

Prime Sheep & Lamb – 30 September 2020

Total Yarding: 10,286

There was an increase in the number of lambs offered and there were 6,400 new season lambs penned. The quality was good particularly in the new season lamb run. Old lambs were limited and mostly heavy weights. There were extra buyers operating making up a full field of domestic and export buyers and this contributed to a dearer market.

New season lambs had gains of \$15 to \$20 across all weights and grades with the medium and heavy trade lambs selling from \$158 to \$197/head to average 800c to 830c/kg cwt. Trade lambs 22 to 24kg sold from \$171 to \$197/head or 780c to 800c/kg cwt. Heavy new season lambs ranged from \$188 to \$204 and extra heavy topped at \$222/head.

Old lambs gained \$10 to \$15 with the medium and heavy trade lambs \$160 to \$177/head or 780c cwt on average. Heavy lambs sold from \$170 to \$196 and extra heavy lambs topped at \$240/head averaging 680c to 700c/kg cwt. Merino lambs \$150 to \$180/head averaging 750c/kg cwt.

Mutton numbers were steady and the quality was good with plenty of sheep with cover, prices lifted \$15/head. Medium weight ewes sold from \$140 to \$162/head. Heavy crossbred ewes to process made from \$185 to \$201 and restockers paid to \$233/head for younger ewes. Merino wethers reached \$221/head.

Market Report: MLA's National Livestock Reporting Service.

Category	Qty		\$ / Hd
Suckers XB	6,134	Top	\$222.00
		Aver	\$191.43
Lambs Merino	495	Top	\$200.20
		Aver	\$160.74
Lambs XB	658	Top	\$240.00
		Aver	\$186.76
Hoggets XB	230	Top	\$213.20
		Aver	\$190.88
Wethers Merino	1,238	Top	\$221.20
		Aver	\$165.58
Ewes XB	159	Top	\$232.60
		Aver	\$194.09
Ewes Merino	211	Top	\$188.00
		Aver	\$163.38