

WVLX Market Report

Prime Cattle - 25th of September, 2023

Total Yarding: 702

Mortlake agents yarded 700 head this week representing a decrease of 270 on the previous market. There was a good offering of grown cattle with fewer manufacturing types on offer. Cow numbers were also reduced with a good mixture of beef and dairy types. Trade cattle were a shade below last week's offering in regard to quality. Most of the regular buyers were in attendance but not fully active on a market consisting of 160 grown cattle and 300 trade, 220 cows and 20 bulls.

Feeder interest was subdued, however there was additional store competition on trade types due to price reductions. The market continues to struggle to maintain prices over all categories slipping a further 30c/kg with trade cattle affected more in places.

Trade steers and heifers made from 170c to 254c/kg. Grown cattle topped at 261c/kg. Manufacturing steers sold from 130c to 196c/kg. Good beef cows sold from 150c to 192c/kg with the medium weights between 126c and 146c/kg. Dairy cows were generally between 150c and 174c/kg with grown beef bulls topping at 210c/kg.

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| Category | Weight | | c/kg | \$/Hd |
|---------------|---------|------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| Bulls | 0-700 | Top Av | 210.0 177.8 | \$1436.40 \$1097.22 |
| Bulls | 700+ | Top Av | 210.0 185.3 | \$2008.00 \$1464.59 |
| Light Heifers | 0-350 | Top Av | 160.0 106.7 | \$525.20 \$326.17 |
| Light Steers | 0-350 | Top Av | 176.0 127.9 | \$607.20 \$411.06 |
| Trade Heifers | 351-500 | Top Av | 240.0 161.6 | \$1085.63 \$678.74 |
| Trade Steers | 351-500 | Top Av | 210.0 155.4 | \$982.80 \$659.64 |
| Heavy Heifers | 500+ | Top Av | 254.0 228.9 | \$1688.10 \$1429.28 |
| Heavy Steers | 500+ | Top Av | 251.0 194.6 | \$2054.48 \$1260.17 |
| Grown Heifers | | Top Av | 212.0 174.9 | \$1229.60 \$790.16 |
| Grown Steers | | Top Av | 180.0 163.5 | \$829.80 \$791.80 |
| Cows | | Top Av | 192.0 141.4 | \$1411.20 \$758.90 |
| Bullocks | | Top Av | 261.0 228.7 | \$1915.75 \$1574.67 |





Top Left: Topping the market today at 261c/kg were these Angus bullocks that Elders Kerr & Co sold on behalf of GJ & KM Quinn, averaging \$1733ph.

Top Right: Robert McKay presented these two Angus X steers weighing 650kg that HF Richardson sold for a top of 251c/kg, returning \$1632ph.

Bottom Left: HF Richardson sold this pen of Simmental heifers for a top of 254c/kg, making \$1422ph for WA Doelle & Sons.

Bottom Right: Cows topped at 192c/kg for this pen that J & J Kelly sold, with the 2 unmarked cows returning \$1217 & \$1317 for Troy & Gabbi Stuart, the loiner fetching \$1152 for David Gavin and the mid-back reaching \$1167 for FE Roberts.

Upcoming Sales and Events:

Monday 2nd October - Prime Market starts 9am

Thursday 5th October - Store Sale starts 10am

Monday 9th October - Prime Market starts 9am

Monday 16th October - Prime Market starts 9am

Thursday 19th October - Store Sale starts 10am