



Western Victoria Livestock Exchange

WVLX Market Report Prime Cattle - 3 December, 2018

Total Yarding: 1039

It was a very mixed, increased offering of cattle that attracted a couple of extra buyers. Price trends varied as vealers sold on average 10c higher, while yearlings were from unchanged to 15c/kg dearer. The plainer grown steers were from equal to 10c cheaper, but the better quality made up to 5c to 10c/kg more. Poor quality cows also lifted 5c to 10c/kg, while the better cows sold mainly unchanged, as were the grown heifers. Heavy weight bulls eased 2c to 4c/kg.

Restockers and processors paid from 220c to 290c for average to good quality vealers and from 235c to 280c/kg for the yearlings. The D2 yearlings varied widely in quality, making from 162c to 240c, as the D1s sold from 120c to 185c/kg.

The C3 and C4 grown steers made from 248c to 300c, as the D2 grade sold from 180c to 196c, with one sale at 210c/kg. Many of the D1s sold from 150c to 177c/kg. Most C3 and C4 grown heifers made from 240c to 258c, with a restocker purchasing D2s from 235c to 240c/kg. Only average quality C3 and C4 cows mainly came forward this week and they sold from 201c to 215c/kg. The cheaper D2 cows were from 155c to 186c, with D1 cows making from 158c to 176c/kg. The few dearer E1 grades sold from 120c to 155c/kg. Heavy weight B2 bulls made from 207c to 220c, as C2 bulls sold from 180c to 214c/kg.

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

https://www.mla.com.au/CachedNI_RSReports/Mortlake-Cattle-Report-03-Dec-2018.PDF?id=636794507315983843

| Category | Weight | | c/kg | \$/Hd |
|----------------|---------|-----|-------|-----------|
| Light Steers | 0-350 | Top | 282.0 | \$937.65 |
| | | Av | 247.6 | \$795.93 |
| Light Heifers | 0-350 | Top | 273.0 | \$949.65 |
| | | Av | 220.1 | \$679.51 |
| Trade Steers | 351-500 | Top | 290.0 | \$1338.83 |
| | | Av | 212.8 | \$911.03 |
| Trade Heifers | 351-500 | Top | 270.0 | \$1237.33 |
| | | Av | 211.2 | \$905.63 |
| Export Steers | 501+ | Top | 289.0 | \$2293.61 |
| | | Av | 236.8 | \$1479.96 |
| Export Heifers | 501+ | Top | 260.0 | \$1439.20 |
| | | Av | 243.3 | \$1296.94 |
| Cows | | Top | 215.0 | \$1526.72 |
| | | Av | 185.2 | \$1042.03 |
| Bulls | 0-700 | Top | 212.0 | \$1467.04 |
| | | Av | 185.3 | \$981.90 |
| Bulls | 700+ | Top | 220.0 | \$2402.40 |
| | | Av | 209.7 | \$1852.76 |
| Bullocks | | Top | 300.0 | \$2266.55 |
| | | Av | 279.7 | \$1884.21 |

Upcoming Sales at WVLX:

- Prime Market - Monday 10 December, 9am
- **'HeartKids' Store Sale - Thursday 13 December, 10am**
- Prime Market - Monday 17 December, 9am (LAST SALE FOR 2018)
- **Weaner Sale - Friday 4 January, 2019, 12pm**
- First Prime Market for 2019 - Monday 7 January, 2019, 9am



Top: These beautiful Poll Hereford Bullocks sold by Elders Kerr & Co made a market top of 300c/kg (ave. weight 664.6kg)

Bottom left: Bruce Bell is a strong advocate for the Mortlake saleyards and was very happy with this great pen of Angus X Bullocks that he sold today for 295c/kg (ave weight 602.1kg).

Bottom right: Nice to see Damien Phillips of Willaura onsite again today - he sold two pens of Hereford Steers through Charles Stewart & Co., and was happy with the price he sold this pen for at 260c/kg (ave. weight 585kg).