

Prime Sheep & Lamb – 12 August 2020

Total Yarding: 2,555

It was one of the smallest yardings and included nearly 500 new season lambs. The quality was mixed with very few large runs of lambs. New season lambs sold to a dearer trend for the light weights while trade lambs held steady. Extra heavy old lambs fell with very limited demand. All but a few regular buyers attended.

New season trade lambs sold from \$154 to \$169 averaging from 700c to 760c, while the lighter weights, 16 to 18kg, made from \$148 to \$153/head to average 850c/kg cwt. Old trade lambs sold from \$132 to \$151/head and averaged 670c/kg cwt, also experiencing a small lift in values. Heavy lambs were slightly cheaper, selling from \$140 to \$167/head or 610c to 620c/kg cwt on average. Extra heavy lambs were \$15 cheaper making from \$163 to \$183/head. The best of the hoggets reached \$178/head.

Mutton numbers halved and the quality was again very mixed. Most of the medium weight ewes held firm selling from \$120 to \$145/head. Heavy crossbred ewes sold from \$160 to \$180 and Merino wethers made from \$136 to \$148/head and averaged 550c/kg cwt.

Market Report: MLA's National Livestock Reporting Service.

Category	Qty		\$ / Hd
Suckers XB	404	Top	\$169.00
		Aver	\$158.19
Lambs Merino	585	Top	\$140.00
		Aver	\$131.91
Lambs XB	1,010	Top	\$183.00
		Aver	\$149.65
Hoggets XB	20	Top	\$178.00
		Aver	-
Wethers Merino	26	Top	\$121.20
		Aver	\$107.86
Ewes XB	71	Top	\$165.00
		Aver	\$148.77
Ewes Merino	189	Top	\$145.00
		Aver	\$127.54