

WVLX Market Report

Prime Cattle - 23rd of October, 2023

Total Yarding: 1,124

Mortlake market this week yarded 1124 head, an increase of 220 head. Trade cattle improved in quality along with grown steers and bullocks. Cow numbers increased by over 100 head with a good mixture of beef and dairy breeds with quality overall similar to last week. Most operators attended the market, however not all were operating to capacity. Feeder and store buyer interest was not evident.

The yarding consisted of 400 trade and 330 cows, 370 grown cattle and 22 bulls. There was resilience at the better end of the market with most categories remaining firm with the secondary types slightly cheaper with the exception of the heavy grown cattle that were softer by 10c/kg overall.

Trade steers and heifers made between 175c and 245c/kg with the grown cattle topping at 225c/kg whilst manufacturing steers sold from 130c to 198c/kg. Better covered beef cows sold from 145c to 190c/kg with the medium weights selling between 130c and 145c/kg. Dairy cows were generally making between 145c and 175c/kg. Grown beef bulls topped at 205c/kg with dairy bulls to 170c/kg.

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Category	Weight		c/kg	\$/Hd
Bulls	0-700	Top	190.0	\$1221.00
		Av	166.6	\$845.95
Bulls	700+	Top	205.0	\$1857.30
		Av	188.0	\$1531.27
Light Heifers	0-350	Top	230.0	\$778.17
		Av	137.1	\$401.49
Light Steers	0-350	Top	160.0	\$502.40
		Av	107.1	\$327.82
Trade Heifers	351-500	Top	210.0	\$1029.00
		Av	163.4	\$695.15
Trade Steers	351-500	Top	245.0	\$1115.88
		Av	180.2	\$779.39
Heavy Heifers	500+	Top	206.0	\$1216.80
		Av	178.6	\$970.56
Heavy Steers	500+	Top	224.0	\$1545.60
		Av	187.6	\$1069.71
Grown Heifers		Top	194.0	\$1132.96
		Av	184.7	\$944.00
Grown Steers		Top	225.0	\$1642.50
		Av	213.3	\$1467.47
Cows		Top	190.0	\$1470.75
		Av	161.7	\$916.67
Bullocks		Top	225.0	\$1746.00
		Av	195.5	\$1183.36



Top Left: DR & GM Lucas presented this pen of bullocks that was sold by Elders Kerr & Co for a top of 225c/kg, with the Angus fellas averaging \$1716ph and the Charolais X making \$1746ph.

Top Right: This pen of Murray Grey cows on account of Murella Partnership went under the J & J Kelly hammer for a top of 190c/kg, returning \$1249ph.

Bottom Left: J & J Kelly sold this pen of Limousin X steers for the market top of 245c/kg, making \$1081ph for TW & CJ Schutz.

Bottom Right: Three of the Speckle Park X heifers in this pen reached a top of 230c/kg when J & J Kelly sold the pen, returning \$778ph for JR & NM Hutchison.

Upcoming Sales and Events:

Monday 30th October - Prime Market starts 9am
Thursday 2nd November - Store Sale starts 10am
Monday 6th November - Prime Market starts 9am
Monday 13th November - Prime Market starts 9am
Thursday 16th November - Store Sale starts 10am