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## Detailed saleyard report - sheep and lamb

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Yarding Change	15714 2345	Lambs Change	10001 1442	Sheep Change	5713 903	comparison date	11/08/2014

There was a slight increase in lamb numbers, with nearly half the yarding consisting of new season young lambs from the Mallee and Echuca areas. Prices fluctuated, although pens of better bred and finished trade weight and heavy lambs sold to more consistent demand this week to be firm to \$5/head dearer. However secondary old season lambs were often heavily discounted and were mostly cheaper. All the regular buyers were in attendance, but once again not all were operating at full capacity.

All agents opened their auctions with new season lambs which sold to a top of \$143/head for a pen, estimated at 27kg with a \$9 skin. However there were only a few pens of export weight drafts offered, and it was noted that most young lambs were showing signs of poorer condition, often displaying some dryness in the skin. Most of the top runs of young trade weight lambs sold from \$126 to \$138/head, to average a few dollars dearer than last week. Lighter young lambs weighing from 17kg to 20kg cwt made from \$94 to \$122/head. Overall, new season lambs were estimated at an average 530c/kg cwt, with trade weight pens dearer in places.

Old season export weight lambs sold to a top of \$149, but once again sales over \$140/head were limited. The better bred and conditioned old season trade weight lambs attracted the best demand and were dearer at \$110 to \$130/head for most, or an estimated 510c to 520c/kg at the top end. However, secondary old lambs, especially those with long dry skins, were discounted and there were plenty of sales under 450c/kg cwt, with the plainest below 400c/kg. There was no restocker interest this week.

The mutton sale varied a few dollars for an overall price which resulted similar to last week. Several pens of extra heavy crossbred ewes sold from \$89 to a top of \$105.60, while the best Merinos with a reasonable skin topped at \$102/head. The general run of trade weight sheep sold between \$66 and \$88/head, estimated at 310c to 330c/kg cwt.

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 La	mb															
12.1-16	0	DP	2	94.00	- 94.00	94.00	N/Q	575	-	575	575	N/Q	2.00	- 2.00		
16.1-18	1		3	87.00	-108.00	97.00	-7	482	-	572	523	-41	5.00	- 5.00		
	0	1X	3	89.00	- 90.00	89.70	N/Q	494	-	500	498	N/Q	5.00	- 5.00		
18.1-20	3		3	98.00	-119.20	113.70	-4	503	-	566	548	-26	5.00	- 6.00		
20.1-22	9		3	106.00	-131.00	121.70	-4	488	-	567	541	-19	6.00	- 7.00		
	0	DP	3	115.00	-115.00	115.00	N/Q	514	-	514	514	N/Q	2.00	- 2.00		
22.1-24	8		3	128.00	-138.60	133.70	7	511	-	565	546	26	7.00	- 8.00		
24.1-26	1		3	136.00	-141.00	138.20	6	522	-	543	529	29	7.00	- 8.00		
26.1-30	0		3	143.00	-143.00	143.00	N/Q	496	-	496	496	N/Q	9.00	- 9.00		
				87.00	143.00			482		575			2.00	9.00		
Lamb																
0-12	0	RM	2	42.00	- 42.00	42.00	N/Q	333	-	333	333	N/Q	2.00	- 2.00		
	1	MR	2	35.00	- 42.60	36.90	-5	292	-	355	308	-42	0.00	- 0.00		
12.1-16	5	MR	2	50.00	- 80.00	65.20	3	275	-	477	415	-1	1.00	- 6.00		
	0	DP	2	75.00	- 75.00	75.00	N/Q	493	-	493	493	N/Q	1.00	- 1.00		
	1	1X	2	42.00	- 70.00	63.30	-4	311	-	447	406	-22	0.00	- 3.00		
16.1-18	2	1X	2	66.00	- 93.00	79.40	-4	388	-	506	443	-8	0.00	- 5.00		
	3	MR	2	66.00	- 86.20	78.40	-2	365	-	462	420	-59	0.00	- 8.00		
18.1-20	1	MR	2	64.00	- 84.00	73.80	-10	337	-	431	390	-34	0.00	- 0.00		
	1	1X	2	88.60	-102.00	95.30	8	433	-	500	475	35	2.00	- 2.00		
	0	DP	2	64.60	- 64.60	64.60	N/Q	313	-	313	313	N/Q	2.00	- 2.00		
	1	1X	3	74.00	- 95.00	81.60	-15	345	-	460	397	-72	0.00	- 5.00		
	0	MR	3	88.00	- 88.00	88.00	N/Q	410	-	410	410	N/Q	6.00	- 6.00		
20.1-22	0	1X	2	120.00	-120.00	120.00	N/Q	552	-	552	552	N/Q	4.00	- 4.00		
	4	1X	3	88.00	-115.00	103.80	-2	407	-	524	469	-8	0.00	- 5.00		

