



Western Victoria Livestock Exchange

# WVLX Market Report

## Prime Cattle - 4th of March, 2024

### Total Yarding: 2,607

With no livestock market next week and diminishing dry feed available numbers jumped to 2,600 head at Mortlake this week. For the top end quality cattle, over most categories it was a good result, however there was a large number of cattle starting to show the effects of the dry conditions in most areas of the market and none more so than the trade types. The trade cattle and bullocks carried good weight along with the lead of the cow offering with both beef and dairy types also showing effects of the conditions. The market comprised 823 grown cattle, 924 cows along with 815 trade and 45 grown bulls. Not all the regular buyers attended and those present were not fully engaged in a market softer over most categories.

Bullocks lost 10 to 25c/kg with manufacturing steers back by 50c/kg. The better vealers were cheaper by 30 to 40c/kg and trade steers and heifers were back by up to 40c/kg in places. The better covered cows generally remained firm with the medium weights losing 10c and the very light cows softer by 50 to 70c/kg. All secondary types were softer by 50 to 70c/kg with limited competition. Bulls gained 15c/kg.

Vealers made from 272 to 340c/kg with trade steers and heifers making between 245 and 328c/kg. Grown cattle topped at 328c whilst manufacturing steers sold to 210c/kg. heavy beef cows made from 220 to 245c/kg with the medium weights between 165 and 190c/kg. Dairy cows with cover were making generally between 170 and 232c/kg with grown beef bulls selling to 234c/kg.

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Category	Weight		c/kg	\$/Hd
Bulls	0-700	Top	234.0	\$1614.72
		Av	192.4	\$1152.68
Bulls	700+	Top	232.0	\$2609.20
		Av	204.5	\$1827.41
Light Heifers	0-350	Top	315.0	\$1097.25
		Av	160.7	\$519.09
Light Steers	0-350	Top	322.0	\$1094.80
		Av	188.5	\$580.67
Trade Heifers	351-500	Top	300.0	\$1354.88
		Av	224.9	\$946.68
Trade Steers	351-500	Top	340.0	\$1656.20
		Av	235.6	\$1052.09
Heavy Heifers	500+	Top	290.0	\$1780.20
		Av	258.3	\$1379.67
Heavy Steers	500+	Top	328.0	\$2441.80
		Av	255.6	\$1534.40
Grown Heifers		Top	279.0	\$1523.63
		Av	213.5	\$888.52
Grown Steers		Top	290.0	\$2001.68
		Av	218.9	\$1127.48
Cows		Top	246.0	\$1952.10
		Av	188.9	\$1015.43
Bullocks		Top	328.0	\$2332.59
		Av	278.2	\$1804.26
Weaner Heifers		Top	305.0	\$1157.85
		Av	256.5	\$908.24
Weaner Steers		Top	286.0	\$1001.00
		Av	277.9	\$965.03



**Top Left:** This large pen of Angus bullocks reached a top of 328c/kg under the Nutrien Ag hammer, returning \$2138ph for S Coxall.

**Top Right:** Topping the market today was this pen of Simmental X steers that Elders Kerr & Co sold for 340c/kg, averaging \$1355 for AP & MA Hickey.

**Bottom Left:** This was one of two pens of Angus cows that Delamere Pastoral Co sold through Southern Grampians Livestock for a top of 246c/kg, fetching \$1711ph.

**Bottom Right:** Elders Kerr & Co sold this pen of Simmental X heifers on behalf of AP & MA Hickey for a top of 315c/kg, making \$1097ph.

### Upcoming Sales and Events:

**Thursday 7th March - Store Sale starts 10am**

*Monday 11th March - NO Prime Market due to Public Holiday*

**Monday 18th March - Prime Market starts 9am**

**Thursday 21st March - Store Sale starts 10am**