

Prime Sheep & Lamb – 23 March 2022

Total Yarding: 7,633

Numbers were back and the overall quality was plainer. There were a few lighter weights which mainly suited the restockers, a good run of trade weights and small run of heavy and extra heavy weights. Secondary lambs with weight still had a high presence and most of these went to feeder/restocking orders. Not all the usual buyers were operating fully, and the market sold to a dearer trend.

Restocking lambs sold from \$120 to \$171/head up \$7 on average. Trade lambs 20 to 22kg cwt were firm selling from \$150 to \$177/head and the 22 to 24kg lambs were \$7 to \$8 dearer, ranging from \$173 to \$197/head, averaging 750c to 765c/kg cwt. The 24 to 26kg lambs, the best finished lifted \$10 and ranged from \$195 to \$210/head, 26 to 30kg heavy weights \$209 to \$230/head and extra heavy lambs reached \$263/head. Merino lambs were light 1 and 2 scores sold from \$34 to \$138/head. Best priced hogget reached \$207/head.

Mutton numbers also dropped and the quality was again mixed with all weights and grades penned. Prices held firm on limited numbers of heavy crossbred ewes and were \$4 to \$5 dearer on the light and medium weights. Medium weight ewes \$106 to \$165/head, heavy crossbred ewes \$188 to \$206 and restocking Merinos ewes \$165 to \$175/head.

Market Report: MLA's National Livestock Reporting Service.

Category	Qty	T/A	\$ / H
Suckers XB	0	Top	N/A
		Ave	N/A
Lambs Merino	410	Top	\$176.00
		Ave	\$65.83
Lambs XB	3713	Top	\$263.00
		Ave	\$148.24
Hoggets XB	137	Top	\$201.20
		Ave	\$178.36
Wethers Merino	528	Top	\$180.00
		Ave	\$156.90
Ewes XB	375	Top	\$200.00
		Ave	\$157.30
Ewes Merino	1206	Top	\$178.00
		Ave	\$129.14