

WVLX Market Report

Prime Cattle - 6th of February, 2023

Total Yarding: 1,061

Agents yarded 1061 cattle at Mortlake this week. A similar number to last week, comprising 310 bullocks, 355 trade, 376 cows and 20 grown bulls. The quality offering this week over most categories was not as good as the previous offering, more so in the trade run. Most of the regular buyers were present however not all operated fully, however store competition was more active this week.

It was a stronger sale where grown steers were firm to dearer and manufacturing steers were firm. Milk vealers firm to slightly dearer despite the quality offset. Good beef cows were cheaper by 5c to 10c/kg. Dairy cows were firm. Grown beef bulls were 30c/kg stronger.

Vealers to the trade sold from 365c to 416c/kg. Yearling steers and heifers 342c to 395c/kg. Grown steers and heifers 344c/kg to a top of 401c/kg. Manufacturing steers topped at 340c/kg. Very good beef cows 253c to 310c/kg. Medium cows 200c to 253c/kg. Dairy cows 230c to 280c/kg. Heavy grown beef bulls sold to 290c/kg. and Dairy bulls sold to 225c/kg.

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Category	Weight		c/kg	\$/Hd
Bulls	0-700	Top Av	225.0 214.9	\$1539.00 \$1175.26
Bulls	700+	Top Av	290.0 262.1	\$2418.60 \$2010.89
Light Heifers	0-350	Top Av	416.0 313.2	\$1372.80 \$953.84
Light Steers	0-350	Top Av	415.0 301.0	\$1402.20 \$936.37
Trade Heifers	351-500	Top Av	435.0 340.7	\$1789.65 \$1449.55
Trade Steers	351-500	Top Av	425.0 350.8	\$2004.75 \$1438.48
Grown Heifers	500+	Top Av	384.0 339.3	\$2264.80 \$1877.05
Grown Steers	500+	Top Av	401.0 362.8	\$2736.50 \$2065.06
Cows		Top Av	310.0 263.9	\$2436.00 \$1443.19
Bullocks		Top Av	382.0 315.3	\$2720.85 \$1987.32





Top Left: Topping the market today was this great pen of Limousin X heifers on account of D & P Luke that Nutrien Ag sold for 435c/kg which returned \$1773ph.

Top Right: Vendors D & P Luke also had this pen of Angus steers that made a top of 425c/kg under the Nutrien Ag hammer, averaging \$1751ph.

Bottom Left: A change of colour saw these Charolais cows reach a top of 310c/kg when Charles Stewart & Co sold the pen, making \$2302ph for G Conheady.

Bottom Right: Topping the bullock run today were a few of the Angus X beauties in this pen that Elders Kerr & Co sold for 382c/kg, returning up to \$2475ph for IG & IE Bellman.

Upcoming Sales and Events:

Monday 13th February - Prime Market starts 9am

Thursday 16th February - Store Sale starts 10am

Monday 20th February - Prime Market starts 9am

Monday 27th February - Prime Market starts 9am

Thursday 2nd March - Store Sale starts 10am