

Prime Lamb & Sheep – 9 November 2022

Yarding: 22,129

Lamb numbers jumped and there were 9000 new season lambs offered. The quality was fair to good and there were good runs of trade and heavy weight lambs, extra heavy lambs improved in both numbers and quality with nearly a week of sunshine, Merino lamb numbers were better and there was more weights in the Merino run. Buyer competition was strong with the usual buyers and a couple of extra feeders and agents looking for lambs to return to the paddock. The market sold to a cheaper trend.

New season store lambs were \$20 to \$30 cheaper selling from \$70 to \$136/head. Trade weights to 24kg were \$10 to \$15 softer selling from \$141 to \$180 and the 24 to 26kg lambs \$188 to \$200/head. Most averaged 740c to 760c/kg cwt. Heavy weights to 30kg reached \$220/head.

Old trades sold from \$136 to \$169/head falling at similar rates and heavy weights ranged from \$161 to \$211/head. Merino trades have reached \$115/head. The best priced hogget \$179/head.

Mutton numbers lifted and quality was plainer. It was nearly a 50/50 split of wethers and ewes. Prices back \$20 to \$30/head. Medium weight ewes sold from \$93 to \$137 and heavy crossbreeds \$118 to \$141/head. Merino wethers reached \$132/head. There is still half the yard to sell at time if report.

Market Report: MLA's National Livestock Reporting Service.

Category	Qty	T/A	\$ / H
Suckers XB	8805	Top	\$220.00
		Ave	\$141.66
Lambs Merino	2442	Top	\$146.00
		Ave	\$86.03
Lambs XB	2307	Top	\$211.60
		Ave	\$148.51
Hoggets Merino	726	Top	\$157.00
		Ave	\$83.98
Hoggets XB	728	Top	\$179.00
		Ave	\$151.52
Wethers Merino	942	Top	\$132.00
		Ave	\$108.07
Ewes Merino	4260	Top	\$138.00
		Ave	\$91.71
Ewes XB	1128	Top	\$141.20
		Ave	\$119.39