



Western Victoria Livestock Exchange

WVLX Market Report Prime Cattle - 19 March, 2018

Total Yarding: 1040

Cows were cheaper and trade cattle dearer in an increased yarding of cattle following the missed market of last week due to the public holiday. A near regular number of buyers attended and operated as 1 and 2 score cows sold 5c to 10c cheaper, but better covered beef cows were equal to 5c/kg easier. The plainer quality offering of vealers were on average 10c dearer and the mixed selection of yearlings sold 5c to 10c higher but restockers paid 5c to 20c/kg more to secure supply. The mostly plain but up to good quality yarding of grown steers were mainly unchanged to stronger and bull prices remained firm.

The smaller offering of C muscled vealers sold between 245c and 265c with a single heifer at 280c/kg. Restockers paid 259c to 280c with a pen of five steers topping at 289c/kg. The C muscled yearlings made from 235c to 277c/kg and included a few larger pens of heifers off supplementary feeding. Yearlings to restockers sold from 233c to 280c with odd sale to a top of 292c/kg. Some D muscled yearlings were a lot dearer as the D2 grade sold from 225c to 248c plus a single heifer made 268c/kg. The D1 yearlings made 185c to 240c with an isolated sale at 288c for two steers and 300c/kg was paid for three lighter weights.

The average to good quality C3 and few C4 grown steers made 242c to 265c with plain and older bullocks from 230c/kg. Lighter weight steers sold to 270c and a restocker paid to 278c/kg. A restocker was strong on older yearling heifers and grown heifers and paid from 245c to 255c/kg. The bulk of the E1 cows made between 150c and 165c with poor quality from 100c/kg. The D1 cows made 155c to 177c and restockers paid to 205c/kg. The D2 cows sold from 174c to 190c and the C3 to C5 beef cows sold between 196c and 213c/kg. The few B2 heavy weight bulls made similar money to the last market, from 235c to 248c/kg.

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<https://www.mla.com.au/CachedNLSReports/Mortlake-Cattle-Report-19-Mar-2018.PDF?id=636570682713875358>

Category	Weight		c/kg	\$/Hd
Light Steers	<350	Top	300.0	\$939.25
		Av	278.7	\$798.38
Light Heifers	<350	Top	280.0	\$906.52
		Av	248.1	\$726.09
Trade Steers	351-500	Top	292.0	\$1291.20
		Av	225.4	\$932.95
Trade Heifers	351-500	Top	280.0	\$1289.45
		Av	259.1	\$1115.38
Export Steers	501+	Top	277.0	\$1817.92
		Av	245.7	\$1337.49
Export Heifers	501+	Top	273.0	\$1555.50
		Av	241.3	\$1342.00
Cows		Top	213.0	\$1767.90
		Av	185.3	\$1025.96
Bulls	<700	Top	248.0	\$1726.08
		Av	227.8	\$1274.59
Bulls	>700	Top	248.0	\$2299.00
		Av	214.0	\$1846.03
Bullocks		Top	278.0	\$2019.40
		Av	244.5	\$1578.40

Upcoming Sales at WVLX:

- Prime Cattle - Monday 26 March, 9am (NO PRIME MARKET ON 2 APRIL DUE TO EASTER)
- Store Cattle - Thursday 12 April, 10am



Top: Colin & Casey MacLeod of Mortlake were pleased with the sale of their pen of 6 Limousin X Heifers which sold for \$2.80/kg.

Bottom left: Greg Stephens of 'Geraki' Finley (NSW) sold several pens today, and is pictured here with his 9 Angus X Angus Heifers, some of which sold for \$2.64/kg. He was also happy with his X Breed Bullock that sold for \$2.70/kg at a weight of 558kg.

Bottom right: Buyers catching up and checking out the livestock.