

A Guide to Mid-Western Regional Saleyards

Mid-Western Regional Saleyards provides important regional facilities for the exchange of livestock that supports the regional, national and international livestock and meat industries. It contributes to the prosperity of the region through direct and indirect employment and is supported by three livestock agents, over forty industry buyers, feedlots, abattoirs and hundreds of primary producers.

The following information is a guide to understanding the process and navigating the ins and out of selling and buying stock at our facility.

FACILITIES

Canteen

A canteen facility exist at the Saleyards, serving hot meals sandwiches and drinks on sale days, including breakfast and lunch. The canteen overlooks the scales area and is a great spot to have a bite to eat and see cattle being weighed and valued.

Cattle yards

The cattle yards are roofed, with earthen floors to ensure the cattle's welfare. It is the primary focus of the yards along with a safe and comfortable environment for attendees and staff.

The facilities have 148 cattle and 59 sheep pens and eight holding pens with capacity to hold up to 2000 cattle and up to 2000 sheep.

Scales

Once cattle are sold during a prime sale, they are weighed to determine their sales value (price per kilo x kilos). The scale area has seating for up to 50 people.

Cattle management

The yards have been designed to assist with the flow of livestock, reducing stress on animals. There are two cattle crushes for animal husbandry and each yard has watering troughs. Cattle that remain in the yards after sales are fed and cared for by the Saleyards Supervisor.

Private kills

Private kill yards are designated for sheep and cattle should you wish to have stock processed for your needs. Private kills can be organised through various butchers in Mudgee.

Toilets

Toilet facilities are available near the scale facilities.

SALES

Prime

Prime sales are currently held on a fortnightly basis. A prime sale is for stock that are presented for sale to the major retail chains, feed lots and abattoirs. This includes both cattle and sheep. The cattle sales start at 8.30am and sheep at 11.30am.

Cattle are commonly sold as price per kilo and sheep are sold as dollar value per head.

Store

Sales are currently held on a monthly basis on the last Thursday of each month (excluding December). Store sale stock are cattle that are being sold back to farms, this includes cows and calves, Pregnancy Tested in Calf females (PTIC), bulls and young cattle.

This is a cattle only sale - cattle are sold as a dollar value per head.

Special sales

The Angus breeders' sale is held in April/May each year. This sale is for Angus breed cattle only.



BUYING AND SELLING PROCESS

Stock and station agents

Selling and buying of stock through the Saleyards is managed by Mudgee livestock agents.

Company	Person(s)	Contact
CS Livestock	Chris Schmidt	0427 735 224
Elders Pty Ltd	Jason Pearce, Phil Davis	(02) 6370 8500
McDonald Lawson Carter	Bill Lawson, Andy Carter, Tyler Lawson	(02) 6372 1442

Buying and selling cattle

The stock and station agents are this first point of call for assistance and advice on buying and selling stock within the Mid-Western Region.

Transport to and from the yards

There are several transport providers that can assist you to move stock to and from the Saleyards. Your chosen stock and station agent can organise transport for you.

Both cattle and sheep yards have ute loading and off-loading ramps for self-service if you are moving stock yourself.



EMERGENCY USE

The Saleyards can be used to temporarily house stock due to emergency situations. If you need help contact the Saleyards Supervisor.



TRANSPORT TRANSFER/ DISTRIBUTION HUB

The yards can be used to transfer stock sold on farm to transport providers if farm access is difficult or restricted to small vehicle access.



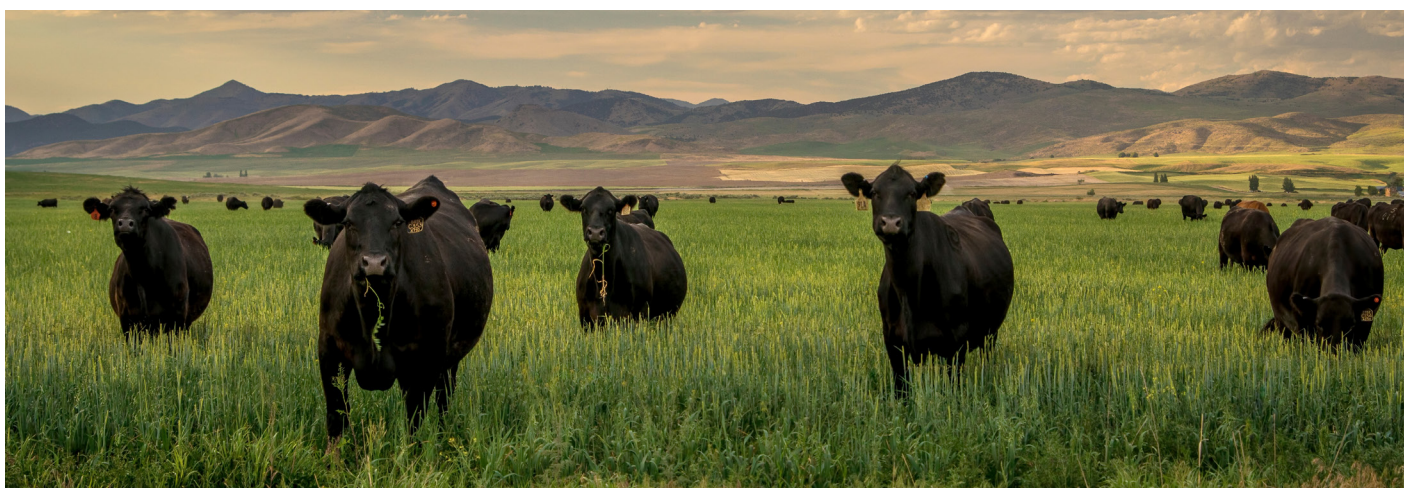
FEES AND CHARGES

The associated fees and charges can be reviewed on midwestern.nsw.gov.au



VISIT AND TOUR

All residents are welcome at the Saleyards during sale days. If you contact the Saleyard Supervisor or Business Development Coordinator they would be happy to guide you through a sale day.



FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact Saleyard Supervisor – Joe Best 0419 286 162
or Business Development Coordinator (Saleyards) – Andy Banks 0457 466 838

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