



Livestock Market Report

Roma Store Cattle

Numbers decreased by 3038 head for a yarding of 4072 head.
Market quoted overall cheaper.

Calves ave	222c
Yearling Steers	300c
Steers under 400kg	278c
Yearling Heifers	242c
Med weight Hfrs	218c
Med 2 score Cows	165c
Heavy Cows	214c

Gunnedah Prime Cattle

The numbers almost halved, with yearlings and cows making up the bulk. There was a large reduction in vealers penned. The reduced numbers brought about some quality variation, both from a breed perspective and a reduction in the availability to purchase straight lines. There were some good quality young cattle, just lacking condition alongside some very well finished cows. The usual processors attended, not all operating, while restocker and feedlot competition varied throughout.

Market trends through the young cattle saw vealer steers to restockers sell to cheaper trends, with some quality related price change. The heifer portion followed a similar trend. A small number of well finished vealers suitable to the trade were firm to slightly dearer. Light weight yearling steers attracted increased restocker competition to sell to a slightly dearer trend. Reduced competition from feed lotters saw the medium and heavy weights sell on a firm to 10c/kg cheaper trend.

Yearling heifers to restock and feed saw a dearer market trend. The light weights to restockers saw the greatest improvement. Medium weight feeders were only slightly dearer.

Well finished grown heifers saw the benefit of increased competition to sell to a dearer trend. Plain condition cows saw a firm to slightly dearer market trend, although there was some quality related price change. Well finished heavy weight cows sold to a cheaper trend of 7c to 15c/kg.

Dubbo Sheep & Lambs

Lambs 19220 up 1150 Mutton 10085 up 845.

It was a good quality yarding, with once again a good selection of outstanding heavy weights, along with a fair yarding of trade weights. There was also a reasonably good selection of well finished Merino lambs. There were some additional buyers operating, with the return of a major supermarket buyer and a southern export processor.

Light weight lambs to the processors were \$4 dearer, with the 12-18kg 2 scores making from \$90 to \$153/head. Trade lambs were \$6 to \$10 dearer, with the 18-24kg lambs making from \$145 to \$204/head to average from 785c to 825c/kg cwt. Heavy weight lambs were \$9 to \$13 dearer, with the over 24kg 4 scores making from \$193 to \$270/head. Merino lambs were \$8 dearer, with the trade weights receiving from \$136 to \$175, while heavy weight Merinos sold from \$190 to \$227/head. Restocker lambs were firm to \$4 dearer, with the better types making from \$92 to \$153, while light weight Merinos sold to the restockers from \$30 to \$89/head. Hoggets sold to \$208/head.

Most grades were represented in a mixed yarding of mutton where the Merino sheep were firm to \$4 dearer and the crossbreds were \$10 to \$16/head dearer. 2 score ewes sold from \$72 to \$106, while the better 3 and 4 scores made from \$100 to \$237 for crossbreds and \$235 for full fleeced Merinos. Merino wethers sold to \$210/head. Carcase prices for the better covered sheep varied from 560c to 620c/kg cwt.

Heavy lamb	\$193 - \$270	+9 - 13
Trade lamb	\$145 - \$204	+6 - 10
Light lamb	\$ 90 - \$153	+4
Restocker lamb	\$ 92 - \$153	+4
Restocker Merino lamb	\$ 30 - \$ 89	

Mutton

Light Mutton	\$ 72 - \$106	+4
Heavy Mutton	\$100 - \$234	

Forbes Sheep & Lambs

Lambs 23350 + 1100 Sheep 7100 + 600

Numbers lifted slightly this sale with both lamb and mutton showing the increase. Lamb quality was fair with a good offering of grain fed finished lambs available along with the plainer types. The usual buyers were present and competing in another dearer market.

Light lambs sold from \$135 to \$144/head. Trade weights liftedc \$8 with prices ranging from \$146 to \$201/head. Heavy and extra heavyweight lambs were \$10/head dearer on a quality offering. Heavy lambs to 26kg sold from \$194 to \$224/head. Extra heavyweights ranged in price from \$230 to \$305/head. Carcase prices averaged from 776c to 844c/kg.

Mutton numbers were made up of mostly Merinos and quality was mixed. Prices jumped with Merino ewes selling from \$112 to \$260/head. Crossbred ewes ranged in price from \$125 to \$256 and Dorper ewes sold from \$107 to \$214/head.

Heavy Lamb	\$224- \$305	+8 - 12
Trade Lamb	\$165 - \$220	+ 10
Light Lamb	\$114 - \$160	
Store Lambs	\$ 88 - \$162	+4
Merino lamb	\$104 - \$205	
Merino Ewes	\$112 - \$260	+15
Xbred Ewes	\$118 - \$256	+20

Auctions Plus Sheep & Lambs

Listed 60162 head in 206 lots down 5077 head

M/W/L	\$ 66 - \$149	Firm
M/E/L	\$115 - \$230	
Xbred Lambs	\$115 - \$169	Firm

Merino ewes

NSM Ewes	\$ 98 - \$185
SIL Ewes	\$112 - \$ 265

1 st X Ewes Lmbs	\$175 - \$251
1 st X Ewe SIL	\$182 - \$252

Livestock Wanted

Lines of Merino ewes up to 5 year old, any number.

Lines of merino wether lambs 32kg to go onto feed.

Runs of Xbred lambs to feed, 35kg +

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