

# Prime Cattle – 18 January 2024

**Total Yarding:** 627

There was a lift in the numbers penned and the rise was mostly in the cow run. There were a few weaners and lighter yearlings and they were in demand from restockers. Feeder steers were well supplied and there was a bit more breed variation through the run. Grown steers and heifers were limited and were mostly sold in twos and threes. There were around 210 mostly heavy cows offered and the market trend was stronger.

Weaner steers sold 30c dearer reaching 426c/kg for calves just over 220kg. heifers reached 327c/kg. The feeder steers were firm with medium weights selling from 280c to 330c/kg, similar weight heifers also remained firm, 255c to 284c but heavy weights lifted 13c selling to 288c/kg. Trade cattle lifted 13c and most sold from 286c to 310c/kg.

Grown steers and bullocks were 18c stronger ranging from 286c to 292c/kg and heavy heifers were 20c to 30c dearer with the quality and demand better and sold from 280c to 286c/kg. The bigger run of cows had the heavy 3 and 4 score cows averaging 22c stronger selling from 240c to 272c and the lighter plainer 2 score cows were pushed by restocking orders and sold from 240c to 269c/kg.

**Market Report:** MLA's National Livestock Reporting Service.

Cat.	Wgt.	Qty	T/A	c/kg	\$/ph
Steers	0 - 200	3	Top	355.0	\$657
			Ave	316.4	\$570
Steers	201 - 300	22	Top	426.2	\$1003
			Ave	351.5	\$866
Steers	301 - 400	100	Top	355.0	\$1275
			Ave	288.8	\$1042
Steers	401 - 500	75	Top	310.0	\$1417
			Ave	284.8	\$1274
Steers	501 +	46	Top	291.0	\$2057
			Ave	283.5	\$1552
Heifers	0 - 200	0	Top	N/A	N/A
			Ave	N/A	N/A
Heifers	201 - 300	27	Top	327.2	\$872
			Ave	286.8	\$747
Heifers	301 - 400	59	Top	294.2	\$1112
			Ave	276.7	\$995
Heifers	401 - 500	54	Top	292.0	\$1377
			Ave	273.6	\$1178
Heifers	501 +	51	Top	288.0	\$1855
			Ave	278.1	\$1629
Cows	401 - 600	99	Top	269.2	\$1537
			Ave	260.1	\$1305
Cows	601 +	58	Top	272.2	\$2255
			Ave	266.5	\$1841
Bulls	0 - 350	6	Top	330.0	\$818
			Ave	197.6	\$601
Bulls	351 - 500	5	Top	195.0	\$941
			Ave	182.5	\$845
Bulls	501 - 750	4	Top	240.8	\$1758
			Ave	222.1	\$1430
Bulls	751 +	9	Top	250.0	\$2863
			Ave	232.5	\$2089

