

# Prime Lamb & Sheep – 30 November 2022

Yarding: 20,466

Lamb numbers improved and there were nearly 12000 new season lambs offered. The quality was fair to good with plenty of lambs in store condition and under 18kg cwt. There were good runs of trade weights although there were still plenty of drier lambs that were discounted by the trade buyers, heavy lambs were better supplied and extra heavy weights lambs also had a rise in numbers. Old lambs were limited with a large percentage sold in a mix of hoggets and lambs. Merino were limited and most were light 1 and 2 score lambs. The market sold to a cheaper trend.

New season store lambs sold from \$80 to \$141/head. Trade lambs to 24kg ranged from \$135 to \$185/head. The best lambs averaged 780c while the plainer and secondary lambs averaged 650c to 700c/kg cwt. The 24 to 26kg cwt lambs ranged from \$168 to \$200/head. Heavy weights to 30kg were back \$10 and received \$190 to \$219/head. Extra heavy lambs were firm selling between \$215 and \$237/head.

Extra heavy old lambs reached \$250 and the best of the hoggets \$160/head. Merino lambs topped out at \$104/head.

Mutton numbers lifted and the quality was similar with a good mix of sheep. Prices fell \$30 to \$50/head. Medium weight ewes \$49 to \$108 and heavy crossbreds reached \$111 for ewes and \$130/head for wethers. Merino ewes sold to \$116/head.

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

Category	Qty	T/A	\$ / H
Suckers XB	11,020	Top	\$237.00
		Ave	\$127.96
Lambs Merino	564	Top	\$104.00
		Ave	\$49.20
Lambs XB	751	Top	\$250.00
		Ave	\$114.95
Hoggets Merino	524	Top	\$88.00
		Ave	\$62.41
Hoggets XB	1080	Top	\$160.00
		Ave	\$106.49
Wethers Merino	1029	Top	\$100.20
		Ave	\$75.05
Ewes Merino	2229	Top	\$116.00
		Ave	\$73.48
Ewes XB	1333	Top	\$111.00
		Ave	\$79.82