Rangeland Management Course at Austral brings out the “Twitchers”!

On the 10th and 11th of August, a Barkly Rangeland Management Course was held at Austral Downs. 11 Participants from Austral Downs and Headingly Station (Qld) were involved, along with presenters from DBIRD and DIPE. The course covered topics such as pasture identification, monitoring of pastures, fire, weeds, biodiversity, cattle nutrition and herd management. Chris Materne (now of Alice Springs) helped deliver the course, and presented his research on fire and its use as a management tool on the Barkly.

For the first time the newly developed Biodiversity component was delivered. Dr Alaric Fisher (Biodiversity Conservation) of DIPE in Darwin has developed this new course content, following many years researching the fauna and flora on the Barkly Tableland. The new biodiversity component aims to educate participants about types of biodiversity and how it can be managed. It also identifies the significance of the Barkly region as a unique habitat for many varieties of plants and animals that are found in few other places.

Along with the biodiversity training, binoculars and books were also supplied to accompany this new component. Funding for the project was sourced from the Natural Heritage Trust - Envirofund through the Barkly Landcare & Conservation Association.

The course involves a considerable amount of fieldwork, and at Austral we had an opportunity to go bird watching. This proved a great hit, and provided us with some light entertainment – it’s surprising how many closet ‘Twitchers’ (bird watchers) are out there!

The next course will be held at Alexandria Station on the 31st August and 1st of September. If you have any further enquiries regarding the Barkly Rangeland Management Course, or would like your staff to be involved in a future course contact Genevieve Nash - 8962 4487 or Kerryl O’Rourke - 8962 4483.

Genevieve Nash - Pastoral Production Officer
Some Interesting facts about Biodiversity on the Barkly

Biodiversity is basically "the variety of life" - that is, all the different plants, animals, organisms and habitats that are found in an area.

The Barkly Tableland contains a diverse collection of plant and animal species including...

♠ 15 Fish
♠ 16 Frogs
♠ 44 Mammals
♠ 126 Reptiles
♠ 234 Birds
♠ Thousands of insects, including over 100 ant species
♠ 1200 plant species, including 195 different grasses.
A word from the Regional Director

It is with regret and a fair amount of sadness that we farewelled Jenny Purdie from the Tennant Creek office on the 20th August. Jenny has been our Regional Director for nearly 4 years. She has worked for the Department in a lot of different roles for more years than most of us care to remember. Jenny is going to enjoy a well-earned retirement in Alice Springs. I don’t think this very active lady intends to spend her time knitting, as she will be involved in writing a book on Native Pastures and will continue her work with Landcare. I wish her sunshine in whatever she does.

As of August 23rd, I will be the Acting Regional Director until recruitment for the position is finalised. This is a bit of a change from the last 20 years as a Stockie and I am looking forward to the challenge.

Tom Haines will be Acting Regional Stock Inspector, so all stock inspection enquiries should be addressed to him or our Regional Vet Francois (Frank) Human.

Chris Materne has left Tennant Creek for the Alice and congratulations to Andy Bubb on his promotion to Senior Pastoral Production Officer.

We welcome two new pastoral staff to DBIRD, Kerryl O’Rourke and Ruth Allan. (see article on page 8) The rest of “TEAM DBIRD” are still doing their usual excellent job.

All the best for the rest of the season

Ted Martin

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TABLELAND TALK – What’s on in & around the Barkly

- 18th – 19th September
  Daly Waters Campdraft / Rodeo
  Contact: Hayfield Station 08 8975 9920

- 25th - 26 September
  Brunette Downs Campdraft
  Contact: Caroline Teagle – Rockhampton Downs, PMB 11 Ph: a/h 08 8964 4589  Fax: 08 8964 4523

- 8th – 10th October
  Barkly Campdraft – Tennant Creek
  Contact: Ken Ford – Tennant Creek Station 08 8962 2181

- 9th October
  Barkly Rodeo – Tennant Creek
  Contact: Denise Goddard 08 8962 1060

- 23rd October
  Brunette Women’s Day – Barkly Homestead
  Contact: Bernadette Burke – Brunette Downs Station 08 8964 4522

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Congratulations

To our Regional Veterinary Officer Francois Human and his wife Karina on the birth of their daughter Catherine on 6th August 2004
Talking Business
From Regional Manager, Business and Trade Development

**Barkly Business Directory**
A copy of the newly revised “Barkly Business Directory” should have reached all Pastoral Stations in the Barkly and Gulf region by now.

