

WVLX Market Report

Prime Cattle - 20th of November, 2023

Total Yarding: 1,980

Mortlake agents yarded 1,980 cattle this week representing a number similar to the previous week. Despite dry conditions, the offering was of excellent quality with more of a secondary tail. The majority of the grown cattle were manufacturing types and there was a good mix of both beef and dairy cows. Not all the regular processor buyers were active, however there was strong feeder and restocker support in the market.

Grown cattle improved 10c to 15c/kg with manufacturing steers fully firm. Trade cattle gained 15c to 20c/kg. Beef cows were dearer by 5c to 10c/kg and more so for the heavier types with the dairy cows softer in places. Bulls slipped 15c/kg.

The very good vealers of offer sold from 145c to 250c/kg with the trade steers and heifers selling from 200c to 230c/kg. Grown cattle topped at 235c/kg. Manufacturing steers sold from 130c to 200c/kg. Heavy beef cows were making between 175c and 198c/kg with the medium weights from 145c to 172c/kg. Dairy cows generally sold from 133c to 172c/kg with grown beef bulls to 230c/kg.

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Category	Weight		c/kg	\$/Hd
Bulls	0-700	Top Av	180.0 157.5	\$1217.52 \$905.88
Bulls	700+	Top Av	230.0 189.6	\$2527.00 \$1694.70
Weaner Heifers		Top Av	192.0 169.3	\$760.32 \$572.87
Weaner Steers		Top Av	228.0 212.6	\$876.53 \$774.14
Light Heifers	0-350	Top Av	250.0 145.0	\$843.75 \$468.97
Light Steers	0-350	Top Av	236.0 161.6	\$816.56 \$510.93
Trade Heifers	351-500	Top Av	225.0 182.6	\$970.60 \$772.08
Trade Steers	351-500	Top Av	248.0 200.1	\$1137.60 \$855.80
Heavy Heifers	500+	Top Av	212.0 183.5	\$1393.60 \$1008.21
Heavy Steers	500+	Top Av	230.0 189.5	\$1720.00 \$1103.78
Grown Heifers		Top Av	205.0 194.6	\$1472.00 \$1054.08
Grown Steers		Top Av	230.0 195.3	\$1787.60 \$1175.35
Cows		Top Av	198.0 168.9	\$1647.96 \$952.30
Bullocks		Top Av	235.0 204.9	\$1838.64 \$1374.80





Top Left: Timanda presented this pen of Angus grown steers that topped this category at 230c/kg under the Southern Grampians Livestock hammer, returning \$1508ph.

Top Right: This pen of Angus X Hereford bullocks reached the top of 235c/kg when Nutrien Ag sold the pen on behalf of KN & EC Atkins, averaging \$1686ph.

Bottom Left: Topping the market today was this pen of Limousin X heifers that Nutrien Ag sold to 250c/kg, making \$844ph for K Blake.

Bottom Right: Nutrien Ag sold this pen of Angus cows for Tim Wright that fetched a top of 198ckg, averaging \$1344ph.

Upcoming Sales and Events:

Monday 27th November - Prime Market starts 9am
Monday 4th December - Prime Market starts 9am
Thursday 7th December - Store Sale starts 10am
Monday 11th December - Prime Market starts 9am
Thursday 14th December - Store Sale starts 10am
Monday 18th December - Prime Market starts 9am (last fat sale for year)