



Western Victoria Livestock Exchange

WVLX Market Report

Prime Cattle - 6th of May, 2024

Total Yarding: 1,992

Due to the prevailing dry conditions in the Western districts there was a sharp increase in numbers to 1,992 head at Mortlake today representing an increase of 703 on last week's numbers. The lead were similar in quality to the previous week, however there were more plain secondary types on offer with the trade weight cattle. The market comprised 355 grown cattle along with 587 trade and 1003 cows and 41 grown bulls.

The grown cattle and bullocks displayed good weight and finish and the cow offering was mostly of good quality over both beef and dairy breeds. The increase in overall numbers brought an increase in lighter weight cows. Not all the regular buyers were present, however there was restocker interest in a market that was firm over the better end of the trade cattle and bullocks along with the grown heifers with the secondary cattle cheaper by 30 to 40c/kg and more in places. Cows lost 30 to 40c/kg and more for the lighter weights with bulls back 20c/kg.

A small number of vealers made from 285 to 322c/kg. Trade steers and heifers were selling between 290 and 322c/kg. Grown cattle topped at 332c with manufacturing steers selling up to 258c/kg. Heavy beef cows sold from 180 to 246c/kg with the medium weights between 140 and 175c/kg. The better covered dairy cows were generally between 175 and 216c/kg with grown beef bulls to 230c/kg.

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Category	Weight		c/kg	\$/Hd
Bulls	0-700	Top	236.0	\$1545.60
		Av	204.5	\$1122.57
Bulls	700+	Top	230.0	\$2307.36
		Av	207.6	\$1798.73
Light Heifers	0-350	Top	285.0	\$973.00
		Av	168.4	\$480.09
Light Steers	0-350	Top	310.0	\$1008.68
		Av	206.5	\$581.23
Trade Heifers	351-500	Top	307.0	\$1405.30
		Av	224.6	\$914.48
Trade Steers	351-500	Top	325.0	\$1589.68
		Av	239.1	\$1024.29
Heavy Heifers	500+	Top	294.0	\$1827.00
		Av	258.7	\$1411.61
Heavy Steers	500+	Top	326.0	\$2179.80
		Av	265.5	\$1557.35
Grown Heifers		Top	285.0	\$1539.25
		Av	186.6	\$801.28
Grown Steers		Top	285.0	\$1539.25
		Av	186.6	\$801.28
Cows		Top	246.0	\$1941.63
		Av	192.4	\$1060.26
Bullocks		Top	332.0	\$2432.03
		Av	284.2	\$1743.83
Weaner Heifers		Top	265.0	\$991.10
		Av	214.6	\$744.75
Weaner Steers		Top	270.0	\$988.20
		Av	250.9	\$899.23



Top Left: Topping the market today was this pen of Murray Grey bullocks that Brian O'Halloran sold for 332c/kg, averaging \$2302ph for IG & BA Boyd.

Top Right: Nutrien Ag sold this pen of steers with the Charolais making a top of 326c/kg for J & F Delaney Family Trust, returning \$1773.

Bottom Left: HR & KJ Cameron presented this pen of Angus cows that went under the Nutrien Ag hammer for a top of 246c/kg, making \$1532ph.

Bottom Right: This pen of Angus heifers reached a top of 307c/kg when JM Ellis & Co sold the pen on behalf of MG Barratt, fetching \$1339ph.

Upcoming Sales and Events:

Monday 13th May - Prime Market starts 9am
Thursday 16th May - Store Sale starts 10am
Monday 20th May - Prime Market starts 9am
Monday 27th May - Prime Market starts 9am
Monday 3rd June - Prime Market starts 9am
Thursday 6th June - Store Sale starts 10am