



Western Victoria Livestock Exchange

WVLX Market Report

Prime Cattle - 8th of April, 2024

Total Yarding: 2,733

Numbers increased to 2,733 head at Mortlake, a rise of 1292 on the previous sale. It was a good offering of most categories for the top end however not as good as the previous week with a number of cattle still showing the effects of the dry conditions and this was most noticeable in the trade cattle.

The grown cattle and bullocks displayed less weight for the lead. The cow offering consisted of mostly good quality lines with a fair mixture of beef and dairy breeds as well as increased numbers of light weight cows on offer. The sale comprised 647 grown cattle plus 907 trade and 1,153 cows as well as 26 grown bulls. Most of the regular processors were present and very active in the market with good support across all categories.

Bullocks and manufacturing steers increased by 20c to 30c/kg. Trade cattle and vealers were dearer by 30c to 50c/kg in places. Most cows were 20c/kg stronger overall categories and more in places especially for medium to light weight lines. Grown bulls remain firm although some dairy bulls sold to a dearer market of up to 20c/kg.

This week the offering of vealers made between 300c and 412c/kg. Trade steers and heifers sold between 300c and 360c/kg. Grown steers topped at 358c/kg. Manufacturing steers sold up to 308c/kg. Heavy weight cows sold from 230c to 290c with medium weights between 190c and 235c/kg. Good condition dairy cows generally sold between 185c and 252c/kg. Grown beef bulls made to 250c/kg.

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Category	Weight		c/kg	\$/Hd
Bulls	0-700	Top	230.0	\$1485.80
		Av	198.7	\$1250.87
Bulls	700+	Top	250.0	\$2171.50
		Av	223.5	\$1868.80
Light Heifers	0-350	Top	332.0	\$1142.08
		Av	222.2	\$672.43
Light Steers	0-350	Top	330.0	\$1100.80
		Av	244.1	\$736.96
Trade Heifers	351-500	Top	348.0	\$1635.60
		Av	275.5	\$1159.14
Trade Steers	351-500	Top	412.0	\$1833.12
		Av	281.2	\$1234.12
Heavy Heifers	500+	Top	346.0	\$2217.76
		Av	300.9	\$1728.87
Heavy Steers	500+	Top	350.0	\$2625.56
		Av	298.5	\$1873.44
Grown Heifers		Top	360.0	\$1990.40
		Av	252.2	\$1155.37
Grown Steers		Top	338.0	\$2875.82
		Av	293.4	\$1761.92
Cows		Top	290.0	\$2259.13
		Av	226.0	\$1187.38
Bullocks		Top	353.0	\$2469.60
		Av	306.5	\$1775.32



Top Left: Topping the market today was one of the no mark xbreed steers in this pen on account of PL & SM Bryant that Nutrien Ag sold for 412c/kg, making \$1763ph, while the other 2 no markers sold for 313c/kg, \$1455ph. D Anders presented the 2 Angus X steers (2 dots) that fetched 300c/kg, \$1335ph.

Top Right: These Limousin cows went under the Elders Kerr & Co hammer for a top of 290c/kg, averaging \$2095ph for Eyrie Limousin Stud P/L.

Bottom Left: J & B Jamieson presented this pen of Angus X bullocks that Elders Kerr & Co sold for a top of 353c/kg, making \$2212ph.

Bottom Right: HF Richardson sold this pen of Speckle Park X grown heifers with the loin making a top of 360c/kg, \$1332ph and the other three making 285c/kg, \$1202ph for R O'Reilly.

Upcoming Sales and Events:

- Monday 15th April - Prime Market starts 9am
- Thursday 18th April - Store Sale starts 10am (5900 head)**
- Monday 22nd April - Prime Market starts 9am
- Monday 29th April - Prime Market starts 9am