

WVLX Market Report

Prime Cattle - 27th of November, 2023

Total Yarding: 1,797

Agents yarded 1,800 at Mortlake cattle market this week slightly fewer than the previous week and the yarding displayed excellent quality. The grown cattle and bullocks offered more weight and there were less manufacturing types on offer and a good mix of cow types. Most of the regular buyers were active with an additional interstate processor along with good feeder and store competition operating on 600 grown cattle, 650 trade types, 520 cows and 27 bulls. The market was stronger over most categories and very animated at times with a sense of urgency.

Grown cattle improved by 10c/kg and manufacturing steers gained 10c to 15c/kg. Trade cattle were also 5c to 10c/kg dearer along with good beef cows that were stronger by 20c/kg more so the heavier types. Bulls slipped 10c/kg.

The good vealers on offer this week were making from 170c to 248c/kg with trade steers and heifers making between 200c and 235c/kg. Grown cattle topped at 239c/kg. Manufacturing types sold from 152c to 210c/kg. Heavy beef cows were selling from 172c to 220c/kg with the medium weights between 160c and 176c/kg. Dairy cows were generally selling from 162c to 180c/kg, with grown beef bulls to a top of 210c/kg.

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Category	Weight		c/kg	\$/Hd
Bulls	0-700	Top	200.0	\$1380.00
		Av	195.0	\$1288.09
Bulls	700+	Top	210.0	\$2179.80
		Av	192.6	\$1694.02
Light Heifers	0-350	Top	210.0	\$721.00
		Av	170.5	\$529.43
Light Steers	0-350	Top	248.0	\$826.67
		Av	193.4	\$603.94
Trade Heifers	351-500	Top	235.0	\$1092.24
		Av	195.7	\$827.25
Trade Steers	351-500	Top	240.0	\$1147.13
		Av	206.8	\$861.32
Heavy Heifers	500+	Top	224.0	\$1900.32
		Av	197.7	\$1116.37
Heavy Steers	500+	Top	240.0	\$1652.08
		Av	206.5	\$1257.78
Grown Heifers		Top	220.0	\$1381.68
		Av	201.2	\$1025.35
Grown Steers		Top	226.0	\$1514.33
		Av	192.5	\$1070.46
Cows		Top	220.0	\$1832.76
		Av	183.8	\$1088.36
Bullocks		Top	240.0	\$1947.40
		Av	221.3	\$1450.52



Top Left: T Howley presented this pen of Angus cows that sold for a top of 220c/kg under the Southern Grampians Livestock hammer, averaging \$1459ph.

Top Right: This pen of Hereford bullocks reached a top of 240c/kg when Brian O'Halloran sold the lot, returning \$1460ph for Tanol Partnership.

Bottom Left: Topping the market today was this pen of Angus steers that Nutrien Ag sold on behalf of Burbidge Farms for 248c/kg, making \$827ph.

Bottom Right: Nutrien Ag sold this pen of Speckle Park X heifers, with one making the top of 235c/kg (\$865ph), and the other reaching 222c/kg (\$884ph) for AJ & SA Mulraney.

Upcoming Sales and Events:

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)