

Prime Sheep & Lamb – 2 February 2022

Total Yarding: 12,236

Lamb numbers eased and the quality was mixed. Trade and heavy lambs were well supplied while extra heavy and store lambs were back in volume. Buyers were again looking to buy shorn lambs with the longer skins showing signs of seed infestation. The market sold to a cheaper trend.

The store lambs went against the trend with the lighter lambs \$120 to trade weighted lambs \$181/head to return to the paddock. Trade lambs were \$4 to \$5 cheaper with the trade weights to 24kg cwt \$168 to \$196 and lambs 24 to 26kg cwt \$190 to \$218/head averaging 790c/kg cwt. The heavy lambs 26 to 30kg \$208 to \$228/head. Best of the heavy Merinos reached \$199/head.

Mutton numbers lifted and the quality was good with plenty of heavy sheep. Prices were \$5 to \$10 dearer. Medium weight ewes sold from \$94 to long skin Merino reaching \$164/head. Heavy crossbred ewes sold to \$206/head and heavy Merino wethers \$163 to \$210/head. Crossbred wethers \$218/head.

Market Report: MLA's National Livestock Reporting Service.

Category	Qty	T/A	\$ / H
Suckers XB	1188	Top	\$210.00
		Ave	\$174.78
Lambs Merino	68	Top	\$151.00
		Ave	\$95.38
Lambs XB	3744	Top	\$228.20
		Ave	\$177.54
Hoggets XB	156	Top	\$221.20
		Ave	\$182.67
Wethers Merino	1165	Top	\$210.00
		Ave	\$169.03
Ewes XB	560	Top	\$208.00
		Ave	\$171.59
Ewes Merino	3761	Top	\$203.20
		Ave	\$140.79