

Prime Sheep & Lamb – 29 January 2020

Total Yarding: 15,143

Lamb numbers eased and the quality remains fair to good. There were again good numbers of unshorn light lambs alongside reasonable numbers of trade and heavy weight lambs but the quality is not as good as last week. The market sold to a mixed trend.

Unshorn lambs to restocking orders sold \$20 dearer and shorn lambs, 12 to 16kg were \$5 to \$6 dearer selling from \$110 to \$149/head. Trade lambs 18 to 22kg were \$5 to \$6 cheaper on plainer quality and made from \$148 to \$179/head. Lambs, 22 to 24kg, to 26kg were firm to \$2 dearer, selling from \$181 to \$200/head. Extra heavy lambs reached \$208/head. Carcase prices averaged from 750c to 780c/kg cwt. Heavy hoggets reached \$222/head.

Mutton numbers also reduced and the quality was mixed. Prices were firm on the lighter sheep and up to \$10/head cheaper on the heavy weights. Medium weight ewes sold from \$100 to \$148/head. Heavy crossbred ewes made from \$174 to \$210 and heavy Merino ewes \$147 to \$188/head. Most averaging from 560c to 600c/kg cwt.

Market Report: MLA's National Livestock Reporting Service.

Category	Qty		\$ / Hd
Suckers XB	683	Top	\$184.00
		Aver	\$136.92
Lambs Merino	361	Top	\$148.00
		Aver	\$97.75
Lambs XB	5,247	Top	\$213.00
		Aver	\$141.06
Hoggets XB	151	Top	\$215.00
		Aver	\$174.67
Wethers Merino	1,222	Top	\$173.60
		Aver	\$127.36
Ewes XB	919	Top	\$204.60
		Aver	\$142.55
Ewes Merino	4,441	Top	\$201.00
		Aver	\$130.40