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				Low	High	Avg	Change	Low		High	Avg	Change	Low	High		
	2		3	111.00	-125.00	115.10	9	501	-	541	521	42	4.00	- 6.00		
	0	MR	3	84.00	- 95.20	92.40	-5	382	-	406	400	-35	0.00	- 6.00		
	0	DP	3	90.00	- 90.00	90.00	N/Q	405	-	405	405	N/Q	1.00	- 1.00		
22.1-24	1	MR	3	85.60	-105.00	98.90	-8	339	-	425	396	-51	2.00	- 6.00		
	2		3	100.00	-136.00	123.40	5	417	-	542	504	6	0.00	- 6.00		
	2	1X	3	91.00	-119.60	112.30	-5	396	-	498	478	-15	0.00	- 6.00		
24.1-26	0	1X	3	123.00	-128.00	126.50	N/Q	454	-	502	488	N/Q	5.00	- 5.00		
	0		3	127.00	-142.00	136.70	6	494	-	519	511	3	6.00	- 7.00		
	0		4	130.00	-135.00	132.50	N/Q	506	-	516	511	N/Q	6.00	- 6.00		
26.1-30	1		4	145.00	-149.00	147.80	2	515	-	526	522	3	6.00	- 7.00		
				35.00	149.00			275		552			0.00	8.00		
Hogget																
0-22	1	MR	2	36.00	- 76.00	64.00	-3	195	-	400	360	-7	0.00	- 5.00		
	1	MR	3	80.00	- 84.00	81.80	10	370	-	382	375	37	0.00	- 6.00		
	0	1X	3	65.00	- 96.00	88.40	N/Q	277	-	418	383	N/Q	4.00	- 4.00		
22.1+	1	1X	3	76.00	-104.00	91.00	-6	304	-	417	368	-33	0.00	- 5.00		
	0	MR	3	92.00	- 92.00	92.00	N/Q	351	-	351	351	N/Q	6.00	- 6.00		
	0	1X	4	100.00	-100.00	100.00	N/Q	343	-	343	343	N/Q	4.00	- 4.00		
	0		4	110.00	-114.20	112.70	N/Q	371	-	408	395	N/Q	4.00	- 6.00		
				36.00	114.20			195		418			0.00	6.00		
Ewe																
0-14	0	MR	1	22.00	- 33.00	28.70	N/Q	157	-	236	205	N/Q	0.00	- 0.00		
14.1-18	2	MR	2	40.00	- 59.00	50.40	1	250	-	344	311	31	0.00	- 4.00		
	1	1X	2	36.00	- 61.00	43.30	20	248	-	347	277	N/Q	0.00	- 2.00		
	0	RM	2	30.00	- 30.00	30.00	N/Q	187	-	187	187	N/Q	2.00	- 2.00		
18.1-24	1	RM	2	69.00	- 69.00	69.00	-18	345	-	345	345	31	0.00	- 0.00		
	1	1X	2	56.00	- 71.20	61.90	-13	275	-	299	285	-28	2.00	- 4.00		
	8	MR	2	52.00	- 88.00	72.40	N/C	248	-	375	333	7	0.00	- 8.00		
	6	MR	3	69.00	- 89.20	80.20	-2	296	-	388	336	-4	0.00	- 8.00		
	1	1X	3	74.00	- 80.20	78.60	N/Q	298	-	342	326	N/Q	0.00	- 4.00		
24.1+	2	1X	3	78.80	- 93.00	87.10	-3	289	-	343	324	21	0.00	- 6.00		
	4	MR	3	82.00	-102.00	89.40	N/C	327	-	362	340	19	0.00	- 8.00		
	2	1X	4	89.20	-105.60	96.20	2	260	-	352	299	-2	2.00	- 4.00		
	0		4	97.00	- 97.00	97.00	N/Q	258	-	258	258	N/Q	4.00	- 4.00		
	0		5	93.00	- 93.00	93.00	N/Q	234	-	234	234	N/Q	4.00	- 4.00		
				22.00	105.60			157		388			0.00	8.00		
Wether																
18.1-24	1	MR	2	44.60	- 66.00	62.40	-8	223	-	342	302	-33	0.00	- 0.00		
	3	MR	3	78.00	- 88.00	83.70	4	325	-	348	335	-6	0.00	- 8.00		
24.1+	0	MR	3	90.00	- 90.00	90.00	N/Q	328	-	328	328	N/Q	8.00	- 8.00		
	0	1X	3	84.20	- 84.20	84.20	N/C	324	-	324	324	N/Q	0.00	- 0.00		
	0	1X	4	80.00	- 80.00	80.00	N/Q	211	-	211	211	N/Q	4.00	- 4.00		
				44.60	90.00			211		348			0.00	8.00		
Ram																
0-26	0	MR	2	38.00	- 38.00	38.00	N/Q	152	-	152	152	N/Q	0.00	- 0.00		
	0		2		- 36.00	36.00	N/C	162		162	162	N/Q		- 2.00		
	0	MR	3	39.00	- 39.00	39.00	N/Q	127		127	127	N/Q	6.00	- 6.00		
26.1+	0	MR	3		- 58.00	52.80	N/Q	111		180	164	N/Q		- 4.00		
	0		3	22.00	- 70.00	35.20	N/Q		_	200	98	N/Q	0.00	- 2.00		
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			Low	Hiah	Ava	Change	Low	Hiah	Ava	Change	Low	Hiah

## 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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