

WELCOME TO THE McCARRON CULLINANE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

April/May 2010

WEATHER

The month of April finished off what has been a great Autumn for the Orange district, with goods falls of rain and mild sunny weather, usually reserved for Spring. The talk of “El Nino” amongst long range forecasters has now been replaced by the more likely chance of a “La Nina” developing in the spring. The Southern Oscillation Index (SOI) is well into positive territory above +10, a big turnabout from -20 in February.

Sowing is well underway in many areas, and unfortunately some of the early crops, which got off to a great start were badly damaged by locust. The wet weather has allowed some of the crops to bounce back, but let’s hope the locusts are now gone until they return in force during the spring months. Although the temperatures have dropped since the 10-20mm which fell Wednesday morning, expect milder than normal conditions for May.

Spare a thought for the farmers around the New England, especially Inverell, where dry conditions have returned as they go into the winter months.

CATTLE

Cattle numbers increased this week following the short week caused by the Anzac day holiday. This was achieved with the return of Wagga, Tamworth and Forbes markets, increasing numbers at NSW saleyards by 10,000 head. Prime cattle suitable for slaughter remained limited with most yarding dominated by cows and young cattle of which quality slipped due to cooler conditions and dry weather.

Markets varied this week, depending mainly on which processors were operating. Northern markets eased as supply in Queensland increased and some areas returned to dry conditions. Lower numbers of prime cattle in Victoria have pushed southern processors into NSW in search of better quality lines, helping to keep prices firm to dearer.

PRIME CATTLE: Numbers jumped by 1,600 head at CTLX Carcoar this week for a good quality yarding of 3,300 cattle. There was a good selection of cows on hand along with extra pens of prime heavy yearlings, plus higher numbers of fresh vealers. The addition of a few extra buyers helped keep the market firm to

dearer. Vealer steers 10-15¢/kg dearer, selling mostly to re-stockers and feedlots from 165-195¢/kg with most averaging 170-175¢/kg. Trade steers were generally firm from 170-195¢/kg, except for medium weight feeders which eased 4-6¢ on softer competition. A big selection of trade heifers with plenty of weight sold from 160-177¢/kg. Heavy feeder steers (400-500kg) held firm at 175-185¢/kg and the young export steers to slaughter sold at similar rates. Older bullocks sold from 165/178¢/kg to average 170¢/kg. A good yarding of cows met solid competition from southern processors to be fully firm. Medium weight D2 & D3 cows sold from 115-140¢/kg, while the heavy D4 cows made from 130-148¢/kg. Best of the heavy bulls topped at 152¢/kg.

STORE CATTLE: The April regular store cattle sale at CTLX went off with a bang as restockers packed the lanes in search of bargains which were hard to find. A good yarding of 3300 cattle were on offer, with some excellent runs of weaner and yearling cattle but varying quality amongst the cows and calves and PTIC females. Weaner steers sold from \$300-\$600, yearling steers from \$500-\$750. In the heifer portion, weaners sold from \$290-\$510 and the bigger yearlings from \$480 - \$630. There were approximately 200 PTIC cows sold, which made from \$600-\$890/head. A mixed run of cow and calf units sold from \$800-\$1360.

April was a big month for store cattle at CTLX, with the annual weaner sale yarding a record breaking 9,200 head. A huge crowd turned out for the day and even though positions at the rail were hard to find the large yarding was quickly sold throughout NSW. McCarron Cullinane kicked off the sale in style with 2 pens of Angus weaner steers from DKW Angus stud at Blayney selling for \$700 and \$650 respectively. Quality was a feature of the yarding and all vendors who participated need to be congratulated on the presentation of their stock. Overall weaner steers ranged from \$390-\$770 to average \$587, while the heifer portion was slightly cheaper on the previous sale to sell from \$345-\$610.

The May Store cattle sale is this Friday 14th, starting at 11:00am with 4000 cattle advertised.

SHEEP & LAMBS

Lamb prices have picked up again with the return to the full trading week. Most processors were keen to fill orders and subsequently prices for lambs were dearer across the eastern states. Trade lambs gained 11¢ to 492¢/kg cwt, and heavy lambs rose 19¢ to 474¢/kg cwt. Quality remained mixed across all centre's with the cooler weather a factor. Finished lighter lambs are becoming harder to source, with better quality lambs in the heavy trade and export categories. Restockers and feedlotter have been active on all types of unfinished lambs, keeping prices up for all categories.

CTLX yarded an extra 3900 lambs this week for a total of 12,000 very good quality lambs. Heavy trade weights made up the bulk of the yarding as well as good lines of finished medium trade weights all selling to a dearer trend. Numbers of light weight lambs were limited and met strong competition from restocker orders to lift by \$10/head. Trade lambs were \$5-6 dearer selling from \$105-\$128 or an average of 505-510¢/kg cwt. Heavy lambs were \$5 dearer while extra heavy weights remained firm. Most sold from \$120-\$135, the heaviest lambs to \$145/head. Most averaged 465-485¢/kg cwt.

