

Change of Sale Day at the Muchea Livestock Centre

The Western Australian Meat Industry Authority (“WAMIA”), is pleased to announce changes at the Muchea Livestock Centre (“MLC”) which will improve the effectiveness of the facility for the cattle industry and reduce the cost for users.

Currently, much of the work preparing cattle for auction sale is conducted on a Sunday which is costly and makes attracting staff difficult for all involved. WAMIA has been consulting with all parts of the livestock industry to identify ways of reducing costs and improving the efficiency of operations.

The two areas identified where significant improvements can be made is a change to the sale day for regular cattle sales and Livestock Agents presenting (receiving, penning and drafting) cattle themselves rather than WAMIA staff doing this on behalf of the Agents.

As a result, from July 2018, **weekly trade cattle sales will move from a Monday to a Wednesday.**

The first Wednesday sale at MLC will be **Wednesday 4 July 2018** with the last regular Monday sale being held on 25 June 2018. The **MLC sheep sale will remain on a Tuesday** and there are not anticipated to be any changes at any other saleyard.

These changes will result in lower costs for producers with the sale handling fee for cattle sold through MLC being **reduced by \$5 per head.**

WAMIA understands that these changes will not suit all users of the MLC and that there will be some impacts to parts of the supply chain; however we believe these changes will benefit the industry as a whole, particularly through reduced costs. WAMIA undertakes to work with all effected users to endeavour to make the transition as smooth as possible.

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