



Western Victoria Livestock Exchange

WVLX Market Report

Prime Cattle - 5th of February, 2024

Total Yarding: 2,873

Mortlake agents yarded 2,873 cattle at today's market representing an increase of some 640 head on last week. Overall it was an excellent yarding of prime cattle covering most categories with a small tail of crossbred trade weights. The grown cattle and bullocks displayed good weight with the dairy bred manufacturing types showing freshness. The offering of cows was of exceptional quality with a good mix of beef and dairy types with the number of cows offered totalling 840 along with 1,260 grown cattle, 730 trade weights and 43 bulls. There was an additional interstate operator present along with the regular buying panel that provided an active fully firm market over most categories.

Good milk vealers gained 5 to 10c/kg driven by quality with cows gaining 5 to 8c/kg over most categories with bulls easing 20c/kg in places. Vealers were making from 295 to 352c/kg with the trade weight steers and heifers selling from 280 to 318c/kg. Grown cattle topped at 325c/kg with manufacturing steers selling up to 278c/kg.

Heavy beef cows sold from 240 to 277c/kg with the medium weights between 200 and 240c/kg. Dairy cows were generally selling from 200 to 260c/kg with brown beef bulls topping at 250c/kg.

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Category	Weight		c/kg	\$/Hd
Bulls	0-700	Top	235.0	\$1630.90
		Av	198.5	\$1041.76
Bulls	700+	Top	258.0	\$2664.00
		Av	224.9	\$1954.77
Light Heifers	0-350	Top	302.0	\$1051.97
		Av	247.6	\$808.49
Light Steers	0-350	Top	316.0	\$1019.10
		Av	226.2	\$700.83
Trade Heifers	351-500	Top	330.0	\$1537.00
		Av	276.0	\$1143.28
Trade Steers	351-500	Top	352.0	\$1535.25
		Av	276.4	\$1173.39
Heavy Heifers	500+	Top	344.0	\$2144.80
		Av	280.3	\$1604.19
Heavy Steers	500+	Top	322.0	\$2513.50
		Av	279.2	\$1708.34
Grown Heifers		Top	275.0	\$1436.30
		Av	254.4	\$1077.66
Grown Steers		Top	312.0	\$2412.53
		Av	286.2	\$1757.03
Cows		Top	277.0	\$2615.60
		Av	255.6	\$1555.99
Bullocks		Top	325.0	\$2523.68
		Av	293.0	\$1825.38



Top Left: Topping the market today was this pen of Angus X steers that Elders Kerr & Co sold on behalf of PW & ME Hay for 352c/kg, averaging \$1514ph.

Top Right: This pen of Angusbullocks on account of GL & AM Sheen went under the Nutrien Ag hammer for a top of 325c/kg, returning \$2383ph.

Bottom Left: JM Ellis & Co sold this pen of Angus cows for a top of 277c/kg, making \$2230ph for Winniburn Partnership. It was one of 7 cow pens that hit the top price of 277c/kg!

Bottom Right: Heifers topped at 344c/kg for the shoulder marked Limousin girl in this pen that Elders Kerr & Co sold on behalf of AJ Malseed, fetching \$1775ph.

Upcoming Sales and Events:

- Monday 12th February - Prime Market starts 9am
- Thursday 15th February - Store Sale starts 10am**
- Monday 19th February - Prime Market starts 9am
- Monday 26th February - Prime Market starts 9am
- Monday 4th March - Prime Market starts 9am
- Thursday 7th March - Store Sale starts 10am**