

Prime Sheep & Lamb – 15 July 2020

Total Yarding: 4,808

There was an increase in lamb numbers and the quality was good with the majority of the lambs heavy trade or heavy weights. Light and medium weight trade lambs were limited. There were nearly 600 new season lambs penned and most were trade and heavy trade lambs. There was a good run of trade weight Merino lambs. All the usual buyers operated in a dearer market.

New season trade lambs were \$6 stronger selling from \$173 to \$202/head and averaged from 830c to 850c/kg cwt for the heavier weights. Old trade lambs sold to a much stronger trend of \$14 to \$17 and made from \$169 to \$188/head to average around 825c/kg cwt. Heavy old lambs were \$9 to \$11 dearer, selling from \$176 to \$199/head averaging 760c to 800c/kg cwt. Extra heavy lambs topped at \$234/head. Merino trades were nearly \$20 dearer selling from \$160 to \$185/head. Heavy Merino lambs reached \$214/head and averaged from 700c to 750c/kg cwt.

Mutton numbers were steady and quality good with mostly heavy sheep penned. Prices were stronger with the medium weight ewes \$2 to \$4 dearer, making from \$142 to \$166/head. Heavy sheep sold to a much dearer trend with the heavy crossbred ewes selling from \$188 to \$224/head and heavy Merino wethers reaching \$222/head.

Market Report: MLA's National Livestock Reporting Service.

Category	Qty		\$ / Hd
Suckers XB	537	Top	\$198.00
		Aver	\$188.96
Lambs Merino	668	Top	\$213.60
		Aver	\$164.19
Lambs XB	2,291	Top	\$237.20
		Aver	\$186.58
Hoggets XB	10	Top	\$188.00
		Aver	\$171.10
Wethers Merino	155	Top	\$222.60
		Aver	\$171.04
Ewes XB	262	Top	\$224.00
		Aver	\$196.77
Ewes Merino	294	Top	\$188.00
		Aver	\$160.11