

WVLX Market Report

Prime Cattle - 20th of March, 2023

Total Yarding: 1,206

Agents yarded just under 1,220 cattle at Mortlake today. The quality was mixed and plainer than the previous weeks offering. There were however, some very good vealers on offer for buyers. Grown steers were dominated by manufacturing types. The yarding comprised of 200 grown steers and heifers, 490 trade, 515 cows and grown bulls. All regular processors were in attendance and not all were fully active in a softer market.

Grown steers and heifers were softer by 20c/kg, good trade cattle were slightly softer, however the plainer end was considerably cheaper. Manufacturing types held firm and most of the cows were 10c to 15c/kg softer over all categories. The pick of the vealers made between 405 and 470c/kg. Yearling steers and heifers from 364 to 450c/kg and grown steers and heifers topped at 385c/kg.

Good heavy beef cows sold from 280 to 310c/kg with medium weights 240 to 275c/kg. Well covered dairy cows sold from 234 to 280c/kg and bulls topped at 245c/kg.

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Category	Weight		c/kg	\$/Hd
Bulls	0-700	Top	228.0	\$1539.00
		Av	209.8	\$1251.31
Bulls	700+	Top	245.0	\$1973.40
		Av	232.4	\$1811.73
Weaner Heifers		Top	430.0	\$1563.30
		Av	373.3	\$1330.52
Weaner Steers		Top	445.0	\$2066.40
		Av	367.3	\$1407.48
Light Heifers	0-350	Top	390.0	\$1276.30
		Av	252.1	\$790.12
Light Steers	0-350	Top	386.0	\$1288.28
		Av	273.2	\$854.18
Trade Heifers	351-500	Top	420.0	\$1773.90
		Av	299.1	\$1256.39
Trade Steers	351-500	Top	470.0	\$2190.94
		Av	329.5	\$1380.81
Grown Heifers	500+	Top	348.0	\$2426.06
		Av	313.1	\$1804.02
Grown Steers	500+	Top	385.0	\$2672.00
		Av	327.5	\$2042.78
Cows		Top	310.0	\$2399.70
		Av	248.3	\$1327.57
Bullocks		Top	340.0	\$2326.30
		Av	291.9	\$2042.30



Top Left: B Johnson had this pen of Angus steers that topped the market today when JM Ellis & Co sold the pen for 470c/kg, with 2 making \$1892ph and the other 3 returning \$1661ph.

Top Right: The Angus bullock in this pen topped the category at 340c/kg under the Elders Kerr & Co hammer, fetching \$2122ph for C & GN Van Leerdam.

Bottom Left: J & J Kelly sold this pen of Limousin X weaner heifers with 2 topping the category at 430c/kg, returning \$1484ph for J Harrington, while the other 8 made between 320-405c/kg, averaging \$1072-\$1490ph.

Bottom Right: This pen of Angus cows sold by Southern Grampians Livestock on account of Highview Pastoral saw 1 reach the top price of 310c/kg making \$1916ph, with the other 4 fetched 260c/kg, averaging \$1563ph.

Upcoming Sales and Events:

Monday 27th March - Prime Market starts 9am

Monday 3rd April - Prime Market starts 9am

Wednesday 5th April - Store Sale starts 10am

Monday 10th April - NO PRIME MARKET DUE TO PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Monday 17th April - Prime Market starts 9am

Thursday 20th April - Store Sale starts 10am