

Queensland

Warwick Sheep

Numbers reduced to 756 at Warwick which included 571 Lambs and 185 grown sheep. All the regular processors and wholesalers were present and operating on the plainer yarding with prices pushed along by restockers and feeder operators competing on the lighter conditioned lambs and sheep.

There was an increase in the number of new season lambs and they sold to a top price of \$178/head. Trade weight new season lambs sold from \$156 to \$171 and the restockers paid from \$142 to \$156/head. Light trade weight old lambs sold from \$140 to \$170/head. The medium and heavy trade weight old lambs made from \$154 to \$199 averaging \$179/head. A few sales of heavy lambs returned back to the paddock as they sold for \$198 and \$225/head.

There was only a small number of hoggets offered with the good quality 3 scores making from \$160 to \$167/head. Well finished heavy weight ewes sold to the processors to a top of \$160/head. Heavy 3 score wethers sold to processors for \$158 and there were some young light weight Merino wethers that sold to restockers for \$138/head. Ewes and lambs were also offered during the market making to \$220/unit on several occasions.

New South Wales

Tamworth Sheep

There was an increase in supply with 3,500 lambs and 2,000 sheep penned. Lamb quality was mostly good as was finish. There were a few lines of secondary quality lambs showing finish. New season lamb supplies on the increase. All regular processors in attendance. Restockers were active in the market looking to purchase breeding stock.

There was strong demand from processors for all classes of lambs. This resulted in dearer trends throughout. The well finished young lambs experienced strong gains, attracting premiums over similar weight old lambs.

The quality of the old lambs was a little mixed. Again the heavier the lambs the greater the improvement in price. The well finished secondary quality lambs also sold to dearer trends however the improvement was not as great.

It was a fair to very well finished penning of sheep. Demand for the well finished lines was strong. Not so much on the plainer condition sheep to process. Restockers paid to a top of \$265 for a line of young Dorper ewes with a small percentage of lambs at foot. Market trends were dearer for well finished sheep to process and slightly cheaper for the plainer condition sheep.

Forbes Sheep

Lamb numbers raised and the quality remains good although there was the start of a few drier lambs and seed in the skin. Heavy trade and heavy and extra heavy lambs were the bulk of the yarding with light trade and stores still in short supply. There was a very good run of Merino lambs most falling into the heavy lambs range. The market sold to a cheaper trend.

New season lambs to restock \$129 to \$179/head. The medium and heavy trade lambs were from \$10 to \$12 cheaper sold from \$151 to \$178/head and averaged from 780c to 820c/kg cwt. Heavy lambs were \$12 to \$15 cheaper \$185 to \$212/head or 770c/kg cwt on average. Extra heavy new season lambs reached \$248/head. Old trade were \$14 cheaper, making from \$155 to \$175 and the heavy weights lost \$5 selling from \$170 to \$207 with extra heavy lambs reaching \$260/head. Merino trades were \$8 cheaper selling from \$155 to \$172 and heavy weights made from \$174 to \$222/head.

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Mutton numbers lifted and the quality was good made up mostly by heavy sheep and prices were very similar. Medium weight ewes sold from \$143 to \$168/head. Heavy crossbred ewes made from \$191 to \$220 and heavy Merino wethers topped at \$230/head.

Carcoar Sheep

Once again it was a very good quality yarding made up of around 8,000 both trade and heavy weight new season lambs. There were a few pens of trade weight Merino lambs and very few old lambs yarded. A full field of buyers were in attendance and operating.

Compared to the previous sales very strong market trade weight new season lambs were \$17 cheaper selling from \$156 to \$201/head to average between 780c and 810c/kg cwt. The few trade weight old lambs sold from \$161 to \$192/head. Heavy weight lambs were \$7 to \$12 cheaper with the new season lambs over 24kg selling from \$193 to \$237/head to average between 715c and 765c/kg cwt. Heavy weight old lambs sold from \$188 to \$250/head. Merino lambs were \$10 cheaper with the trade weights selling from \$142 to \$184/head. The feeders paid \$156/head for a pen of young new season lambs. Hoggets sold to \$188/head.

There were 990 mixed mutton yarded where most grades were \$3 to \$5/head cheaper. Merino ewes sold from \$82 to \$180 while crossbred ewes sold from \$150 to \$210/head. Merino wethers sold from \$143 to \$173/head. The restockers paid \$143/head for a pen of mixed age Merino ewes.

Yass Sheep

The influx of new season lambs lifted numbers and quality was good with a lot of well presented lambs showing bloom. Trade and heavy lambs made up the majority and store lambs were much better supplied. The larger than usual buying group returned to the sale which sold to a much cheaper trend on the processing lambs.

Light store lambs sold from \$134 to \$159 with the restockers also paying up to \$179/head for heavy lambs. Medium and heavy new season trade lambs were \$18 cheaper and sold from \$156 to \$169/head averaging 740c/kg cwt. Heavy lambs were also \$15 to \$18 easier and made from \$160 to \$197/head averaging 715c to 735c/kg cwt. Extra heavy weight new season lambs sold to \$229/head. The few heavy old lambs sold were \$10 cheaper and made from \$176 to \$190 with the extra heavy weight lambs selling to a market top of \$238/head.

