

Prime Lamb & Sheep – 18 May 2022

Total Yarding: 9,452

Lamb numbers lifted and the quality remains mixed with good numbers of lighter store lambs and only a limited number of prime medium and heavy trade weights. Heavy and extra heavy lambs were better supplied and there was only a small offering of trade weight Merinos. The market lifted \$5 to \$6/head on the trade and heavy weights with store lambs selling to very strong restocking competition.

Store lambs sold to \$178/head for shorn second cross lambs and carcass prices exceeded 1000c/kg cwt. Trade lambs ranged from \$143 to \$198/head and averaged from 770c to 815c/kg cwt. Lambs 24 to 26kg cwt reached \$206/head or 770c/kg cwt on average and heavy weights to 30kg \$195 to \$220/head and averaged 740c/kg. Extra heavy lambs reached \$236/head. Best of the Merino trades reached \$166/head or 680c/kg cwt.

Mutton numbers fell and the quality was mixed but prices lifted \$20/head across most categories in the smaller yarding. Medium weight ewes \$119 to \$168/head. Heavy crossbred ewes \$191 to \$218 and Merino wethers reached \$206/head. Carcass prices 600 to 650c/kg cwt on the medium and heavy weights.

Market Report: MLA's National Livestock Reporting Service.

| Category | Qty | T/A | \$ / H |
|----------------|------|-----|----------|
| Suckers XB | 0 | Top | N/A |
| | | Ave | N/A |
| Lambs Merino | 115 | Top | \$166.00 |
| | | Ave | \$142.70 |
| Lambs XB | 4980 | Top | \$236.00 |
| | | Ave | \$169.45 |
| Hoggets Merino | 510 | Top | \$196.60 |
| | | Ave | \$164.85 |
| Hoggets XB | 114 | Top | \$230.00 |
| | | Ave | \$159.68 |
| Wethers Merino | 916 | Top | \$206.00 |
| | | Ave | \$147.88 |
| Ewes Merino | 2178 | Top | \$193.20 |
| | | Ave | \$128.99 |
| Ewes XB | 299 | Top | \$218.00 |
| | | Ave | \$174.90 |