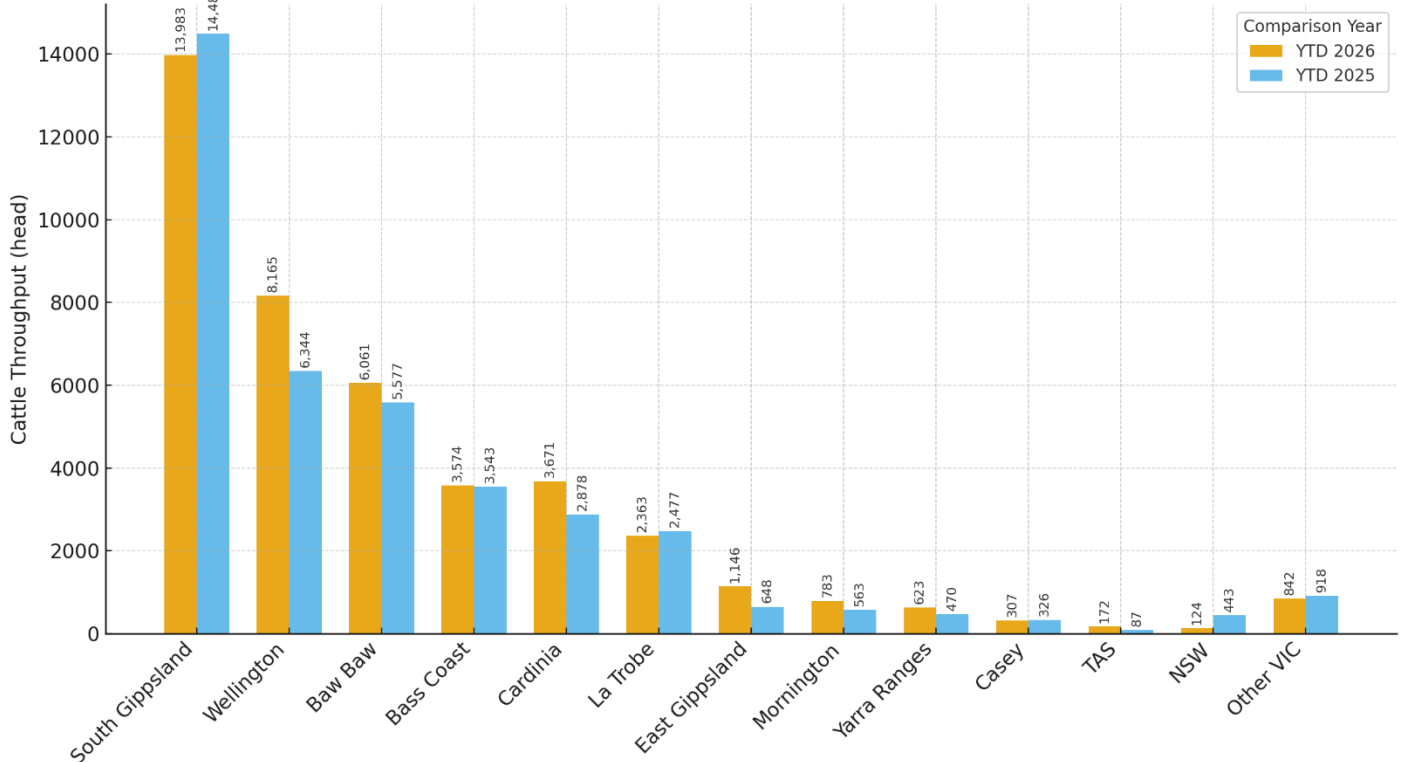




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Financial Year-to-Date Throughput by Region

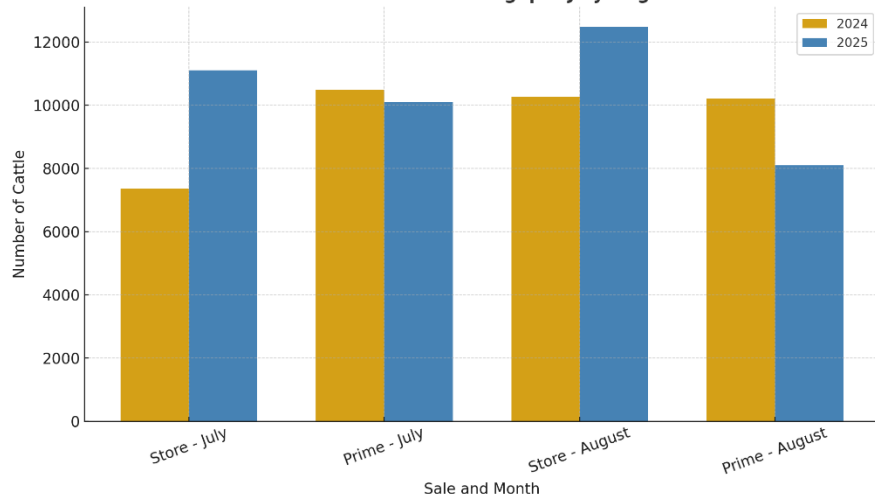


Records tumble as store cattle dominate yardings

Weather conditions, strong prices and the usual seasonal turnoff have combined to drive record yardings at the Victorian Livestock Exchange — delivering the second largest August throughput on record and the largest financial year-to-date total.

