

Queensland

Warwick Sheep

Warwick penned 680 lambs, including a large percentage of stores and 280 grown sheep. There were some very good pens of well finished processor lambs, these selling to dearer trends. Restockers operated strongly on all other classes. This sale compares to two weeks ago. The usual buyers attended with restockers edging processors out with strong competition.

Very plain, light lambs sold to restockers, making to \$159/head. Better finished light lambs to the paddock sold to dearer trends of \$12/head. A draft of new season lambs from the Border district of NSW, sold to \$189/head to the trade. Light trade lambs sold to dearer trends of \$6 to \$8, while trade lambs were \$17/head better. Heavy lambs were as much as \$25 better and extra heavy lambs made to \$215/head. Ram lambs made to \$201 and hoggets sold to \$194/head.

Restockers competed strongly on Dorper ewes, while the trade purchased wethers to \$178/head. Young Merino wethers sold to \$169, the ewe portion to \$148/head. Heavy Dorper rams sold to \$220/head.

New South Wales

Tamworth Sheep

There was a reduced penning of 2,500 lambs and only 200 sheep. It was a good quality penning of mostly well finished lambs with both Crossbreds and Merino lambs well supplied. There were odd pens of new season lambs in the offering. The usual buyers were in attendance with demand increasing in the wet weather.

The increased demand brought about dearer market trends for all classes of Crossbred lambs. Prices improving by \$8 to \$9/head across most weight classes. Some further price improvement attributable to quality. The exception in the market were Merino lambs, they sold to a slightly cheaper trend with a marked improvement in quality.

There were insufficient sheep for a quote.

Dubbo Sheep

Up to 40mm of weekend rain in some districts reduced numbers considerably on the expected draw. It was a good quality yarding with good numbers of heavy weight lambs along with a better selection of trade weights. There were also some good runs of well finished new season lambs along with some good Merinos. Most of the regular buyers were in attendance and operating.

Light weight lambs to the processors were \$12 dearer with the 12kg to 18kg 2 scores selling from \$128 to \$155/head. Trade lambs were \$17 dearer and more in places with the trade weight old lambs selling from \$155 to \$188/head to average between 725c and 770c/kg cwt. Trade weight new season lambs were up to \$23 dearer selling from \$170 to \$195/head. Heavy weight lambs were firm to \$5 dearer with the 24kg to 30kg lambs selling from \$166 to \$196 while the lambs over 30kg sold from \$206 to \$220/head to average around 650c/kg cwt. Merino lambs were \$9 to \$15 dearer with the trade weights selling from \$145 to \$179/head. A single pen of first cross ewe lambs sold to the restockers for \$230/head. Hoggets sold to \$180/head.

The rain also effected mutton numbers with a yarding of mostly good quality sheep. The medium weight sheep were firm to \$3 dearer while the heavy weight sheep were \$6 to \$7/head cheaper. Merino ewes sold from \$90 to \$176 while crossbred ewes sold from \$105 to \$182/head. Merino wethers sold to \$170/head. The restockers were active on suitable lines of ewes paying from \$156 to \$169 for Merinos and \$171/head for crossbreds.

Corowa Sheep

Agents penned approximately 10,000 less than last week with additional numbers of new season lambs offered this and an outstanding offering of mixed quality mutton reflecting the prolific season across the supply area. Not all the regular field of buyers were present again, however, all who were in attendance were operating. The market had mixed results with trade weight lambs proving to be the most solid.

New season lambs sold to dearer trends with processors confident from last week's results. New season trade weight lambs sold from \$163 to \$196 and heavy lambs reached \$202/head to average 774c/kg cwt. Shorn trade weight lambs were still very well supplied selling in a very firm market, heavy trade 22-24kg, made from \$165 to \$190/head to average 760c/kg cwt. Heavy lambs were \$8 softer in places, making between \$160 and \$191/head. Another good supply of supplementary fed lambs suiting export processors were offered with buyers remaining cautious, with heavy export types easing up to \$8, selling from \$181 to \$211/head to average from 618c to 659c/kg cwt. Merino lambs softened \$5 to \$10 this week with trade weights making from \$145 to \$166 and export weights reaching \$182/head.

