

Weekly Sheep & Lamb Comments - 18.06.21

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AuctionsPlus' sheep and lamb listings decreased 36% this week, totaling 44,769 head – breaking the recent run of increased weekly throughput. Prices again fluctuated across the categories, despite the decrease in supplies. Lambs observed a price increase in three-out-of-five categories, with an overall clearance rate of 67%, while joined ewes recorded an overall price decrease across the indicative categories.

Compared to last week, lamb categories reported an upward trend in prices, with only two categories reporting a slight decline - Merino wether lambs and Merino ewe lambs. Merino wethers had the highest number of listings for the week at 8,689 head, but despite supplies decreasing on last week, demand was also weaker, with only a 49% clearance rate achieved. The category saw a \$2 decrease for the second consecutive week to average \$133/head. Merino ewe lambs maintained a healthy clearance rate of 67% for the 1,845 head offered, while decreasing \$12 on last week, to average \$187/head.

Crossbred lambs observed the biggest price increase for the week, averaging \$249/head for the 5,473 head offered - increasing \$94/head on last week. First cross ewes continued to be in high demand, observing an 83% clearance rate for the 1,678 head offered. The category averaged \$270, increasing \$46/head on last week.

The joined ewe offering halved this week, with only 13,627 head listed, however, an increase in prices was observed across three-out-of-six categories - highlighted by the SIL shedding breeds. The category recorded a strong clearance rate of 95% for the 1,640 head offered to average \$480, up \$84/head on last week. Prices for this category jumped largely due to a run of 41 Australian Whites, selling for an unprecedented \$988 - breaking the AuctionsPlus record by over \$300/head. These SIL ewe lambs were 10-11 months old, averaged just over 57kg and were joined to Tattykeel Australian White stud rams.

SM shedding breeds continue to be highly sought after, with the total offering managing to secure a buyer. Despite the offering halving on last week, prices softened to average \$301/head.

NSM lines this week climbed in value, with only one category reporting cheaper trends. First cross ewes decreased by \$39 to average \$253/head, with only a 44% clearance rate for the 857 head offered.

NOTE: Prices as at 5pm, Thursday 17th June, 2021

Classification	Offered	Low	High	Average	Change	Clearance	Low	High	Average	Change
		\$/head					actual €/kg lwt			
Lambs										
<i>crossbreds</i>	5,473	151	291	249	94	64%	382	574	514	-98
<i>Merino wethers</i>	8,689	95	150	133	-2	49%	327	365	348	5
<i>first cross ewe</i>	1,678	215	291	270	46	83%	382	574	530	-33
<i>Merino ewe</i>	1,845	101	231	187	-12	67%	384	681	492	41
<i>shedding breeds</i>	345	202	450	388	74	67%	540	812	744	-174
Sheep										
<i>Merino ewes and lambs</i>	1,316	275	323	292	11	55%	434	472	448	4
<i>ewes and lambs (Mixed)</i>	188	236	322	290	-73	100%	377	612	494	-221
<i>Merino wethers</i>	426	140	140	140	-7	59%	319	319	319	35
Joined Ewes										
<i>SIL Merino ewes</i>	7,387	126	341	254	-7	82%	290	610	425	-23
<i>SM Merino ewes</i>	399	190	190	190	-58	39%	299	299	299	-161
<i>SIL first cross ewe</i>	814	310	350	325	17	46%	465	638	567	100
<i>SIL composite/other breeds</i>	2,781	235	301	258	4	15%	380	475	429	37
<i>SIL shedding breed</i>	1,640	224	988	480	84	95%	340	1727	774	253
<i>SM shedding breed</i>	492	250	343	301	-118	100%	388	714	552	-52
Non Station Mated (NSM)										
<i>Merino hogget ewe</i>	450	231	231	231	12	100%	297	399	361	-29
<i>first cross ewe</i>	857	200	322	253	-39	44%	252	292	374	-41
<i>shedding breed ewe</i>	392	311	311	311	116	82%	612	612	612	281

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