

AuctionsPlus Market Comments: Week Ending 3rd October

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Sheep and lamb numbers showed a slight drop of 2,000 this week to finish at 38,189 head. The last couple of months have shown a definite shift in buying habits which indicates a more positive outlook in the upcoming year than has been evident in as far back as the past two years

Strong export demand for lamb that seems unlikely to decline continues to buoy the first cross ewe market. Lambs sold from \$83 to \$156, and maiden ewes made from \$150 to a top of \$189 for a well grown line out of Narrandera. Composite proven breeders in NSW sold from \$96 to \$119.

Store lamb prices were up \$8-\$10 on last week across the board. 33kg-35kg lines sold from \$80 to \$88.50, and 37kg-39kg drafts made \$82.50 to a top price for the week of \$90 for May drop second crosses weighing 37kg.

Demand for Merino wethers has eased, with few sales to report this week. Grown lambs made \$40.50 in Tasmania and \$65 out of central NSW, and 54kg two to three year olds in southern NSW sold for \$75.

Young merino ewes again were the focus of restockers, with solid prices although not reaching the same highs as last week. Maidens sold from \$103.50 to \$140, and unjoined proven breeders made \$100 to \$128. Older lines of ewes attracted processor competition, with 19kg-21kg mutton prices from 259c to 263c including skin.



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Sheep		
State	Town	Details
QLD	Mungindi	600 Mer Ewes, 2-6 yrs, 22.9 kgdw, 1.75" skin, Karbullah bld, \$83.50
NSW	Tooraweenah	400 WS/Mer m/s lambs, 5 mths, 16.7 kgdw, 1.5" skin, \$85.50
NSW	Quirindi	500 Dorp m/s lambs, 4-6 mths, 16.8 kgdw, passed \$78.50
NSW	Coolah	1650 Mer Ewes, 13 mths, 20.9 kgdw, 2.5" skin, \$103.50 ; 480 Mer Wth lambs, 11-12 mths, 14.2 kgdw, 2.5" skin, \$65
NSW	Gilgandra	380 BL/Mer Ewes, 12-13 mths, 27.2 kgdw, 1.25" skin, \$163.50
NSW	Warren	480 BL/Mer Ewes, 13-14 mths, 30.2 kgdw, 1.75" skin, \$160
NSW	Trangie	6 BL Rams, 1 yrs, 29.7 kgdw, 1.75" skin, \$390; 390 BL/Mer Ewe lambs, 3-4 mths, 23.4 kgdw, 1/2" skin, \$156
NSW	Cargo	600 BL/Mer Ewes, 12 mths, 22.1 kgdw, 1/4" skin, passed \$160.50
NSW	Bathurst	190 Mer Ewes, 4-5 yrs, 19.9 kgdw, 1/4" skin, SIL WS, Stockton bld, \$90
NSW	Cowra	1200 Dors/Mer & WS/Mer m/s lambs, 3-4 mths, 16.7 kgdw, 1/2" skin, \$88.50 ; 600 BL/Mer m/s lambs, 3-4 mths, 14.9 kgdw, 1/2" skin, \$80
NSW	Grenfell	450 Mer Wth lambs, 5-6 mths, 15 kgdw, 1.5" skin, Egelabra bld, passed \$65
NSW	West Wyalong	123 Mer Ewes, 4 yrs, 28.4 kgdw, 2.5" skin, Unjnd, \$117.50 ; 290 Dohne/Mer Ewes, 5 yrs, 29.7 kgdw, 2.25" skin, Unjnd, \$100
NSW	Young	207 Mer Ewes, 12 mths, 19.2 kgdw, 1/4" skin, Hazeldean bld, passed \$105.50; 416 Mer Ewes, 12 mths, 19.2 kgdw, 1/4" skin, Hazeldean bld, \$110
NSW	Galong	440 2ndX PD m/s lambs, 5 mths, 16.3 kgdw, 1.25" skin, \$90; 850 2ndX PD Ewes, 6 yrs, 32.4 kgdw, 2.75" skin, \$90
NSW	Crookwell	200 BL/Mer Ewe lambs, 10-11 mths, 20.5 kgdw, 3/4" skin, \$152
NSW	Bungendore	610 Mer Wths, 2-3 yrs, 23.2 kgdw, 1/4" skin, Mungadal bld, \$75
NSW	Tabbita	160 Comp Ewes, 3-4 yrs, 33.5 kgdw, 1/4" skin, Unjnd, \$116; 90 Comp Ewes, 3-4 yrs, 33.6 kgdw, 1/4" skin, Unjnd, \$100
NSW	Griffith	400 BL/Mer Ewes, 4 yrs, 30.5 kgdw, 1.25" skin, Unjnd, \$121
NSW	Narrandera	200 BL/Mer Ewes, 14-15 mths, 30 kgdw, 3/4" skin, \$189; 170 BL/Mer Ewes, 13-14 mths, 25.6 kgdw, 3/4" skin, passed \$166
NSW	Grong Grong	170 Dorp Ewes, 1-3 yrs, 30 kgdw, 1.5" skin, \$108; 220 Dorp Ewes, 4 yrs, 1.5" skin, passed \$96
NSW	Wagga Wagga	300 Mer Ewes, 4 yrs, 28.5 kgdw, 3/4" skin, Glenwood bld, \$100; 480 BL/Mer Wths, 3-4 mths, 18.4 kgdw, 1.75" skin, \$87; 120 BL/Mer Wths, 3-4 mths, 18.4 kgdw, 1.75" skin, passed \$84;
NSW	Mangoplah	80 BL/Mer Ewes, 6-7 mths, 21.4 kgdw, 3/4" skin, \$136
VIC	Naring	90 Comp Ewes, 3.5-5.5 yrs, 35.8 kgdw, 3/4" skin, \$96; 190 BL/Mer Ewes, 2.5 yrs, 27.2 kgdw, 3/4" skin, \$136
VIC	Swan Hill	566 Mer Ewes, 16 mths, 16.3 kgdw, 1.5" skin, passed \$121.50; 150 Mer Ewes, 3.5 yrs, 28 kgdw, 3/4" skin, \$128
VIC	Wangaratta	263 Mer Wths, 10-11 mths, 15 kgdw, 1/4" skin, passed \$58.50
VIC	Rainbow	210 Mer Ewes, 3.5 yrs, 26 kgdw, 1/4" skin, passed \$95.50
VIC	Ararat	490 BL/Mer m/s lambs, 3-4 mths, 11.1 kgdw, 2" skin, \$74 ; 265 Comp Ewes, 3 yrs, 27.2 kgdw, 1/4" skin, Unjnd, \$119
VIC	Edenhope	234 WS/Mer m/s lambs, 6-7 mths, 15.2 kgdw, 1/4" skin, \$83.50
SA	Penola	474 BL/Mer ewes, 13-14 mths, 23.4 kgdw, bare shn, \$161 ; 266 BL/Mer ewes, 13-14 mths, 22.6 kgdw, bare shn, \$161 ; 122 BL/Mer Ewes, 13-14 mths, 19.9 kgdw, bare shn, \$150



