

Prime Sheep & Lamb – 6 January 2021

Total Yarding: 12,544

Lamb numbers eased for the first sale and the quality was good. There still was good numbers of new season lambs alongside some very well finished shorn lambs. Trade and heavy lambs made up the majority and there were some excellent extra heavy lambs. Store lambs were back in volume. All the usual buyers operated in a dearer market where prices lifted from \$13 to \$18/head.

New season store lambs sold from \$129 to \$179 lifting \$30/head. Medium and heavy trade weights sold from \$156 to \$201/head to average 870c/kg cwt. Heavy lambs made from \$190 to \$215 or 835c/kg cwt on average with the extra heavy new season lambs making to \$225/head. Shorn trades sold from \$175 to \$200 whilst heavy shorn lambs made from \$196 to \$226/head averaging from 850c to 870c/kg cwt. Extra heavy weights sold from \$216 to \$250/head.

Mutton numbers fell and the quality was good. Ewes were well supplied and there were good numbers heavy weights. Prices were firm on the medium weights and \$5 to \$10/head dearer on the heavy weights. Medium weight ewes sold from \$134 to \$161/head. Heavy crossbred ewes made from \$170 to \$215 with the Merinos selling from \$156 to \$186/head. Merino wethers reached \$200/head.

Market Report: MLA's National Livestock Reporting Service.

Category	Qty		\$ / Hd
Suckers XB	3,020	Top	\$225.00
		Aver	\$188.85
Lambs Merino	96	Top	\$161.00
		Aver	\$137.54
Lambs XB	3,320	Top	\$231.00
		Aver	\$200.74
Hoggets XB	101	Top	\$207.95
		Aver	\$176.60
Wethers Merino	644	Top	\$173.25
		Aver	\$20.00
Ewes XB	845	Top	\$177.56
		Aver	\$20.00
Ewes Merino	1,672	Top	\$166.73
		Aver	\$104.00