



Western Victoria Livestock Exchange

WVLX Market Report Prime Cattle - 20 August, 2018

Total Yarding: 352

Numbers lifted as agents yarded 352 cattle at Mortlake, 79 more than last sale. There were more buyers present and operating, with feeders and restockers were active. Quality was improved with some better quality younger trade cattle and a mixed offering of beef cows and grown heifers. Young cattle prices sold to a dearer trend of 5c to 10c/kg, with demand increasing due to the better quality. Cow prices varied as the beef cows sold from firm to 5c higher on last week, while the limited selection of dairy bred cows were 5c/kg cheaper. Grown steers were also firm, a few grown heifer sales were from 5c to 15c/kg cheaper on average, however some of the heifer sales going to restockers were unchanged. The sale was made up of approximately 100 younger cattle, 100 cows, 10 bulls, 50 grown steers, 50 manufacturing steers and 50 grown heifers.

C2, C3 and C4 yearlings to the trade sold from 234c to the market top of 295c, and the feeders and restockers paid from 241c to 273c/kg. The D1 and D2 yearlings with less cover sold from 170c to 229c, with restockers paying from 221c to 250c/kg. The grown steers was also of mixed quality as they made from 224c to a high of 286c, as a restocker purchased a few pens from 280c to 289c/kg. The grown heifers sold from 212c to 248c, as restockers were also active paying 242c to 262c/kg. Dairy bred heifers sold from 188c to 222c, and the best of the D2 manufacturing steers traded from 210c to 228c, with a couple of D1 pens making from 167c to 190c, selling close to 5c to 10c/kg cheaper. Heavy C and D muscle cows made from 225c to 246c, with D2 grade beef cows ranging in price from 182c to 218c/kg. A few pens of D1 and D2 dairy bred cows sold from 166c to 186c and the light E1 cows made from 110c to 114c/kg. Restockers paid 86c/kg for an extra light E1 pen of beef cows. The best of the beef bulls sold from 238c to 247c/kg, to sell firm to a few cents dearer on last week.

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

<https://www.mla.com.au/CachedNLSReports/Mortlake-Cattle-Report-20-Aug-2018.PDF?id=636703724998230432>

Category	Weight		c/kg	\$/Hd
Light Steers	<350	Top	245.0	\$761.40
		Av	168.5	\$493.62
Light Heifers	<350	Top	270.0	\$923.40
		Av	225.0	\$681.12
Trade Steers	351-500	Top	286.0	\$1319.50
		Av	210.7	\$978.19
Trade Heifers	351-500	Top	280.0	\$1248.00
		Av	249.0	\$1037.82
Export Steers	501+	Top	295.0	\$1923.35
		Av	268.7	\$1697.75
Export Heifers	501+	Top	262.0	\$1641.76
		Av	239.2	\$1318.25
Cows		Top	246.0	\$1624.63
		Av	208.1	\$1150.00
Bulls	<700	Top	204.0	\$874.65
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Bulls	700+	Top	247.0	\$2822.40
		Av	239.3	\$2337.29
Bullocks		Top	289.0	\$1983.33
		Av	252.9	\$1520.12

Upcoming Sales at WVLX:

- Prime Market - Monday 27 August, 9am
- Store Cattle - Thursday 13 September, 10am



Top: Luke McLennan and father Beau from Derrinallum sold 30 assorted steers and bullocks for the first time at today's prime market through JM Ellis & Sons. They were keen to give the facility a go having been out for a look at previous sales.

Bottom left: Young Bill Pearce from Minja enjoyed having a look around the Mortlake selling centre today with his dad Josh.

Bottom right: Sam Savin of Landmark sold the first pen of the day, 5 Angus X Angus Bullocks, for a top of 289c/kg, with an average weight of 554kg.