



Western Victoria Livestock Exchange

## WVLX Market Report Prime Cattle - 25 March, 2019

**Total Yarding:** 278

Agents penned low numbers again for a similar yarding as last week with mixed quality offered. Extra buyers joined the regular group today creating some strong competition and driving the prices up in most categories.

Veal was too limited to quote, making from 226c to 241c/kg. The best of the trade weight steers lifted up to 13c to receive from 241c to 280c/kg. There were a good number of heifers offered suiting the domestic buyers creating a significant lift of 35c, making from 241c to 275c/kg. Feeder cattle sold in a fluctuating market, with the steers slightly cheaper, making from 205c to 235c, while the heifers were 12c dearer, making from 220c to 258c/kg.

Grown steers and bullocks were well presented and strong completion meant buyers had to go that extra mile to fill their orders, creating a lift of 7c, making from 240c to 284c/kg. Numbers of well finished grown heifers were better this week also seeing a lift of 7c, making from 240c to 255c/kg. There were some good heavy well finished beef cows suiting the export buyers, this saw bidding intensify resulting in an increase of 35c, with the best making from 195c to 231c/kg. The medium covered beef cows, C2 and C3 types, also sold to a better market trend, lifting 4c to 21c in places to make from 146c to 184c/kg. The very light one score cows sold for 140c/kg. Bulls sold to the usual buying group, with better shapes making from 212c to 226c/kg.

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

<https://www.mla.com.au/CachedNLRSReports/Mortlake-Cattle-Report-25-Mar-2019.PDF?id=636891171027296609>

Category	Weight		c/kg	\$/Hd
Light Steers	0-350	Top	241.0	\$739.69
		Av	200.6	\$581.86
Light Heifers	0-350	Top	265.0	\$881.13
		Av	232.9	\$726.24
Trade Steers	351-500	Top	280.0	\$1330.00
		Av	266.6	\$1106.52
Trade Heifers	351-500	Top	268.0	\$1191.64
		Av	243.9	\$1009.69
Export Steers	501+	Top	284.0	\$2090.40
		Av	261.9	\$1762.44
Export Heifers	501+	Top	275.0	\$1570.38
		Av	264.4	\$1505.46
Cows		Top	231.0	\$1872.64
		Av	186.2	\$1048.05
Bulls	0-700	Top	220.0	\$1258.40
		Av	192.4	\$1005.39
Bulls	700+	Top	226.0	\$2210.28
		Av	226.0	\$2210.28
Bullocks		Top	275.0	\$2057.92
		Av	247.9	\$1374.47

**Upcoming Sales at WVLX:**

- Prime Market - Monday 1 April, 9am
- Prime Market - Monday 8 April, 9am
- **STORE SALE - Thursday 11 April, 10am (PLEASE NOTE DATE!)**
- Prime Market - Monday 15 April, 9am
- *NO MARKET Monday 22 April (Easter Monday Public Holiday)*
- Prime Market - Monday 29 April, 9am



**Top:** Steer prices were up today with this pen of Angus X Steers sold by Rodwells up there with the best making 279c/kg (ave weight 623.1kg). The market top today was a pen of Charolais X Steers also sold by Rodwells for 284c/kg (705kg).

**Bottom left:** Nice to meet the Keating family, Grant & Emily, along with their gorgeous children Lily (5), Levi (3) and Axel (1)! They sold 23 cattle all up, including bullocks, steers and heifers and were happy with their prices.



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**Bottom right:** Heifer prices were also up on last week, and this ripping pen of Angus Heifers sold by Elders Kerr & Co. made the top of 275c/kg (ave weight 551.7kg).