

Detailed saleyard report - sheep and lamb

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Yarding Change	7915 2098	Lambs Change	4891 1290	Sheep Change	3024 808	comparison date	19/08/2014
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There was a slightly larger offering of lambs, however quality was mostly very plain in regards to breed type and finish as the last of the winter drafts come through the system. The usual field of buyers attended, however there was only limited competition from the major exporters and domestic buyers due to the majority of lambs not meeting their specifications. The market was generally a few dollars cheaper, however quality played a significant role in prices.

The few better quality pens of trade weight and export lambs in the yarding sold from \$100 to \$122.50/head, at an estimated 450c to 480c/kg cwt. However, buyer competition for secondary trade weight lambs was much more subdued, with most sales from \$70 to \$90/head, fluctuating from about 380c to 440/kg cwt depending on quality. Lightweight slaughter lambs under 16kg recorded some of the biggest price trends, with most sales from \$42 to \$62/head, to average less than 400c/kg cwt, with poor quality a factor in the result.

There was a small selection of new season lambs in the yarding of various weights and breed types, with the main line being a run of young Dorpers, most of which sold to local restockers. The best price for a pen of trade weight young lambs reached \$119/head.

There were 3,000 sheep yarded, with the bulk of the offering recently shorn Merinos. A draft of heavy Merino wethers, estimated at about 27kg, sold to a top of \$92, while a few pens of extra heavy crossbred ewes made from \$80 to \$108/head. The good quality mutton sheep were firm to slightly dearer at estimated averages of 300c to 330c/kg cwt. However, processor interest in lightweight and plain conditioned sheep was not as robust and some sales were cheaper.

Category Weight	% Yard	Sale Prefix	Fat Score	\$/Head				Estimated Carcase Weight c/kg				Skin (\$)		
				Low	High	Avg	Change	Low	High	Avg	Change	Low	High	
Young Lamb														
0-12	1	DP	2	48.50	-48.50	48.50	N/Q	432	-	432	432	N/Q	1.00	- 1.00
	1	RS	2	57.00	-57.00	57.00	N/Q	458	-	458	458	N/Q	2.00	- 2.00
	0	1X	2	44.00	-44.00	44.00	N/Q	430	-	430	430	N/Q	1.00	- 1.00
12.1-16	0	1X	2	70.00	-70.00	70.00	N/Q	425	-	425	425	N/Q	2.00	- 2.00
	1	RS	2	64.00	-64.00	64.00	N/Q	419	-	419	419	N/Q	2.00	- 2.00
	3	DP	2	60.50	-70.00	65.30	N/Q	425	-	431	428	N/Q	1.00	- 1.00
16.1-18	0	RS	2	68.50	-68.50	68.50	N/Q	374	-	374	374	N/Q	5.00	- 5.00
	3	DP	3	75.00	-75.00	75.00	N/Q	411	-	411	411	N/Q	1.00	- 1.00
18.1-20	0		3	81.00	-81.00	81.00	N/Q	400	-	400	400	N/Q	5.00	- 5.00
20.1-22	1		3	92.00	-92.00	92.00	N/Q	396	-	396	396	N/Q	5.00	- 5.00
	2	DP	3	102.00	-102.00	102.00	N/Q	476	-	476	476	N/Q	2.00	- 2.00
	0	1X	3	75.00	-75.00	75.00	N/Q	346	-	346	346	N/Q	4.00	- 4.00
22.1-24	0	1X	3	119.00	-119.00	119.00	N/Q	481	-	481	481	N/Q	6.00	- 6.00
	0		3	88.00	-110.00	99.00	N/Q	369	-	433	401	N/Q	5.00	- 6.00
				44.00	119.00			346		481			1.00	6.00
Lamb														
0-12	1	MR	2	35.00	-35.00	35.00	N/Q	275	-	275	275	N/Q	2.00	- 2.00
12.1-16	2	MR	2	43.00	-52.00	48.10	1	315	-	333	323	-3	2.00	- 2.00
	6	1X	2	41.00	-68.00	56.90	-9	308	-	413	361	-55	1.00	- 2.00
16.1-18	2	1X	2	62.00	-69.00	66.10	-7	350	-	400	373	-43	0.00	- 2.00
18.1-20	7	1X	2	61.00	-98.00	77.20	-2	295	-	480	382	-23	2.00	- 4.00
	2	1X	3	66.00	-99.00	77.80	-7	315	-	475	376	-58	0.00	- 5.00
	1		3	87.00	-91.00	88.50	N/Q	435	-	447	443	N/Q	2.00	- 4.00
	1	MR	3	78.00	-78.00	78.00	N/Q	380	-	380	380	N/Q	4.00	- 4.00
20.1-22	2	1X	2	70.00	-76.00	74.60	N/Q	332	-	352	349	N/Q	2.00	- 2.00

