

AuctionsPlus Market Comments: Week Ending

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Cattle numbers dropped 600 this week to 4,069 head offered, with the catalogue dominated by young cattle rather than breeders, and heavier drafts of steers. History has shown that a rainfall event more often than not causes an increase in numbers offered on AuctionsPlus, and while there were some offering cattle on the anticipation of a market upturn, the severity of conditions in the past two years have left most more inclined to hold onto their stock with a glimmer of hope for a good spring.. Sheep and lamb numbers were up 2,000 to 42,641 head, and experienced a largely steady market, with quality sheep out of South Australia being the highlight.

The top selling Merino ewes this week were 12-13 month olds out of SA making \$137 to \$147, and young ewes scanned to Merinos sold from \$107 to \$115.50. Scanned mixed age lines made \$63 to \$93.50, while at Bourke five and six year old ewes joined to Dohne sold from \$90.50 to \$106. First cross ewe sold this week were all under 12 months, though ranging from new season lambs out of SA at \$163.50 to \$186, grown lambs at \$130, and 11-12 month olds already scanned in lamb to Poll Dorset selling for \$171. An offering of mixed age White Dorper ewes out of northern NSW saw scanned ewes sell to \$120.50, and ewes with lambs at foot make \$121.50 to \$128.50

This week there was little price differential between 2013 and 2014 drop wether lambs. New season lambs made \$60 to \$63, and older lambs sold from \$60 to \$69. Grown store wether prices were relatively unchanged at \$57-\$75.

In slaughter sales, Merino wethers at Bourke estimated to dress 25kg with a June skin made 328c, and February shown aged ewes out of southern QLD to dress 20kg made 322c, both including skin values.



