

## Prime Lamb & Sheep – 8 February 2023

**Total Yarding:** 14,276

Lamb numbers improved but the quality was similar with plenty of store and light lambs offered. Prime trade and heavy lambs were better supplied but still remain in limited numbers and extra heavy weights were scarce. There were a few extra buyers looking for lambs to return to the paddock. The market sold to a cheaper trend slipping \$2 to \$4/head on the processing lambs, store were fully firm.

Store lambs to 20kg sold from \$48 to \$149/head for shorn lambs. Secondary trade weights to 22kg cwt sold from \$93 to \$158/head and averaged 600c to 680c/kg. Prime trades sold from \$172 to \$186 and the heavy weights to 30kg \$180 to \$212/head averaging 750c to 780c/kg cwt. Extra heavy lambs ranged from \$214 to \$233/head. Best prices for heavy hoggets ranged between \$120 and \$158/head.

Mutton numbers jumped and the quality was fair to good. Mostly ewes were penned and the market sold to a dearer trend for light mutton while the heavy weights were slightly cheaper. Medium weight ewes sold from \$62 to \$112 and heavy crossbred ewes \$113 to \$156/head. Merino wethers reached \$123/head.

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

Category	Qty	T/A	\$ / H
Suckers XB	546	Top	\$166.00
		Ave	\$97.20
Lambs Merino	98	Top	\$40.00
		Ave	\$26.80
Lambs XB	3610	Top	\$233.00
		Ave	\$123.53
Hoggets Merino	540	Top	\$154.00
		Ave	\$105.53
Hoggets XB	679	Top	\$157.00
		Ave	\$136.18
Wethers Merino	1083	Top	\$112.00
		Ave	\$84.60
Ewes Merino	4056	Top	\$116.00
		Ave	\$74.78
Ewes XB	1839	Top	\$136.00
		Ave	\$82.78