

Prime Sheep & Lamb – 21 October 2020

Total Yarding: 16,968

Lamb numbers fell slightly and the quality was good. There were around 11,100 new season lambs offered. Trade and heavy lambs were well supplied and there was a reasonably number of store and light trade lambs penned. Merino lambs showed a slight increase in numbers. All the usual buying group attended the market which sold to dearer trend.

New season lambs to restocking orders sold from \$88 to \$158/head. Medium and heavy trade lambs were \$3 to \$5 dearer making from \$146 to \$178/head. Heavy lambs were \$5 stronger selling from \$177 to \$197/head and averaged around 760c/kg cwt. Extra heavy weights over 27kg made from \$190 to \$228 gaining from \$10 to \$12/head. The limited supply of old heavy weight lambs sold from \$172 to \$199/head. Extra heavy old lambs reached \$221/head. Trade Merino lambs made from \$162 to \$173 and heavy weights reached \$199/head averaging 730c/kg cwt.

Mutton numbers were steady and quality was fair to good with most of the mutton medium and heavy weights. Prices were dearer and heavy sheep lifted up to \$15/head dearer. Medium weights made from \$141 to \$160/head. Heavy crossbred ewes sold from \$190 to \$233 and Merinos reached \$198/head. Restockers paid up to \$264/head for young ewes.

Market Report: MLA's National Livestock Reporting Service.

Category	Qty		\$ / Hd
Suckers XB	9,899	Top	\$231.00
		Aver	\$184.80
Lambs Merino	1,604	Top	\$200.00
		Aver	\$138.53
Lambs XB	734	Top	\$230.00
		Aver	\$157.58
Hoggets XB	62	Top	\$208.00
		Aver	\$183.68
Wethers Merino	1,702	Top	\$214.00
		Aver	\$185.16
Ewes XB	925	Top	\$233.00
		Aver	\$213.00
Ewes Merino	869	Top	\$226.00
		Aver	\$172.03