Congratulations must go to Colin & Mary Nixon who sold a magnificent pen of Dorset X lambs at the previous sale for \$152/head. Estimated at 30kg dressed, lambs were approx 500¢/kg cwt, purchased by Country Fresh at Tamworth.

Sheep were scarce with only 2,000 head of mutton yarded. Values remained rock solid with medium weights ranging from \$74-\$96 and heavy weights topping at \$130/head. Heavy hogget's ranged from \$105-\$120/head. Most of the sheep offered averaged from 374 to 420¢/kg cwt depending on fat score.

NLIS sheep tag colour for 2010 is ORANGE

REAL ESTATE

Rural Properties

The auction held on 1st May of Avondale (1403.253 acres), Cargo and Lapstone (540 acres), Cargo, resulted in the sale of Avondale with Lapstone being passed in. Avondale was passed in at \$2,100,000, however, negotiations took place following the auction and an undisclosed price was reached.

Two new listings to note are:

"Shepherds Rest", Euchareena \$549,000

This property is situated 45kms from Orange and 3kms from Euchareena, and is 91 acres of improved pastures of phalaris, clovers, rye and natural pastures. It has a new 4 bedroom home, with large open plan kitchen dining family room, separate rumpus room, office, substantial main bedroom has walk-in-robe and large ensuite. There is a fully equipped bore with electric pressure pump plus 2 dams, lockable steel machinery shed and steel cattle yards and crush.

"Illabunda", between Bathurst and Orange \$750,000

This property is located 20 minutes to Bathurst or 30 minutes to Orange and is a productive 187.6 acres of undulating yellow box country, all cleared except for shade and shelter. The home is brick veneer and has 4 double sized bedrooms, ensuite, walk-in-robe, open plan kitchen breakfast and living area, formal dining, formal lounge, large walk in pantry, internal double garage, picturesque valley setting. There are numerous sheds and superb water throughout the property supplied by dams and creeks.

For further information please call Peter Eccleston on 0427 026 306.

Don't forget to go to our website to view properties for sale www.mccarrons.com.au.

STAFF NEWS



We are delighted to have Mark Howes join our real estate sales team in the Orange office. After 5 years at our Molong office, Mark and his family have made the move to Orange.

His friendly approach combined with attention to detail, determination and constant hard work account for Mark being so well regarded by his clients. With a solid background in both residential and rural real estate, we welcome Mark to Orange to continue serving our clients with the best in real estate service.

STAFF NEWS (cont)

Finding someone to replace Mark in our Molong office was always going to be a big ask! However the choice was easy – with our wonderful Julie Kent stepping up to the position with great enthusiasm.

Julie has worked closely with Mark over the last few years assisting him in every aspect of the real estate sales. As a local Julie is very well known for her great sense of humor, hard work and good practical approach to things. We know Julie will do an excellent job offering the Molong district the excellence in real estate service that McCarron Cullinane has always provided.

GENERAL

Anyone looking for a quality Charolais bull should not miss out on the 21st Annual Rosedale Bull sale held on site Thursday 20th May at “Rosedale” Blayney. Michael, Jenny and James Milner have on offer 95 bulls, 10 cows & calves and 25 heifers. Judging from their show results, the Milner family is obviously breeding Charolais cattle which not only catch the judges’ eye but are also producing results in the paddocks with many repeat buyers attending there sales.

NEXT SALES**CTLX Carcoar Prime Cattle Sale**

Every Tuesday 8:30am

CTLX Carcoar Sheep & Lamb sale

Every Wednesday 11:00am

CWLE Forbes Prime Cattle Sale

Every Monday 9:00am

Lindsay 0428 104 132
Darren 0439 663 732
Brian 0418 637 338

Peter 0427 026 306
Adam 0419 232416
Ken 6362 2671

Lucy 0427 624 755
Mark 0427 668 800
Heather 0428 623 877

Best regards, The McCarron Cullinane Team

The Livestock Production Assurance Advisory Committee (LPAAC) has determined that the Agent Emergency NVD and Waybill system is to be shut down ie **Emergency agent NVD’s are no longer available**. Those clients who do not have a registered PIC or don’t have their own NVD book should order one now, before getting caught without the correct paperwork when they want to sell cattle or sheep. Property Identification codes (PIC) can be obtained from the Livestock Health and Pest Authority, while the NVD books can be ordered through the MLA website www.mla.com.au or by calling the hotline – 1800 683 111.



You may have noticed we had a visitor at the office courtesy of the Orange Anglican Grammar School – (the talented artists received 2nd place at the Royal Easter show) we found her to be a good worker, who didn’t question anything, and brightened up everyone’s day with her cheery manner.

Midstate Sale Yards Forbes Sheep & Lamb Sale

Every Tuesday 11:00am

CTLX Carcoar Store Cattle Sales2nd Friday each month – 14th May & 11th June**CTLX Carcoar Horse & Saddlery Sale**Saturday 25th Sept 2010.