Sheep		
State	Town	Details
QLD	Mttaburra	640 Mer Ewes, 3-4 yrs, 14.1 kgdw, 1.75" skin, Unjnd, Well Gully bld, passed \$55.50
QLD	Longreach	660 Mer Ewes, 3 yrs, 13.9 kgdw, 1.75" skin, Unjnd, Well Gully bld, passed \$56; 768 DorpX Ewes, 5-6 yrs, 23.3 kgdw, SIL WD, passed \$59; 576 DorpX Ewes, 5-6 yrs, 19.9 kgdw, passed \$40.50; 600 Dorp/Mer & VR.Mer Ewes, 5-6 yrs, 20.9 kgdw, passed \$59
QLD	Barcaldine	560 Mer Wths, 1-2 yrs, 10.7 kgdw, 1.75" skin, Glendemar bld, \$42
QLD	Wyandra	450 Mer Ewes, 4-6 yrs, 16.5 kgdw, 3/4" skin, Unjnd, Bundaleer bld, passed \$44.50
QLD	Dirranbandi	580 Mer Ewes, 7-8 yrs, 12.7 kgdw, 3/4" skin, SIL Mer, Uardry bld, \$50.50; 300 Mer Ewes, 2-4 yrs, 13.1 kgdw, 2/4" skin, SIL Mer, Uardry bld, \$51
QLD	Thallon	400 Mer Ewes, 3-7 yrs, 15.9 kgdw, 1/2" skin, SIL Cool, \$55.50; 400 Mer Ewes, 6-7 yrs, 14.4 kgdw, 1/2" skin, SIL Cool, \$53; 430 Mer Ewes, 3-7 yrs, 16.1 kgdw, 1/2" skin, SIL Cool, \$63; 650 Mer Wth lambs, 10-12 mths, 15.2 kgdw, 1" skin, passed \$53
QLD	Hebel	1496 Mer Ewes, 6-7 yrs, 19.9 kgdw, 2" skin, SIL Mer, Wilgunyah bld, 322c/\$64
NSW	Guyra	350 Mer Ewes, 4-7 yrs, 16.9 kgdw, 2" skin, SIL PD, Queenlee bld, \$93.50
NSW	Walcha	330 Mer Ewes, 3-4 yrs, 14.8 kgdw, bare shn, Unjnd, Europambela bld, passed \$60.50
NSW	Mungindi	315 Mer Ewe lambs, 10-11 mths, 17.1 kgdw, 1.75" skin, Boyanga & Glendemar bld, \$100
NSW	Goodooga	1000 WD Ewes, 2-4 yrs, 18.7 kgdw, SIL WD, \$118.50 ; 570 WD E&L, 2-6 yrs, 18.5 kgdw, 565 WD LAF, \$125 ; 531 WD E&L, 2-6 yrs, 16.2 kgdw, 542 WD LAF, \$128.50 ; 316 WD E&L, 2-6 yrs, 17.5 kgdw, 336 WD LAF, \$122.50 ; 500 WD E&L, 2-6 yrs, 18.3 kgdw, 541 WD LAF, \$121.50
NSW	Bourke	425 Mer Ewes, 5 yrs, 21.9 kgdw, 3.5" skin, Jnd Dohne, \$106; 410 Mer Ewes, 6 yrs, 20.5 kgdw, 3.5" skin, Jnd Dohne, \$90.50; 1400 Mer Wths, 4-6 yrs, 24.7 kgdw, 1.25" skin, 328c/\$81
NSW	Coonamble	210 BL/Mer Ewes, 11-13 mths, 20.9 kgdw, 1" skin, passed \$136; 690 BL/Mer m/s lambs, 4-5 mths, 12.7 kgdw, passed \$91
NSW	Gunnedah	100 Dorp Ewes, 1-5 yrs, 24.3 kgdw, SIL WD, passed \$125.50 ; 150 Dorp Ewes, 12 mths, 17.4 kgdw, SIL WD, \$114
NSW	Willow Tree	300 Mer Ewe lambs, 11 mths, 13.4 kgdw, 1" skin, \$54
NSW	Wilcannia	950 Mer Wth lambs, 9-10- mths, 15.4 kgdw, 1/4" skin, passed \$60.50; 180 180 Mer Wth lambs, 9-10 mths, 12.1 kgdw, 1/4" skin, passed \$38; 80 Mer Wth lambs, 9-10 mths, 16.4 kgdw, 1/4" skin, passed \$39.50; 160 Mer Wths, mx'd age, 22.2 kgdw, 1/4" skin, \$57
NSW	Ivanhoe	750 SAMM/Mer Ewes, 6 yrs, 27 kgdw, 1.25" skin, Unjnd, \$95
NSW	Gilgandra	213 BL/Mer Ewes, 11-12 mths, 24.1 kgdw, 1/2" skin, SIL PD, \$171
NSW	Trangie	18 BL Rams, 2 yrs, 38. kgdw, Dunniel bld, \$164
NSW	Narromine	225 Mer Ewes, 22-23 mths, 18.3 kgdw, 1/2" skin, Unjnd, passed \$79.50
NSW	Mudgee	140 Mer Ewes, 3 yrs, 20 kgdw, 1/4" skin, SIL BL, \$110; 290 Mer Ewes, 4-5 yrs, 19.6 kgdw, 1/4" skin, SIL BL, passed \$81; 515 BL/Mer Ewe lambs, 9-10 mths, 18.3 kgdw, 2" skin, \$130
NSW	Parkes	440 PD/Mer & WS/Mer m/s lambs, 4 mths, 16.6 kgdw, 1.25" skin, \$85.50
NSW	Molong	440 Mer Wths, 3-4 yrs, 23.8 kgdw, 1/4" skin, Rockbank & Merryville bld, passed 315c/\$75; 437 Mer Ewes, 2-7 yrs, 20.4 kgdw, 1/4" skin, SIL WS, Merryville bld, passed \$80.50
NSW	Forrest Reefs	76 WD Ewes, 2-4 yrs, 30.6 kgdw, Unjnd, passed \$109
NSW	Grenfell	830 Mer Wths, 2 yrs, 21.2 kgdw, 1/4" skin, \$75; 244 BL/Mer m/s lambs, 4-5 mths, 14.9 kgdw, 1.5" skin, \$89
NSW	Barmedman	280 2ndX PD m/s lambs, 4-5 mths, 13.7 kgdw, 2" skin, \$80
NSW	Temora	375 PD/Mer m/s lambs, 4-5 mths, 17.4 kgdw, 1.5" skin, \$93.50 ; 487 PD/Mer m/s lambs, 4-6 mths, 15.3 kgdw, 1.5" skin, passed \$86 ; 420 Mer Wths, 12 mths, 19.5 kgdw, 2.25" skin, Pastora bld, \$82
NSW	Young	302 Mer Ewes, 3-4 yrs, 18.3 kgdw, 1/2" skin, Unjnd, Bundilla bld, \$88



