

## Prime Sheep & Lamb – 26 August 2020

### Total Yarding: 5,100

Lamb numbers eased slightly with around 1,300 new season lambs penned. The quality of the yarding was again good with a large percentage of the offering trade and heavy lambs. There was a small run of store new season lambs and a slightly larger Merino run. All the usual winter buyers operated in a dearer market

New season lambs to return to the paddock ranged from \$136 to \$138/head. Medium and heavy trade lamb weights to 22kg were \$6 to \$9 dearer making from \$130 to \$150/head averaging 660c to 680c/kg cwt. Heavy new season lambs from 22 to 26kg sold from \$146 to \$159/head or 600c to 635c/kg cwt on average.

Old trade lambs were \$9 to \$12 dearer making from \$129 to \$158/head averaging 630c/kg cwt. Heavy weights were \$14 stronger at \$142 to \$163 with extra heavy lambs topping the market at \$218/head. Trade weight Merino lambs were \$12 dearer making from \$130 to \$147/head. Heavy weights sold to \$167/head.

Mutton numbers lifted slightly and the quality was mixed. Prices lifted \$6 to \$10 on the ewes and a bigger, better run of wethers lifted \$16/head. Medium weight ewes made from \$130 to \$154, heavy crossbred ewes made from \$165 to \$194 and Merino ewes reached \$174/head. Wethers sold to a top of \$190/head and light and medium weight sheep averaged 550c to 600c/kg cwt.

**Market Report:** MLA's National Livestock Reporting Service.

Category	Qty		\$ / Hd
Suckers XB	1,467	Top	\$160.00
		Aver	\$146.12
Lambs Merino	760	Top	\$164.00
		Aver	\$138.25
Lambs XB	1,049	Top	\$218.60
		Aver	\$153.56
Hoggets XB	38	Top	\$171.60
		Aver	\$152.72
Wethers Merino	723	Top	\$164.00
		Aver	\$143.58
Ewes XB	321	Top	\$192.20
		Aver	\$156.66
Ewes Merino	324	Top	\$174.00
		Aver	\$151.05