



Western Victoria Livestock Exchange

WVLX Market Report

Prime Cattle - 27th of May, 2024

Total Yarding: 1,427

Numbers decreased to 1,427 head at Mortlake this week, some 263 less than the previous week's offering. Again the quality of the yarding displayed a good lead, but all categories have been effected by the continuing dry with an increase in very plain and secondary types. The grown cattle and bullocks held good weight, but again the seasonal effects were evident with the cattle on offer including the few manufacturing types. The sale comprised 230 grown types, 471 trade weights and 708 cows along with 18 grown bulls with some of the regular processors not in attendance, the market was well supported by feeder and restocker interest.

The market showed resilience and at times was erratic however the better end was firm to slightly dearer for the trade cattle. The secondary cattle were again cheaper by 20c/kg. The better covered heavy beef cows lost 25c/kg whereas the medium weights and dairy breeds gained 5 to 10c/kg, with grown bulls gaining 15c/kg.

A small number of vealers sold to 324c/kg with the trade weight steers and heifers selling between 280c and 332c/kg. Grown cattle topped at 338c with manufacturing types topping at 228c/kg. A good mix of cows were on offer with heavy beef cows selling from 190c to 240c/kg, with the medium weights between 145c and 190c/kg. The better covered dairy breeds were in general between 175c and 210c/kg with grown beef bulls to the trade 230c/kg.

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Category	Weight		c/kg	\$/Hd
Bulls	0-700	Top	242.0	\$1419.00
		Av	198.0	\$993.64
Bulls	700+	Top	230.0	\$2340.80
		Av	215.6	\$1926.66
Light Heifers	0-350	Top	305.0	\$1049.20
		Av	200.0	\$566.85
Light Steers	0-350	Top	316.0	\$1080.72
		Av	239.4	\$653.40
Trade Heifers	351-500	Top	328.0	\$1491.20
		Av	243.7	\$991.80
Trade Steers	351-500	Top	332.0	\$1547.52
		Av	245.9	\$1064.95
Heavy Heifers	500+	Top	305.0	\$1836.10
		Av	256.3	\$1400.51
Heavy Steers	500+	Top	338.0	\$2311.50
		Av	268.5	\$1563.94
Grown Heifers		Top	305.0	\$1647.00
		Av	214.4	\$935.48
Grown Steers		Top	316.0	\$1803.48
		Av	262.5	\$1389.62
Cows		Top	240.0	\$1915.25
		Av	195.2	\$1080.07
Bullocks		Top	310.0	\$2135.00
		Av	249.6	\$1577.15



Top Left: Topping the market today was this pen of Angus X steers that J & J Kelly sold for 338c/kg on account of Terry Ryan, averaging \$2028ph.

Top Right: Bullocks topped at 310c/kg when HF Richardson sold the non-marked Angus bullock in this pen for the top price, which returned \$1668ph for D & C Farley.

Bottom Left: Southern Grampians Livestock sold this pen of Angus cows for a top of 240c/kg, making \$1771ph for Banquet Pastoral.

Bottom Right: Going under the Nutrien Ag hammer for 260c/kg to a top of 328c/kg was this pen of Angus heifers that fetched \$1243-\$1399ph for H & V Howlett.

Upcoming Sales and Events:

Monday 3rd June - Prime Market starts 9am

Thursday 6th June - Store Sale starts 10am (2500 head)

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

Monday 17th June - Prime Market starts 9am

Thursday 20th June - Store Sale starts 10am (5300 head)