

AuctionsPlus Market Comments: Week Ending 25TH July

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Cattle numbers jumped by 2,867 head this week to 6,888 head while sheep and lamb numbers remained relatively steady week-on-week at 49,728 head. Clearance rates were much lower than previous weeks with suggestions that dry conditions are likely to remain in Northern Queensland and the southeast over the next three months.

There were a large number of heavy wethers on the system this week that attracted the attention of the processors. The highlight was a line of 1660 four-year old merino wethers out of Deniliquin with an estimated carcase weight of 36kg, with a May skin that sold for 355c/\$126. Mutton prices ranged from 313c to 355c and averaged 337c. Another line of 578 four year old merino ewes out of Cooma, NSW with an average carcase weight of 29kg made 355c/\$103.

Young first cross ewe lambs were strong again this week, with prices ranging between \$130 and \$170 to average \$149. The top price was a line of 6-7 month old Border Leicester/Merino ewe lambs out of Moulamein, NSW, weighing 60kg that made \$170.

Unjoined Merino ewe prices varied considerable this week. 1-2 year old unjoined Merino ewes in particular ranged from a low of \$49.50 to a high of \$143. In Koraleigh, NSW a line of 1-2 year old unjoined Keri Keri blood Merino ewes, weighing 47kg, made the top price of \$143. The majority of 3-4 year old Merino ewes that sold this week were joined or scanned in lamb. Scanned 3-4 year old Merino ewes made between \$89 and \$115 to average \$100, whereas 3-4 year old joined merino ewes made between \$55 and \$62.50 to average \$59. Even old scanned Merino ewes in the 5-7 year old category made between \$50 and \$95 to average \$75. This shows the demand from buyers to secure proven breeders and lines that are looking to start lambing in early spring.

Larger numbers of store lambs this week caused all lamb indicators to drop considerably however, prices remained relatively steady on AuctionsPlus. All fives lines of store lambs that were offered sold, prices ranged between \$83 and 99.50 to average \$92. The top price was a line of 2-3 month old White Suffolk/Merino mixed sex suckers out of Orroroo, SA, averaging 40kg, which made \$99.50.



