

Sent: Tuesday, 11 March 2008 11:04 PM
To: Grocery Prices Inquiry
Subject: Submission

Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to add some information to the prices inquiry that I think should be made.

The price of meat, beef, on the shop counter is way over priced. I can prove this by my own practice of having a beast purchased 'prime carcass'

have it transported to an approved abattoir then taken to an approved butcher and having the beast dressed to best standards and ready to collect for \$5:00 per kilo when the live weight price for slaughter cattle was at an all time high of \$2:00 per kilo.

The shoppers would find it very hard to find any cut of beef for \$5:00 per kilo let alone 'T' bone or top side. You can not find mince as low as \$5:00 per kilo.

There is a huge difference between what the farmer gets when the cattle are sold at auction and a couple of days later the shopper pays over the counter.

The majority of cattle sourced for the domestic market are bought very cheaply with a few higher priced ones thrown in to make the market look good on the day.

The same goes for other primary products. the producer is the price taker the wholesaler is the price maker.
There is to bigger difference from gate to plate.
The public is being ripped off.

Regards

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