



Western Victoria Livestock Exchange

## WVLX Market Report Prime Cattle - 5 March, 2018

**Total Yarding:** 860

Export cattle prices remained mostly unchanged but trade cattle were mainly 10c/kg cheaper with some yearling sales closer to equal. Just the odd pens of grown steers were up to 5c higher but light conditioned cows overall regained 6c to 8c/kg. The further reduced sized offering of cattle was again mixed, but each category had a good selection of top end quality. There was a near usual following of the current field of processor and restocker buyers who bid steadily.

Most C muscled vealers sold between 240c and 255c with processors paying to 260c and from 265c to 278c/kg for the B2 and B3 vealers. Restockers paid between 240c and 243c and a single light weight steer made 259c/kg. The C muscled yearlings sold from 230c to 255c with an isolated pen of 8 steers at 268c and restockers paid to 263c for heifers and 259c/kg for steers. The D2 yearlings went to restockers from 190c to 248c and the D1 grade cost them 170c to 212c/kg.

The mainly good quality yarding of medium and heavy weight C3 and C4 grown steers made between 247c and 268c/kg. The older and crossbred 3 and 4 score steers sold from 230c to 245c/kg. There were a few C3 and C4 grown heifers this week and they sold from 223c to 243c/kg. Prices for the E1 cows made the same as last week at 138c to 175c but the average was up 6c to 8c/kg. The D1 cows made 165c to 190c, D2 grade was from 180c to 202c/kg. Most of the C3 and C4 beef cows sold from 202c to 215c with odd sales to 220c/kg. The plain to average line up of bulls saw 11 E2 jerseys make 180c and the 4 B2 beef bulls from 234c to 245c/kg.

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

<https://www.mla.com.au/CachedNLSReports/Mortlake-Cattle-Report-05-Mar-2018.PDF?id=636558581474201900>

Category	Weight		c/kg	\$/Hd
Light Steers	<350	Top	259.0	\$777.60
		Av	226.7	\$697.88
Light Heifers	<350	Top	250.0	\$795.80
		Av	195.5	\$599.93
Trade Steers	351-500	Top	265.0	\$1291.88
		Av	240.4	\$1069.04
Trade Heifers	351-500	Top	263.0	\$1191.85
		Av	230.5	\$969.52
Export Steers	501+	Top	278.0	\$1975.40
		Av	255.4	\$1590.59
Export Heifers	501+	Top	251.0	\$1607.04
		Av	236.0	\$1299.78
Cows		Top	220.0	\$1512.92
		Av	188.5	\$1024.38
Bulls	<700	Top	180.0	\$1198.80
		Av	173.9	\$935.17
Bulls	>700	Top	245.0	\$2420.60
		Av	225.0	\$1940.19
Bullocks		Top	266.0	\$2094.75
		Av	247.3	\$1600.22

### Upcoming Sales at WVLX:

- Prime Cattle - Monday 19 March, 9am (NO PRIME MARKET NEXT WEEK DUE TO LABOUR DAY)
- Store Cattle - Thursday 8 March, 10am



Top: A full gallery of buyers again attended the prime cattle market today.

Bottom left: Livestock buyer Scott Homann from O'Connors, who have been buying at WVLX since the first sale in January, thinks the facility here is fantastic.

Bottom right: Mark Lazzari from Dunkeld, watching his cattle over the weighbridge, was very happy with the sale today, especially his 14 Angus X Angus Heifers which sold for 243c/kg.