Sheep		
State	Town	Details
QLD	Longreach	270 Mer Wth lambs, 14.9 kgdw, 10-12 mths, 3/4" skin, Keri Keri & Karbullah bld, \$40
QLD	Ilfracombe	2360 Mer Wths, 3-4 yrs, 18.7 kgdw, 1/4" skin, Boonoke & Pemcaw bld, \$66; 600 Mer Wths, 2 yrs, 18 kgdw, 1/4" skin, Boonoke & Pemcaw bld, \$62.50
QLD	Barcaldine	260 Mer Ewes, 2 yrs, 13 kgdw, 3/4" skin, Unjnd, Boonoke & Coreena bld, passed \$30.50
QLD	Isisford	520 Mer Ewes, 3-5 yrs, 18.9 kgdw, 2" skin, Unjnd, Wellgully bld, \$64.50; 480 Mer Ewes, 13-14 mths, 11.8 kgdw, 1.5" skin, Wellgully bld, \$49.50
QLD	Blackall	448 Mer Wths, 2 yrs, 16.5 kgdw, 3/4" skin, Lambert bld, \$59.50
QLD	Augathella	460 Dorp m/s lambs, 9-10 mths, 18 kgdw, \$75
QLD	Quilpie	850 Mer Ewes, 4 yrs, 17.6 kgdw, 1/4" skin, Jnd Mer, Egelabra bld, \$60; 510 Mer Ewes, 3 yrs, 16.8 kgdw, 1/4" skin, Jnd Mer, Egelabra bld, \$60; 820 Mer Ewes, 5 yrs, 16.9 kgdw, 1/4" skin, Jnd Mer, Egelabra bld, \$55; 1020 Mer Ewes, CFA, 17.6 kgdw, 1/4" skin, Jnd Mer, Egelabra bld, \$44 ; 400 Mer Ewes, 2 yrs, 13.8 kgdw, bare shn, Jnd Mer, Egelabra bld, \$55
QLD	Bollon	660 Mer Wths, 3 yrs, 20.1 kgdw, 1.75" skin, \$70
QLD	St George	420 Mer Ewes, 4-6 yrs, 20.1 kgdw, 1/4" skin, SIL Mer, Charinga & Pooginook bld, \$68; 420 Mer Ewes, 4-6 yrs, 20.1 kgdw, 1/4" skin, SIL Mer, Charinga & Pooginook bld, passed \$67.50
QLD	Warwick	625 Dorp & DorpX E&L, 2-6 yrs, 17.6 kgdw, Jnd WD & AW, 94 LAF, \$55
QLD	Stanthorpe	880 Mer Wths, mxd age, 12.6 kgdw, 1/4" skin, passed \$38.50
NSW	Louth	950 Mer Wth lambs, 10-11 mths, 11.3 kgdw, 1" skin, Haddon Rig bld, \$59.50
NSW	Bourke	400 Mer Ewes, mxd age, 21.8 kgdw, 3/4" skin, Unjnd, Roseville Park bld, 321c/\$70
NSW	Walgett	365 2ndX Dohne Ewes, 6 yrs, 26 kgdw, 2.5" skin, Jnd Dohne, \$100; 219 Mer Ewes, 2 yrs, 11.2 kgdw, 1/2" skin, SIL Dohne, Haddon Rig bld, passed \$62.50; 320 Mer Ewes, 7 yrs, 15.3 kgdw, 1/2" skin, SIL BL, \$50
NSW	Collarenebri	640 Mer Ewes, 22-23 mths, 15 kgdw, 1.75" skin, SIL Mer, Wanganella bld, \$112.50; 730 Mer Ewes, 5 yrs, 20.9 kgdw, 2.5" skin, SIL Mer, Roseville Park bld, \$110; 320 Mer Ewes, 5 yrs, 22.8 kgdw, 2.5" skin, SIL Mer, Roseville Park bld, \$110
NSW	Moree	250 Mer Ewes, 2 yrs, 20.4 kgdw, 2" skin, Unjnd, Leachim bld, \$122
NSW	Inverell	720 Mer Ewes, 2-4 yrs, 23.6 kgdw, 1.25" skin, SIL BL, Merryville & Gidgee bld, \$95
NSW	Guyra	217 Mer m/s lambs, 8-9 mths, 8.5 kgdw, 2" skin, Westlynn & Tarrangower bld, \$46.50; 208 Mer Wths, 3-4 yrs, 12.2 kgdw, 2" skin, Westlynn & Tarrangower bld, \$53; 105 Mer Wths, 2 yrs, 9.6 kgdw, 2" skin, Jnd Mer, Westlynn & Tarrangower bld, \$55.50; 109 Mer Ewes, 2 yrs, 10.1 kgdw, 2" skin, Unjnd, West Lynne & Tarrengower bld, \$55.50; 305 Mer Ewes, 3-5 yrs, 14.2 kgdw, 2" skin, Jnd Mer, West Lynne & Tarrangower bld, \$62.50
NSW	Armidale	200 Mer Ewes, 3.5-5.5 yrs, 15 kgdw, 1/4" skin, SIL WS, passed \$60.50
NSW	Uralla	212 Mer Wth lambs, 9-10 mths, 13.9 kgdw, bare shn, \$47; 254 Mer Ewes, 4-7 yrs, 20.4 kgdw, bare shn, SIL PD, Cressbrook bld, \$64 ; 300 Mer Ewes, 5-7 yrs, 17.1 kgdw, 1/4" skin, SIL WS, \$60
NSW	Walcha	365 Mer Ewes, 6.5 yrs, 18.1 kgdw, 1/4" skin, SIL BL, Yalgoo & Petali bld, passed \$65.50; 330 Mer Ewe lambs, 10 mths, 11.4 kgdw, 2.5" skin, Merryshields bld, \$70.50; 294 Mer Ewes, 5.5-6.5 yrs, 21 kgdw, 2.5" skin, SIL BL, Merryshields bld, \$95; 540 WS/Mer Ewes, 3-4 yrs, 27.9 kgdw, 1/4" skin, SIL PD, passed \$132
NSW	Barraba	364 Mer Wths, 3 yrs, 16.5 kgdw, 1/2" skin, Nerstane & Karori bld, \$51.50; 1480 Mer Wths, 3 yrs, 14.9 kgdw, 1.25" skin, \$57
NSW	Coonamble	105 Wilt Ewes, 2-4 yrs, 28.2 kgdw, 1/2" skin, SIL Wilt, Munna bld, \$182



