

WVLX Market Report

Prime Cattle - 9th of October, 2023

Total Yarding: 946

A large increase in numbers for this week's Mortlake cattle market where 946 head were yarded. Both cows and trade numbers doubled and there was also a general improvement in quality. There was a good mix of dairy and beef breeds in the cow lineup and better quality on offer more so for the heavy end. The bullock run was dominated by manufacturing types with quality in places. Not all regular buyers operated to full capacity on an offering that consisted of 230 grown cattle, 390 trade and 310 cows with 18 grown bulls. Feeder interest was subdued and store competition was cautious over the trade cattle due to the price reduction.

The market showed resilience to be firm over most categories with the exception of the yearling heifers which were softer by 15c/kg. Trade steers and heifers made from 190c to 280c/kg. Grown cattle topped at 260c/kg and manufacturing steers sold from 145c to 212c/kg. Better type beef cows sold from 150c to 182c/kg with the medium weights selling between 120c and 145c/kg. Dairy cows were generally selling between 140c and 160c/kg. Beef bulls sold to 200c and the dairy bulls to 180c/kg.

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| Category | Weight | | c/kg | \$/Hd |
|---------------|---------|-----|-------|-----------|
| Bulls | 0-700 | Top | 190.0 | \$1206.00 |
| | | Av | 163.6 | \$738.30 |
| Bulls | 700+ | Top | 200.0 | \$2060.00 |
| | | Av | 193.1 | \$1762.28 |
| Light Heifers | 0-350 | Top | 205.0 | \$676.50 |
| | | Av | 132.4 | \$412.51 |
| Light Steers | 0-350 | Top | 200.0 | \$656.00 |
| | | Av | 143.5 | \$443.38 |
| Trade Heifers | 351-500 | Top | 240.0 | \$1110.19 |
| | | Av | 191.5 | \$826.62 |
| Trade Steers | 351-500 | Top | 282.0 | \$1347.96 |
| | | Av | 185.7 | \$803.83 |
| Heavy Heifers | 500+ | Top | 235.0 | \$1500.60 |
| | | Av | 206.6 | \$1106.81 |
| Heavy Steers | 500+ | Top | 254.0 | \$1891.23 |
| | | Av | 184.3 | \$1071.61 |
| Grown Heifers | | Top | 224.0 | \$1207.36 |
| | | Av | 165.4 | \$718.35 |
| Grown Steers | | Top | 263.0 | \$1637.18 |
| | | Av | 240.3 | \$1400.25 |
| Cows | | Top | 182.0 | \$1494.00 |
| | | Av | 149.9 | \$824.57 |
| Bullocks | | Top | 260.0 | \$1827.00 |
| | | Av | 219.8 | \$1270.22 |



Top Left: Elders Kerr & Co sold this pen of Angus bullocks for a top of 260c/kg, with the loiner returning \$1518ph for Bowes Kelly Pastoral and the no marker making \$1628ph for JW & CK McMahon.

Top Right: RP Sharrock presented this pen of Limousin X steers which Nutrien Ag sold from 185c to a market top of 282c/kg, returning \$884 to \$1348ph.

Bottom Left: These Angus cows made a top of 182c/kg under the Elders Kerr & Co hammer, averaging \$1172ph for Furneaux Pastoral Company.

Bottom Right: Heifers topped at 240c/kg with this pen sold by J & J Kelly fetching 205c to 240c/kg for G Nelson, making \$787 to \$960ph.

Upcoming Sales and Events:

- Monday 16th October - Prime Market starts 9am
- Thursday 19th October - Store Sale starts 10am**
- Monday 23rd October - Prime Market starts 9am
- Monday 30th October - Prime Markets starts 9am
- Thursday 2nd November - Store Sale starts 10am**