

Prime Sheep & Lamb – 22 July 2020

Total Yarding: 5,330

Lamb numbers remained steady and the quality was fair to good with plenty of heavy and extra heavy lambs on offer. Around 600 new season lambs were penned and this included the first of the light store lambs. Not all the usual buyers were operating in a market that declined \$25 to \$30/head across most lambs.

New season lambs returning to the paddock sold from \$115 to \$127 and trade weights made from \$165 to \$172/head and the trade lambs averaged 740c/kg cwt. Old trade lambs to 22kg ranged from \$140 to \$158/head averaging 700c to 740c/kg cwt. Heavy lambs to 26kg sold from \$148 to \$168 and averaged around 650c/kg cwt and extra heavy lambs sold from \$160 to \$188/head. Dorper lambs sold to \$186/head.

Mutton numbers increased and the quality was mixed. Prices eased \$20/head on the medium and heavy sheep with the limited numbers of light sheep steady. Medium weight ewes sold from \$134 to \$150/head. Heavy crossbred ewes made from \$175 to \$219/head averaging from 520c to 540c/kg cwt. Heavy Merino wethers made from \$150 to \$200/head.

Market Report: MLA's National Livestock Reporting Service.

| Category | Qty | | \$ / Hd |
|----------------|-------|------|----------|
| Suckers XB | 531 | Top | \$172.00 |
| | | Aver | \$133.42 |
| Lambs Merino | 516 | Top | \$154.00 |
| | | Aver | \$138.45 |
| Lambs XB | 2,017 | Top | \$188.00 |
| | | Aver | \$159.95 |
| Hoggets XB | 3 | Top | \$150.00 |
| | | Aver | - |
| Wethers Merino | 410 | Top | \$200.00 |
| | | Aver | \$151.90 |
| Ewes XB | 144 | Top | \$219.60 |
| | | Aver | \$155.16 |
| Ewes Merino | 714 | Top | \$219.60 |
| | | Aver | \$156.88 |