

WVLX Market Report Store Sale - 15th of December, 2022

Yarding: 4,141

There were just under 4200 high quality cattle yarded today in Mortlake, that were predominantly a beef-bred line up of cattle.

We started on a very nice run of feeder steers, as even a run of steers that we've had for quite some time, representing a fair weight range between 400-500kg, as well as some bigger heavier cattle up to 630kg.

The 400-500kg feeder steers were making anywhere from 440-490c/kg while some lighter calves weighing 380-400kg made up to 520c/kg. GC Quail sold 79 Angus steers (413-551kg) for 449-468c/kg, averaging \$1922-2473ph, while NG & GC Block had a great pen of 439kg Murray Grey grown steers that sold for 520c/kg, \$2282ph.

There were some excellent lines of weaner steers with most calves selling for 480-560c/kg, while some of the heavy weaner steers weighing 370-380kg+ were making 520c/kg. The lighter the calves got, the closer to 600c/kg they made and breaking that 600c/kg barrier at times. A lot of the weaner steers made \$1800-1900ph. Greenwald Pastoral Company sold 89 Angus weaner steers weighing 246-263kg for 628c/kg, averaging \$1543-1654ph.

The grown heifer job was a fraction easier than last month. Heifers with plenty of weight in the 450-500kg bracket made between 410-430c/kg. DJ & JJ Nagorcka had a pen of Charolais X grown heifers weighing 466kg that sold for 420c/kg, averaging \$1955ph.

Weaner heifers in the 350-380kg weight category were making 450-500c/kg for the real premium lots while lighter weight heifers sub 300kg were making 500-560c/kg at times, including a pen of Angus weaner heifers (237kg) on account of NS & DM Blain that sold for 560c/kg, returning \$1326ph. Coloured cattle in the lighter weight categories were making \$1200-1400ph.

There was a strong contingent of the regular buyers (including AuctionsPlus) as well as some extras from the Gippsland region. One bidder in particular from Korumburra bought around 330 head.

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank all our buyers, vendors, transporters, agents, staff and everyone associated with our saleyards for their support in 2022. We wish you all a very safe and happy festive season and look forward to seeing you all back in 2023 on Thursday 5th January at 9am for our annual weaner sale.

Market Report: WVLX Agents Association president, Jack Hickey.

Category	Tops	
Grown Steers	Top \$/h Top c/kg	\$2911.10 520.0
Grown Heifers	Top \$/h Top c/kg	\$1954.91 472.0
Weighed Weaner Steers	Top \$/h Top c/kg	\$2180.02 628.0
Weighed Weaner Heifers	Top \$/h Top c/kg	\$2183.60 600.0





Top Left: The Greenwald Pastoral Company team were on site today to see their run of 570 weaner steers off their Dartmoor property go under the hammer. Their run included 463 Angus weaners which sold to a top of 628c/kg, \$1854ph. They also sold 99 Angus X Hereford weaners to 530c/kg, \$1627ph and 8 Red Angus X weaners to 480c/kg, \$1374ph. From left: Annabel Davies, Sam Davies, Darryl Thompson and owner Malcolm Davies.

Top Right: This pen of Murray Grey grown steers on account of NG & GC Block sold for a top of 520c/kg under the Southern Grampians Livestock hammer, averaging \$2282ph.

Bottom Left: Beverley & Geoff Quail of Woorndoo Park sold 79 Angus grown steers through Charles Stewart Nash McVilly to a top of 468c/kg, \$2473ph.

Middle Middle: This pen of Angus grown heifers sold by Charles Stewart Nash McVilly made a top of 472c/kg, averaging \$1716ph for AO & JA Burrows.

Middle Right: NS & DM Blain presented this pen of Angus weaner heifers that topped the category at 560c/kg under the Charles Stewart Nash McVilly hammer, returning \$1326ph.

Bottom Right: Nutrien Ag sold this pen of Charolais X grown heifers weighing 466kg for 420c/kg, averaging \$1955ph for DJ & JJ Nagorcka.

Upcoming Sales at WVLX:
Thursday 5th January 2023 - Weaner Sale starts 9am
Monday 9th January - Prime Market starts 9am
Thursday 12th January - Feature Female Sale starts 10am
Monday 16th January - Prime Market starts 9am
Thursday 19th January - Store Sale starts 10am