

Prime Lamb & Sheep – 8 March 2023

Total Yarding: 16,695

Lamb numbers jumped and the quality was very plain. There were still plenty of light and unfinished lambs penned and heavy and extra heavy weights were limited. Merino lambs increased in volume and most were in 1 and 2 score condition. All the usual buyers operated and the market sold to a cheaper trend.

Light lambs to 18kg cwt to restocking orders fell \$15 to \$20/head selling from \$39 to \$122/head for shorn second cross lambs. Trade weights 20 to 24kg held firm to \$10 cheaper for the 3 score lambs \$136 to \$171/head averaging 730c/kg cwt while secondary trade ranged from \$106 to \$126/head. Lambs 24 to 26kg were in the best condition selling from \$188 to \$192/head or 720c to 750c/kg cwt. Heavy and extra heavy lambs ranged from \$182 to \$212/head. The best of the heavy hoggets dropped \$30 and sold from \$100 to \$160/head.

Mutton numbers lifted and the quality mixed. Light and medium weights were best supplied with extra heavy ewes limited, prices were \$10 to \$15 cheaper. Light ewes \$8 to \$48/head and medium weights \$45 to \$95/head. Heavy crossbreds \$87 to \$115/head.

Market Report: MLA's National Livestock Reporting Service.

Category	Qty	T/A	\$ / H
Suckers XB	0	Top	N/A
		Ave	N/A
Lambs Merino	175	Top	\$36.00
		Ave	\$17.88
Lambs XB	7214	Top	\$212.20
		Ave	\$102.18
Hoggets Merino	476	Top	\$108.00
		Ave	\$53.65
Hoggets XB	676	Top	\$160.00
		Ave	\$98.37
Wethers Merino	989	Top	\$130.00
		Ave	\$72.54
Ewes Merino	3659	Top	\$102.00
		Ave	\$45.71
Ewes XB	1971	Top	\$115.00
		Ave	\$68.81