



Western Victoria Livestock Exchange

## WVLX Market Report Prime Cattle - 18 June, 2018

**Total Yarding:** 495

Cattle numbers increased slightly at Mortlake for a total of 495 head. A larger gallery of buyers attended as they operated keenly with demand much stronger than the last sale a fortnight ago. There was also an improvement in the quality with some well-presented grown steers, better younger cattle suiting processors and less light-weight cows offered. The younger cattle sold from 5c to 15c higher with some sales lifting 20c/kg. Good quality grown steers on average sold 10c to 20c dearer, although some isolated sales were up almost 30c as a highlight of the market saw 2 pens reach 300c/kg. The grown heifers lifted 10c, while the cows of light and medium weights remained unchanged to firm and the heavy cows varied between 5c to 15c/kg dearer. The yarding was made up of approximately 355 export and 140 young cattle.

The well covered C3 vealers to the processors sold from 274c to 292c/kg. Yearlings made 262c to 270c with the re-stockers and feeders purchasing young cattle from 234c up to 281c/kg.

Grown steers C3 and C4 sold from 250c to 300c with the best of the grown heifers making 240c and 250c/kg. Manufacturing steers sold from 190c to 226c/kg. Light E1 dairy bred cows made from 105c to 150c/kg. The D1 and D2 dairy bred cows sold from 155c to 194c/kg. Restockers did enter the market in places and they paid from 138c to 201c/kg for their cows. Beef bred cows D2 and D3 made from 186c to 217c/kg. The more muscled C2 to C4 cows sold from 207c to the top cow price of 226c/kg. The bulls also sold to more competition prices up 10c to 20c as a heavy beef bull reached 243c/kg.

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

<https://www.mla.com.au/CachedNLRSReports/Mortlake-Cattle-Report-18-Jun-2018.PDF?id=636649312561067211>

Category	Weight		c/kg	\$/Hd
Light Steers	<350	Top	267.0	\$861.08
		Av	164.3	\$478.35
Light Heifers	<350	Top	291.0	\$887.40
		Av	244.5	\$719.24
Trade Steers	351-500	Top	292.0	\$1190.91
		Av	256.8	\$1053.45
Trade Heifers	351-500	Top	275.0	\$1310.83
		Av	211.2	\$914.59
Export Steers	501+	Top	274.0	\$1717.20
		Av	231.6	\$1304.52
Export Heifers	501+	Top	270.0	\$1572.15
		Av	226.9	\$1329.83
Cows		Top	251.0	\$1617.00
		Av	185.4	\$1034.75
Bulls	<700	Top	210.0	\$1183.20
		Av	185.8	\$924.74
Bulls	700+	Top	243.0	\$2648.70
		Av	241.5	\$2577.15
Bullocks		Top	300.0	\$2009.40
		Av	284.8	\$1614.26

#### Upcoming Sales at WVLX:

- Prime Market - Monday 25 June, 9am
- Store Cattle - Thursday 12 July, 10am



**Top:** First time sellers, Ian and Barb Boyd from Weerite, pictured with local Hereford farmer Ken Hodge, were happy with the prices they sold their 8 cattle for today, including 4 Angus X Angus Heifers at \$2.62/kg and 4 Angus X Angus Bullocks, 2 of which made \$2.89/kg and the other 2 made \$2.50/kg.

**Bottom left:** Derek Morse attended today's prime market on behalf of JM Cochran & Co of Hexham (pictured here with agent Bernie Grant) to see their pen of 4 Angus X Angus Heifers sell for \$2.23/kg with an average weight of 705.0kg.

**Bottom right:** Keen buyers look in the pens to compete for quality cattle, including two pens of Angus X Angus Bullocks that sold for \$3.00/kg with an average weight of 557.5kg and 597.9kg respectively.