



Western Victoria Livestock Exchange

WVLX Market Report

Prime Cattle - 22nd of April, 2024

Total Yarding: 1,008

Numbers reduced considerably this week at Mortlake to 1,000 head in comparison to the previous week being 1,761 fewer on offer. The quality was very plain compared to last week with cattle showing seasonal effects of the dry conditions with trade cattle appearing the most effected. Less weight was on offer with the bullocks and grown cattle. The mixture of beef and dairy cows was mostly good to fair quality with more lightweight cows on offer. Not all the regular buyers were present or fully active on a yarding consisting of 149 grown cattle, 387 trade weights along with 446 cows and 18 grown bulls and as a consequence the market was very soft over most categories and lacked motivation to be 20c to 30c/kg cheaper and more in places.

Some categories, like grown heifers and steers remained firm to slightly softer with all feeder weights 20 to 30c/kg dearer with local interest the driver.

Vealers sold between 280c and 355c/kg. Trade steers and heifers were selling from 250c to 318c/kg. Grown cattle topped at 326c with manufacturing steers selling up to 245c/kg. Heavy beef cows sold from 200c to 262c/kg for one pen with the medium weights selling between 130c and 185c/kg. Covered dairy cows were generally between 160c/kg and 190c/kg. Grown beef bulls to 210c/kg.

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| Category | Weight | | c/kg | \$/Hd |
|---------------|---------|-----|-------|-----------|
| Bulls | 0-700 | Top | 198.0 | \$1329.90 |
| | | Av | 183.9 | \$1066.32 |
| Bulls | 700+ | Top | 210.0 | \$1983.60 |
| | | Av | 192.5 | \$1613.13 |
| Light Heifers | 0-350 | Top | 265.0 | \$787.20 |
| | | Av | 166.3 | \$452.52 |
| Light Steers | 0-350 | Top | 280.0 | \$970.67 |
| | | Av | 209.3 | \$584.23 |
| Trade Heifers | 351-500 | Top | 318.0 | \$1435.70 |
| | | Av | 224.7 | \$904.76 |
| Trade Steers | 351-500 | Top | 355.0 | \$1598.00 |
| | | Av | 248.2 | \$1065.59 |
| Heavy Heifers | 500+ | Top | 290.0 | \$2024.20 |
| | | Av | 270.6 | \$1544.44 |
| Heavy Steers | 500+ | Top | 311.0 | \$2304.32 |
| | | Av | 251.3 | \$1524.21 |
| Grown Heifers | | Top | 290.0 | \$1938.90 |
| | | Av | 228.2 | \$1140.69 |
| Grown Steers | | Top | 315.0 | \$1617.47 |
| | | Av | 219.7 | \$966.71 |
| Cows | | Top | 262.0 | \$1804.00 |
| | | Av | 168.0 | \$898.83 |
| Bullocks | | Top | 326.0 | \$2059.23 |
| | | Av | 263.5 | \$1475.26 |



Top Left: These Angus cows were sold by Elders Kerr & Co for a top of 262c/kg, averaging \$1609ph for Silverhill Angus.

Top Right: J & J Kelly sold this pen of steers today with the Angus (loin marked) topping the market at 355c/kg, \$1470ph for J & G White and the 2 Shorthorns fetching 315-340c/kg, \$1317-1598ph for Sarah Matthews.

Bottom Left: LG & MJ McDowell presented this pen of Angus bullocks that made a top of 326c/kg under the Elders Kerr & Co hammer, returning \$2059ph.

Bottom Right: These 2 Hereford heifers sold by JM Ellis & Co on account of Mooralla Pastoral Company made a top of 318c/kg, averaging \$1137ph.

Upcoming Sales and Events:

Monday 29th April - Prime Market starts 9am
Thursday 2nd May - Store Sale starts 10am
 Monday 6 May - Prime Market starts 9am
 Monday 13 May - Prime Market starts 9am
Thursday 16th May - Store Sale starts 10am