

## Prime Sheep & Lamb – 14 October 2020

### Total Yarding: 18,451

The influx of new season lambs lifted numbers and quality was good with a lot of well presented lambs showing bloom. Trade and heavy lambs made up the majority and store lambs were much better supplied. The larger than usual buying group returned to the sale which sold to a much cheaper trend on the processing lambs.

Light store lambs sold from \$134 to \$159 with the restockers also paying up to \$179/head for heavy lambs. Medium and heavy new season trade lambs were \$18 cheaper and sold from \$156 to \$169/head averaging 740c/kg cwt. Heavy lambs were also \$15 to \$18 easier and made from \$160 to \$197/head averaging 715c to 735c/kg cwt. Extra heavy weight new season lambs sold to \$229/head. The few heavy old lambs sold were \$10 cheaper and made from \$176 to \$190.

Mutton numbers more than doubled and the quality was mixed with the yarding made up of a larger number of wethers than ewes. The market sold firm to \$4/head dearer on the light and medium weight sheep while heavy mutton sold to a softening trend. Medium weight mutton sold from \$138 to \$160, heavy crossbred ewes made from \$174 to \$220 and the heavy Merino wethers sold to \$197/head.

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

Category	Qty		\$ / Hd
Suckers XB	12,778	Top	\$229.00
		Aver	\$173.33
Lambs Merino	910	Top	\$170.00
		Aver	\$152.68
Lambs XB	1,209	Top	\$220.00
		Aver	\$184.89
Hoggets XB	121	Top	\$214.00
		Aver	\$176.60
Wethers Merino	2,005	Top	\$197.00
		Aver	\$167.63
Ewes XB	388	Top	\$220.00
		Aver	\$172.46
Ewes Merino	328	Top	\$169.00
		Aver	\$150.75