

Prime Lamb & Sheep – 11 January 2023

Total Yarding: 20,492

Lamb numbers lifted and the quality was fair to good. There were plenty of light store lambs and a good selection of trade weights. Heavy lambs were limited and extra heavy lambs scarce. There were a few trade Merinos and a reasonable run of hoggets. All the usual buyer returned and the market sold to a cheaper trend of \$10 to \$15/head with quality a major driver.

Store lambs upto 18kg cwt sold from \$48 to \$110/head. Trade weights 20 to 24kg \$140 to \$170/head averaging around 700c/kg cwt. The 24 to 26kg lambs \$168 to \$190 or 770c/kg for the best lambs and heavy weights to 32kg have reached \$210 to 220/head. The best price for heavy hoggets ranged from \$124 to \$132/head.

Mutton numbers lifted and the quality was mixed from the light weights to heavy crossbred ewes. Prices were firm on the very heavy ewes but dropped \$20 on the light 1 and 2 score mutton. Medium weight ewes sold from \$65 to \$116/head. Heavy crossbreds \$105 to \$140 and Merino with a long jacket \$120 to \$133/head.

Market Report: MLA's National Livestock Reporting Service.

Category	Qty	T/A	\$ / H
Suckers XB	3988	Top	\$211.20
		Ave	\$122.01
Lambs Merino	830	Top	\$72.00
		Ave	\$8.00
Lambs XB	3459	Top	\$220.00
		Ave	\$125.70
Hoggets Merino	570	Top	\$134.00
		Ave	\$73.88
Hoggets XB	1251	Top	\$135.00
		Ave	\$112.10
Wethers Merino	1388	Top	\$120.00
		Ave	\$95.62
Ewes Merino	5203	Top	\$130.00
		Ave	\$70.41
Ewes XB	1905	Top	\$140.00
		Ave	\$93.49