At the time of printing the Directory is the most up to date reference listing all businesses located in the region. In addition to providing contact details the Directory also gives a brief summary of each business and what they do.

The aim of reviving this publication was to continue to enhance the *Buy Local* campaign run by DBIRD’s Business and Trade Development group. Over time new ideas and strategies will be introduced in an attempt to bring to people’s attention the vast array of products and services that are available from local Barkly and Gulf businesses.

**Pastoral business Expo**
To kickstart these initiatives it is intended to run a *Pastoral* themed business expo to coincide with the 2005 Barkly May Day Muster. Local businesses will be encouraged to get involved and showcase examples of the products and services they can offer to the pastoral industry.

Your ideas and feedback would be greatly appreciated in relation to this proposed *Pastoral Business Expo*. To make it easier for you to give us your feedback there is a small questionnaire below. Please fill out and fax back to Peter on 8962 4413.

Or if you prefer give me a call on 8962 4472. I am very happy to talk to you on this or any other business related matter.

**FREE Training**
DBIRD runs FREE *Upskills* workshops and other training programs on a regular basis in Tennant Creek. Upskills workshops offer you the opportunity to gain new skills or refresh your existing skills.

If you want to find out more about what training is on offer visit: www.tbc.nt.gov.au/events

During October the department runs *October Business Month* which is a month of **FREE** workshops, seminars and training activities that are relevant to all businesses no matter what field you are in.

Watch your mailbag or fax machine for a copy of the activities happening in Tennant Creek or check out: www.tbc.nt.gov.au/obm

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**Pastoral Business Expo feedback**

Would you be interested in attending this expo?  
☐ Yes  ☐ No

Is the 2005 Barkly May Day Muster a suitable time to hold this expo?  
☐ Yes  ☐ No

If no, what would be a suitable time?

What other suggestions and ideas would you like to share?

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Thank you for your time.  
Fax to: 8962 4413

Peter Davenport  
(08) 8962 4472  
0427 250 064
Waybills are used to record the movement of livestock in the Northern Territory. A waybill provides detailed information which can be used for tracing animal movements. The waybill is an essential part of the National Livestock Identification System which operates in the Northern Territory.

The waybill system also acts as a deterrent to stock stealing, provides certification of the property of origin for abattoirs and export markets and provides detailed documentation for station management.

It is compulsory to use waybills under the *Stock Routes and Travelling Stock Act*. A copy of each waybill must be retained by the owner of the stock, the company or person taking delivery of the stock (consignee) and the Chief Inspector of Stock.

**When is a waybill required?**

- Whenever stock are moved outside the boundaries of a property.

**What stock require a waybill?**

- Presently only cattle and buffalo.
- From 1 July 2005 sheep, goats, camels and deer will also require waybills. Horses do not require waybills. However horses moving from a tick infested area to tick free areas require permits issued by an inspector of stock.

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE COMPLETION OF WAYBILLS**

1. The waybill must be completely filled out by the owner’s agent for each movement of cattle and buffalo from the property or place of origin. A complete breakdown of numbers of each type of stock and for each brand must be provided.

2. The correct Property Identification Code (PIC) must be included on the waybill.

3. A waybill may be completed for each truck or for each consignment. A consignment is a number of vehicles travelling in a convoy from a single property of origin or place (e.g. saleyards, export depot) to the same destination on the same day under the same ownership. A consignment may also be several journeys on the same calendar day.

4. If a waybill is completed for each truck, the owner or owner’s agent must give the waybill to the truck driver.

5. If a waybill is for a consignment:

   a) The total consignment must be described on the waybill and the waybill must be carried by the driver of the last truck or the “boss” driver.

   b) A convoy certificate must be completed for each truck with a cross reference to the waybill number. This may be a trucking company consignment/receival note.

   c) The registration number of the truck carrying the waybill must be listed on each truckingdocket. The registration numbers of all trucks carrying the consignment must be listed on the waybill.

   d) The waybill or convoy certificate must be produced when requested by a stock inspector or a police officer.

6. The truck driver must sign to accept responsibility for the stock. The driver’s full name and the registration number of the truck must also be included.

