



Western Victoria Livestock Exchange

WVLX Market Report Prime Cattle - 26 March, 2018

Total Yarding: 775

There was a reduced sized yarding of cattle despite next week's missed market due to the Easter Monday public holiday. Quality again mainly ranged from plain to good and not all last week's buyers attended or operated fully. Prices however were 5c to mainly 10c/kg higher for grown steers, while better covered cows and some restocking heifers were a little dearer. Most young cattle and the poor to plain 1 score cows sold at firm to easier levels.

Nearly all the moderate number of vealers went to restockers and they paid 245c to 260c for most C muscled grades with the lone sale to a processor at 285c/kg. Yearlings made 245c to 273c with four B2's at 303c/kg. Restockers paid 240c to 277c for C muscled yearlings and from 180c to 264c/kg for the D muscled grades.

The C3 and C4 grown steers were between 252c and 276c with plain and older grades from 240c/kg. A few D2 manufacturing steers sold at 205c to 216c while better covered 3 and 4 score grown heifers made from 220c to 250c/kg.

Poor quality E1 cows started at 115c with the plain end up to 170c/kg. The D1 cows made 165c to 185c and the D2 cows were from 180c to 201c/kg. The C3 and C4 cows were between 200c and 218c while restockers paid up to 220c/kg to secure 1 and 2 score replacements. An average quality line up of B2 heavy weight bulls sold from 200c to 244c/kg but did include one very good quality extra heavy weight.

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

<https://www.mla.com.au/prices-markets/market-reports-prices/pdf-market-reports/cattle/vic/>

Category	Weight		c/kg	\$/Hd
Light Steers	<350	Top	270.0	\$918.00
		Av	231.8	\$767.02
Light Heifers	<350	Top	285.0	\$868.82
		Av	236.9	\$708.59
Trade Steers	351-500	Top	285.0	\$1244.87
		Av	252.9	\$1056.42
Trade Heifers	351-500	Top	303.0	\$1109.74
		Av	232.4	\$985.50
Export Steers	501+	Top	270.0	\$1800.84
		Av	248.3	\$1437.07
Export Heifers	501+	Top	252.0	\$1592.36
		Av	235.2	\$1423.60
Cows		Top	220.0	\$1494.60
		Av	182.5	\$951.18
Bulls	<700	Top	242.0	\$943.80
		Av	192.0	\$849.21
Bulls	>700	Top	244.0	\$3196.40
		Av	222.7	\$2149.07
Bullocks		Top	276.0	\$2069.04
		Av	253.9	\$1573.08

Upcoming Sales at WVLX:

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



Top: Karen Jenkins from Grassmere sold the heaviest bull so far at WVLX weighing 1310kg for \$2.44/kg.

Bottom left: Peter Thomas of Willatook, pictured with Southern Grampians Livestock Director Dylan Praolini, was happy with the \$2.60/kg price he sold his 6 Angus X Steers for.

Bottom right: Anne Malseed of Myamyn sold 5 Hereford Bullocks with an average weight of 589kg for \$2.72/kg.