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NSW	Nyngan	385 WD Ewes, 14-15 mths, 19.3 kgdw, Jnd WD & AW, \$156 ; 166 WD Ewes, 14-15 mths, 17.7 kgdw, Jnd WD & AW, \$120 ; 140 AW/WD Ewes, 14-15 mths, 18 kgdw, SIL WD & AW, \$155 ; 180 WD Ewes, 14-15 mths, 19.3 kgdw, SIL WD & AW, \$155 ; 30 AW/WD Ewes, 14-15 mths, 17.7 kgdw, Jnd WD & AW, \$126 ; 33 Dorp & WD E&L, 1-4 yrs, 30 kgdw, 13 LAF, \$132
NSW	Armatree	1430 Mer Ewes, 3-4 yrs, 18.8 kgdw, bare shn, SIL BL, \$115
NSW	Tooraweenah	270 BL/Mer Ewe lambs, 11-12 mths, 25.7 kgdw, 1/2" skin, \$141.50
NSW	Quirindi	59 Dorp E&L, 1-3 yrs, 31.3 kgdw, 1" skin, Jnd Dorp, passed \$141
NSW	Gilgandra	435 Mer Ewes, 2-6 yrs, 17.5 kgdw, SIL PD, Lorelmo bld, \$75.50
NSW	Trangie	280 Mer E&L, 5-6 yrs, 20.7 kgdw, 1.25" skin, Mer LAF, Coreena bld, \$111.50
NSW	Dubbo	240 BL/Mer Ewe lambs, 10-11 mths, 20.6 kgdw, 1/4" skin, \$161
NSW	Gulgong	448 Mer Ewes, mx'd age, 17.3 kgdw, 1/2" skin, SIL WS/BL, \$70 ; 209 Mer Ewes, mx'd age, 17.4 kgdw, 1/2" skin, SIL WS & Dors, passed \$68.50
NSW	Lue	170 Mer Ewes, 4-7 yrs, 20.9 kgdw, 2.75" skin, SIL WS, \$100
NSW	Bathurst	183 Mer Ewes, 20 mths, 15.3 kgdw, bare shn, SIL WS, Bundilla & Lorelma bld, \$93
NSW	Canowindra	85 Comp Ewes, 18-30 mths, 30.8 kgdw, 2" skin, SIL Dors, passed \$172.50; 304 Mer Ewes, CFA, 18.9 kgdw, 1.5" skin, SIL WS, passed \$89.50
NSW	West Wyalong	250 BL/Mer Ewe lambs, 9-10 mths, 21.1 kgdw, 1" skin, passed \$151.50
NSW	Bigga	110 BL/Mer Ewes, 3 yrs, 22 kgdw, 2" skin, SIL PD, passed \$142.50; 216 BL/Mer Ewe, 1-2 yrs, 19.5 kgdw, 2" skin, SIL PD, passed \$142.50
NSW	Hay	520 Mer Ewes, 12-13 mths, 17.3 kgdw, 1/2" skin, Sims Uardry bld, passed \$117.50
NSW	Koraleigh	260 Mer Ewes, 12-13 mths, 19.3 kgdw, 2.25" skin, Keri Keri bld, \$143
NSW	Moulamein	210 BL/Mer Ewe lambs, 6-7 mths, 25.7 kgdw, 2" skin, \$170
NSW	Deniliquin	1660 Mer Wths, 4 yrs, 35.5 kgdw, 3/4" skin, 355c/\$126
NSW	Griffith	260 BL/Mer Ewes, 12-13 mths, 22.2 kgdw, 1.25" skin, \$151 ; 150 BL/Mer Ewes, 12-13 mths, 18.4 kgdw, 1.25" skin, \$148.50
NSW	Narranderra	400 Mer Ewes, 4.5-6.5 yrs, 23.9 kgdw, 3/4" skin, 339c/\$81
