



Western Victoria Livestock Exchange

WVLX Market Report Prime Cattle - 30 July, 2018

Total Yarding: 645

There was a lift in cattle numbers at Mortlake to 645 sold which was 248 more. Quality was mixed but there was an improvement overall with some well finished steers and heifers in the young trade cattle, some well presented grown steers and again a range of good beef and dairy bred cows. The usual buying group attended as they operated in a weaker market.

Younger cattle were on average 5c to 15c/kg cheaper and the grown steers and heifers also eased mostly 5c to 15c/kg. In the cow market there was significant less demand as the heavy beef cows were 10c to 20c/kg easier, most of the medium cows varied from 20c to 30c lower with some of the light cows up to 40c/kg weaker on last week. Bulls sold close to unchanged. The sale consisted of approximately 327 cows, 170 grown steers, 24 grown heifers, 115 young cattle and 9 bulls.

The young cattle to processors made from 230c to the market top of 301c/kg with feeders and restockers active paying mostly 220c to 280c/kg for their store cattle. A pen of D2 friesian yearling heifers sold for 190c/kg and lighter D1 heifers sold for 112c/kg during the market. Grown steers C3 and C4 sold from 271c to 295c/kg with restockers creating some extra competition purchasing steers from 255c to 292c/kg.

Grown heifers D4, C2 and C4 of good quality made between 240c to 248c/kg and the manufacturing steers D2 and D3 were steady making from 200c to 246c/kg.

E1 dairy bred cows were mostly from 125c to 145c with the extra light pens varying in price from 68c to 132c/kg. The D1 dairy bred cows made from 166c to 185c/kg, the D2 cows from 180c to 205c/kg and the D3 heavy friesian cows 210c to 215c/kg. Restockers were busy in places as they purchased light cows from 98c to 130c/kg and cows with slightly more cover 170c to 212c/kg.

The light E1 beef bred cows sold from 87c to 166c/kg the D1 portion 168c to 190c/kg and the D2 beef cows were from 190c to 222c/kg. The heavier D and C muscled cows sold from 210c to the cow top price of 248c/kg and best of the beef bulls were from 230c to 251c/kg.

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

Category	Weight		c/kg	\$/Hd
Light Steers	<350	Top	190.0	\$525.60
		Av	149.5	\$408.76
Light Heifers	<350	Top	220.0	\$630.80
		Av	146.9	\$398.08
Trade Steers	351-500	Top	276.0	\$1370.80
		Av	254.1	\$1164.22
Trade Heifers	351-500	Top	301.0	\$1312.36
		Av	251.6	\$1089.57
Export Steers	501+	Top	280.0	\$1705.00
		Av	273.6	\$1475.36
Export Heifers	501+	Top	260.0	\$1430.00
		Av	249.1	\$1333.43

Category	Weight		c/kg	\$/Hd
Cows		Top	248.0	\$1673.05
		Av	186.2	\$955.70
Bulls	<700	Top	246.0	\$1643.28
		Av	223.4	\$1342.64
Bulls	700+	Top	251.0	\$2615.42
		Av	243.3	\$2144.06
Bullocks		Top	295.0	\$2253.68
		Av	270.8	\$1774.39



Top: It was hats off and a minute silence at the start of today's prime market to pay respect to Graeme 'Turk' Delaney of Elders Mortlake, a stalwart of the industry, who passed away suddenly on the weekend. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends - Graeme will be sadly missed at WVLX.

Bottom left: Mark and Maddison Mitchell were onsite today. Mark manages the Bookar property of JHW Paterson & Son, a regular vendor at WVLX, who sold 55 Angus cows at today's prime market, with one of their pens (13 Angus x Angus cows) topping the market at 248c/kg, with an average weight of 674.6kg.

Bottom right: This pen of 15 Charolais Bullocks sold by Rodwells topped the market today at 295c/kg with an average weight of 663.7kg.