

AuctionsPlus Market Comments: Week Ending

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Cattle numbers dropped this week to 4,236 head offered with a marked improvement in clearance for females and a more noticeable swing in QLD. Sheep and lamb numbers were stable this week at 50,744 and clearance rates showed no improvement after last week's tumble. BOM's report this week suggested a reduction in the likelihood of an El Nino this year which will certainly be welcomed in areas experiencing dry conditions, though it is unlikely to create a noticeable increase in purchasing confidence at least until later in spring when a shorter term and more reliable forecast is possible.

The new season lamb market is still finding its feet, with indicators reflecting last week's drops were mostly recovered this week; however our prices were still not as high as what we saw two weeks ago. Border Leicester Merino mixed sexes weighing 38kg sold for \$100, and a lighter line at 30kg made \$93. Second crosses weighing 33kg sold for \$87.

Young ewes ready to join were the standout article this week. Unjoined Merino ewe hoggets made from \$127.50 to \$160, and an offering of quality 15 month old first cross ewes out of SA made \$183 to \$228. Young Merino ewes scanned in lamb to Merinos sold from \$75 to \$130, and aged ewes scanned to crossbreds are still holding their ground selling from \$75 to \$120.



Sheep		
State	Town	Details
QLD	Longreach	300 Dorp/Mer m/s lambs, 5-6 mths, 6.8 kgdw, 1" skin, passed \$31.50; 758 Mer m/s Hgts, 14-16 mths, 11.6 kgdw, 2.5" skin, \$45.50; 530 Mer Wths, 3-5 yrs, 19.2 kgdw, 2.5" skin, \$68; 594 Mer Ewes, 5 yrs, 15.8 kgdw, 2" skin, Unjnd, \$43.50; 644 Mer Ewes, 6 yrs, 13.7 kgdw, 2" skin, Unjnd, \$33.50
QLD	Surat	840 F2-F4 Dorp Ewes, 1-5 yrs, 22.8 kgdw, SIL PD & Dorp, \$75.50
QLD	St George	420 Mer Ewes, 4.5-5.5 yrs, 20.1 kgdw, bare shn, SIL Mer, Charinga & Pooginook bld, passed \$62.50
QLD	Dirranbandi	360 Mer Ewes, 5 yrs, 23.5 kgdw, 1.5" skin, SIL Mer, Centreplus bld, \$88
NSW	Tenterfield	160 Mer Ewes, 8 yrs, 16.1 kgdw, 3" skin, SIL Cool, Egelabra bld, \$75
NSW	Yetman	548 WDX Ewes, 6-7 yrs, 16.8 kgdw, Jnd Dorp & WD, \$35
NSW	Warialda	200 Mer Ewes, 6.5 yrs, 16.6 kgdw, 2.5" skin, SIL PD, \$75
NSW	Collarenebri	300 Mer Wth lambs, 10-11 mths, 16.8 kgdw, 1.5" skin, passed \$54.50; 265 Mer Ewes, 2 yrs, 23.3 kgdw, 2.25" skin, Jnd Dors, \$115
NSW	Lightning Ridge	761 Mer Ewes, 2 yrs, 21.1 kgdw, 3" skin, SIL Mer, Pemcaw bld, \$130; 422 Mer Ewes, 3 yrs, 25.3 kgdw, 3" skin, SIL Mer, Pemcaw bld, \$125; 417 Mer Ewes, 4 yrs, 23.6 kgdw, 3" skin, SIL Mer, Pemcaw bld, \$110
NSW	Brewarrina	400 Mer Ewes, 3 yrs, 16 kgdw, 1.75" skin, SIL Mer, Haddon Rig bld, \$75; 440 Mer Ewes, 2 yrs, 15.2 kgdw, 1.75" skin, SIL Mer, Haddon Rig bld, passed \$68
NSW	White Cliffs	800 Mer Wth lambs, 9-11 mths, 12.6 kgdw, 1/4" skin, passed \$53.50; 220 Mer Ewes, 2 yrs, 10.8 kgdw, 1/4" skin, Jnd Mer, Leachim bld, \$50
NSW	Broken Hill	670 Mer Wths, 2 yrs, 20.1 kgdw, 1.75" skin, Mumblebone & East Bungaree bld, passed \$75.50; 200 Mer Ewes, 5.5-6.5 yrs, 20.9 kgdw, 1.5" skin, Jnd SAMM, \$60
NSW	Cobar	430 WD Wth lambs, 3-4 mths, 14.3 kgdw, \$75; 105 WD m/s lambs, 4-5 mths, 17 kgdw, 1.25" skin, \$75; 80 WD Wth lambs, 9-10 mths, 19.4 kgdw, 1.75" skin, \$78
NSW	Coolabah	800 Mer Ewe lambs, 11-12 mths, 14.6 kgdw, 2.25" skin, Egelabra bld, passed \$118
NSW	Coonamble	360 BL/Mer m/s lambs, 2-3 mths, 12.9 kgdw, 2" skin, \$93; 434 Mer Ewes, 6 yrs, 25.5 kgdw, 3/4" skin, SIL PD, \$120
NSW	Guyra	212 XB Ewes, 3-4 yrs, 23.7 kgdw, 1" skin, SIL PD, passed \$116.50
NSW	Come By Chance	448 Dohne Ewes, 15 mths, 20 kgdw, 2.5" skin, Unjnd, Macquaire bld, \$111
NSW	Armidale	655 Mer Ewes, 7 yrs, 16.6 kgdw, bare shn, SIL WS, Merryville bld, passed \$70
NSW	Burren Junction	560 BL/Mer Ewes, 11 mths, 17.3 kgdw, 2" skin, \$132
NSW	Uralla	140 Mer Ewes, 1.5-4.5 yrs, 13.6 kgdw, 1/4" skin, SIL WS, \$55; 90 2ndX WS Ewes, 2 yrs, 25 kgdw, 2.5" skin, SIL WS, \$174
NSW	Narrabri	145 WD E&L, 2-7 yrs, 20.9 kgdw, 160 WD LAF, Back Creek bld, \$125; 2160 BL/Mer m/s lambs, 3-4 mths, 15.6 kgdw, 1.75" skin, \$100
NSW	Armatree	520 BL/Mer Wth lambs, 3-4 mths, 14.5 kgdw, 1.25" skin, \$80
NSW	Walcha	190 WS/Mer Ewes, 5-6 yrs, 29.1 kgdw, bare shn, SIL PD, passed \$121
NSW	Tamworth	170 Mer Ewes, 2-3 yrs, 26.9 kgdw, 1/2" skin, SIL BL, Merryville bld, \$126
NSW	Nyngan	510 Mer Ewes, 3-5 yrs, 20.6 kgdw, 1.5" skin, Jnd WS, Gullengamble & Glendemar bld, passed \$65.50;
NSW	Nevetire	397 Mer Ewes, 2-3 yrs, 20 kgdw, 2.5" skin, SIL BL, \$120
NSW	Narromine	560 Mer Ewes, 2.5 yrs, 18.1 kgdw, bare shn, SIL BL, passed \$114
NSW	Gulgong	260 PD/Mer & BL/Mer m/s lambs, 9 mths, 15.9 kgdw, 3/4" skin, \$70
NSW	Wellington	175 BL/Mer & EF/Mer Ewes, 13-14 mths, 23.9 kgdw, 1" skin, SIL PD, \$178.50; 450 Mer Wth lambs, 9-11 mths, 17.1 kgdw, 1.5" skin, Pemcaw bld, passed \$60.50
NSW	Peak Hill	318 WD/Mer E&L, 1.5-4.5 yrs, 18.4 kgdw, 1.75" skin, 356 WD LAF, passed \$111.50
NSW	Molong	460 Mer Ewes, 2 yrs, 19.7 kgdw, 1/4" skin, SIL BL, Genanegie bld, \$125