7. The owner or the owner’s agent must send the pink copy of the waybill to the Chief Inspector of Stock at the local DBIRD Office within 28 days. Owners who fail to supply the pink copy to the Chief Inspector of Stock are subject to a penalty of up to $1,000. The information in the waybill is used for the benefit of industry, e.g. to meet market demands for traceability. The information is recorded on a waybill database which can be used for rapid tracing of stock movements during an animal disease emergency or an animal residue incident.

**WARNING**

1. There is a penalty of up to $1,000 under Regulation 8 of the *Stock Routes and Travelling Stock Act* when a waybill is not completed.

2. A person who, when completing a waybill, gives information which he/she knows to be untrue or incorrect, is subject to a penalty of up
to $1,000 under Regulation 12 of the **Stock Routes and Travelling Stock Act**.

(3) On-the-spot fines can be imposed for these offences.

Waybill books and further information can be obtained from:

Regional Stock Inspector, Tennant Creek
Telephone: (08) 8962 4490

Regional Stock Inspector, Darwin
Telephone: (08) 8999 2031

Regional Stock Inspector, Katherine
Telephone: (08) 8973 9754

Regional Stock Inspector, Alice Springs
Telephone: (08) 8951 8182
Implementation of the National Livestock Identification System (NLIS) in the Northern Territory.

The Northern Territory supports a national approach to livestock identification and tracing. The tracing system operating in the Northern Territory will meet nationally agreed performance standards.

Components of NLIS in the Northern Territory are as follows:

**From 1 March 2004**

1. The mandatory waybill system will include mandatory full description of brands and categories of stock. All movements will be recorded on the NT Waybill database.

2. It is a mandatory requirement for owners of a holding where cattle or buffalo or sheep are kept to register their holding and obtain a Property Identification Code (PIC).

3. Cattle moving to NT abattoirs and saleyards require a transaction tag (either ear tag or tail tag) or a radio frequency identification device (RFID). Exemptions apply to large lots travelling direct to abattoirs.

4. Cattle moving from export depots to NT abattoirs will have an additional requirement to record an individual tracing history prior to movement.

5. Cattle travelling interstate will need to meet the identification requirements of the state of destination. This will necessitate the application of RFID ear tags or rumen boluses prior to delivery at saleyards in some cases.

**From 1 July 2005**

6. Cattle entering the NT from other states are required to meet the mandatory identification requirements applicable for NT cattle. Transaction recording will apply to RFID identified cattle moving to the NT. Owners may maintain full transaction recording of RFID identified stock.

7. The mandatory requirement to brand cattle will be extended to include mandatory cross branding when there is a change of ownership. Exemptions would apply to stock going direct to slaughter or export within 14 days.

Brian Radunz  
Chief Veterinary Officer

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**Barkly Benchmarking Survey**

The Pastoral division of DBIRD will be conducting a benchmarking survey of the Barkly pastoral industry in the coming months. The survey will be part of an NT wide project with the objective of collecting information to identify the needs of the industry to be addressed by DBIRD in the future.

We aim to meet with all station owner/managers within the Barkly region to conduct interviews in the near future.

Andy Bubb  
Pastoral Production Officer
Introducing new Pastoral Production Team members

Kerryl O’Rourke is originally from Victor Harbor on the south coast of SA where she completed her schooling. Kerryl then did the travelling thing through the States and Canada for three months. On her return she went jillarooing at Cootamundra in NSW where she discovered a love of horses and cattle. So the following year she packed up and, along with two extra kelpies, left the masses of wool on legs and the picturesque hills behind her.

Kerryl first arrived in the Gulf country at Riversleigh, NW of Mt Isa. After spending two years there, the Gregory pub was becoming too comfortable so on a visit back home she took up an opportunity to work for a well-respected horse breaker and also undertook horseshoeing in the district.

She spent the next three years working in the horse industry, but there was always a yearning to get back into cattle work. So she returned to the Mt Isa region on the West Leichhardt where after two years the turpentine, spinifex and rock were enough and she headed west to the Barkly Tablelands.

Kerryl joined her sister Erin on Brunette Downs, who was the bookkeeper. She ran the Bull Breeding Unit for AACo a position she found very rewarding and satisfying. Falling in love with the ‘Santas’ and the pastures, Kerryl made Brunette her home for nearly four years.

After a short stint working in Qld with her partner Bill, who is on his way across very soon, Kerryl is very happy to return to the Barkly.