Mutton numbers were higher again and the quality continues to be very good. Heavy cross bred ewes sold to weaker trends making from \$147 to \$196 to average from 526c to 561c/kg cwt and heavy merinos reached \$196/head. Trade sheep sold from \$110 to \$141/head.

Wagga Sheep

Lamb supplies increased and new season lamb numbers jumped up to 6,000. Quality was excellent over trade and heavy lamb categories, with most lambs grain assisted or finished off crop. Heavy and extra heavy lambs' numbers were similar with plenty of lambs weighing in excess of 30/kg carcass weight. Restocker activity was minimal. A full field of buyers were in attendance and all were operating.

Despite not all major domestic buyers operating fully, the trade market gained traction particularly for lambs weighing between 21 and 24kg. New season lambs, 21 to 22kg, gained \$16 making from \$170 to \$184/head. Prices for old trade were buoyant due to a few more orders in place. Lambs, 21 to 24kg, sold from \$164 to \$186/head, with the bulk averaging from 750c to 777c/kg cwt. Merino trade lambs sold to a bigger group of buyers and all categories sold to solid competition to average from 670c to 696c/kg cwt. Lambs to restock and feed were in short supply making from \$129 to \$165/head.

There were a few more processors at the rail along with some domestic processor competition occasionally. Heavy and extra heavy lambs bounced \$9 to \$10/head. Lambs, 26 to 30kg, sold from \$170 to \$198/head to average 632c/kg cwt. Lambs weighing in excess of 30kg cwt were keenly sought selling at \$186 to \$236/head averaging 591c/kg cwt.

It was another good quality yarding of mutton with heavy sheep well supplied. Heavy ewes sold to strong demand lifting \$13 to \$17/head to average 547c/kg cwt. Heavy wethers were in reasonable numbers averaging 560c to 594c/kg cwt. Trade sheep were limited averaging 590c/kg cwt.

Victoria

Ballarat Sheep

Numbers were at the lowest for a very long time at Ballarat today, agents drew for 3,900 lambs. The quality was plain to good, with quite a few clean up pens and not a lot of weight on offered. Not all the usual buying group attended, the market was much stronger this week to see prices increase \$10 to \$20/head in places. Heavy lambs sold to \$193, with the majority of the lambs selling from \$160 to \$188/head for the sort after trade weights.

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The lambs back to paddock sold from \$99 to \$158/head. Light lambs sold from \$84 to \$138/head. Trade lambs, 18kg to 22kg, sold from \$148 to \$176/head. Lambs, 22kg to 24kg, sold from \$174 to \$180/head, ranging from 727c to 791c to average around 765c/kg cwt. 4 score lambs, 24kg to 26kg, sold from \$175 to \$185/head, to average around 720c/kg cwt. Heavy 26kg to 30kg lambs sold from \$182 to \$193/head.

1,800 sheep, the quality was good, the market was mostly firm to dearer in places. Good quality runs of Merino weathers were offered. Merino ewes sold from \$107 to \$170, \$10/head dearer in places, to average 625c/kg cwt. Crossbred ewes sold from \$96 to \$191, \$4/head dearer to average around 565c/kg cwt. Merino wethers sold from \$110 to \$177/head to average 615c/kg cwt. Rams sold to \$68/head.

National Sheep Prices

Price Stock Category	Weekly Avg.	Change	High	Low	Clearance	Avg Weight (Kgs)
Merino Wether Lambs	\$121	-\$14	\$138	\$94	77%	36
Merino Ewe Lambs	\$234	-	\$260	\$134	45%	46
NSM Merino Ewes Hoggets	\$256	-	\$272	\$230	52%	55
Scanned in Lamb Merino Ewes	\$295	+\$41	\$357	\$189	53%	67
Border Leicester/Merino Ewes	\$259	-	\$305	\$253	93%	41
Ewes with Lambs at Foot	\$343	-	\$395	\$293	55%	61
Crossbred Lambs (c/kg)	431	-20	545	353	81%	33

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