Mutton numbers more than doubled and the quality was mixed with the yarding made up of a larger number of wethers than ewes. The market sold firm to \$4/head dearer on the light and medium weight sheep while heavy mutton sold to a softening trend. Medium weight mutton sold from \$138 to \$160, heavy crossbred ewes made from \$174 to \$220 and the heavy Merino wethers sold to \$197/head.

Victoria

Ballarat Sheep

Lamb supply increased slightly to 17,833 yarded. The quality was very good across all weights and grades. All the usual buying group attended, bidding was erratic at times in a firm to \$6/head easier market to last weeks levels. Young lambs sold to a top of \$237, old heavy lambs sold to a top of \$250/head

Restockers were active on the light weight lambs back to the paddock, under 18kg selling from \$80 to \$161 and 18kg and over sold from \$150 to \$168/head. Young lambs to the trade 18 to 22kg sold from \$152 to \$184, 22 to 24kg made from \$174 to \$200 and 24 to 26kg sold from \$192 to \$215/head with a range from 756c to 848c, to average between 790c to 800c/kg cwt. Export 26 to 30kg lambs sold from \$210 to \$237/head to average 770c/kg cwt. Heavy old lambs sold strong again this week selling from \$203 to \$250/head. Merino lambs under 18kg, sold from \$75 to \$150 and 18kg and over sold from \$146 to \$223/head.

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Sheep supply also increased to 6,367, the quality very good across the yarding with a exceptional lines of Merino wethers with plenty of weight. Strong competition to see a firm to \$5/head stronger on last weeks levels. Heavy Merino ewes sold from \$160 to \$184/head, to average around 650c/kg cwt. Heavy crossbred ewes sold from \$149 to \$235/head, to average 590c/kg cwt. Heavy Merino wethers sold from \$155 to \$222 and lighter weights sold from \$110 to \$176/head, averaging 670c/kg cwt.

Western Australia

Muchea Sheep

Muchea sheep and lamb sale penned 9,000 head down 1,400 on last week, in an overall better quality yarding and the demand was stronger throughout. Both new and old seasons lambs were from \$5 to \$10 dearer, hoggets gained \$10, wethers were \$20 dearer and in the ewe mutton market medium weight boners gained \$15 with prime and heavy up \$10/head.

In the lamb section, new seasons light weight lambs 12 to 17kg sold from \$67 to \$117 at near 650c up \$10, the corresponding old seasons lambs made similar money at near 640c/kg cwt, also \$10/head dearer. The light weight 18 to 20kg cwt new seasons lambs were \$5 dearer and sold from \$118 to \$125, at near 650c/kg cwt, the corresponding old seasons lambs up by \$10 and sold from \$116 to \$120/head at near 600c/kg cwt. The trade weight 22kg cwt new seasons lambs sold from \$130 to \$140 at near 625c/kg cwt up by \$5, the corresponding old seasons lambs sold from \$123 to \$136 up \$10/head at near 590c/kg cwt. The 23kg new seasons lambs sold from \$140 to \$145 at near 625c up \$10, with the 24kg lambs selling from \$150 to \$151 at near 600c/kg cwt, up by \$5/head. The best heavy old seasons lambs sold from \$145 to \$153 at near 580c/kg cwt, to be \$5 dearer.

The best hoggets to the trade were wethers that made from \$120 to \$142 at near 500c/kg cwt and were \$10/head dearer. The heavy older wethers to processors gained \$20 on a better quality penning and sold from \$140 to \$145 at near 500c/kg cwt. In the ewe mutton market, medium weight boners 18 to 24kg sold from \$90 to \$125 and gained \$15/head. The 25 to 30kg trade weights sold from \$125 to \$150, up \$10 with the extra heavies selling from \$150 to \$168 also \$10/head dearer and averaged from 500c to 510c/kg cwt. Ram lambs were all old seasons and sold from \$97 to \$130 at near 550c/kg cwt.

National Sheep Prices

Price Stock Category	Weekly Avg.	Change	High	Low	Clearance	Avg Weight (Kgs)
Merino Wether Lambs	\$137	+\$8	\$159	\$106	79%	38
Merino Wethers	\$122	-\$14	\$153	\$105	90%	44
Merino Ewe Lambs	\$252	+\$20	\$320	\$153	91%	50
NSM Merino Ewe Hoggets	\$254	+\$1	\$313	\$162	58%	52
NSM Merino Ewes	\$200	-\$4	\$301	\$137	65%	60
Border Leicester/Merino Ewe Lambs	\$305	+\$49	\$342	\$247	94%	44
NSM Border Leicester/Merino Ewe Hoggets	\$342	+\$6	\$353	\$325	78%	60
Crossbred Lambs (c/kg)	407	-10	340	340	84%	37

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