

Prime Sheep & Lamb – 2 December 2020

Total Yarding: 21,656

Lamb numbers improved and the quality remains good with 15,000 new season lambs penned. Trade and heavy lambs made up the majority of the offering along with a few large drafts of light store lambs. Old lambs were very limited and there was only a small selection of Merino lambs.

New season lambs to restocking orders made from \$124 to \$172/head. Medium and heavy trade lambs were \$3 to \$4 dearer to sell from \$156 to \$174/head to average from 780c to 820c/kg cwt. Heavy lambs were firm to \$3 cheaper making from \$166 to \$203/head to average 740c to 760c/kg for domestic and 730c/kg cwt for the heavier export lambs. Extra heavy weights sold from \$193 to \$245/head. Hoggets reached \$240/head.

Mutton numbers eased and the quality was good. Ewes were best supplied and prices were from \$7 to \$10 dearer. Medium weight ewes sold from \$138 to \$176/head. Heavy crossbred ewes made from \$190 to \$244 and Merinos sold from \$186 to \$223/head. Most averaged from 640c to 680c/kg cwt.

Market Report: MLA's National Livestock Reporting Service.

Category	Qty		\$ / Hd
Suckers XB	13,165	Top	\$245.00
		Aver	\$183.83
Lambs Merino	238	Top	\$180.00
		Aver	\$145.75
Lambs XB	710	Top	\$213.00
		Aver	\$135.84
Hoggets XB	219	Top	\$240.00
		Aver	\$187.02
Wethers Merino	2,345	Top	\$206.00
		Aver	\$166.55
Ewes XB	630	Top	\$240.00
		Aver	\$200.90
Ewes Merino	1,910	Top	\$223.00
		Aver	\$166.34