



**Private/Direct Sale
Livestock Policy**
Policy No. SALPOL 03

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1. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that stock agents/private sale operators are aware of the process related to the arrival and departure of any private or direct sale livestock arrivals at the Mount Gambier and District Saleyards.

2. Scope

This policy applies to all stock agents/private sales operators utilising the facilities of the Mount Gambier and District Saleyards.

3. Definitions

Agents – stock agents who manage the sale of livestock for owners.

Bobby Calves – a calf not accompanied by its mother, less than 30 days old, weighing less than 80kg liveweight and usually a dairy breed, or dairy cross.

Bulls – a male bovine with sexual organs intact and that is capable of reproduction.

Cattle – includes cows, heifers, liveweight calves, vealers, weaners, steers and bulls.

Direct Sale Livestock – means livestock which is sold directly to a purchaser, without involvement of the Mount Gambier and District Saleyards or agents.

Fee – means the fee for services.

Humanely – means in accordance with the Model Code of Practice for the Welfare of Animals.

Killers – livestock that are privately sent to a local butcher for slaughter.

Lambs – male and female lambs with no permanent teeth.

Lightweight Calf – a bovine that is more than 30 days and less than three months old.

Livestock – may refer to Cattle, Bobby Calf, Cows, Bulls, Sheep, Lambs and Horses.

Mount Gambier & District Saleyards – means the Saleyards facility owned and operated by the District Council of Grant.

Paddock – means larger paddock style accommodation for the livestock, with access to food and water.

Private Livestock – means sale of livestock which is organised outside of the auctions/sales undertaken by the Mount Gambier and District Saleyards and generally involving livestock agents.

Sale – means the processing, for money, of the livestock presented for sale at the Mount Gambier and District Saleyards.

Sheep – a mature ovine that includes ewes, wethers, rams and hoggets.

Store Sales – where livestock are primarily intended for purchase by other livestock owners for growing out/fattening or breeding.

Suspect Livestock – means any livestock which appears lame, non-weight bearing, blind, distressed or obviously sick.

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Vealer – female or castrated male bovine with no evidence of eruption of permanent incisor teeth. Not weaned for more than seven days.

Vendors – a person or company offering livestock for sale.

Weaner – a young bovine that has been weaned from its mother’s milk to live completely on pasture.

4. Policy

On occasion, private or direct sale livestock arrives at the Mount Gambier and District Saleyards.

It is a requirement that the Business Manager, Saleyards or Team Leader, Saleyards is aware of livestock movements into and out of the Saleyards at any time as once the livestock is in place at the Saleyards, it becomes the responsibility of the Saleyards operators. Without appropriate notification as to ownership, issues can arise in terms of animal welfare and the removal of sick, or suspect livestock.

Stock agents are required to advise Business Manager, Saleyards or Team Leader, Saleyards of any private sale livestock arriving at the Mount Gambier and District Saleyards.

Vendors, in the case of direct sale livestock (no agents involved), are required to advise the Business Manager, Saleyards or Team Leader, Saleyards of any direct sale livestock arriving at the Mount Gambier and District Saleyards.

The Business Manager, Saleyards or Team Leader, Saleyards must be notified of any stock left in the yards after 12pm on Friday. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in the stock agent being charged a call out fee for saleyards staff to attend to livestock after hours.

4.1. Fees

Fees to be applied to any Private / Direct Sales are to be as follows:

- 4.1.1. Private or direct sale livestock which arrives and departs the Mount Gambier Saleyards facility will incur yard fees for utilisation of facilities. Livestock that is retained within the Saleyards facility overnight will also incur normal yard and/or paddocking fees. The application of these fees is non-discretionary, and can only be waived through formal application to the Business Manager, Saleyards and authorised by the Deputy Chief Executive Officer or Chief Executive Officer.
- 4.1.2. Direct Sale on non Sale Day for lambs will incur a half yard fee
- 4.1.3. Direct Sale on non Sale Day for Cattle that have not been weighed will incur a half yard fee
- 4.1.4. Direct Sale on non Sale Day for Cattle that have been weighed will incur a full yard fee

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4.1.5. All special Sales for stock other than designated Sales advertised by all the Mount Gambier Combined Agents i.e. Sheep (Rams) etc. will incur a minimum of \$1,000 per sale or 1% of Sale turnover whichever is the greater

4.1.6. Weighing of any cattle after hours (outside of 7.30am to 4pm Mon to Thurs or 7.30am to 1.30pm Fri on normal working days) or on a public holiday will incur a call out fee

4.1.7. Killers (cattle or lambs) that are privately sent to a local butcher, no yard fee will apply – however details need to be advised to the Business Manager Saleyards or Team Leader Saleyards and animal/s are to be left in the designated pen (with applicable NVD paperwork attached in notice boards) for pick up within 24 hours

4.1.8. Horses consigned are to be charged the full yard fee for horses

Yard fees are published in Council's Fees and Charges Register on an annual basis.

5. Responsibilities

The Business Manager, Saleyards is responsible for compliance with this policy.

6. References:

Federal Legislation

National Standard for the Operation of Australian Saleyards

Other

Mount Gambier and District Saleyards Agents Licence Agreement
Mount Gambier & District Saleyards – Selling Agents Licences Policy

7. Review

This Policy shall be reviewed by the District Council of Grant at minimum every four (4) years, within 12 months of a general election of Council (or on significant change to legislation or other matters which could affect this policy).

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