

Prime Sheep & Lamb – 16 March 2022

Total Yarding: 11,856

Lamb numbers lifted and the quality was again mixed. There were plenty of light lambs suited to both trade and restocking orders. Some large drafts of trade lambs and a few heavy weights. One of the usual buyers were missing but the trend of the market was cheaper dropping \$10 to \$15/head across most categories. Most of the restocking lambs sold from \$90 to \$170/head.

Trade lambs 18kg to 24kg ranged from \$137 to \$185 averaging 750c and the 24kg to 26kg lambs \$181 to \$198/head or 715c/kg cwt on average. The heavy lambs 26kg to 30kg sold from \$188 to \$200 and extra heavy lambs reached \$300/head estimated at over 40kg cwt. Best prices crossbred hogget reached \$221/head.

Mutton numbers doubled and the quality was mixed. Prices were \$20/head cheaper on light and medium weight ewes, heavy crossbred ewes held firm. Heavy crossbred ewes sold from \$176 to \$215 and Merinos reached \$190/head. Wethers made to \$192/head.

Market Report: MLA's National Livestock Reporting Service.

Category	Qty	T/A	\$ / H
Suckers XB	198	Top	\$157.20
		Ave	\$142.60
Lambs Merino	308	Top	\$115.00
		Ave	\$81.22
Lambs XB	4986	Top	\$300.00
		Ave	\$155.23
Hoggets XB	127	Top	\$221.00
		Ave	\$155.15
Wethers Merino	0	Top	\$
		Ave	\$
Ewes XB	1341	Top	\$215.00
		Ave	\$161.65
Ewes Merino	2813	Top	\$190.00
		Ave	\$125.02