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SA	Lucindale	256 Mer Wth lambs, 3-4 mths, 12.4 kgdw, 1.75" skin, passed \$52.50 ; 850 BL/Mer Ewe lambs, 3-4 mths, 11.1 kgdw, 1.5" skin, \$95 ; 275 BL/Mer Ewe lambs, 3-4 mths, 9 kgdw, 1.5" skin, \$83.50 ; 1150 BL/Mer Ewe lambs, 3-4 mths, 9.5 kgdw, 1.5" skin, \$83
SA	Bordertown	220 2ndX m/s lambs, 3-4 mths, 17.5 kgdw, 1" skin, \$85 ; 352 2ndX m/s lambs, 3-4 mths, 15.8 kgdw, 1" skin, \$82.50 ; 502 1stX m/s lambs, 3-4 mths, 13.5 kgdw, 3/4" skin, \$80
SA	Yunta	425 Mer Ewes, 15 mths, 23 kgdw, 1/4" skin, Ashrose bld, \$140
TAS	Whitemark	255 MerX Ewes, 3-4 yrs, 20.7 kgdw, 3/4" skin, 263c/\$54.50 ; 180 Mer Ewes, 5-6 yrs, 20.2 kgdw, 3/4" skin, 260c/\$52.50 ; 429 Mer Ewes, 4-6 yrs, 19.1 kgdw, 3/4" skin, 259c/\$49.50
TAS	Swansea	250 Mer Ewes, 2 yrs, 12.3 kgdw, 1/4" skin, \$43
TAS	Sorell	117 Mer Wths, 2 yrs, 14.6 kgdw, 1/4" skin, 277c/\$40.50
TAS	Kettering	318 Mer Wth lambs, 12 mths, 11.1 kgdw, \$40.50 ; 150 Mer E&L, mxd age, 14.1 kgdw, 1.5" skin, \$100