

WVLX Market Report

Prime Cattle - 18th of September, 2023

Total Yarding: 970

Mortlake agents yarded 970 head at today's market, some 360 head less than the previous week. A large percentage of the yarding consisted of manufacturing types with cow numbers declining by half with the majority yarded being dairy types. The quality of the trade cattle on offer witnessed an improvement in quality compared to last week. The yarding consisted of 200 grown cattle, 480 trade types and 260 cows with 30 grown bulls. Most of the regular buyers were in attendance and bidding selectively. Feeder interest was sound with most operating and additional store competition over most categories was evident.

The market continued its battle with manufacturing steers, grown steers and cows slipping a further 20c/kg. The trade cattle sold to firm demand overall with a small number of excellent vealers to the trade making 316c/kg.

Trade steers and heifers made between 210c and 310c/kg. Grown cattle topped at 279c/kg with manufacturing steers selling from 160c to 218c/kg. Good beef cows sold from 180c/kg to 218c/kg, with the medium weights from 150c to 170c/kg. Dairy cows were generally between 150c to 190c/kg with grown beef bulls to 230c/kg.

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Category	Weight		c/kg	\$/Hd
Bulls	0-700	Top	244.0	\$1249.20
		Av	174.6	\$1050.27
Bulls	700+	Top	230.0	\$2516.20
		Av	200.5	\$1651.55
Light Heifers	0-350	Top	225.0	\$732.38
		Av	169.4	\$516.30
Light Steers	0-350	Top	226.0	\$686.40
		Av	196.9	\$548.33
Trade Heifers	351-500	Top	292.0	\$1226.26
		Av	202.7	\$829.44
Trade Steers	351-500	Top	316.0	\$1500.40
		Av	201.9	\$838.93
Grown Heifers	500+	Top	260.0	\$1553.72
		Av	213.7	\$1009.62
Grown Steers	500+	Top	282.0	\$2048.76
		Av	220.1	\$1294.08
Cows		Top	218.0	\$1657.84
		Av	181.8	\$1013.18
Bullocks		Top	279.0	\$2025.93
		Av	244.9	\$1449.11



Top Left: These Angus bullocks weighing 649kg on account of P & B Madden were sold by Nutrien Ag for a top of 279c/kg, averaging \$1810ph.

Top Right: JM & KJ Clark presented these Hereford heifers that were sold by JM Ellis & Co for a top of 292c/kg, returning \$1173ph.

Bottom Left: Elders Kerr & Co sold these Angus cows for a top of 218c/kg, making \$1531ph for JW & CK McMahon.

Bottom Right: Topping the market today were these Hereford X steers that JM Ellis & Co sold for a top of 316c/kg on behalf of JM & KJ Clark, averaging \$1485ph.

Upcoming Sales and Events:

Thursday 21st September - Store Sale starts 10am

Monday 25th September - Prime Market starts 9am

Monday 2nd October - Prime Market starts 9am

Thursday 5th October - Store Sale starts 10am