

Prime Lamb & Sheep – 4 May 2022

Total Yarding: 11,760

Lamb numbers lifted and the quality was only fair to good with large drafts of light store lambs and only limited numbers of good trade lambs. There were only a few pens of prime heavy weights and a reduced number of extra heavy lambs. Merinos were very limited. The market sold to a dearer trend on the prime lambs lifting \$10 to \$15/head while the lighter and plainer lambs returning to the paddock eased \$7/head.

Store lambs to 20kg cwt sold from \$99 to \$171/head, the latter were shorn lambs, trade weighted lambs back to the paddock \$160 to \$180/head. Prime trade lambs 20 to 24kg sold from \$150 to \$188/head and averaged 775c to 800c/kg and the 24 to 26kg cwt lambs ranged from \$190 to \$209/head or 750c to 775c/kg cwt. Heavy lambs ranged between \$208 and \$226/head and extra heavy lambs reached \$240/head. Very heavy hoggets reached \$226/head.

There was only a slight decrease in mutton numbers and the quality was mixed. Light 1 and 2 score mutton sold to a cheaper trend while the better covered and heavier weights were dearer by \$6 to \$8/head. Medium weight ewes sold from \$100 to \$154/head. Heavy crossbred ewes \$188 to \$213/head and the best price for Merino ewes reached \$203/head. Crossbred wethers reached \$234/head.

Market Report: MLA's National Livestock Reporting Service.

Category	Qty	T/A	\$ / H
Suckers XB	59	Top	\$166.00
		Ave	\$149.68
Lambs Merino	148	Top	\$130.00
		Ave	\$56.03
Lambs XB	5394	Top	\$240.00
		Ave	\$153.69
Hoggets Merino	613	Top	\$177.00
		Ave	\$123.65
Hoggets XB	62	Top	\$225.00
		Ave	\$160.98
Wethers Merino	588	Top	\$206.00
		Ave	\$134.35
Ewes Merino	2725	Top	\$203.00
		Ave	\$126.31
Ewes XB	953	Top	\$213.00
		Ave	\$170.34