

## Prime Lamb & Sheep – 31 August 2022

Total Yarding: 5335

There was a slight increase in lamb numbers and included 500 new season lambs. The quality was mixed with runs of neatly shorn and rounded lambs included next to runs of secondary lambs lacking finish or longer skinned lambs. Trade weights were well supplied and there were several big drafts of heavy weights. The market sold to a stronger trend with lambs lifted \$10 to \$15/head across most categories.

New season trade weights sold from \$172 to \$201/head averaging 805c to 825c/kg cwt and the heavy weights \$189 to \$207/head. Old 2 score processing lambs to 18kg cwt sold from \$67 to \$130/head and averaged 560c to 580c/kg cwt. The medium and heavy trade lambs to 24kg ranged from \$118 to \$188/head to average overall lambs between 680c to 720c/kg but the better lambs were up around 775c/kg cwt. Heavy weights to 30kg ranged from \$150 to \$204 and extra heavy weights reached \$229/head.

Mutton numbers were similar and the quality was mixed, prices were also dearer with medium weight ewes selling from \$102 to \$130/head. Heavy crossbred ewes \$150 to \$189/head and the best Merino reached \$158/head.

**Market Report:** MLA's National Livestock Reporting Service.

| Category       | Qty  | T/A | \$ / H   |
|----------------|------|-----|----------|
| Suckers XB     | 402  | Top | \$207.60 |
|                |      | Ave | \$182.70 |
| Lambs Merino   | 178  | Top | \$139.20 |
|                |      | Ave | \$114.64 |
| Lambs XB       | 3869 | Top | \$229.20 |
|                |      | Ave | \$153.01 |
| Hoggets Merino | 4    | Top | \$130.00 |
|                |      | Ave | \$95.00  |
| Hoggets XB     | 166  | Top | \$169.00 |
|                |      | Ave | \$143.30 |
| Wethers Merino | 91   | Top | \$158.00 |
|                |      | Ave | \$120.45 |
| Ewes Merino    | 288  | Top | \$140.00 |
|                |      | Ave | \$91.65  |
| Ewes XB        | 104  | Top | \$180.00 |
|                |      | Ave | \$123.59 |