

WVLX Market Report

Prime Cattle - 17th of July, 2023

Total Yarding: 1,465

Mortlake agents penned 1,465 cattle at this week's market, an increase of 140 head from last week's offering. It was a mixed quality yarding consisting of plainer types due to seasonal conditions. The cow market was dominated by dairy breeds with the beef types on offer being of medium weight with limited cover. The grown cattle on offer again were dominated by manufacturing dairy types. Not all buyers attending operated at full capacity. Feeder and restocker interest was evident on the beef breeds. The plainer cows on offer, a lot returned to the paddock.

The market for grown cattle lost 10c/kg, most trade cattle on offer remained firm although the secondary types did soften by 10c/kg. Manufacturing steers were 10c to 20c/kg softer. Beef cows remained firm to slightly dearer with the dairy types also firm however the very light cows were back 10c/kg.

The market comprised 390 grown cattle, 400 trade with 660 cows along with 20 bulls. A small number of vealers on offer made to a top of 428c/kg. Trade steers and heifers made from 300c to 380c/kg with the grown types topping at 320c/kg. Manufacturing steers sold from 200c to 238c/kg. Good beef cows made from 210c to 264c/kg, the medium weights 180c to 230c/kg with the dairy cows realizing from 185c to 238c/kg. Grown Bulls topped at 220c/kg.

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Category	Weight		c/kg	\$/Hd
Bulls	0-700	Top	200.0	\$1227.40
		Av	174.3	\$1010.00
Bulls	700+	Top	220.0	\$2658.60
		Av	201.4	\$1848.27
Light Heifers	0-350	Top	365.0	\$1213.63
		Av	217.2	\$631.07
Light Steers	0-350	Top	360.0	\$1192.50
		Av	246.9	\$789.42
Trade Heifers	351-500	Top	428.0	\$1712.00
		Av	253.5	\$1094.38
Trade Steers	351-500	Top	380.0	\$1628.56
		Av	209.7	\$929.94
Grown Heifers	500+	Top	340.0	\$2067.20
		Av	256.9	\$1323.39
Grown Steers	500+	Top	356.0	\$1966.20
		Av	259.5	\$1420.70
Cows		Top	264.0	\$2376.00
		Av	195.5	\$984.69
Bullocks		Top	320.0	\$2216.84
		Av	268.7	\$1682.49



Top Left: These great Murray Grey bullocks fetched a top of 320c/kg under the Brian O'Halloran hammer, averaging \$2115ph for IG & BA Boyd.

Top Right: WJ & HE Beavis presented this pen of heavy Angus cows that Elders Kerr & Co sold for a top of 264c/kg, returning \$2376.

Bottom Left: Topping the market today was an Angus X heifer in this pen that reached a high 428c/kg under the Nutrien Ag hammer, making \$1712ph for PL & SM Bryant.

Bottom Right: Southern Grampians Livestock sold this pen of Charolais X weaner steers for a top of 380c/kg, averaging \$1609ph for Moraine Pastoral.

Upcoming Sales and Events:

Thursday 20th July - Store Sale starts 10am

Monday 24th July - Prime Market starts 9am

Monday 31st July - Prime Market starts 9am