

WVLX Market Report

Prime Cattle - 8th of January, 2024

Total Yarding: 1,210

The initial market of the year at Mortlake yarded 1,210 head displaying good quality overall, however there was a larger tail of crossbred cattle on offer. The was weight in the grown cattle and bullocks with few manufacturing types on offer along with a good mixture of beef and dairy bred cows. Most of the regular buying panel were operating actively in a stronger market with the exception of one major player in a yard consisting of 220 grown cattle, 460 trade along with 510 cows and 20 grown bulls.

Grown cattle and manufacturing types gained 20 to 30c/kg as did the trade types. Cows were stronger by 25 to 40c/kg over most categories and bulls gained 20c/kg. This week a small number of secondary vealers were on offer making from 190 to 208c/kg. Trade steers and heifers sold from 230c to 270c/kg. Grown cattle topped at 266c with manufacturing steers selling up to 245c/kg.

Heavy beef cows sold from 210 to 245c with the medium weights between 165 and 205c/kg. Dairy cows were generally selling between 160 and 225c/kg with grown beef bulls to 235c/kg.

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Category	Weight		c/kg	\$/Hd
Bulls	0-700	Top Av	254.0 227.3	\$1471.10 \$1287.92
Bulls	700+	Top Av	232.0 208.8	\$2385.60 \$1800.45
Light Heifers	0-350	Top Av	255.0 131.4	\$846.60 \$367.46
Light Steers	0-350	Top Av	225.0 180.4	\$715.50 \$560.92
Trade Heifers	351-500	Top Av	265.0 218.9	\$1206.63 \$950.42
Trade Steers	351-500	Top Av	270.0 214.6	\$1204.20 \$877.32
Heavy Heifers	500+	Top Av	235.0 223.3	\$1568.64 \$1232.60
Heavy Steers	500+	Top Av	266.0 241.8	\$2018.04 \$1533.50
Grown Heifers		Top Av	226.0 221.4	\$1251.80 \$1196.12
Grown Steers		Top Av	262.0 250.1	\$2033.53 \$1768.60
Cows		Top Av	245.0 204.6	\$1876.25 \$1137.06
Bullocks		Top Av	260.0 248.8	\$2063.36 \$1469.70





Top Left: Topping the market today was one of the Angus steers in this pen, reaching 270c/kg under the Elders Kerr & Co hammer and averaging \$1204ph for SJ & VA French.

Top Right: The loin marked Angus heifer in this pen was sold by Elders Kerr & Co for a top of 265c/kg, making \$1166ph for C Mahony.

Bottom Left: Nutrien Ag sold this pen of Angus bullocks for a top of 260c/kg, returning \$1287ph for B Lynch.

Bottom Right: RJ & KL Orchard presented this pen of Angus grown steers that Brian O'Halloran sold for a top of 262c/kg, averaging \$1808ph.

Upcoming Sales and Events:

Thursday 11th January - Feature Female Sale starts 10am Monday 15th January - Prime Market starts 9am Thursday 18th January - Store Sale starts 10am Monday 22nd January - Prime Market starts 9am