

## Prime Sheep & Lamb – 9 December 2020

### Total Yarding: 25,422

Lamb numbers improved and the quality remains good with 16,500 new season lambs offered. Trade and heavy new season lambs made up the majority along with a few large drafts of light store lambs. Only a limited number of Merino lambs were offered and there was a few more pens of shorn lambs. The market trend was dearer.

New season lambs to restocking orders made from \$142 to \$176 up by \$4 to \$9 with restockers paying to \$190/head for shorn ewe lambs. Medium and heavy trade lambs were \$2 to \$4 dearer selling from \$157 to \$176/head to average 780c to 820c/kg cwt. Heavy lambs were \$5 to \$6 dearer selling from \$170 to \$200/head to average from 740c to 760c/kg cwt. Extra heavy weights made from \$194 to \$249/head. Shorn trade lambs sold from \$178 to \$187/head to average 770c/kg. Heavy shorn lambs sold from \$197 to \$250/head to average from 740c to 750c/kg cwt.

Mutton numbers increased and the quality was good. Ewes were well supplied and prices were firm on the light and medium weights and \$5/head cheaper on the heavy weights. Medium weight ewes sold from \$134 to \$175/head. Heavy crossbred ewes were making from \$186 to \$245 and Merinos sold from \$196 to \$213/head. Most averaging 650c to 680c/kg cwt for the medium weights.

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

Category	Qty		\$ / Hd
Suckers XB	13,869	Top	\$249.00
		Aver	\$182.21
Lambs Merino	1,161	Top	\$220.00
		Aver	\$168.17
Lambs XB	1,290	Top	\$250.00
		Aver	\$194.57
Hoggets XB	311	Top	\$250.00
		Aver	\$160.59
Wethers Merino	1,822	Top	\$240.00
		Aver	\$191.06
Ewes XB	1,856	Top	\$245.00
		Aver	\$193.30
Ewes Merino	2,765	Top	\$213.00
		Aver	\$165.11