

Prime Sheep & Lamb – 5 January 2022

Total Yarding: 8622

There was only a small penning for the first sale of the year and the quality was mixed. There were plenty of dry woolly lambs and some very good shorn heavy weights. The unshorn lambs were in demand from restockers and most of the shorn lambs went to processors. Price trend varied as buyers stepped in and out of the market as some plants aren't operating fully till next week. The trend of the sale was cheaper.

Unshorn lambs returning to the paddock were \$5 cheaper and sold from \$110 to \$186 and shorn trade weight lambs to the paddock reached \$196/head. Trade lambs to 24kg cwt \$174 to \$195/head and averaged 800c/kg cwt. Heavy lambs \$189 to \$210/head or 770c/kg cwt. Merino hoggets were well supplied and sold from \$142 to \$175/head and averaged 680c/kg cwt.

Mutton numbers were back and so were prices with some exporters not operating. Medium weight ewes sold from \$127 to \$165/head. Heavy crossbred ewes \$183 to \$199 and \$227/head to restockers. The best Merino made \$176/head.

Market Report: MLA's National Livestock Reporting Service.

Category	Qty	T/A	\$ / H
Suckers XB	3393	Top	\$210.00
		Ave	\$170.77
Lambs Merino	56	Top	\$142.00
		Ave	\$130.04
Lambs XB	44	Top	\$210.00
		Ave	\$175.06
Hoggets XB	52	Top	\$200.00
		Ave	\$172.83
Wethers Merino	303	Top	\$176.00
		Ave	\$165.43
Ewes XB	1259	Top	\$227.00
		Ave	\$174.12
Ewes Merino	1043	Top	\$176.20
		Ave	\$137.26