

Prime Sheep & Lamb – 19 August 2020

Total Yarding: 5,623

There was a big jump in numbers and the quality was fair to good. Around 1,750 new season lambs were offered and there was a small run of light trade Merinos. Old lambs were a little mixed in quality and heavy lambs sold to limited competition. Not all the usual buyers operated in a cheaper market.

Trade weight new season lambs were \$15 to \$20 cheaper selling between \$129 and \$142/head and averaged 610c to 635c/kg cwt. Heavy new season lambs made from \$138 to \$150 and extra heavy lambs reached \$169/head. Restockers paid from \$132 to \$145/head for lambs to return to a crop.

Old light trade lambs were \$8 cheaper, selling from \$116 to \$120 and medium and heavy trade lambs were \$10 to \$13 cheaper, making from \$124 to \$149/head or 570c to 620c/kg cwt. Heavy weights dropped \$17 and sold from \$127 to \$149/head. Extra heavy weights reached \$190/head with carcass prices averaging 490c to 560c/kg cwt. Light Merino trades were back \$7 and sold from \$109 to \$121 and hoggets reached \$160/head.

Mutton numbers also improved and the quality was plainer. Prices reflected the quality. Light and medium weight ewes were \$4 to \$5/head cheaper and heavy weights were firm. Medium weight ewes sold from \$96 to \$142/head. Heavy crossbred ewes reached \$180 and Merino made to \$165/head. Most averaged from 480c to 530c/kg cwt.

Market Report: MLA's National Livestock Reporting Service.

Category	Qty		\$ / Hd
Suckers XB	2,118	Top	\$185.60
		Aver	\$135.83
Lambs Merino	1,109	Top	\$144.60
		Aver	\$128.34
Lambs XB	800	Top	\$190.00
		Aver	\$140.94
Hoggets XB	30	Top	\$114.00
		Aver	\$108.13
Wethers Merino	735	Top	\$168.00
		Aver	\$131.21
Ewes XB	252	Top	\$180.00
		Aver	\$158.70
Ewes Merino	306	Top	\$165.00
		Aver	\$115.96