

AuctionsPlus Market Comments: Week Ending

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Sheep and lamb numbers were up 17,413 this week to 48,528 head offered while demand also remained high with clearance rates jumping above 86pc for sheep. Cattle numbers were on the rise this week with 6,345 head offered on the back of strengthening prices however, clearance rates were little lower just under 60pc selling at auction.

Young unjoined first cross ewes were a highlight this week with a number of lines being offered. First cross ewe lambs made between \$88.50 and \$149. 1 to 2 year old unjoined first cross ewes fared slightly better though with prices ranging between \$152 and \$164. The top line of first cross ewes was a line of 12-13 month old unjoined ewes out of Wellington, averaging 60kg.

Unjoined Merino Ewe hogget prices were unchanged this week selling from \$62.50 to \$140, the top price being a line of 13-14 month old Bungaree blood Merino ewes out of Robertstown S.A, averaging 56kg, with an April skin.

Mutton prices were up 13c on last week and this was reflected in the sheep sales with processors snapping up a few big lines of heavy mutton. Prices were between 296c and 345c to average 329c. The highlight of the week was a line of 1084 3 year old Merino wethers out of Cobar, dressing at 31kg with an April skin.

MLA reported a big jump in restocker lamb prices this week up 88c week on week. There was a real variance in weights for new season crossbred lambs offered on the system this week but prices remained strong in all categories. 24kg-28kg first and second cross lambs made \$55.50 to \$71, 30kg-32kg drafts sold from \$81 to \$81.50, and 38kg-41kg lambs made between \$87.50 and \$102. The top price was a line of almost 2000, 3 to 4 month old first cross mix sex lambs out of Bellata in NSW, with an average weight of 40kg.



