

Prime Lamb & Sheep – 17 May 2023

Total Yarding: 7,279

Lamb numbers eased and the quality improved with fewer secondary light lambs. There were reasonable numbers of trade weights and only a few heavy and extra heavy lambs. Store were back in volume. The market sold to a dearer trend mostly quality driven. There was very little restocker activity.

The 2 score processing lambs to 18kg sold mostly from \$60 to \$115/head. Medium and heavy trade lambs lifted \$7 to \$8/head with the 22 to 24kg lambs \$138 to \$158/head and 24 to 26kg \$161 to \$165/head. Most were averaging 630c to 660c/kg. heavy lambs sold from \$167 to \$183 and extra heavy weights reached \$208/head. Very heavy hoggets sold to \$180/head.

Mutton numbers eased and the quality also improved most with fewer 1 score ewes offered. Prices lifted \$5 to \$10 on the medium weights and \$15 to \$20/head on heavy weights. Medium weight ewes \$61 to \$114/head heavy crossbred ewes \$123 to \$144/head and Merino wethers reached \$127/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	16	Top	\$23.00
		Ave	\$18.94
Lambs XB	4043	Top	\$208.00
		Ave	\$100.72
Hoggets Merino	120	Top	\$118.60
		Ave	\$63.90
Hoggets XB	267	Top	\$123.00
		Ave	\$96.76
Wethers Merino	395	Top	\$124.00
		Ave	\$89.28
Ewes Merino	840	Top	\$110.00
		Ave	\$71.18
Ewes XB	527	Top	\$143.60
		Ave	\$110.67

