

WVLX Market Report

Prime Cattle - 12th of December, 2022

Total Yarding: 714

There was a lift in cattle numbers to 714 at Mortlake for the last prime sale of the year. The usual buyers attended as the quality was mostly good. Prices for the larger supply of vealers which took up the majority of younger cattle portion sold from mostly 5c easier with some sales up to 10c/kg cheaper in places. Although there was an excellent quality pen that reached a top of 496c/kg. Restocker competition was steady throughout the sale. The mixed quality grown steers and heifers did have a few variations selling close to firm. A heavier improved penning of cows with weight sold 5c to 10c/kg dearer and the heavy beef bulls also sold to a stronger trend.

Vealers to the trade mainly sold from 384c to 460c/kg with a sale reaching 496c/kg. Restockers paid mostly from 410c also to 496c/kg for their vealers. Prime yearling steers made from 410c to 430c/kg as restockers paid to 434c/kg. Plainer yearling steers going onto feed sold from 325c to 396c/kg. Heifer yearlings to the processors sold from 400c to 433c/kg with restockers paying up to 425c/kg.

Heavy grown steers made from 344c to 430c/kg as the feeders and restockers paid from 380c to 414c/kg. Dairy bred manufacturing steers sold from 300c to 340c/kg to sell from firm to 5c/kg dearer. Grown heifers with cover made from 330c to 410c/kg.

The heavy beef cows sold from 320c to 360c/kg and good quality dairy cows made from 278c to 330c/kg. Heavy Beef bulls made 334c to 358c/kg and the best dairy bull sold to 285c/kg.

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Category	Weight		c/kg	\$/Hd
Bulls	0-700	Top	300.0	\$1983.60
		Av	210.5	\$1268.30
Bulls	700+	Top	358.0	\$4238.72
		Av	320.3	\$3099.17
Light Heifers	0-350	Top	460.0	\$1473.03
		Av	405.2	\$1191.98
Light Steers	0-350	Top	496.0	\$1587.20
		Av	395.4	\$1275.34
Trade Heifers	351-500	Top	440.0	\$2002.20
		Av	395.1	\$1581.89
Trade Steers	351-500	Top	496.0	\$2058.40
		Av	391.3	\$1626.45
Grown Heifers	500+	Top	410.0	\$2686.40
		Av	375.5	\$2088.12
Grown Steers	500+	Top	430.0	\$3349.00
		Av	368.9	\$2313.87
Cows		Top	360.0	\$2835.36
		Av	317.8	\$1834.99
Bullocks		Top	414.0	\$3196.08
		Av	347.3	\$2041.23

WVLX PRIME CATTLE SALE

Monday 12 December, 2022



Top Left: Elders Kerr & Co sold this pen of Simmental X bullocks, with the heaviest one topping the category at 414c/kg, returning \$3196ph for Glencairn.

Top Right: This pen of Limousin X light steers topped the category at 496c/kg under the Nutrien Ag hammer, averaging \$1792ph for 4 and \$1587ph for 3 on behalf of DJ & HM Milich.

Bottom Left: DA Gray had this nice pen of Angus X heifers that Nutrien Ag sold for 428-440c/kg, returning between \$1375-\$1716ph.

Bottom Right: Bligh Pastoral Company presented these 9 Angus cows that Elders Kerr & Co sold for a top of 360c/kg, averaging \$2198ph.

Upcoming Sales and Events:

Thursday 15th December - Store Sale starts 10am (**LAST SALE FOR THE YEAR**)

Thursday 5th January 2023 - Weaner Sale starts 10am

Monday 9th January - Prime Market starts 9am

Thursday 12th January - Feature Female Sale starts 10am