This big cattle throughput comes as the Gippsland season still hangs in the balance, with producers hoping spring rain will turn an uncertain season into a good one. A total of 20,579 cattle were sold through the VLE in August, with store stock making up 61 per cent of the yarding. That's a lift from July, when store cattle accounted for just 52 per cent of the 21,206 head yarded. Year-on-year comparisons highlight a trend towards

Total Prime and Store Throughput July-August 2025

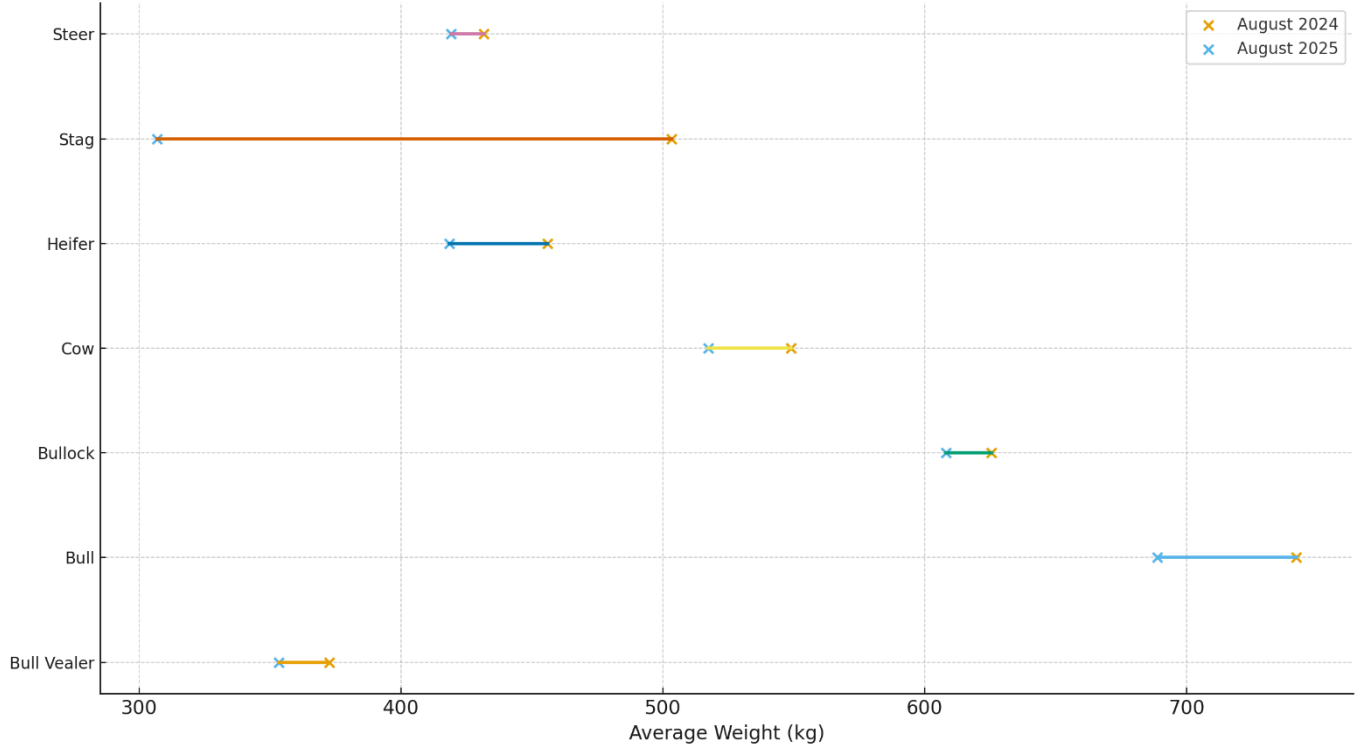


higher store cattle throughput. Prime cattle throughput eased from 20,863 head in July and August 2024 to 18,197 for the same months this year. Store numbers increased 33 per cent from 17,749 to 23,588 head as producers look to capitalise on strong prices amid a tough season.



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Average Prime Market Weights - August 2024 Vs August 2025



Dry run take kilos off, but dollars hold up

A dry summer, autumn and winter has left calves at the Victorian Livestock Exchange weighing up to 30–40kg less than last year — but stronger prices have kept producers ahead. Steers averaging 419kg sold for 447c/kg to return \$1873 in August. A year earlier, steers were nearly 13kg heavier but made just 332c/kg for an average \$1433/head. Nutrien auctioneer Brian McCormack said improved prime market prices were drawing cattle off farm and flowing through to the store market. “The EYCI (Eastern Young Cattle Indicator) is higher than this time last year, there are a lot of things driving the market price up,” he said. “This will probably continue a little longer, but ultimately the season will determine supply — and that will flow through to price.”

While agents are unsure if the big yardings at VLE will last into the back end of the year, Mr McCormack said the Leongatha centre had built its reputation as a “store complex” over the past five years and this was contributing to the number of cattle travelling across Gippsland to the VLE.

“Three or four years ago, it was dry in East Gippsland and producers there were relying on South Gippsland farmers to buy their cattle,” he said. “So, they decided if they had the numbers, they should send them to Leongatha where there were more buyers, more competition and better prices. We’ve been doing that for a few years for clients, and even while prices are good in East Gippsland, those clients are still happy to send them to VLE.”