



Western Victoria Livestock Exchange

WVLX Market Report

Prime Cattle - 29th of July, 2024

Total Yarding: 1,972

Mortlake agents yarded 1,972 cattle this week representing a similar number to last week. The lead of the bullocks were very good however declined quickly to the manufacturing types. There was some improvement with the trade cattle on offer. Fewer heavy beef cows were yarded with numbers increasing for the offering of plainer types and dairy breeds. Most of the regular processors were present but not all were fully engaged. Feeder and some restocker interest was evident. The offering consisted of 347 grown cattle, 540 trade along with 1048 cows and 54 bulls.

The market remained strong over most categories with the heavier grown cattle gaining 10 to 20c/kg with the best of the trade weights improving by 10 to 15c/kg. Manufacturing types gained 5c/kg in places heavy beef cows remained firm however the medium weights lost 20c/kg in places, and grown bulls were 10c/kg dearer.

A small selection of vealers made a top of 350c/kg with trade weight steers and heifers making between 340 and 432c/kg. Grown cattle topped at 395c/kg with manufacturing steers selling up to 320c/kg. Heavy beef cows sold from 290 to 360c/kg with the medium weights selling from 240 to 280c/kg. The better covered dairy cows were generally making between 220 and 310c/kg with grown beef bulls to 302c/kg.

Market Report: Reproduced courtesy of Meat & Livestock Australia Limited. Click [here](#) for full report.

Category	Weight		c/kg	\$/Hd
Bulls	0-700	Top	302.0	\$2071.72
		Av	256.9	\$1555.84
Bulls	700+	Top	302.0	\$3522.00
		Av	280.4	\$2371.67
Light Heifers	0-350	Top	310.0	\$1066.68
		Av	217.7	\$643.22
Light Steers	0-350	Top	350.0	\$945.00
		Av	246.7	\$713.06
Trade Heifers	351-500	Top	432.0	\$1935.50
		Av	309.9	\$1296.90
Trade Steers	351-500	Top	432.0	\$1960.20
		Av	299.3	\$1296.70
Heavy Heifers	500+	Top	370.0	\$2464.00
		Av	340.6	\$1828.04
Heavy Steers	500+	Top	395.0	\$2463.75
		Av	318.4	\$1827.46
Grown Heifers		Top	408.0	\$2746.63
		Av	345.7	\$1633.16
Grown Steers		Top	394.0	\$2395.68
		Av	323.8	\$1693.34
Cows		Top	360.0	\$2730.25
		Av	277.6	\$1485.27
Bullocks		Top	392.0	\$3001.60
		Av	314.8	\$1770.98
Weaner Heifers		Top	375.0	\$1518.67
		Av	327.6	\$1282.21
Weaner Steers		Top	384.0	\$1771.20
		Av	307.9	\$1243.18



Top Left: Topping the market today at 432c/kg was this pen of Limousin X steers and heifers that Elders Kerr & Co sold on behalf of H Eldridge & Son. The steers made \$1782ph and the heifer (loin) returned \$1728.

Top Right: This Red Angus cow went under the JM Ellis & Co hammer for a top today of 360c/kg, making \$2498 for RG Townsend P/L.

Bottom Left: Keilambete Pty presented this pen of Angus bullocks that Brian O'Halloran sold for a top of 392c/kg, averaging \$2421ph.

Bottom Right: LMB Livestock sold this pen of Angus grown heifers for a top of 408c/kg, fetching \$1734 on account of Wandilla Grazing Trust.

Upcoming Sales and Events:

- Thursday 1st August - Store Sale starts 10am (2100 head)**
- Monday 5th August - Prime Market starts 9am
- Monday 12th August - Prime Market starts 9am
- Thursday 15th August - Store Sale starts 10am (1700 head)**
- Monday 19th August - Prime Market starts 9am
- Monday 26th August - Prime Market starts 9am