

Prime Lamb & Sheep – 19 April 2023

Total Yarding: 13,556

Lamb numbers eased and the quality was again mixed with light and secondary lambs making up the bulk. There were a few more well finished lambs offered by each agent but numbers still remain low. Trade weights were best supplied and then better numbers of prime heavy weights.

Good light store lambs were in limited numbers. The market sold to a cheaper trend on the secondary lambs and averaged \$4 cheaper on the prime lots.

Restocking lambs sold from \$58 to second cross shorn lambs selling from \$140/head, secondary trade back to the paddock reached \$146/head. Prime trade weight 22 to 24kg lambs sold from \$153 to \$174 and the 24 to 26kg lambs \$178 to \$202/head averaging 740c/kg cwt. Heavy weights to 30kg \$176 to \$210/head. The best of the heavy hoggets ranged from \$112 to \$148/head.

Mutton numbers were lifted and the quality was slightly plainer. Ewes made up the majority and prices were cheaper on the light and medium weights and firm on the heavy crossbred ewes. Medium weight ewes sold from \$54 to \$116 and heavy crossbred ewes \$102 to \$155/head. Merinos reached \$128/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	331	Top	\$35.00
		Ave	\$20.08
Lambs XB	6255	Top	\$210.00
		Ave	\$108.17
Hoggets Merino	677	Top	\$101.00
		Ave	\$64.14
Hoggets XB	325	Top	\$148.20
		Ave	\$106.40
Wethers Merino	503	Top	\$118.00
		Ave	\$98.67
Ewes Merino	3219	Top	\$128.00
		Ave	\$71.55
Ewes XB	1200	Top	\$155.20
		Ave	\$98.00