

Prime Sheep & Lamb – 16 September 2020

Total Yarding: 9,212

Lamb numbers lifted slightly and contained 4,500 new season lambs. There were a few store lambs but the main run consisted of trade and heavy lambs with a few extra heavy weights. Merino numbers lifted slightly and the quality and weight varied. All the usual buyers were operating in a dearer market.

New season medium and heavy trade lambs up to 22kg were firm and ranged from \$145 to \$159/head averaging 700c/kg cwt. Heavier weight 22 to 24kg were up \$4 and sold from \$158 to \$168/head or 680c/kg cwt on average. Heavy lambs saw the biggest jump gaining \$7 to \$9 and sold from \$160 to \$174 and extra heavy lambs made from \$173 to a top of \$229/head.

Old heavy lambs sold \$4 dearer to make from \$160 to \$172/head for lambs up to 26kg. Extra heavy lambs sold from \$174 to \$230 with a range of 580c to 630c/kg cwt. Merino trade lambs made from \$139 to \$162 and heavy weights reached \$187/head to average 650c to 670c/kg cwt.

Mutton numbers eased and there were more ewes than wethers. Quality was mixed but light weights were in short supply causing prices to be \$5 to \$6 dearer. Medium weight ewes sold from \$122 to \$150/head. Heavy crossbred ewes made from \$176 to \$181 and Merinos reached \$174/head. Carcase prices ranged from 640c for the medium weights, to 520c to 560c/kg cwt for the heavy and extra heavy weights.

Market Report: MLA's National Livestock Reporting Service.

Category	QTY	T/A	\$ / Hd
Suckers XB	5836	Top	229.00
		Aver	159.79
Lambs Merino	718	Top	187.20
		Aver	151.68
Lambs XB	408	Top	230.00
		Aver	191.25
Hoggets XB	65	Top	196.00
		Aver	186.25
Wethers Merino	417	Top	154.00
		Aver	138.27
Ewes XB	79	Top	181.20
		Aver	167.83
Ewes Merino	639	Top	178.00
		Aver	152.31