

Prime Sheep & Lamb – 29 July 2020

Total Yarding: 3,010

Lamb numbers fell and the quality was mixed but did contained a good run of trade and heavy lambs. There were 3 or 4 pens of new season lambs and most were trade weight lambs. Not all the usual buyers were operating but there were a few extra butchers at the market. Price trends varied but the general trend of the market was dearer lifting \$15 to \$20/head across most lambs.

The few new season lambs sold from \$184 to \$198/head averaging from 830c/kg cwt and higher as the weight decreased. Old medium and heavy trade lambs ranged from \$154 to \$185/head and averaged from 800c to 900c/kg with the lighter weights demanding the premium. Heavy old lambs sold from \$179 to \$186 and ranged from 700c to 760c/kg cwt and extra heavy weights sold from \$180 to \$209/head. Merino lambs made from \$150 to \$168 for trade lambs and heavy weights reached \$195/head, averaging 670c to 710c/kg cwt.

Mutton numbers were limited and all weights were offered. Medium weight ewes held firm while the few heavy sheep lifted up to \$10/head. Medium weight ewes sold from \$131 to \$170/head. Heavy crossbred ewes \$158 to \$189 and Merino wethers reached \$170/head.

Market Report: MLA's National Livestock Reporting Service.

Category	QTY	T/A	\$ / Hd
Suckers XB	109	Top	191
		Aver	179.68
Lambs Merino	341	Top	195
		Aver	156.92
Lambs XB	1493	Top	209.60
		Aver	175.12
Hoggets XB	9	Top	193
		Aver	181.67
Wethers Merino	59	Top	170
		Aver	147.63
Ewes XB	61	Top	170
		Aver	163.92
Ewes Merino	536	Top	173
		Aver	145.10