

## Prime Lamb & Sheep – 23 November 2022

Yarding: 15,323

Lamb numbers increased and the quality remains mixed. Most were new season lambs. There were good lines of well finished lambs along with good numbers of lighter store lambs and lambs that lacked finish. Trade weights were well supplied and there were reasonable numbers of well finished heavy weights. Extra heavy lambs were limited. Quality was the main factor in prices with the secondary lambs heavily discounted. All the usual buyer were operating in a mostly cheaper market.

New season lambs to the paddock were \$15 cheaper on average and ranged from \$67 to \$140/head. Trade weight to 24kg were 44 softer on average and sold from \$166 to \$195/head. The 24 to 26kg lambs were the best run of lambs and lifted \$5 and sold from \$197 to \$206 and averaged 800c/kg. Heavy weights received \$204 to \$234/head.

Old trades were limited and sold from \$135 to \$183 and heavy and extra heavy weights \$183 to \$241/head. Merinos reached \$135/head and the best priced hogget reached \$170/head.

Mutton numbers were similar and the quality was also mixed with all weights and grades offered. Prices were \$8 to \$10 dearer. Medium weight ewes ranged from \$70 to \$128/head. Heavy crossbred ewes reached \$161 and Merinos reached \$135/head. Wethers topped at \$155/head.

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

Category	Qty	T/A	\$ / H
Suckers XB	6201	Top	\$234.20
		Ave	\$141.78
Lambs Merino	535	Top	\$121.00
		Ave	\$48.49
Lambs XB	2021	Top	\$241.00
		Ave	\$131.78
Hoggets Merino	104	Top	\$110.00
		Ave	\$76.28
Hoggets XB	1132	Top	\$167.60
		Ave	\$137.02
Wethers Merino	758	Top	\$150.00
		Ave	\$117.96
Ewes Merino	2867	Top	\$128.00
		Ave	\$92.83
Ewes XB	532	Top	\$160.20
		Ave	\$116.08