NSW	Cootamundra	570 Comp m/s lambs, 3-4 mths, 17.6 kgdw, 1.75" skin, \$94.50; 720 Comp m/s lambs, 3-4 mths, 14.7 kgdw, \$87.50; 280 Comp m/s lambs, 3-4 mths, 11.6 kgdw, 1.5" skin, \$76
NSW	Binalong	580 Mer Wth, 4 yrs, 27.1 kgdw, 1/4" skin, passed 334c/\$90.50
NSW	Taralga	293 Mer Ewes, 9-10 mths, 13 kgdw, 1/4" skin, Unjnd, passed \$67; 211 Mer Ewes, 2 yrs, 18.1 kgdw, 1/4" skin, SIL Mer, \$115.50; 175 Mer Ewes, 3 yrs, 21.5 kgdw, 1/4" skin, SIL Mer, \$107; 86 Mer Ewes, 4 yrs, 20.8 kgdw, 1/4" skin, SIL BL, \$94.50; 104 Mer Ewes, 4 yrs, 20.9 kgdw, 1/4" skin, SIL Mer, \$85.50
NSW	Tarago	390 Mer Wth lambs, 9-10 mths, 14.9 kgdw, 3/4" skin, Cottage Park & Hazledean bld, \$60; 650 Mer Wth lambs, 9-10 mths, 12.7 kgdw, 3/4" skin, Cottage Park & Hazledean bld, \$60
NSW	Hay	265 Mer Wth, 4-5 mths, 12.3 kgdw, 1.25" skin, Alma bld, \$62; 280 Mer Wth, 4-5 mths, 11.8 kgdw, 1.25" skin, Alma bld, \$60; 355 Mer Ewe lambs, 9-10 mths, 17.8 kgdw, Kerrin Poll bld, passed \$77 ; 270 Mer Wth lambs, 4-5 mths, 13 kgdw, 1.25" skin, Alma bld, \$63
NSW	Holbrook	313 Dohne E&L, 4-5 yrs, 30.4 kgdw, 1.5" skin, 330 Dohne LAF, \$142
VIC	Gisbourne	420 Mer Wths 2-3 yrs, 15.2 kgdw, 2.25" skin, \$73.50
SA	Keith	100 BL/Mer Ewe lambs, 4-5 mths, 18.5 kgdw, 2" skin, \$163.50 ; 150WSX m/s lambs, 4-5 mths, 14.4 kgdw, 1.25" skin, \$79.50
SA	Pinaroo	202 BL/Mer Ewe lambs, 4 mths, 21.6 kgdw, 2.75 kgdw, \$186
SA	Kingscote	800 Mer Wth lambs, 12-13 mths, 14.8 kgdw, 2" skin, Moorundie Park bld, \$69; 190 Mer Wths, 2 yrs, 16 kgdw, 1.75" skin, Moorundie Park bld, \$69
SA	Kapunda	108 Mer Ewes, 12-13 mths, 21.2 kgdw, 2" skin, Bungaree bld, Unjnd, \$147; 95 Mer Ewes, 12-13 mths, 19.1 kgdw, 2.25" skin, Roseville Park & Leachim bld, \$137
TAS	Kettering	280 Mer Wths, 2-3 yrs, 17.1 kgdw, 2" skin, \$57