

Prime Sheep & Lamb – 6 May 2020

Total Yarding: 6,889

Lamb numbers lifted and the quality improved with a much better line up of trade and heavy lambs. Store lambs were still in limited numbers and restockers were still buying lambs up to 21 and 22kg to put on crops. The market sold to a dearer trend.

Restocking lambs were firm at the top end and dearer on the lighter weights with prices up to \$212/head for lambs to return to crops. Medium and heavy trade lambs were \$8 to \$10 dearer across most of the lambs selling mainly from \$165 to \$209/head for lambs up to 24kg. Most averaged from 870c to 920c/kg cwt with the majority of the heavy trades selling from \$200 to \$208/head. Heavy lambs were \$6 better and sold from \$208 to \$224 and extra heavy lambs reached \$266/head or 780c to 850c/kg cwt.

Mutton numbers eased and this week more wethers than ewes were penned. Prices were firm. Bare shorn heavy Merino wethers sold from \$180 to \$206/head or 700c to 720c/kg cwt. Crossbred wethers topped at \$220/head. Heavy crossbred ewes reached \$236 and medium weight sheep made from \$136 to \$177 averaging from 650c to 720c/kg cwt and the best Merino ewes reached \$181/head.

Market Report: MLA's National Livestock Reporting Service.

Category	Qty		\$ / Hd
Suckers XB	-	Top	-
		Aver	-
Lambs Merino	378	Top	\$167.00
		Aver	\$152.23
Lambs XB	4,076	Top	\$266.00
		Aver	\$195.76
Hoggets XB	59	Top	\$216.00
		Aver	\$172.71
Wethers Merino	1,120	Top	\$206.20
		Aver	\$185.08
Ewes XB	197	Top	\$236.00
		Aver	\$184.62
Ewes Merino	338	Top	\$181.00
		Aver	\$141.69