



Western Victoria Livestock Exchange

## WVLX Market Report Prime Cattle - 21 January, 2019

**Total Yarding:** 738

Numbers reduced this week by 562 cattle today for a mostly average quality yarding. All weights and grades were represented and all regular domestic and export processors were present, however, not all buyers were operating fully in a cheaper market.

Trade cattle were limited slipping 5c to 20c/kg in places. Heavier trade steers sold between 242c to 274c while the heifer portion sold between 220c to 256c/kg. Feeder buyers dominated the market today taking advantage of the price fall between 10c and 40c/kg. Better feeder steers sold between 211c to 271c and heifers made between 190c to 248c/kg. Restockers joined the buying group taking home a nice line of heifers between 260c to 264c/kg.

Very few finished grown steers were offered resulting in prices easing 8c selling between 250c to 272c/kg. There was a good offering of well-conditioned cows, however, regardless of this prices fell up to 10c to 40c/kg in areas. Better finished lines made between 181c to 198c/kg. A mixed quality offering of bulls sold to the usual buying group with the better shapes selling between 200c to 225c, slipping 14c/kg.

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

<https://www.mla.com.au/CachedNLSReports/Mortlake-Cattle-Report-21-Jan-2019.PDF?id=636836742231086319>

Category	Weight		c/kg	\$/Hd
Light Steers	0-350	Top	263.0	\$836.67
		Av	205.9	\$633.59
Light Heifers	0-350	Top	248.0	\$810.13
		Av	164.1	\$447.47
Trade Steers	351-500	Top	274.0	\$1159.67
		Av	228.1	\$906.70
Trade Heifers	351-500	Top	258.0	\$1201.93
		Av	231.7	\$965.67
Export Steers	501+	Top	272.0	\$1666.00
		Av	234.8	\$1345.21
Export Heifers	501+	Top	256.0	\$1451.80
		Av	238.4	\$1276.10
Cows		Top	198.0	\$1402.50
		Av	168.1	\$915.17
Bulls	0-700	Top	205.0	\$1302.60
		Av	170.1	\$713.90
Bulls	700+	Top	225.0	\$2443.50
		Av	215.8	\$2074.07
Bullocks		Top	271.0	\$1656.00
		Av	219.9	\$1185.23

### Upcoming Sales at WVLX:

- NO PRIME MARKET - Monday 28 January (Australia Day Public Holiday)
- Prime Market - Monday 4 February, 9am
- Prime Market - Monday 11 February, 9am
- Prime Market - Monday 18 February, 9am
- **Store Sale - Thursday 21 February, 10am**



**Top:** This great pen of Angus Bullocks weighing an average of 562kg made a top price of 271c/kg (\$1523 per head), sold by Elders Kerr & Co. A great price considering the current downturn in the market.

**Bottom left:** Matt Sculley of HF Richardson sold this pen of Limousin X Steers, one of which went for the market top of 274c/kg (ave weight 362kg)..

**Bottom right:** This was another ripping pen of Angus Steers that Elders Kerr & Co sold for a high 272c/kg (ave weight 612.5kg) which equates to \$1666 per head!