Kerryl is enthusiastic about her new position and to be working with the DBIRD team in Tennant Creek. She is looking forward to being involved with the people and the stations on the very familiar Barkly’s.

Kerryl has joined the Pastoral team in the position of Pastoral Production Technical Officer and can be contacted in the office on ph: 8962 4483 or email: kerryl.o’rourke@nt.gov.au

Ruth Allan was born in Mount Isa and grew up off-siding for her veterinarian father around the Western, Gulf and Northern Territory Border regions of Queensland.

Prior to moving into suave new digs in Tennant, Ruth called the Cloncurry district home. Ruth’s parents and grandparents operate beef cattle properties in the Cloncurry and McKinlay shires.

After completing high school in Townsville in 1999, Ruth moved to Brisbane to study at the University of Queensland’s St. Lucia campus. Although it was a bit touch-and-go at times with trying to fit uni in around socialising, sport and similar activities, she made it out virtually unscathed at the end of 2003 with a Bachelor of Agricultural Science majoring in Animal Science.

Since graduating Ruth has been working at her parents’ property and as a Technical Officer at “Toorak” Research Station near Julia Creek.

Ruth has a very keen interest in the Northern Australian pastoral industry. She is very excited about her role with DBIRD, living in the Territory and getting to know all the people and places around the region.

Ruth can be contacted in the office on ph: 8962 4493 or email: ruth.allan@nt.gov.au
2005 Rural Women’s Award Launched

This year, the 2004 NT Rural Women’s Award was won by Lee Berryman. She and her husband own a mango and bamboo orchard at Berry Springs. Lee says the operation is five years old and in its second year of commercial production. She won the NT Award for her submission seeking to identify best practises in post production and marketing from other areas of Australia, and adapt and apply this knowledge to the Territory. Her award has assisted her to develop her business, and to assist the industry of the Top End generally.

Now once again rural women from all over the Territory are encouraged to enter the Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation’s (RIRDC) 2005 Rural Women’s Award. The award supports women with a strong and positive vision for the future of their industry and its people. Nominations opened on 1 August and will close on World Rural Women’s Day, 15 October.

The 2005 Award will provide a bursary of $15,000 for each State and Territory winner, and a Development Award of $5,000 for one runner up in each jurisdiction. This will be the fifth year that the Territory has participated in the awards.

Territory Primary Industries Minister Kon Vatskalis says the government continues to support this important award through the Department of Business, Industry and Resource Development.

“These awards are important because they are future oriented,” he explained, “they recognise initiatives, new ideas and proposals rather than past achievements, and that’s the way forwards for us in the Territory.”

The 2005 Rural Women’s Awards are sponsored by The Australian Women’s Weekly, ABC Radio, Rural Press Limited, DBIRD and the Northern Territory Government and the RIRDC.

For further details on the awards including guidelines on how to enter, contact Rowena Eastick at DBIRD on 08.8999 2252 or online at www.ruralwomensaward.gov.au

Nominations close 15th October 2004
2004 Cattle Section Show Round Up

The 2004 Tennant Creek & District Show proved a great learning experience for me, as I am usually exhibiting cattle rather than being on the other side and organising the event!

I believe the cattle section was a great success, and a great weekend was had by all. A big thankyou to Pam Allsop who came back to Tennant Creek to lend a hand and show me the ropes.

It was encouraging to see so many stations take an interest in the show, if not exhibiting cattle, then at least by coming along to enjoy the atmosphere and company of Barkly locals and visitors.

It was good to see first time exhibitors, Eva Downs do so well – this may encourage those of you out there who would like to get involved! A notable mention must go to young Patrick Burke for his grand performance in the led calf class.

Congratulations to all exhibitors and thankyou to all of our valued sponsors, we look forward to your continued support. If you have any feedback or suggestions for next year’s cattle section, contact Genevieve on 8962 4487.

