



Western Victoria Livestock Exchange

WVLX Market Report Prime Cattle - 7 January, 2019

Total Yarding: 636

Today was the first prime fat sale in 2019 and the yarding was excellent quality, with the numbers increasing after the Christmas break. All weights and grades were represented with additional buyers joining the regular group, which created good competition across most categories and produced a strong start to the year.

There was a good offering of vealers, with the best of the steers making to 281c/kg. Vealer heifers and steers made from 220c to 281c/kg. The best of the trade weight steers sold from 256c to 289c, while the best of the trade heifers sold well, making from 255c to 280c/kg. Feeder steers and heifers were in good supply, with the better steers selling from 236c to 270c, whilst the heifers sold from 245c to 275c/kg.

Grown steers were in demand, with processors paying from 255c to 280c/kg for the better types. Grown heifers sold from 205c to 245c/kg. A good offering of well finished beef cows was presented, with the better C3 and C4 types making from 216c to 228c/kg. The dairy portion was limited, making from 160c to 195c/kg. A mixture of bulls sold to the usual buying group, with the better shapes selling from 205c to 226c/kg.

Market Report: Reproduced courtesy of Meat & Livestock Australia Limited. Full report:

<https://www.mla.com.au/CachedNLSReports/Mortlake-Cattle-Report-07-Jan-2019.PDF?id=636824731180743853>

Category	Weight		c/kg	\$/Hd
Light Steers	0-350	Top	281.0	\$883.59
		Av	243.7	\$767.57
Light Heifers	0-350	Top	275.0	\$901.33
		Av	244.0	\$745.53
Trade Steers	351-500	Top	292.0	\$1370.30
		Av	248.8	\$1009.94
Trade Heifers	351-500	Top	280.0	\$1283.05
		Av	239.8	\$990.70
Export Steers	501+	Top	290.0	\$2040.50
		Av	259.7	\$1594.43
Export Heifers	501+	Top	278.0	\$1881.90
		Av	216.5	\$1257.08
Cows		Top	228.0	\$1663.36
		Av	210.3	\$1271.14
Bulls	0-700	Top	205.0	\$1246.40
		Av	203.3	\$1031.52
Bulls	700+	Top	226.0	\$2413.68
		Av	209.0	\$1902.63
Bullocks		Top	277.0	\$2244.69
		Av	237.0	\$1416.04

Upcoming Sales at WVLX:

- Prime Market - Monday 14 January, 9am
- **Store Sale/Feature Female Sale - Thursday 17 January, 10am**
- Prime Market - Monday 21 January, 9am
- *NO PRIME MARKET - Monday 28 January (Australia Day Public Holiday)*



Top: Competition was strong across the board today, including for this pen of Angus cows that sold for 228c/kg (ave weight 729.5kg) - which equates to \$1663.26 per head!

Bottom left: Bullocks also sold well today, including this great looking pen of Angus bullocks that reached \$1702.88ph (ave weight 597.5kg).

Bottom right: This nice looking pen of Limousin X Steers sold for \$1249.76ph (top price of 292c/kg ave weight 428kg).