



Western Victoria Livestock Exchange

WVLX Market Report

Prime Cattle - 15th of July, 2024

Total Yarding: 2,660

With the dry conditions prevailing and the solid increase in cow prices, numbers increased to 2,660 cattle this week at Mortlake being an increase of 780 head. The yarding quality wise was similar to last week over most categories with a percentage of the cows showing the effects of the dry conditions. Not all of the regular processors were active whilst feeder and restocker interest was evident. The offering consisted of 411 grown cattle, 826 trade weights, 1353 cows along with 70 bulls.

The market remained strong over most categories. Grown cattle improved in price 5c to 20c/kg and the trade weights 10c to 15c/kg. Manufacturing types gained an additional 20c/kg whilst most cows improved 20c/kg for the heavy and medium weights with some of the lighter weight cows easing 5c to 10c/kg. Grown bulls were slightly easier.

A small number of vealers topped at 412c/kg with trade weight steers and heifers selling from 310 to 394c/kg. Grown cattle topped at 398c/kg with manufacturing steers selling up to 310c/kg. Heavy beef cows sold from 260 to 348c/kg with the medium weights from 220 to 290c/kg. The better covered dairy cows were selling generally between 220 to 310c/kg with the grown beef bulls making up to 285c/kg.

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Category	Weight		c/kg	\$/Hd
Bulls	0-700	Top	270.0	\$1814.80
		Av	243.7	\$1314.26
Bulls	700+	Top	285.0	\$3374.92
		Av	259.0	\$2290.69
Light Heifers	0-350	Top	350.0	\$1183.00
		Av	217.2	\$593.50
Light Steers	0-350	Top	334.0	\$1105.50
		Av	257.5	\$690.56
Trade Heifers	351-500	Top	412.0	\$1954.24
		Av	303.1	\$1333.32
Trade Steers	351-500	Top	358.0	\$1640.83
		Av	268.0	\$1149.92
Heavy Heifers	500+	Top	365.0	\$2327.00
		Av	317.3	\$1750.84
Heavy Steers	500+	Top	382.0	\$2644.80
		Av	299.4	\$1669.44
Grown Heifers		Top	395.0	\$2597.00
		Av	321.1	\$1526.12
Grown Steers		Top	352.0	\$2135.20
		Av	268.6	\$1240.13
Cows		Top	348.0	\$3036.00
		Av	264.0	\$1353.64
Bullocks		Top	398.0	\$3066.00
		Av	312.7	\$1958.13
Mixed Sex	351-500	Top	408.0	\$1948.20
		Av	408.0	\$1754.40



Top Left: Topping the market today was the Speckle Park heifer (loin mark) in this pen that reached 412c/kg under the HF Richardson hammer, returning \$1533ph for PJ & SM Rijnhoven.

Top Right: Elders Kerr & Co sold this pen of mixed sex Limousin X cattle for 408c/kg, making \$1625-\$1948ph for C Baulch.

Bottom Left: IG & BA Boyd presented this pen of Murray Grey bullocks that were sold by Brian O'Halloran for a top of 398c/kg, averaging \$2604ph.

Bottom Right: Cows topped at 348c/kg when Southern Grampians Livestock sold this Angus pen on behalf of Banquet Pastoral, fetching \$2420ph.

Upcoming Sales and Events:

Thursday 18th July - Store Sale starts 10am (5500 head)

Monday 22nd July - Prime Market starts 9am

Monday 29th July - Prime Market starts 9am

Thursday 1st August - Store Sale starts 10am