



Western Victoria Livestock Exchange

WVLX Market Report

Prime Cattle - 29th of April, 2024

Total Yarding: 1,298

Numbers increased this week at Mortlake to 1,298 representing an increase of 298 head on the previous week with the offering a very big improvement most notably in the trade weight cattle. The grown cattle and bullocks carried good weight whilst the manufacturing steers lacked finish and weight. The cow offering was mostly of better quality with a good mixture of beef and dairy types and included more lighter weight cows. The market comprised of 303 grown cattle, 272 trade types, 605 cows and 18 grown bulls with most processors present and operating along with good restocker interest in a market that was stronger over most categories driven by quality and gaining 20 to 30c/kg and more in places. Cows gained 20 to 40c/kg, more so for beef breeds and bulls gained 40 to 50c/kg in places.

Trade steers and heifers sold from 290c to 360c/kg. Grown cattle topped at 332c/kg with manufacturing steers to 255c/kg. Heavy beef cows were selling from 220c to 272c/kg with the medium weights between 175c and 210c/kg. The better covered dairy cows were selling generally between 275c and 220 c/kg with grown beef bulls to 250c/kg.

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Category	Weight		c/kg	\$/Hd
Bulls	0-700	Top	200.0	\$1328.00
		Av	186.6	\$1062.17
Bulls	700+	Top	250.0	\$2616.00
		Av	242.5	\$2047.44
Light Heifers	0-350	Top	305.0	\$1010.02
		Av	245.1	\$709.45
Light Steers	0-350	Top	298.0	\$976.08
		Av	264.0	\$767.19
Trade Heifers	351-500	Top	315.0	\$1469.40
		Av	265.8	\$1136.12
Trade Steers	351-500	Top	360.0	\$1638.00
		Av	249.7	\$1098.83
Heavy Heifers	500+	Top	340.0	\$1891.81
		Av	275.6	\$1538.84
Heavy Steers	500+	Top	332.0	\$2101.88
		Av	280.6	\$1597.12
Grown Heifers		Top	288.0	\$1555.20
		Av	209.9	\$930.82
Grown Steers		Top	230.0	\$1122.40
		Av	186.4	\$1010.20
Cows		Top	272.0	\$1984.50
		Av	205.5	\$1055.42
Bullocks		Top	328.0	\$2368.44
		Av	283.4	\$1941.21



Top Left: Topping the market today was this pen of Romagnola steers that J & J Kelly sold for 360c/kg, averaging \$1638ph for T Donovan & A McLean.

Top Right: Nutrien Ag sold this pen of Angus bullocks for a top of 328c/kg on behalf of Glenwood Pastoral Trust, returning \$2220ph.

Bottom Left: T Donovan & A McLean also presented this pen of Romagnola heifers that were sold by J & J Kelly for a top of 340c/kg, fetching \$1702ph.

Bottom Right: Topping the cow category was this pen of Angus X cows that went under the Elders Kerr & Co hammer for 272c/kg, making \$1839ph for CaroJim Pastoral.

Upcoming Sales and Events:

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