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	6	1X	3	77.00	-109.00	89.50	N/Q	348	-	488	406	N/Q	1.00	-	5.00
	2		3	80.00	-102.50	97.40	-6	371	-	474	448	-22	2.00	-	3.00
	0	MR	3	84.00	-84.00	84.00	N/Q	381	-	381	381	N/Q	6.00	-	6.00
22.1-24	9		3	100.00	-118.00	112.20	-5	418	-	498	455	-19	2.00	-	6.00
	2	1X	3	98.50	-114.50	107.50	N/Q	411	-	482	453	N/Q	2.00	-	5.00
24.1-26	1		3	115.00	-122.50	117.00	-3	423	-	466	442	-22	6.00	-	6.00
				35.00	122.50			275		498			0.00		6.00
Hogget															
0-22	0	1X	2	50.00	-50.00	50.00	N/Q	234	-	234	234	N/Q	2.00	-	2.00
	0	MR	2	40.00	-54.00	50.70	N/Q	190	-	313	281	N/Q	0.00	-	4.00
	0	MR	3	65.00	-65.00	65.00	N/Q	296	-	296	296	N/Q	0.00	-	0.00
	0	1X	3	55.00	-55.00	55.00	N/Q	259	-	259	259	N/Q	2.00	-	2.00
	0		3	85.00	-85.00	85.00	N/Q	364	-	364	364	N/Q	5.00	-	5.00
22.1+	0		3	95.00	-95.00	95.00	N/Q	404	-	404	404	N/Q	4.00	-	4.00
	1	1X	3	72.00	-90.00	82.50	6	298	-	340	318	22	2.00	-	5.00
	0	DP	3	95.00	-95.00	95.00	N/Q	336	-	336	336	N/Q	1.00	-	1.00
				40.00	95.00			190		404			0.00		5.00
Ewe															
0-14	0	RM	2	36.00	-36.00	36.00	N/Q	257	-	257	257	N/Q	0.00	-	0.00
	1	MR	2	32.00	-37.00	35.30	-10	229	-	277	255	-62	0.00	-	2.00
14.1-18	0	MR	1	44.00	-44.00	44.00	N/Q	275	-	275	275	N/Q	0.00	-	0.00
	5	MR	2	38.00	-53.00	46.70	-13	228	-	313	288	-38	0.00	-	5.00
	0	1X	2	35.00	-35.00	35.00	N/Q	213	-	213	213	N/Q	1.00	-	1.00
	1	DP	2	40.00	-40.00	40.00	N/Q	250	-	250	250	N/Q	0.00	-	0.00
18.1-24	1	DP	2	55.00	-55.00	55.00	N/Q	277	-	277	277	N/Q	1.00	-	1.00
	1	1X	2	72.00	-76.00	74.00	1	309	-	336	323	-2	2.00	-	4.00
	8	MR	2	55.00	-74.00	62.70	-5	262	-	343	301	-27	0.00	-	12.00
	1	1X	3	62.00	-72.00	67.00	-4	267	-	300	283	N/C	0.00	-	2.00
	5	MR	3	68.00	-84.00	74.30	1	292	-	342	319	-1	0.00	-	12.00
24.1+	1	MR	3	92.00	-92.00	92.00	4	327	-	327	327	-16	12.00	-	12.00
	1	1X	3	76.00	-85.00	79.00	N/Q	285	-	300	287	N/Q	2.00	-	4.00
	1	DP	3	69.00	-74.00	72.50	N/Q	261	-	276	267	N/Q	0.00	-	1.00
	1	1X	4	80.00	-108.00	93.20	10	244	-	322	271	-15	0.00	-	4.00
				32.00	108.00			213		343			0.00		12.00
Wether															
18.1-24	1	MR	2	59.00	-75.00	65.60	1	290	-	357	317	19	0.00	-	6.00
	4	MR	3	78.50	-86.00	82.90	11	296	-	327	304	6	2.00	-	12.00
24.1+	4	MR	3	81.00	-92.00	88.40	N/Q	312	-	333	329	N/Q	0.00	-	2.00
	0	1X	4	80.00	-90.00	82.00	N/Q	232	-	286	275	N/Q	0.00	-	2.00
				59.00	92.00			232		357			0.00		12.00
Ram															
0-26	0	MR	2	25.00	-38.00	37.40	N/Q	104	-	173	170	N/Q	0.00	-	0.00
	0		3	58.00	-58.00	58.00	N/Q	242	-	242	242	N/Q	0.00	-	0.00
	0	DP	3	54.00	-54.00	54.00	N/Q	208	-	208	208	N/Q	0.00	-	0.00
26.1+	0	MR	2	42.00	-55.00	52.00	N/Q	150	-	183	174	N/Q	0.00	-	0.00
	0		3	34.00	-48.00	39.00	N/Q	90	-	131	103	N/Q	0.00	-	2.00
	0	DP	3	56.00	-56.00	56.00	N/Q	187	-	187	187	N/Q	0.00	-	0.00
	0	MR	3	46.00	-60.00	52.00	N/Q	153	-	207	176	N/Q	0.00	-	2.00
	0		4	39.00	-39.00	39.00	N/Q	93	-	93	93	N/Q	2.00	-	2.00
				25.00	60.00			90		242			0.00		2.00

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Abbreviations

CATTLE FD: Feeder RS: Restocker GF: Grainfed DA: Dairy PC: Pastoral Cattle SHEEP & LAMB RS: Restocker MR: Merino RM: Restocker Merino 1X: 1st Cross FD:

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