



Western Victoria Livestock Exchange

WVLX Market Report

Prime Cattle - 15th of April, 2024

Total Yarding: 2,761

Mortlake agents yarded 2,761 cattle this week representing a similar number to the previous market. The top end reflected a good yarding over most categories there was however a fair percentage of the cattle displaying the effects of the drying conditions and this was clearly evident with the trade weights available. Grown cattle and bullocks carried good weight, same with the cow offering that had a good mix of beef and dairy types. There were additional lighter weights on offer compared to last week. Two major processors were absent from the market that lacked motivation and the results were softer over most categories by 20 to 30c/kg, more in places on plainer types.

Vealers were selling from 300c to 390c/kg. Trade weight steers and heifers made between 265c and 366c/kg. Grown cattle topped at 330c with manufacturing steers selling up to 275c/kg. Heavy beef cows sold from 200c to 255c/kg with the medium weights from 160c to 190c/kg. Covered dairy breeds were generally between 170c and 215c/kg with grown beef bulls to 230c/kg.

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Category	Weight		c/kg	\$/Hd
Bulls	0-700	Top	210.0	\$1365.30
		Av	177.5	\$1079.41
Bulls	700+	Top	230.0	\$2317.50
		Av	211.7	\$1786.99
Light Heifers	0-350	Top	346.0	\$1130.27
		Av	174.3	\$515.33
Light Steers	0-350	Top	350.0	\$1027.50
		Av	219.4	\$646.51
Trade Heifers	351-500	Top	354.0	\$1548.75
		Av	237.5	\$997.57
Trade Steers	351-500	Top	390.0	\$1817.40
		Av	241.4	\$1017.54
Heavy Heifers	500+	Top	305.0	\$1711.20
		Av	262.0	\$1423.87
Heavy Steers	500+	Top	332.0	\$2590.16
		Av	271.9	\$1723.00
Grown Heifers		Top	305.0	\$1825.35
		Av	246.0	\$1139.34
Grown Steers		Top	320.0	\$1912.50
		Av	231.2	\$1129.97
Cows		Top	255.0	\$2041.20
		Av	203.4	\$1106.41
Bullocks		Top	332.0	\$2609.89
		Av	275.0	\$1853.99
Weaner Heifers		Top	268.0	\$1014.90
		Av	261.5	\$731.66
Weaner Steers		Top	332.0	\$1388.80
		Av	276.0	\$1055.55



Top Left: This large pen of Angus bullocks was sold by Elders Kerr & Co for a top of 332c/kg, averaging \$2610ph for DJ & JE Hiscock.

Top Right: Elders Kerr & Co sold the Limousin X steer in this pen for the market top today of 390c/kg, \$1817ph on behalf of Kelvin Rethus. The rest of the pen sold for 343c/kg, with the shoulder steer returning \$1303ph for Kelvin Rethus and the other 5 Angus X steers making \$1468ph for C Baulch.

Bottom Left: Naweenda Partnership presented this pen of Angus cows that went under the Elders Kerr & Co hammer for a top of 255c/kg, averaging \$1496ph.

Bottom Right: This pen of Limousin X heifers on account of C Baulch was sold by Elders Kerr & Co for 340c to a top of 354c/kg, returning \$1513-1549ph.

Upcoming Sales and Events:

Thursday 18th April - Store Sale starts 10am (5900 head)

Monday 22nd April - Prime Market starts 9am

Monday 29th April - Prime Market starts 9am

Thursday 2nd May - Store Sale starts 10am

Monday 6 May - Prime Market starts 9am