

Prime Sheep & Lamb – 16 December 2020

Total Yarding: 21,552

Numbers were back with 13,600 new season lambs penned. The quality remains good with a large percentage of the lambs still showing a degree of freshness and bloom. Shorn lambs were limited and there were limited numbers of Merino lambs. Trade and heavy lambs made up the bulk with a reduced offering of light store lambs. The market sold to a stronger trend.

New season lambs returning to the paddock sold from \$136 to \$164/head to remain firm. Medium and heavy trade lambs were \$12 to \$15 dearer selling from \$156 to \$179/head to average from 810c to 850c/kg cwt. Heavy lambs were \$12 stronger to sell from \$170 to \$220/head or 790c/kg cwt on average. Extra heavy weights reached \$257/head. Shorn new season trade lambs to 24kg were \$8 to \$9 stronger and sold from \$160 to \$197/head or to average 795c/kg cwt. Heavy weights sold from \$195 to \$215 and extra heavy lambs reached \$239/head.

Mutton numbers were back and the quality not as good with large numbers of medium weight. Heavy and extra heavy ewes were not as well supplied. The market sold to a cheaper trend up to \$20/head. Medium weight ewes made from \$110 to \$166/head. Heavy crossbred ewes sold from \$173 to \$220 and Merinos made from \$154 to \$186/head. Merino wethers reached \$237/head.

Market Report: MLA's National Livestock Reporting Service.

Category	QTY	T/A	\$ / Hd
Suckers XB	12546	Top	257.40
		Aver	185.25
Lambs Merino	122	Top	148.00
		Aver	115.47
Lambs XB	1218	Top	230.20
		Aver	161.53
Hoggets XB	145	Top	226.00
		Aver	197.59
Wethers Merino	1963	Top	237.20
		Aver	181.09
Ewes XB	909	Top	220.00
		Aver	174.66
Ewes Merino	2220	Top	194.00
		Aver	140.01