Sheep		
State	Town	Details
QLD	Longreach	460 Mer Ewes, 7-8 yrs, 14.5 kgdw, 1/4" skin, passed 197c/\$28.50; 800 Mer Ewes, 6 yrs, 15 kgdw, 1/4" skin, passed \$37; 1145 Dohne Wth lambs, 4-5 mths, 9.8 kgdw, 1/4" skin, Gullendah bld, \$55.50; 612 F2-F4 Dohne Ewes, 3-4 yrs, 19.1 kgdw, 1/4" skin, Unjnd, \$75.50 ; 506 F1-F2 Dohne Ewes, 5 yrs, 15.4 kgdw, 1/4" skin, Unjnd, \$51 ; 1980 Mer Wths, 3-8 yrs, 18.6 kgdw, 1/4" skin, Pemcaw bld, 296c/\$55 ; 2300 Mer Wths, 3-8 yrs, 16 kgdw, 1/4" skin, Pemcaw bld, \$45
QLD	Mitchell	330 SAMM/Mer m/s lambs, 10 mths, 11.8 kgdw, 2.25" skin, \$53.50
QLD	Mungindi	890 Mer Wths, 12-13 mths, 9.1 kgdw, 3/4" skin, Dunabril bld, \$44.50
NSW	Delungra	136 Mer Ewes, 12-13 mths, 13.7 kgdw, 1.5" skin, Uardry bld, \$62.50; 60 Mer Ewes, 2-3 yrs, 18.1 kgdw, 1.5" skin, Uardry bld, \$65; 205 Mer E&L, 2-4 yrs, 18.4 kgdw, 1.5" skin, 190 Mer LAF, Merryville bld, \$110.50
NSW	Bellata	1950 BL/Mer m/s lambs, 3-4 mths, 16.8 kgdw, 1.75" skin, \$102
NSW	Burren Junction	610 Mer Ewes, 16-17 mths, 21.6 kgdw, 1" skin, Unjnd, bld, Merryannebone bld, \$132
NSW	Walgett	1300 Mer Ewes, 23-24 mths, 17.6 kgdw, 1/4" skin, SIL Mer, Bonanza bld, \$126; 200 Mer Ewes, 23-24 mths, 17.8 kgdw, 1/4" skin, Jnd Mer, Bonanza bld, \$100
NSW	Bourke	720 Mer Ewes, 4-7 yrs, 14.6 kgdw, 1.25" skin, \$42; 2400 Mer Wths, 4 yrs, 21.4 kgdw, 1" skin, 339c/\$72.50
NSW	Tilpa	630 Mer Wths, MXD age 19.3 kgdw, 20" skin, Old Ashrose & Landsdowne bld, \$63.50
NSW	White Cliffs	1350 Mer Ewes, 12-13 mths, 12.5 kgdw, 1.25" skin, \$90; 1000 Mer Ewes, 12-13 mths, 10.1 kgdw, 1.25" skin, \$70; 520 Mer E&L, mxd age, 15.4 kgdw, 480 Mer LAF avg 15kg, \$86.50
NSW	Menindee	1200 WS/Mer & 2ndX WS m/s lambs, 3-4 mths, 14.6 kgdw, 1.25" skin, \$81
NSW	Cobar	1084 Mer Wths, 3 yrs, 31.3 kgdw, 1.75" skin, Pastora bld, 335c/\$105; 410 Mer Wths, 2-4 yrs, 21 kgdw, 1.75" skin, \$66
NSW	Tooraweenah	340 BL/Mer Ewe lambs, 11-12 mths, 22.7 kgdw, 1.75" skin, \$141
NSW	Tamworth	140 BL/Mer & WS/Mer, 2.5-7 yrs, 25kgdw, 1/2" skin, \$140.50
NSW	Warren	600 BL/Mer m/s lambs, 3-5 mths, 13.4 kgdw, 2" skin, \$81.50; 400 2ndX Dohne Ewes, 12-13 mths, 21.9 kgdw, 1" skin, \$132.50
NSW	Nevertire	260 BL/Mer Wth lambs, 3-4 mths, 18.5 kgdw, 1.5" skin, \$80.50; 300 BL/Mer Ewe lambs, 3-4 mths, 17.8 kgdw, 1.5" skin, \$103.50; 315 BL/Mer Ewe lambs, 3-4 mths, 14.8 kgdw, 1.5" skin, \$88.50; 315 BL/Mer Wth lambs, 3-4 mths, 16 kgdw, 1.5" skin, \$80.50
NSW	Trangie	24 BL Rams, 2 yrs, 36.4 kgdw, 3" skin, \$460; 24 BL Rams, 2 yrs, 35.4 kgdw, 3" skin, \$295
NSW	Narromine	520 Mer Ewes, 3-5 yrs, 19.4 kgdw, 2.25" skin, SIL WS, passed \$100.50
NSW	Dubbo	275 Mer Ewes, 2 yrs, 16.7 kgdw, 2" skin, Jnd BL, passed \$95.50
NSW	Wellington	264 Mer Ewes, 2-7 yrs, 27.6 kgdw, 1.75" skin, SIL WS, Boxleigh Park bld, \$134.50; 1000 BL/Mer Ewes, 12-13 mths, 28.6 kgdw, 1/4" skin, \$164; 400 BL/Mer Ewes, 12-13 mths, 23.8 kgdw, 1/4" skin, \$158.50
NSW	Cowra	490 Mer E&L, 5-6 yrs, 20.9 kgdw, 2" skin, 540 BL LAF avg 20kg, \$128
NSW	Grenfell	79 Mer Ewes, 2-3 yrs, 26.6 kgdw, 1.75" skin, Unjnd, Pastora bld, \$110
NSW	Caragabal	410 Mer Wth lambs, 3-4 mths, 15.1 kgdw, 1.75" skin, \$63
NSW	West Wyalong	190 Mer Ewes, 17-18 mths, 22.8 kgdw, 1/4" skin, Boonoke & Collinsville bld, \$134; 260 2ndX Dohne Ewes, 23 mths, 24.2 kgdw, 2.25" skin, 221 PD & WS LAF, \$162; 151 Mer Ewes, 14-15 mths, 19.6 kgdw, 1.75" skin, Pooginook bld, passed \$137
NSW	Hillston	320 Mer Ewes, 3.5 yrs, 26.2 kgdw, 1/2" skin, Unjnd, Pooginook bld, \$128



