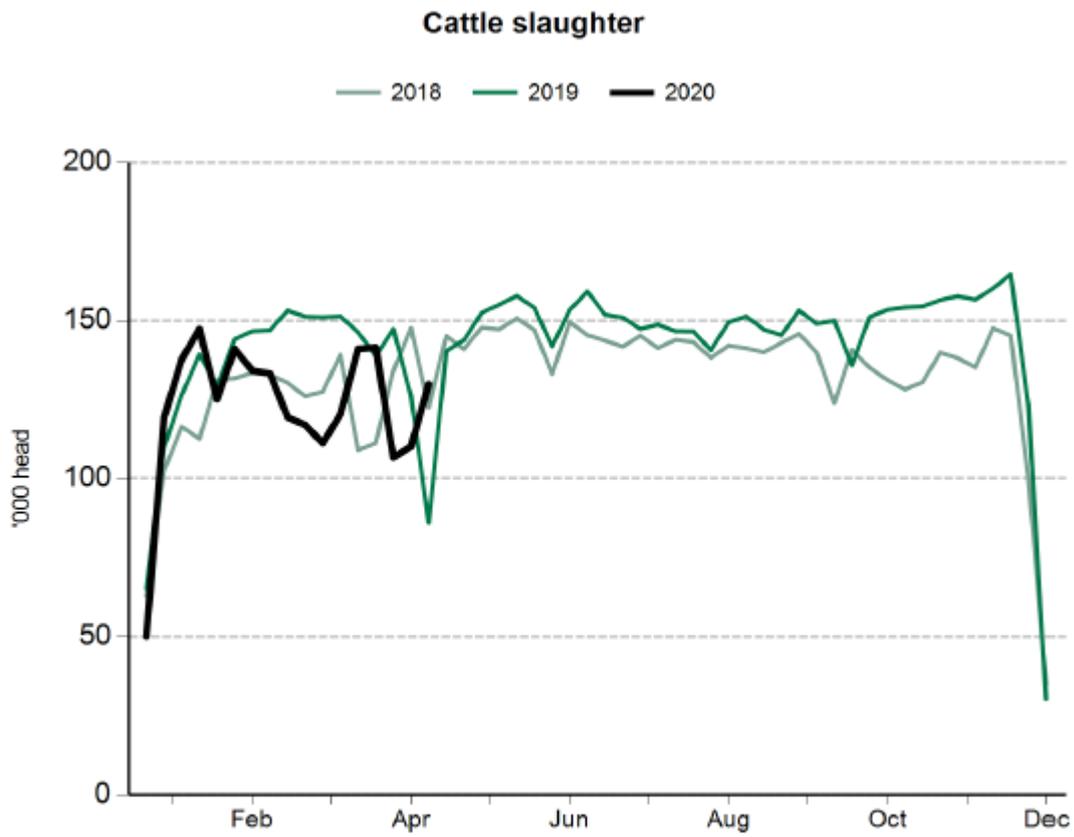
Producers needing an NVD in an emergency should contact the ISC Help Desk on 1800 683 111 to receive assistance.

Courtesy Integrity Systems Company

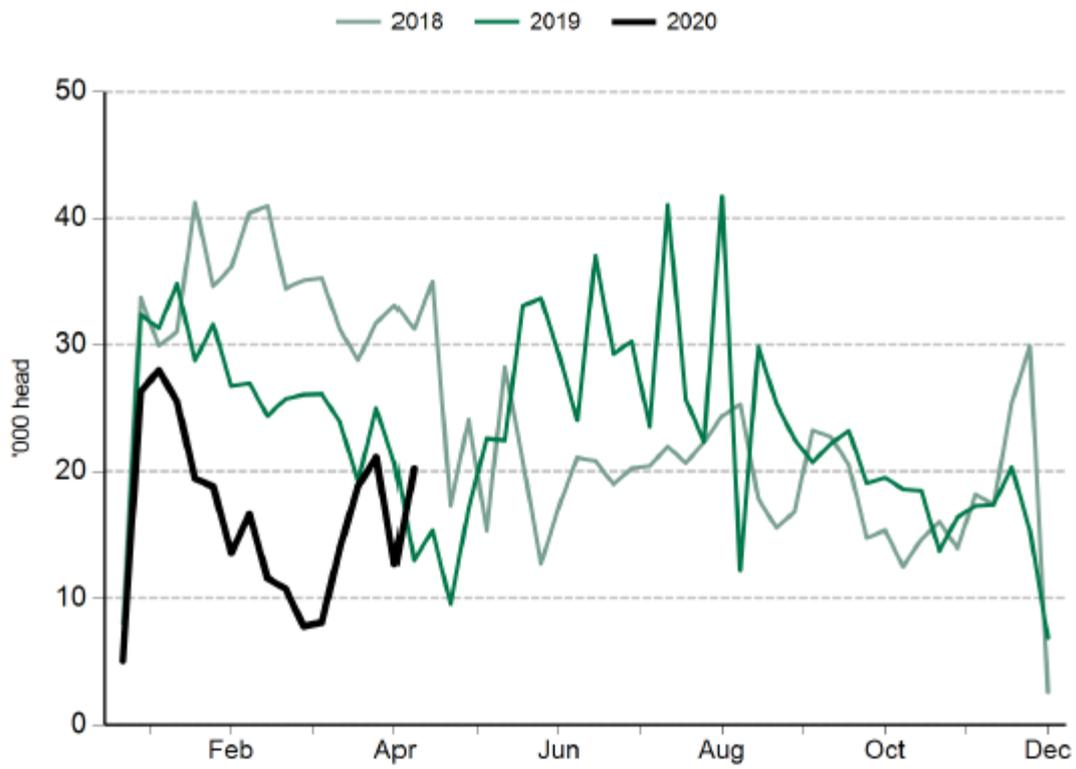
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