

Prime Sheep & Lamb – 10 June 2020

Total Yarding: 9,092

Lamb numbers lifted and there were plenty of trade and heavy lambs in good condition but there were more lambs presented in store condition. Extra restocking competition saw the plainer finished lambs sell to a dearer trend while the better finished trade weights were unchanged and heavy lambs eased a few dollars. Merino lambs still were limited but the quality improved.

There were a few pens of new season lambs and they made from \$160 to \$186/head and returned to the paddock. Restockers paid from \$115 to \$195/head of old store lambs. Medium and heavy trade lambs were similar and sold from \$188 to \$222/head and averaged 930c top 970c/kg cwt. Heavy lambs sold from \$210 to \$222/head or 860c/kg cwt on average. Extra heavy lambs made from \$226 to \$276/head and carcase prices averaged from 770c to 840c/kg cwt. Merino lambs sold to a top of \$214/head.

Mutton numbers almost doubled and the quality varied. There were several large runs of Merino wethers and some very heavy crossbred ewes. Prices eased slightly on the plainer and lighter mutton but remain solid on the heavy weights. Light sheep sold from \$128 to \$148/head. Heavy crossbred ewes made from \$248 to \$270 and wethers reached \$270/head. Merino wethers sold to a top of \$225/head. Most of the better mutton averaged 750c to 800c/kg cwt.

Market Report: MLA's National Livestock Reporting Service.

Category	Qty		\$ / Hd
Suckers XB	211	Top	\$214.00
		Aver	\$183.86
Lambs Merino	770	Top	\$196.00
		Aver	\$150.34
Lambs XB	3,244	Top	\$276.00
		Aver	\$207.41
Hoggets XB	7	Top	\$220.00
		Aver	\$196.29
Wethers Merino	1,854	Top	\$220.00
		Aver	\$173.92
Ewes XB	79	Top	\$270.00
		Aver	\$219.54
Ewes Merino	1,381	Top	\$210.00
		Aver	\$165.33