

Prime Sheep & Lamb – 9 February 2022

Total Yarding: 9,734

Lamb numbers were similar and the quality was fair to good. There were some very good shorn trade and heavy lambs along with runs of light store lambs and unshorn lambs up to heavy trade weights that were lacking finish. The market trend was cheaper, very much quality driven.

Store lambs sold up to \$20 cheaper with smaller runs and quality the driver, prices ranged from \$139 to \$175/head. Trade weight lambs to 24kg cwt were \$2 to \$4 cheaper ranging from \$164 to \$195/head or 770c to 790c/kg cwt. Lambs estimated 24 to 26kg cwt were back \$4 \$186 to \$215/head and heavy lambs 26 to 30kg back \$6/head \$196 to \$228/head or 750c/kg cwt on average. Extra heavy old lambs over 30kg made to \$226/head. Best prices hogget reached \$200/head.

Mutton numbers dropped and the quality was very mixed. Ewes made up the bulk and prices were firm to \$8 dearer on the lighter mutton. Medium weight ewes \$126 to \$167/head. Heavy crossbred ewes were back \$5 and ranged from \$193 to \$240/head, Merinos reached \$176 and Merino wethers \$196/head.

Market Report: MLA's National Livestock Reporting Service.

Category	Qty	T/A	\$ / H
Suckers XB	396	Top	\$188.00
		Ave	\$152.58
Lambs Merino	302	Top	\$166.00
		Ave	\$139.69
Lambs XB	3913	Top	\$228.00
		Ave	\$172.44
Hoggets XB	66	Top	\$200.00
		Ave	\$170.83
Wethers Merino	574	Top	\$196.00
		Ave	\$168.82
Ewes XB	723	Top	\$212.20
		Ave	\$168.65
Ewes Merino	2293	Top	\$176.00
		Ave	\$140.33