

Media Report - Sheep and Lamb

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Yarding	16500	Lambs	14650	Sheep	1850	comparison date	30/06/2020
Change	-6550	Change	-4900	Change	-1650		

Numbers fell this sale with both lamb and mutton showing the decrease. Lamb quality was fair with good numbers of finished lambs on offer. Heavy and extra heavy weight lambs made up the majority of the offering as vendors offload before teeth break. The usual buyers were present and competing in a cheaper market.

A good run of 2,950 fresh new season lambs sold from \$170 to \$195/head to average 768c/kg cwt. Old trade weight lambs were \$4 to \$5 easier with prices ranging from \$146 to \$177/head to average 740c/kg cwt. Heavy lambs to 26kg were back \$5 to \$7 to receive from \$169 to \$190/head. Extra heavy weight lambs showed the biggest change easing \$20/head. Those over 26kg selling from \$184 to \$232/head. Carcase prices averaged from 615c to 713c/kg cwt.

Mutton numbers were limited and quality was mixed. Price showed a cheaper trend with Merino ewes selling from \$134 to \$203/head. Heavy crossbred ewes sold from \$176 to \$200 with heavy Merino wethers ranging from \$148 to \$206/head.

Category Weight	Fat Score	\$/Head				Estimated Carcase c/kg		Skin (\$)	
		Low	High	Avg	Change	Avg	Change	Low	High
Young Lamb									
16.1-18	2 - 4	159.00	159.00	159.00	N/Q	918	N/Q	3.00	3.00
20.1-22	2 - 4	177.00	183.00	179.40	-8	800	-37	3.00	4.00
22.1-24	2 - 4	170.00	192.00	185.70	-12	766	-75	0.00	5.00
24.1-26	3 - 5	180.00	195.00	189.70	-14	739	-57	0.00	5.00
Lamb									
12.1-16	2 - 4	101.00	134.00	113.40	-20	691	-126	2.00	4.00
16.1-18	2 - 4	135.00	150.00	143.60	3	781	3	3.00	6.00
18.1-20	2 - 4	142.00	155.00	147.30	-8	739	-30	3.00	4.00
20.1-22	2 - 4	148.00	177.00	166.00	-2	751	-11	0.00	6.00
22.1-24	2 - 4	156.00	186.00	175.80	-6	733	-25	0.00	5.00
24.1-26	3 - 5	175.00	190.00	182.80	-12	707	-44	0.00	6.00
26.1-30	3 - 5	176.00	210.00	192.90	-24	687	-63	0.00	6.00
30.1+	3 - 5	202.00	232.00	218.00	-23	615	-55	0.00	5.00
Hogget									
0-22	2 - 4	122.00	162.00	152.50	-14	723	-18	2.00	4.00
22.1+	3 - 5	163.00	210.00	184.80	15	691	32	0.00	6.00
Ewe									
0-14	1 - 3	60.00	60.00	60.00	N/Q	560	N/Q	4.00	4.00
14.1-18	1 - 3	103.00	113.00	106.70	-17	623	-30	4.00	5.00
18.1-24	2 - 4	128.00	185.00	159.30	5	676	35	2.00	14.00
Wether									
18.1-24	2 - 4	127.00	155.00	141.30	-12	591	2	5.00	5.00

Abbreviations

RS: Restocker MR: Merino RM: Restocker Merino 1X: 1st Cross FD: Feeder RD: Restocker Dorper PR: Processor

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