

# Prime Lamb & Sheep – 7 December 2022

Yarding: 15,953

Lamb numbers were back and the quality of the 9100 new season lambs improved. There were still plenty of store lambs under 40kg live weight and trade and heavy lambs were limited. Old lambs and hoggets were mostly heavy weights. There was a larger group of store buyers and were keen to purchase. The market sold to a dearer trend.

New season store lambs lifted \$20 to \$25/head selling from \$51 to \$145/head. Trade weights to 24kg were \$10 to \$11 dearer and ranged from \$159 to \$186/head averaging around 780c/kg. Heavy lambs ranged from \$185 to \$218 and extra heavy reached \$225/head.

Old trade lambs sold from \$116 to \$170 and heavy weights \$151 to \$190/head. Extra heavy weights ranged between \$187 and \$223/head. Best priced hogget reached \$186/head.

Mutton numbers eased and quality was mixed. Prices were dearer with added competition lifting \$15 to \$20/head on average. Medium weight ewes sold from \$68 to \$105 and heavy crossbred ewes \$125 to \$145/head.

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

Category	Qty	T/A	\$ / H
Suckers XB	9280	Top	\$225.20
		Ave	\$127.04
Lambs Merino	335	Top	\$121.00
		Ave	\$56.34
Lambs XB	661	Top	\$213.60
		Ave	\$136.96
Hoggets Merino	10	Top	\$58.00
		Ave	\$57.80
Hoggets XB	614	Top	\$186.00
		Ave	\$122.76
Wethers Merino	889	Top	\$123.00
		Ave	\$87.12
Ewes Merino	1040	Top	\$110.00
		Ave	\$69.08
Ewes XB	1162	Top	\$145.20
		Ave	\$101.42