



WVLX Market Report

Prime Cattle - 18th of December, 2023

Total Yarding: 754

Mortlake agents yarded 750 head at the final market for the year representing a considerable drop to the previous week, however it was in line with most Eastern markets where auction numbers declined significantly also. The overall quality of the offering was very good. Grown cattle and bullocks presented with weight with very few dairy bred manufacturing steers available. The cow offering had a fair lead of dairy breeds for buyers. The market was a little subdued with a small field of buyers on the rail operating on 130 grown cattle, 320 trade along with 270 cows and 37 bulls.

Grown cattle and manufacturing steers lost 10c/kg overall as the sale progressed and the trade cattle were erratic at times dependent on the quality offered softening 15 to 20c/kg. Cows were easier by up to 50c over most categories and bulls lost 10 to 20c/kg.

There was a small offering of vealers selling between 218 and 274c/kg. Trade steers and heifers were making between 200 and 260c/kg. Grown cattle topped at 260c/kg with manufacturing steers selling up to 188c/kg. Heavy beef cows sold from 168 to 195c with the medium weights between 140 and 165c/kg. Dairy cows were generally selling between 144 and 185c with grown beef bulls to 210c/kg.

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Category	Weight		c/kg	\$/Hd
Bulls	0-700	Top	195.0	\$1303.40
		Av	169.1	\$1037.94
Bulls	700+	Top	205.0	\$2128.00
		Av	179.1	\$1493.95
Light Heifers	0-350	Top	224.0	\$734.72
		Av	159.6	\$480.13
Light Steers	0-350	Top	245.0	\$818.30
		Av	202.2	\$647.14
Trade Heifers	351-500	Top	240.0	\$1140.82
		Av	203.7	\$871.39
Trade Steers	351-500	Top	274.0	\$1185.05
		Av	211.9	\$853.18
Heavy Heifers	500+	Top	222.0	\$1439.36
		Av	203.5	\$1128.21
Heavy Steers	500+	Top	273.0	\$1532.28
		Av	226.0	\$1283.67
Grown Heifers		Top	198.0	\$1239.48
		Av	177.9	\$893.77
Grown Steers		Top	260.0	\$1651.20
		Av	218.6	\$1284.23
Cows		Top	195.0	\$1665.30
		Av	163.5	\$918.90
Bullocks		Top	268.0	\$1718.87
		Av	213.9	\$1331.06
Weaner Heifers		Top	300.0	\$1122.00
		Av	237.7	\$943.64
Weaner Steers		Top	273.0	\$1255.80
		Av	235.7	\$908.93



Top Left: Topping the market today was one of the Angus weaner heifers in this pen, reaching 300c/kg under the Nutrien Ag hammer and averaging \$1122ph for DJ & HM Milich. The other 3 sold for 266c/kg, returning \$1082ph.

Top Right: This pen of Angus bullocks presented by DR & GM Lucas was sold by Elders Kerr & Co for a top of 268c/kg, making \$1691ph.

Bottom Left: C Baulch presented this pen of Limousin X steers that Elders Kerr & Co sold, with 2 fetching a top of 274c/kg, \$1185ph and the other 5 making 250c/kg, \$1015ph.

Bottom Right: Elders Kerr & Co sold this pen of cows for a top of 195c/kg, with the Angus X cow returning \$1466ph for RA & BA Hawkes, the Hereford cow making \$1490ph for ML Stevens and the Limousin X cow fetching \$1665ph for GA & EM Magilton.

Upcoming Sales and Events:

- Thursday 28th December - F1 Female Sale starts 10am**
- Thursday 4th January, 2024 - Annual Weaner Sale starts 9am**
- Monday 8th January - Prime Market starts 9am
- Thursday 11th January - Feature Female Sale starts 10am**
- Monday 15th January - Prime Market starts 9am