



Western Victoria Livestock Exchange

WVLX Market Report Prime Cattle - 4 March, 2019

Total Yarding: 790

There was an overall good quality offering in the increased sized yarding of 790 cattle. The regular buyers attended and last week's restocker buyer on cows was not here, but an additional restocker operated on young cattle. In contrast to last week's token offering, grown steers were in good supply and their penning was comprised of young through to older and heavier weights. These older and heavier bullocks were severely discounted despite their good quality. Young cattle on average were 10c to 15c cheaper, but the best quality sold equal to 10c/kg easier. Stronger restocker competition saw some of their sales actually sell on a dearer trend. Better covered cows were 2c to 10c easier, but leaner grades were 20c cheaper and poor quality eased 20c to 40c/kg.

The better C muscled vealers made from 250c to 270c, with restockers paying to 276c/kg. Most yearlings sold from 225c to 260c, with the odd best sales making up to 285c/kg. The D2 grade of yearlings received from 185c to 216c, with poor and plain 1 scores mainly making from 67c/kg.

The general run of C muscled grown steers up to 4 tooth sold from 222c to 276c, with those older and some heavier bullocks making from 182c to 228c/kg. Heavy 3 and 4 score beef cows sold from 173c to 200c, with the best making 205c/kg. D2 cows made from 135c to 179c, with the D1 grade receiving from 121c to 155c and the few E1 cows sold at 70c, 80c and 110c/kg. Two B2 heavy weight bulls sold from 212c to 214c, with the two C2 bulls receiving 208c/kg.

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

<https://www.mla.com.au/CachedNLRSReports/Mortlake-Cattle-Report-04-Mar-2019.PDF?id=636873037186054406>

Category	Weight		c/kg	\$/Hd
Light Steers	0-350	Top	265.0	\$869.09
		Av	226.4	\$711.56
Light Heifers	0-350	Top	268.0	\$897.80
		Av	214.9	\$647.00
Trade Steers	351-500	Top	276.0	\$1337.32
		Av	263.1	\$1132.92
Trade Heifers	351-500	Top	275.0	\$1208.63
		Av	213.2	\$879.80
Export Steers	501+	Top	285.0	\$1470.60
		Av	261.7	\$1350.01
Export Heifers	501+	Top	255.0	\$1443.36
		Av	205.5	\$1149.22
Cows		Top	205.0	\$1590.46
		Av	166.8	\$945.68
Bulls	0-700	Top	208.0	\$1426.88
		Av	208.0	\$1426.88
Bulls	700+	Top	214.0	\$2247.00
		Av	196.3	\$1814.10
Bullocks		Top	276.0	\$2071.67
		Av	225.4	\$1530.15

Upcoming Sales at WVLX:

- NO PRIME MARKET - Monday 11 March (Labour Day Holiday)
- Prime Market - Monday 18 March, 9am
- STORE SALE - Thursday 21 March, 10am
- Prime Market - Monday 25 March, 9am



Top: Bullock prices were up today, and this pen of Angus beauties made the top of 276c/kg (ave weight 534.3kg) sold by the effervescent Clayton Horspole of Stewart Nash McVilly.

Bottom left: Great to meet Kyle, Teghan and little Jack Pearse of Donald selling at WVLX for the first time today. They sold 71 cattle in total and were more than happy with their results, including the pen of Hereford steers that we snapped lazing around on our soft flooring last night, which Southern Grampians Livestock sold for 270c/kg (ave weight 478kg).



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Bottom right: This high quality pen of Angus Steers sold by Elders Kerr & Co, was the stand out at today's prime market and topped the market at 285c/kg (ave weight 516kg).