

Prime Lamb & Sheep – 16 November 2022

Yarding: 12,248

Lamb numbers slipped and the quality was again mixed. There were 4660 new season lambs which included good numbers of store conditioned lambs, a few nice runs of trade weights and only a limited supply of heavy and extra heavy lambs. There was a small offering of mainly light Merino lambs. The market sold to a dearer trend.

New season store lambs sold \$15/head dearer and ranged from \$60 to \$143/head. Medium and heavy trade weights lambs were \$12 to \$16 dearer and sold from \$145 to \$189/head and averaged 780c to 815c/kg cwt. Heavy lambs 24 to 26kg cwt gained \$12 and ranged from \$188 to \$205/head or 780c/kg and heavier weights reached \$220/head.

Old trade lambs to 26kg sold from \$110 to \$190/head or 720c to 750c/kg on average. Heavy weights to 30kg received \$186 to \$202 and extra heavy lambs topped at \$265/head. Light Merinos sold from \$85 to \$93/head and the best priced hogget reached \$198/head.

Mutton numbers also decreased and the quality was fair to good. Medium and heavy weights were best supplied while the very light and plain 1 scores were limited. Prices were \$4 to \$8 cheaper.

Medium weight ewes sold from \$72 to \$122 and heavy crossbred ewes \$118 to \$133/head. Heavy Merino wethers reached \$135/head.

Market Report: MLA's National Livestock Reporting Service.

| Category | Qty | T/A | \$ / H |
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| Suckers XB | 4259 | Top | \$221.20 |
| | | Ave | \$152.01 |
| Lambs Merino | 965 | Top | \$155.00 |
| | | Ave | \$105.36 |
| Lambs XB | 633 | Top | \$265.60 |
| | | Ave | \$154.17 |
| Hoggets Merino | 261 | Top | \$108.00 |
| | | Ave | \$84.15 |
| Hoggets XB | 451 | Top | \$165.00 |
| | | Ave | \$138.00 |
| Wethers Merino | 1082 | Top | \$135.20 |
| | | Ave | \$115.25 |
| Ewes Merino | 1441 | Top | \$122.00 |
| | | Ave | \$85.24 |
| Ewes XB | 1498 | Top | \$133.00 |
| | | Ave | \$109.48 |