NSW	Hillston	240 Mer Ewes, 13-14 mths, 21.6 kgdw, 2.25" skin, Bluebush bld, \$141.50; 300 Mer Ewes, 13-14 mths, 27.7 kgdw, 1.75" skin, Sims Uardry bld, passed \$107.50
NSW	Boorowa	255 Mer Wth lambs, 10 mths, 17 kgdw, 1" skin, \$68; 118 Mer Wth lambs, 10 mths, 13.9 kgdw, 1" skin, \$68
NSW	Crookwell	216 BL/Mer Ewes, 21-26 mths, 19.5 kgdw, 2" skin, SIL PD, \$140
	Goulburn	275 Mer Ewes, 2 yrs, 13.6 kgdw, 1/2" skin, Unjnd, \$67.50
NSW	Adelong	320 BL/Mer Ewes, 3-6 yrs, 26.7 kgdw, bare shn, SIL PD, \$129
NSW	Wagga	345 1X m/s lambs, 9-10 mths, 15.4 kgdw, 3/4" skin, passed \$80.50
NSW	Narrandera	800 Mer Wth lambs, 5 mths, 15.3 kgdw, 2" skin, Pooginook bld, \$67;
NSW	Hay	520 Mer Ewes, 12-13 mths, 17.3 kgdw, 1/2" skin, Sims Uardry bld, \$127.50
NSW	Moulamein	166 Mer Ewes, 13-14 mths, 21.2 kgdw, 3/4" skin, Ballatherie bld, \$138
NSW	Mathoura	390 2ndX Dors m/s lambs, 3-4 mths, 15.4 kgdw, 1/4" skin, \$87
NSW	Holbrook	180 Mer Wths, 15-16 mths, 15.2 kgdw, 3" skin, \$75
NSW	Bombala	195 BL/Mer Ewes, 10 mths, 13.5 kgdw, 3/4" skin, \$100
VIC	Streatham	900 Mer Wth lambs, 10-11 mths, 11.4 kgdw, 1/4" skin, \$45; 610 Mer Wth lambs, 10-11 mths, 13.7 kgdw, 1/4" skin, \$52.50
SA	Eudunda	150 Mer Ewes, 14-15 mths, 22.1 kgdw, 2" skin, \$160
SA	Keith	200 BL/Mer Ewes, 1.5 yrs, 29.7 kgdw, 1.5" skin, Unjnd, \$228; 200 BL/Mer Ewes, 1.5 yrs, 27 kgdw, 1.5" skin, Unjnd, \$221; 76 BL/Mer Ewes, 1.5 yrs, 24.9 kgdw, 1.5" skin, Unjnd, \$183
SA	Naracoorte	171 Mer Ewes, 6 yrs, 20.4 kgdw, 1/2" skin, SIL BL, \$105; 118 Mer Ewes, 6 yrs, 19.6 kgdw, 1/2" skin, SIL BL, \$72.50
TAS	KETTERING	540 WS/Mer m/s lambs, 10-11 mths, 13.1 kgdw, 1.75" skin, \$65