

Prime Lamb & Sheep – 11 May 2022

Total Yarding: 11,451

Lamb numbers eased and the quality was good with runs of well finished heavy and extra heavy weights. Trade lambs were a little mixed with longer skinned secondary lambs more prevalent. Most of the usual buyers operated in a cheaper market.

Restocking lambs started at \$58 for very light weights and sold to \$168/head for trade weighted lambs back to crop. 2 score processing lambs sold from \$115 to \$138/head and the medium weight trade lambs were \$2 to \$4 cheaper \$150 to \$174/head averaging 750c/kg cwt. Heavy trades 22 to 24kg sold from \$172 to \$184/head back \$3 or 740c/kg on average and 24 to 26kg lambs \$175 to \$195/head or 730c/kg on average. Heavy lambs \$199 to \$218/head remaining firm and was the best competed weight range and extra heavy weights topped at \$240/head. Best priced hogget reached \$218/head.

Mutton numbers lifted and the quality was good but prices were back \$10 to \$15 across most categories. Medium weight ewes sold from \$130 to \$175/head, Merinos in full wool. Heavy crossbred ewes \$182 to \$206 and the best of Merinos to process reached \$204 and restockers paid to \$216/head for scanned ewes.

Market Report: MLA's National Livestock Reporting Service.

Category	Qty	T/A	\$ / H
Suckers XB	0	Top	N/A
		Ave	N/A
Lambs Merino	445	Top	\$165.20
		Ave	\$93.84
Lambs XB	4536	Top	\$240.00
		Ave	\$163.27
Hoggets Merino	374	Top	\$194.00
		Ave	\$127.83
Hoggets XB	165	Top	\$218.00
		Ave	\$183.54
Wethers Merino	585	Top	\$196.00
		Ave	\$169.86
Ewes Merino	3856	Top	\$180.00
		Ave	\$118.68
Ewes XB	718	Top	\$218.00
		Ave	\$173.07