NSW	Hay	360 Mer Wth lambs, 4-5 mths, 15.1 kgdw, 1.25" skin, Alma bld, \$68.50; 410 Mer Ewes, 15-16 mths, 19.3 kgdw, 1" skin, Unjnd, \$119; 180 Mer Ewes, 15-16 mths, 16.1 kgdw, 1" skin, 1" skin, Unjnd, \$99; 160 Mer Ewes, 14-15 mths, 16.3 kgdw, 2" skin, Unjnd, Cooroonboon & Pooginook bld, \$106; 365 F3-F5 WD Ewes, 3 yrs, 25.2 kgdw, SIL WD, \$127
NSW	Griffith	355 BL/Mer Ewes, 2 yrs, 28.7 kgdw, 1/4" skin, Unjnd, \$152;
NSW	Mirrool	372 Mer Ewes, 13-14 mths, 23.4 kgdw, 2.5" skin, passed \$150; 193 Mer Ewes, 13-14 mths, 26.4 kgdw, 1.25" skin, passed \$150;
NSW	Ariah Park	100 Mer Ewes, 16-18 mths, 27.3 kgdw, 1/4" skin, passed \$149
NSW	Jugiong	310 Mer Wths, 22.2 kgdw, 14-15 mths, 1/2" skin, Grogansworth bld, 345c/\$76.50
NSW	Cootamundra	210 PD/Mer m/s lambs, 3 mths, 9.8 kgdw, 3/4" skin, \$65
NSW	Wagga Wagga	210 BL/Mer Ewe lambs, 11-12 mths, 22.8 kgdw, 1/4" skin, \$149
NSW	Yerong Creek	211 BL/Mer Ewes, 3 yrs, 28.7 kgdw, 1/2" skin, \$134
NSW	Moulamein	605 Mer Wth lambs, 4 mths, 14.3 kgdw, 1.75" skin, Alma bld, \$70
NSW	Jerilderie	1100 Mer Wth lambs, 3-4 mths, 16.4 kgdw, 1" skin, \$75; 800 Mer Wth lambs, 3-4 mths, 16.4 kgdw, 1" skin, 457c/\$75
NSW	Deniliquin	295 F2-F4 Dorp Ewe lambs, 5 mths, 17.3 kgdw, \$86; 550 F2-F4 Dorp Ewe lambs, 5 mths, 14.4 kgdw, \$77.50; 305 F2-F4 Dorp Ewe lambs, 2-3 mths, 14.8 kgdw, \$79.50; 770 F2-F4 Dorp Ewe lambs, 2-3 mths, 11.5 kgdw, \$70.50; 115 F2-F4 Dorp Ewe lambs, 2-3 mths, 8.5 kgdw, \$61.50; 335 F1-F4 Dorp Ewes, 4 yrs, 24.4 kgdw, \$80; 185 F1-F4 Dorp Ewes, 4 yrs, 22.3 kgdw, \$80; 195 F2-F4 Dorp Ewes, 4 yrs, 26.5 kgdw, passed \$80; 270 F2-F4 Dorp Ewes, 3 yrs, 22.8 kgdw, \$118.50; 200 F2-F4 Dorp Ewes, 2 yrs, 21.6 kgdw, \$125.50; 660 F2-F4 Dorp Ewes, 2 yrs, 21.4 kgdw, \$109.50; 460 F1 Dorp Ewes, 3 yrs, 23 kgdw, \$93; 540 F2-F4 Dorp Ewes, 3 yrs, 23.2 kgdw, \$103;
VIC	Minyip	230 Mer Ewes, 15-16 mths, 17.9 kgdw, 1.5" skin, Melrose bld, passed \$101.50; 305 Mer Ewes, 12-13 mths, 12.6 kgdw, 1.75" skin, Glenara bld, ; 250 Mer Ewes, 2 yrs, 18.4 kgdw, 2.5" skin, passed \$65.50
VIC	Cavendish	366 Mer Wths, 2 yrs, 22.8 kgdw, 3" skin, Ridgeway bld, \$90; 306 Mer Wths, 2 yrs, 19.6 kgdw, 3" skin, Ridgeway bld, \$80
SA	Robertstown	130 Mer Ewes, 13-14 mths, 23 kgdw, 2" skin, \$140
SA	Kingscote	135 Mer Wths, 13-14 mths, 15.7 kgdw, 1" skin, \$65
SA	Mundulla	357 2ndX PD m/s lambs, 5-6 mths, 17.2 kgdw, 2" skin, \$93.50; 350 2ndX PD m/s lambs, 5-6 mths, 16 kgdw, 2" skin, \$88
SA	Bordertown	432 WS/Mer & PD/Mer m/s lambs, 4-5 mths, 11.4 kgdw, 1.5" skin, \$71; 200 BL/Mer Ewe lambs, 4-5 mths, 11.6 kgdw, 1.5" skin, \$120.50
TAS	Bruny Island	320 Mer Wths, 3 yrs, 15.5 kgdw, 1/4" skin, Mayfield & Murrayfield bld, passed 268c/\$41.50