The results for the weekend are listed below:

### Cattle Results

| Class 1: Pen of 2 Bulls (Under 4yrs) | 1st | Medway Droughtmasters |
| Class 2: Single Commercial Bull (Under 2yrs) | 1st | Brunette Downs |
| Class 3: Pen of Mature Breeders | **SCRATCHED** |
| Class 4: Pen of 3 Heifers (250-350KG) | 1st | Rockhampton Downs |
| 2nd | Austral Downs |
| 3rd | Brunette Downs |

| Class 5: Pen of 3 Heifers (350-450KG) | 1st | Brunette Downs |
| 2nd | Austral Downs |
| 3rd | Rockhampton Downs |

| Class 6: Pen of 3 Steers (250-350KG) | 1st | Eva Downs, Entry B |
| 2nd | Austral Downs, Entry B |
| 3rd | Eva Downs, Entry A |

| Class 7: Pen of 3 Steers (350-450KG) | 1st | Eva Downs, Entry A |
| 2nd | Eva Downs, Entry B |
| 3rd | Austral Downs |

| Class 8: Led Calf Class | Winner: Patrick Burke (7yo) of Brunette Downs |

HIGHEST AGGREGATE POINTS: Eva Downs
An impressive line-up of 70 quality bulls from vendors throughout Qld, boasting a 100% clearance rate made this year’s sale a huge success. The sales average and the top price were greatly improved on last year, proving that quality bulls are in high demand in Central and Northern Australia.

2003 Sales Average: $2475
2003 Top Price: $3500

2004 Sales Average: $3017
2004 Top Price: $6500

Bulk buyers were Kiana Station, who took home a line of 16 bulls, Kurundi Station who purchased 9 bulls, and Split Rock Station of Camooweal buying a line of 8 bulls. The James Family of Hidden Valley Station paid the top price for a 28mth bull from Medway Droughtmasters, Emerald, Qld, selling for $6500.

A job well done by Landmark Alice Springs for the smooth running of the sale. Congratulations to all vendors and buyers. I hope that the bulls prove their worth in the field!

Genevieve Nash
Pastoral Production Officer.
Demonstrating the Benefits of Burning

The NHT-Envirofund project *Collaborative Integration of Biodiversity and Fire Management on the Barkly Rangeland* conducted by Barkly Landcare & Conservation Association, Julalikari Council and DBIRD has recently been completed. Final samples have now been sent away for analysis.

One of the main objectives of the demonstration was to implement controlled burning practices into the Barkly region as a tool for biodiversity and pasture management of Mitchell Grasslands. Alexandria, Alroy Downs, Rockhampton Downs and Bluebush were the four stations involved in the demonstration burns.

The project also enabled Wildfire Operations training to be offered. Participants included Local government, Central Land Council, Julalikari Aboriginal Corporation and pastoral land managers.

Pasture quality and cattle diet quality were monitored on both the burnt and unburnt sites. Photographs were taken of the plots over time and show a clear indication of how burning can reduce levels of rank grass within a paddock.

The “grab” technique was used to take grass samples, this involved collecting the tips or more palatable of the available grass, just as cattle would be expected to do when grazing. The quality of the cattle diet was assessed by testing faecal samples using Near Infrared Reflectance Spectroscopy (NIRS). By collecting information relating to the quality of available feed and the actual diet of the cattle a clearer picture of the effects of burning can be seen.

Initial results show that the crude protein of the burnt pasture increased on average by approximately 25% with phosphorus increasing by 18% when compared to the unburnt plot. There was no significant change in the quality of the cows’ diet although this may be different if more intensive sampling was carried out.

Overall, the demonstration showed how the protein and phosphorus levels of grass can be lifted for little cost and how areas of rank grass can be reintroduced to grazing. Many thanks to Ross and Robyn Peatling, John and Sue Stafford, Jamie and Anne Robertson and Norm and Bunny Hooker for their support and cooperation.

Andy Bubb  
Pastoral Production Officer

Photopoint 1 (Burnt)  
photopoint 2 (Unburnt)

20th January 2004
Photopoint 1 (Burnt)                         Photopoint 2 (Unburnt)

3rd December 2003

6th April 2004

28th June 2004
Barkly Landcare News

I have just arrived back from a flying visit to Canberra for the 2004 National Landcare Awards. It certainly was an honour to represent the Barkly Landcare and Conservation Association members at the awards - the dedication and hard work of our members was acknowledged from throughout Australia.

Ellena Hannah represented the BLCA in the Sensis Landcare Catchment Award for Excellence and Innovation in Creating and Carrying out a Catchment Plan. The BLCA was recognised for the Interim Natural Resource Management strategy “Collaborative management of semi arid lands” developed from the combined input of community vision at the Barkly Region Collaborative NRM workshop held in 2002.

