



Western Victoria Livestock Exchange

WVLX Market Report

Prime Cattle - 20th of May, 2024

Total Yarding: 1,694

Numbers increased to 1,690 head at Mortlake this week representing an increase of some 230 head on the previous week's offering. The lead offered a good quality selection whilst again, more secondary and plainer cattle were obvious throughout the yarding of trade weight cattle. Quite a few of the beef and dairy cows were also displaying the signs of the dry conditions once off the lead pens. The sale comprised 235 grown cattle, 502 trade weights, 934 cows and 19 grown bulls. Not all the regular buyers were present or fully active, however feeder operators were engaged.

Despite the absence of some major operators the market was resilient and was fully firm to slightly softer over the grown cattle and any trade weights displaying cover and breeding gained 25c/kg with the secondary types cheaper by 35c/kg. The bullocks and grown cattle carried solid weight and finish with very few manufacturing types on offer. The better covered beef cows remained firm however the lighter cows and dairy bred types were softer by 15 to 25c/kg and grown bulls lost 20c/kg.

A small number of vealers sold to 300c/kg with the trade weight steers and heifers making between 285c and 330c/kg. Grown cattle topped at 350c/kg with manufacturing steers selling up to 258c/kg. Heavy beef cows sold from 200 to 265c/kg with the medium weights between 135 and 190c/kg. The better covered dairy cows were generally making between 150 and 210c/kg and grown beef bulls to the trade topping at 218c/kg.

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Category	Weight		c/kg	\$/Hd
Bulls	0-700	Top	240.0	\$1286.40
		Av	170.3	\$937.33
Bulls	700+	Top	218.0	\$2166.92
		Av	184.7	\$1529.32
Light Heifers	0-350	Top	286.0	\$949.52
		Av	132.6	\$389.86
Light Steers	0-350	Top	312.0	\$1050.40
		Av	183.7	\$549.66
Trade Heifers	351-500	Top	320.0	\$1485.33
		Av	258.7	\$1087.58
Trade Steers	351-500	Top	325.0	\$1409.63
		Av	234.7	\$960.47
Heavy Heifers	500+	Top	330.0	\$1828.50
		Av	263.4	\$1410.71
Heavy Steers	500+	Top	328.0	\$2284.20
		Av	275.7	\$1753.69
Grown Heifers		Top	325.0	\$2245.75
		Av	275.3	\$1546.49
Grown Steers		Top	315.0	\$1877.40
		Av	282.0	\$1306.96
Cows		Top	265.0	\$2289.90
		Av	194.3	\$1042.75
Bullocks		Top	350.0	\$2443.44
		Av	294.8	\$1798.79



Top Left: Topping the market today was this pen of Angus bullocks that Elders Kerr & Co sold for 350c/kg, averaging \$2443ph for Tanwood Estate P/L.

Top Right: Steers reached a top of 328c/kg when J & J Kelly sold this Angus X pen on behalf of LG Rowbottom, with 3 making the top price returning \$1963ph and the other 10 making 322c/kg, \$1905ph.

Bottom Left: Southern Grampians Livestock sold this pen of Angus grown heifers for 300c to a top of 325c/kg, fetching \$2030-\$2246ph for Banquet Pastoral P/L.

Bottom Right: Bligh Pastoral Company presented this pen of Angus cows that J & J Kelly sold for a top of 265c/kg, averaging \$1536ph.

Upcoming Sales and Events:

Monday 27th May - Prime Market starts 9am

Monday 3rd June - Prime Market starts 9am

Thursday 6th June - Store Sale starts 10am

Monday 10th June - NO Prime Market (due to public holiday)

Monday 17th June - Prime Market starts 9am

Thursday 20th June - Store Sale starts 10am