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Chilly day at Carcoar warmed by hot saleyard prices

AS THE temperatures turned frosty late last week at Carcoar, it had little effect on the heat in the market at the store cattle sale.

All categories were dearer and a highlight were weaner steers topping at \$1125 and cows with calves at \$1625.

Mark Kamper, "Clevelands", Charlton, was pleased to get such a good price in the middle of winter.

He said it meant he didn't have to feed them through the rest of the cold months.

Mr Kamper, who was at the sale with his children Robbie, Charlotte, and Lucas, sold 20 Angus steers weighing an average of 255kg for \$790 a head.

"I sell through the Carcoar saleyards because there is great competition from numerous buyers across the Central Tablelands," Mr Kamper said.

Mr Kamper said the price was consistent with current sales and hoped it would hold at this level.

"The prices are good in keeping with the general trend," he said.

"Cattle numbers are back and the demand seems to be solid."

Beef price boost

THE record high international demand for Australian beef has meant domestic beef prices have rocketed to \$16.93 a kilogram in the March quarter according to the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

This is up nine per cent in the past year and also the highest price on record.



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