

Prime Sheep & Lamb – 15 April 2020

Total Yarding: 7,309

Lamb numbers lifted and the quality was good. Trade and heavy lambs were well supplied and there were a few lambs that suited restocking orders and feedlots. Merino lambs were in short supply. Not all the usual buyers operated in a steady market.

Restocking lambs sold from \$75 to \$205 to go back onto crop and \$210/head to feed. Merino stores sold to \$169 and \$207/head to processor. Trade weights sold from \$180 to \$222/head. Carcase prices averaged 900c to 920c/kg cwt. Heavy and extra heavy lambs mainly sold from \$220 to \$250/head or around 850c/kg cwt. Hoggets reached \$220 for crossbreds and \$226/head for Merinos.

Mutton numbers lifted and quality varied. Prices sold to similar rates. Merino wethers sold from \$100 to \$232 and crossbred wethers reached \$240/head. Merino ewes \$97 to \$233 and the heavy crossbred ewes did not have the weights and reached \$245/head.

Market Report: MLA's National Livestock Reporting Service.

Category	Qty		\$ / Hd
Suckers XB	-	Top	-
		Aver	-
Lambs Merino	1,274	Top	\$207.00
		Aver	\$165.99
Lambs XB	2,487	Top	\$250.00
		Aver	\$206.31
Hoggets XB	63	Top	\$220.00
		Aver	\$196.00
Wethers Merino	1,032	Top	\$232.00
		Aver	\$175.97
Ewes XB	310	Top	\$245.00
		Aver	\$189.80
Ewes Merino	1,240	Top	\$233.20
		Aver	\$157.94