

Prime Sheep & Lamb – 4 November 2020

Total Yarding: 17,767

Lamb numbers lifted and the quality is becoming mixed with more lambs starting to dry off and there was an increase in store lambs. There were 14,100 new season lambs penned. Trade and heavy lambs to process still remain well supplied. Old and shorn lambs were very limited and there was only a small offering of Merinos. The market sold to a cheaper trend.

New season lambs returning to the paddock sold from \$88 to \$170 with first cross ewe lambs selling to \$206/head. The medium and heavy trade lambs were \$7 to \$9 cheaper selling from \$159 to \$169/head to processors averaging 770c/kg cwt. Heavy lambs were \$6 cheaper selling from \$170 to \$212/head or 740c/kg cwt. Extra heavy weights were firm to \$3 cheaper, selling to a top of \$248/head. The few old heavy lambs sold from \$196 to \$202/head. Extra heavy weights made to a top of \$230/head. Merino trades made from \$165 to \$186/head.

Mutton numbers halved and the quality also was mixed. Prices were \$5/head cheaper across most categories with less buying competition. Medium weight ewes sold from \$155 to \$164/head. Heavy crossbred \$212/head.

Market Report: MLA's National Livestock Reporting Service.

Category	Qty		\$ / Hd
Suckers XB	12,875	Top	\$243.00
		Aver	\$178.80
Lambs Merino	752	Top	\$186.00
		Aver	\$155.91
Lambs XB	236	Top	\$210.00
		Aver	\$177.34
Hoggets XB	179	Top	\$214.00
		Aver	\$176.98
Wethers Merino	492	Top	\$204.00
		Aver	\$181.31
Ewes XB	247	Top	\$240.20
		Aver	\$209.75
Ewes Merino	1,050	Top	\$212.00
		Aver	\$169.14