



Western Victoria Livestock Exchange

## WVLX Market Report Prime Cattle - 6 August, 2018

**Total Yarding:** 192

There was 192 cattle yarded at Mortlake as most of the buying group was present as they operated in a slightly stronger market overall. The selection of young cattle was mixed with a few pens in the sale of better quality suiting the trade, a limited number of grown steers penned as the cows made up over half the offering with the majority dairy bred. The sale consisted of approximately 30 young cattle, 12 grown steers, 21 grown heifers, 109 cows and 20 bulls.

The well finished trade cattle averaged close to equal with most of the young and grown cattle selling unchanged to a few cents easier in a couple of sales. The good beef cows were from firm up to 10c stronger and dairy bred cows showed more demand selling between 6c and 13c/kg dearer. Bulls also sold to a dearer trend of 5c to 10c/kg.

The C2 and C3 yearlings to the processors sold from 262 to the market top of 280c/kg as restockers and feeders paid mostly 200c to 256c/kg for their store younger cattle. The few pens of grown steers sold from 240c to 255c/kg, good quality grown heifers made 235c to 261c/kg and a pen of grown friesian heifers made 210c/kg. Most light E1 and D1 cows made 140c to 186c/kg, well covered D2 dairy bred cows sold from 192c to 204c/kg and the heavy beef cows of D and C grades sold from 225c to the cow top price of 260c/kg. Heavy beef bred bulls were from 250c to 258c/kg.

**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	248.0	\$861.80
		Av	164.4	\$465.71
Light Heifers	<350	Top	235.0	\$711.71
		Av	202.9	\$619.62
Trade Steers	351-500	Top	262.0	\$995.60
		Av	239.9	\$945.07
Trade Heifers	351-500	Top	262.0	\$1171.08
		Av	250.1	\$1058.86
Export Steers	501+	Top	256.0	\$1840.58
		Av	254.1	\$1684.07
Export Heifers	501+	Top	280.0	\$1719.20
		Av	241.9	\$1320.19
Cows		Top	260.0	\$1955.20
		Av	184.4	\$1070.87
Bulls	<700	Top	204.0	\$1411.68
		Av	194.0	\$1215.32
Bulls	700+	Top	258.0	\$2850.00
		Av	246.4	\$2254.34
Bullocks		Top	240.0	\$1533.84
		Av	233.2	\$1268.11

**Upcoming Sales at WVLX:**

- Store Cattle - Thursday 9 August, 10am
- Prime Market - Monday 13 August, 9am



**Top:** Great to see a big line of dairy chopper cows (around 70 in total) at today's prime market, sold by Southern Grampians Livestock.

**Bottom left:** This quality Charolais Heifer (penned with a great looking Limousin Heifer) topped the market today @ 280c/kg, weighing 614kg.

**Bottom right:** This mixed pen of Heifers and Steers reached the top price of 262c/kg sold by Charles Stewart & Co. It included 5 Hereford X Heifers, with an average weight of 388kg, and 2 Hereford Steers, with an average weight of 380kg.