

Prime Lamb & Sheep – 12 October 2022

Yarding: 8,454

Lamb numbers were back and included 2850 new season lambs. Quality was again mixed with some very good new season lambs as well as old lambs in secondary condition. Trade and heavy lambs were well supplied and there were several pens of store lambs. Merino lambs also dropped the volume. The market trend was dearer on the new season lambs and heavy old lambs.

New season store lambs sold up \$20 better with added competition and sold from \$130 to \$146/head. Trade lambs to 24kg cwt were \$12 to \$13 dearer and sold from \$150 to \$195/head averaging 800c to 825c/kg cwt. The 24 to 26kg lambs ranged from \$200 to \$205/head or 790c/kg and heavy weights to 30kg reached \$221/head.

Old 2 score lambs sold from \$77 to \$110/head. Trade weights to 24kg lifted \$12 to \$14 on the better shaped and shorn lambs and sold from \$138 to \$185/head or 720c to 750c/kg cwt on average. Heavy lambs \$170 to \$232/head. Merino trades reached \$151/head and hoggets \$190/head.

Mutton numbers eased and the quality was slightly plainer. Prices were \$9 to \$10 cheaper with less competition. Medium weight ewes \$90 to \$118/head. Heavy crossbreeds \$125 to \$155 and heavy Merino ewes sold to \$143/head. Best prices Merino wethers sold to \$145/head.

Market Report: MLA's National Livestock Reporting Service.

Category	Qty	T/A	\$ / H
Suckers XB	2746	Top	\$221.00
		Ave	\$162.49
Lambs Merino	785	Top	\$151.20
		Ave	\$110.46
Lambs XB	1449	Top	\$230.20
		Ave	\$154.92
Hoggets Merino	77	Top	\$123.00
		Ave	\$111.65
Hoggets XB	114	Top	\$172.80
		Ave	\$135.80
Wethers Merino	1181	Top	\$145.00
		Ave	\$113.78
Ewes Merino	348	Top	\$143.00
		Ave	\$105.76
Ewes XB	1023	Top	\$150.00
		Ave	\$130.06