

WVLX Market Report

Prime Cattle - 4th of December, 2023

Total Yarding: 2,023

Mortlake agents yarded just over 2,000 head at today's market representing an increase of some 200 head on the previous week. The grown cattle and bullocks displayed an increase of weight with a few less manufacturing types on offer. The offering overall was of good quality. All the regular buying group operated to a degree with an additional interstate operator along with strong feeder and store competition on 760 grown cattle, 700 trade, 525 cows and 30 bulls.

Grown cattle improved 25c to 30c/kg with manufacturing types stronger by 10c to 15c/kg for the lighter end. Trade cattle improved 15c to 20c with the better milk vealers gaining 30c/kg. The better cow offering improved 10c/kg being more evident on the heavier end. Bulls improved 25c/kg. The better vealers on offer sold from 210c to 265c/kg. Trade steers and heifers were selling from 200c to 274c/kg. Grown cattle sold to a top of 264c and manufacturing steers made from 152c to 210c/kg. The better finished heavier beef cows sold from 172c to 230c/kg with the medium weights from 160c to 176c/kg. Dairy cows were generally selling between 162c to 195c/kg with one exceptional cow at 220c/kg. Beef bulls topped at 251c/kg.

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Category	Weight		c/kg	\$/Hd
Bulls	0-700	Top Av	239.0 222.3	\$1668.22 \$1367.19
Bulls	700+	Top Av	251.0 229.5	\$2659.20 \$2006.81
Light Heifers	0-350	Top Av	246.0 182.7	\$836.40 \$590.87
Light Steers	0-350	Top Av	270.0 202.4	\$816.75 \$640.85
Trade Heifers	351-500	Top Av	265.0 220.3	\$1107.32 \$930.58
Trade Steers	351-500	Top Av	270.0 231.7	\$1306.80 \$976.55
Heavy Heifers	500+	Top Av	245.0 222.3	\$1675.04 \$1221.63
Heavy Steers	500+	Top Av	265.0 234.0	\$1813.50 \$1437.52
Grown Heifers		Top Av	274.0 247.4	\$1288.66 \$1136.49
Grown Steers		Top Av	259.0 236.3	\$1876.80 \$1469.52
Cows		Top Av	240.0 197.5	\$2057.16 \$1125.43
Bullocks		Top Av	264.0 236.0	\$2071.74 \$1456.50
Weaner Heifers		Top Av	235.0 220.2	\$822.50 \$781.08
Weaner Steers		Top Av	246.0 232.7	\$1075.20 \$944.10





Top Left: Topping the market today was this pen of Angus grown heifers that HF Richardson sold for 274c/kg, returning \$1289ph for S Gibbons.

Top Right: This pen of Angus bullocks on behalf of the Penshurst Football Netball Club was sold by LMB Livestock for a top of 264c/kg, averaging \$1515ph.

Bottom Left: Nields Contractors presented this pen of Hereford cows that LMB Livestock sold for a top of 240c/kg, making \$977ph.

Bottom Right: Charles Stewart & Co sold this pen of Angus steers, a few of which made the top of 270c/kg, including the two loiners which returned \$817ph for PD & AL Janes, and an unmarked steer for R Tweddle Pty Ltd that made \$1004ph.

Upcoming Sales and Events:

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)

Thursday 28th December - F1 Female Sale starts 10am

Thursday 4th January - Weaner Sale starts 10am

Monday 8th January - Prime Market starts 9am