

WVLX Market Report

Prime Cattle - 2nd of October, 2023

Total Yarding: 625

Mortlake agents yarded 625 head this week representing a decrease of 180 head on last week's market. Grown cattle offering doubled this week consisting of a larger percentage of manufacturing type steers. Cows numbers were back overall with more beef types on offer. The quality of trade cattle improved. Not all regular buyers were operating to capacity on a yarding that consisted of 320 grown cattle, 130 trade, 150 cows and 25 grown bulls. Feeder interest was subdued and store competition was sporadic on the trade lines.

Grown steers firm with heavy heifers losing 20c/kg. Manufacturing steers remained firm, however, the real heavy end slipped 15c/kg. Trade cattle gained 10c to 15c/kg in places relative to quality. Beef cows slipped 15c and the dairy cows lost 10c/kg.

Trade steers and heifers made between 190c and 275c/kg. Grown cattle topped at 264c/kg with manufacturing steers from 130c to 198c/kg. Good beef cows sold from 150c to 168c with the medium weights between 130c and 148c/kg. Dairy cows sold generally between 135c and 165c/kg with grown beef bulls to 200c/kg and dairy bulls to 180c/kg.

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| Category | Weight | | c/kg | \$/Hd |
|---------------|---------|------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| Bulls | 0-700 | Top Av | 200.0 185.1 | \$1252.00 \$1115.85 |
| Bulls | 700+ | Top Av | 200.0 186.9 | \$2040.00 \$1591.15 |
| Trade Heifers | 351-500 | Top Av | 220.0 182.2 | \$1035.2 7 \$771.82 |
| Trade Steers | 351-500 | Top Av | 275.0 165.7 | \$1216.80 \$703.47 |
| Heavy Heifers | 500+ | Top Av | 230.0 218.2 | \$1573.00 \$1187.13 |
| Heavy Steers | 500+ | Top Av | 264.0 183.6 | \$1743.40 \$1063.87 |
| Grown Heifers | | Top Av | 230.0 153.1 | \$1228.20 \$711.70 |
| Grown Steers | | Top Av | 265.0 234.0 | \$1335.60 \$1187.22 |
| Cows | | Top Av | 168.0 145.6 | \$1078.92 \$753.53 |
| Bullocks | | Top Av | 256.0 194.1 | \$1815.60 \$1246.32 |





Top Left: Basil Hall presented this pen of Angus bullocks that Elders Kerr & Co sold for a top of 256c/kg, averaging \$1485ph.

Top Right: LMB Livestock sold this pen of Angus X heifers weighing 516kg for a top of 230c/kg, returning \$1186ph for JJ & MH Sutherland.

Bottom Left: Topping the market today was this pen of Speckle Park steers that Southern Grampians Livestock sold for 275c/kg on behalf of EJ & L Derooy, making \$1148ph.

Bottom Right: Cows topped at 168c/kg for this pen of Speckle Park X girls that went under the Elders Kerr & Co hammer, fetching \$1025ph for TJ McSween.

Upcoming Sales and Events:

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