Prime Sheep & Lamb – 19 February 2020

Total Yarding: 9,610

Lamb numbers lifted and the quality was mixed but contained a very good run of heavy and extra heavy lambs. Store lambs were not as well supplied and most of the lambs were lacking finish. The market sold to a firm to dearer trend.

Store lambs were \$13 dearer selling from \$140 to \$183/head. The 2 score processing lambs to 16kg were \$8 dearer, making from \$136 to \$158/head. Medium and heavy trade lambs were \$2 to \$4 dearer selling from \$167 to \$211/head. Heavy lambs sold from \$206 to \$235/head. Carcase prices averaged from 880c to 910c/kg cwt. Extra heavy lambs were back \$6 selling from \$234 to \$266/head. Heavy Merino lambs reached \$214/head. The best of the heavy hoggets sold to \$233/head.

Mutton numbers were similar. Light and medium weight sheep sold \$5 to \$6/head dearer. Heavy weights were \$12/head stronger. Medium weight ewes made from \$120 to \$175/head. Heavy crossbred ewes sold from \$233 to \$249 and Merinos reached \$200/head averaging around 660c/kg cwt.

Market Report: MLA's National Livestock Reporting Service.

Category	Qty		\$ / Hd
Suckers XB	109	Top	\$175.20
		Aver	\$163.97
Lambs Merino	678	Top	\$214.20
		Aver	\$118.77
Lambs XB	4,822	Top	\$266.00
		Aver	\$176.42
Hoggets XB	62	Top	\$233.00
		Aver	\$193.67
Wethers Merino	369	Top	\$200.00
		Aver	\$167.44
Ewes XB	633	Top	\$249.60
		Aver	\$199.28
Ewes Merino	1,129	Top	\$188.00
		Aver	\$136.55