

## Prime Sheep & Lamb – 15 January 2020

**Total Yarding:** 28,379

Lamb numbers were similar and the quality was good. There were plenty of light store lambs and good runs of both shorn and woolly trade lambs. Shorn heavy weights were also well supplied. Not all the usual buyers were operating in a cheaper market.

Young light lambs to restock had less competition and eased \$7, selling from \$92 to \$136/head. Shorn 2 score processing lambs were firm, making from \$110 to \$126/head. Trade lambs were \$9 to \$10 cheaper with less competition, selling from \$130 to \$179/head, averaging 710c to 750c/kg.

Heavy lambs were \$13 to \$15 cheaper, making from \$158 to \$195 and extra heavy lambs reached \$223 and Merino lambs sold to \$197/head. The best of the hoggets reached \$190/head.

Mutton numbers nearly doubled and the quality was mixed. Prices eased \$12 to \$17/head over most of the yard. Medium weight ewes sold from \$91 to \$150/head. The latter for long skinned Merinos. Heavy crossbred ewes made from \$158 to \$198 and Merino ewes reached \$189 and wethers made to \$190/head. Most averaged from 530c to 560c/kg cwt.

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

Category	QTY	T/A	\$ / Hd
Suckers XB	3456	Top	171
		Aver	129.33
Lambs Merino	857	Top	197.60
		Aver	74.89
Lambs XB	6127	Top	223
		Aver	126.64
Hoggets XB	213	Top	190
		Aver	151.95
Wethers Merino	5123	Top	166.20
		Aver	113.92
Ewes XB	2368	Top	198
		Aver	131.04
Ewes Merino	8978	Top	189.20
		Aver	107.30