I represented the group in the second category, The Murray Darling Rivercare Award for the Playford River project – ‘Rivercare’, recognising the contribution made to the Sustainable Management, Conservation and Rehabilitation of a Waterway.

Although the projects were unsuccessful at the National Level, the activities of the Association were promoted through a forum held prior to the awards ceremony. The forum provided the opportunity to showcase the work that we undertake and introduce the Barkly Region to an audience used to working with small regions that have a higher population.

The awards ceremony took place in the Great Hall at Parliament House with over 500 guests present, including major corporate sponsors of Landcare. 2004 marks 18 years since the commencement of Landcare. Prime Minister John Howard prepared a speech delivered on the night by Agricultural Minister Warren Truss. In it the PM referred to all farmers as NRM Managers and Landcare as the Government’s commitment to sustainable agriculture and a partnership aimed at delivering outcomes on the ground.

The table of NT representatives were acknowledged for their vocal support for Territory projects nominated at the ceremony. However we were missing the major support team, the sixteen children from Mataranka Primary School. It was a credit to Maryanne Lewis and Alf Murrey who escorted the children (for sixteen days!) and did a great job fund raising to get them all there. The school was nominated for the Westpac Landcare Education Award, for a Forestry Plot which has become a show piece and an important environmental tool in creating a community of environmentally aware young achievers.

Our group should be very proud with what has been achieved and acknowledgment needs to be extended to Stuart King, Pam Allsop and Sally Towne, as without their enthusiasm our group would not have been nominated in the awards. Thank you.

Tennant Creek Forum
We had a good cross section of Stakeholders represented at the Integrated NRM plan for the NT - Tennant Creek Forum, which was held after the Tennant Creek Show. The draft will be available for public consultation in the middle of October. I will need to get people together once again to make sure all of our concerns have been identified. Apparently, the Investment Strategy will also be released – interesting!

Project updates
The Collaborative Integration of Biodiversity and Fire Management field work has been completed, a job well done by Chris Materne and Andy Bubb; we are just waiting for the development of a hand book and the posters. Thankyou to Alexandria, Alroy Downs, Rockhampton Downs and Bluebush Stations for their participation with the trial sites, there are some hand held radios in the mail for your assistance with the project.

Well, two more funding projects have come to an end. The Biodiversity component in the Barkly Rangeland Management Course seemed to be a bit of a crowd pleaser - I suppose this makes a change from looking at cattle!! Alaric Fisher (Biodiversity & Conservation, DIPE) developed the component and also delivered the training to DBIRID staff and did a great job.
Darryl Hill, of ‘Soil Save’ and I are out and about next week delivering the Best Management Practices – Erosion Control Workshops on nine different stations within the region, (well actually, I’ll be leaving Darryl to finish off a few!!). In the next edition I’ll let you know how they went.

Until next time,
Colleen Westover
Barkly Landcare & Conservation, Facilitator

A Limerick was compiled by the Barkly representatives at the National Landcare Awards, in an attempt to educate the “Urbanites” about the Barkly and the work that the Barkly Landcare and Conservation Association undertake.

It’s known for the Barkly breeze
Grows fat composite cattle with ease
Cowboys with big hats
Buck cattle out on the flats
Landcare has not only trees to please.

Left: Foyer of Parliament House crowded with Landcarers

Left: BLCA representatives Ellena Hannah and Colleen Westover proudly holding the table centrepieces (substitute trophies) along with the bottle of wine awarded to their table for vocal support to award category nominees from their region.
**August, 2004**

**LIVE CATTLE EXPORTS VIA DARWIN PORT**

# Please note that the “NT CATTLE” figures are NT cattle exported through the Port of Darwin only, some NT cattle are exported through interstate ports.

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**TOTAL Live Cattle Exports thru Port of Darwin**

2003 v 2004

**"August at a glance"**

- **19,137** head through the Port of Darwin during August, 6,099 head less than July and 2,816 less than August last year.

**Live Cattle Exports thru the Port of Darwin**

(last 10 years)

**Total Cattle, Port of Darwin**

PREVIOUS 7 YEARS

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barkly beef
### OTHER LIVESTOCK EXPORTS VIA DARWIN PORT (includes NT and Interstate Stock)

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### NATIONAL CATTLE PRICES - W/E 27/08/04

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