

WVLX Market Report

Prime Cattle - 3rd of April, 2023

Total Yarding: 583

A dramatic decrease in numbers to 580 head yarded at Mortlake this week from the previous week's high, being some 680 head less mainly due the start of some short weeks. It was a mixed offering and was plainer than the previous week's market. There were considerably more Dairy stock on offer throughout most categories. Not all processors operated but there was increased restocker interest. 275 trade, 280 cows and 30 grown cattle made up the offering.

Despite lower volumes & quality the market remained fully firm and in places was 5 to 10c/kg dearer for the trade cattle and more so for the well covered trade heifers. Manufacturing steers were firm. The heavy cows and well covered dairy cows were 20c/kg stronger.

The pick of the veal made from 420c to 440c/kg whilst yearling steers and heifers made from 340c to 430c/kg. Grown steers and heifers topped at 368c/kg and manufacturing steers topped at 330c/kg. Good heavy beef cows sold from 280c to 326c/kg, medium weights 225c to 245c/kg whilst covered dairy cows sold from 250c to 275c/kg. Beef bulls sold to 250c/kg.

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Category	Weight		c/kg	\$/Hd
Bulls	700+	Top Av	250.0 239.2	\$1990.00 \$1875.08
Light Heifers	0-350	Top Av	420.0 244.9	\$1314.08 \$639.88
Light Steers	0-350	Top Av	420.0 337.3	\$1432.20 \$1047.73
Trade Heifers	351-500	Top Av	430.0 261.6	\$1870.50 \$1038.98
Trade Steers	351-500	Top Av	440.0 317.8	\$1806.84 \$1370.46
Grown Heifers	500+	Top Av	370.0 302.2	\$2270.30 \$1612.70
Grown Steers	500+	Top Av	360.0 335.1	\$1879.20 \$1715.70
Cows		Top Av	326.0 238.3	\$2529.60 \$1291.02
Bullocks		Top Av	368.0 346.5	\$2560.80 \$2373.36



Top Left: TJ McSween had this great pen of Speckle Park steers that topped the market today, with the best 3 in the pen making 440c/kg under the Elders Kerr & Co hammer, returning \$1716ph.

Top Right: Only a few bullocks in today, including this fella which was sold by HF Richardson for the top of 368c/kg on account of J Merritt, making \$2186ph.

Bottom Left: Heifer pricing was mostly up today with this pen of Angus girls selling through Elders Kerr & Co on behalf of DJ & FS Tobin fetching the top of 430c/kg, averaging \$1871ph.

Bottom Right: Cows were also stronger today with this Angus beauty that Elders Kerr & Co sold, topping the category at 326c/kg, returning \$2099ph for DJ & FS Tobin.

Upcoming Sales and Events:

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