

Prime Lamb & Sheep – 20 July 2022

Total Yarding: 11,596

Lamb numbers eased and the quality was plain. Most lambs were very wintery and lacked finish. There were a few pen of well finished lambs and most were heavy and extra heavy lambs and had been grain assisted. The market sold \$20 to \$25/head easier on most of the lambs with the few better lambs back \$5/head.

The 2 score processing lambs sold from \$80 to \$135/head. Trade lambs to 22kg cwt sold from \$131 to \$166/head. The 22 to 24kg lambs \$166 to \$174 and lambs to 26kg cwt reached \$198/head. Heavy lambs to 30kg \$179 to \$208/head were back \$5 and extra heavy lambs \$242 to \$250/head. The secondary lambs averaged from 600c to 680c/kg while the few well finished lambs 720c to 760c/kg cwt. Heavy Merino lambs ranged from \$155 to \$163/head.

Mutton numbers lifted and the quality was fair to good. Prices were back \$15 to \$20/head with some export buyers very selective. Medium weight ewes \$105 to \$148/head. Heavy crossbred ewes \$165 to \$200 and Merino wethers reached \$193/head. Carcass prices averaged 520c to 560c/kg cwt.

Market Report: MLA's National Livestock Reporting Service.

Category	Qty	T/A	\$ / H
Suckers XB	102	Top	\$114.00
		Ave	\$76.96
Lambs Merino	394	Top	\$154.00
		Ave	\$64.03
Lambs XB	5487	Top	\$250.00
		Ave	\$143.10
Hoggets Merino	753	Top	\$130.00
		Ave	\$104.53
Hoggets XB	148	Top	\$176.00
		Ave	\$142.07
Wethers Merino	1431	Top	\$193.60
		Ave	\$121.71
Ewes Merino	1232	Top	\$168.00
		Ave	\$119.33
Ewes XB	761	Top	\$200.00
		Ave	\$146.78