NSW	Junee	400 2ndX WD m/s lambs, 2-3 mths, 13.4 kgdw, \$83; 380 2ndX PD m/s lambs, 2-3 mths, 14.5 kgdw, 1/2" skin, \$92
NSW	Wagga	160 Mer Ewes, 2 yrs, 15.5 kgdw, 2.5" skin, SIL WS, \$75
NSW	Adelong	840 BL/Mer Ewes, 12-13 mths, 23.8 kgdw, 2" skin, SIL PD, \$170; 320 BL/Mer Ewes, 3-5 yrs, 26.7 kgdw, 1/4" skin, SIL PD, passed \$133; 260 Lambpro/Mer Ewes, 3-4 yrs, 27.8 kgdw, 1/4" skin, SIL PD, \$155
NSW	Yass	334 2ndX PD m/s lambs, 4-5 mths, 16.3 kgdw, 1" skin, \$98
NSW	Bungendore	280 Mer Wth lambs, 11-12 mths, 17.3 kgdw, 3/4" skin, Bogo bld, passed \$98 ; 290 Mer Ewe lambs, 16 kgdw, 3/4" skin, Bogo & Pooginook bld, passed \$103 ; 280 Mer Wths, 4-6 yrs, 25.7 kgdw, 3/4" skin, Bogo bld, passed \$91
NSW	Holbrook	720 Mer Wth lambs, 11-12 mths, 13 kgdw, 1" skin, Yarrawonga bld, \$73
NSW	Cooma	75 BL/Mer Ewe lambs, 9-10 mths, 21.5 kgdw, 2.5" skin, \$130 ; 578 Mer Wths, 5 yrs, 29 kgdw, 1/4" skin, Severn Park & Sherwood bld, 355c/\$103; 82 BL/Mer Ewe lambs, 10 mths, 19.7 kgdw, 2.25" skin, \$141
NSW	Berridale	370 Mer Ewes, 6-7 yrs, 20.5 kgdw, 3/4" skin, SIL BL, Hazeldean & Cottage Park bld, passed \$70.50
NSW	Nimmitabel	430 Mer Ewes, 3 yrs, 17.4 kgdw, 1.75" skin, SIL Comp, passed \$111
NSW	Bombala	259 Mer Ewes, 4 yrs, 17.9 kgdw, 1/4" skin, SIL BL, Old Springfield bld, \$89
VIC	Nathalia	118 BL/Mer Ewes, 4 yrs, 34.5 kgdw, 3" skin, SIL PD, passed \$136
VIC	Avenel	430 WS/Mer m/s lambs, 3-4 mths, 14.2 kgdw, 1" skin, \$87
VIC	Stawell	246 Mer Wths, 1 yr, 16.6 kgdw, 2.5" skin, Wallaloo & Bellbourn bld, \$88



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VIC	Coleraine	67 Mer Ewes, 2 yrs, 15.1 kgdw, 1.5" skin, SIL Mer, Nerstane bld, \$98.50; 185 Mer Ewes, 3-4 yrs, 17 kgdw, 1.5" skin, SIL Mer, Nerstane bld, \$98.50 ; 130 Mer Ewes, 5-6 yrs, 19.2 kgdw, 1.25" skin, SIL Mer, Nerstane bld, \$95
SA	Orroroo	540 WS/Mer m/s lambs, 2-3 mths, 17.1 kgdw, 1" skin, \$99.50
TAS	Launceston	380 Mer Wths, 4-5 yrs, 18.2 kgdw, bare shn, 338c/\$61.50
TAS	Evandale	390 Mer Wths, 5-6 yrs, 17.3 kgdw, 2" skin, 347c/\$60
TAS	Oatlands	111 Mer Wths, 3-5 yrs, 19.2 kgdw, 3/4" skin, 313c/\$60 ; 95 Mer Ewes, 5-7 yrs, 16.7 kgdw, 3/4" skin, 329c/\$55
TAS	Orford	240 WS/Mer m/s lambs, 9-10 mths, 21.3 kgdw, 2" skin, 540c/\$115