

Weekly Sheep & Lamb Comments - 25.06.21

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AuctionsPlus sheep and lamb listings climbed this week, with the platform seeing a 20% increase on last week, with 53,610 head offered. With winter in full force and the increase in supply, prices varied considerably across the AuctionsPlus indicative stock categories.

While lambs observed a price decline in four-out-of-six categories, the cheaper market saw the clearance rate remain positive. Joined ewes were highly sought after, with increased average prices across indicative classes and a record was once again broken. Recent rainfall and seasonality benefits have promoted healthy demand across the eastern states and certainly contributed to the strong clearance rates registered this week.

Lamb categories recorded a downward trend in prices this week, with only two categories reporting a rise in averages, Merino wether lambs and Merino ewe lambs. Merino wether lambs saw the highest throughput for the week - with 12,467 head offered at a clearance rate of 80%. The category registered a \$8 increase compared to last week and averaged \$141/head. Merino ewe lambs observed the highest price increase for the week, averaging \$231 for the 1,689 head offered - rising \$44/head on last week.

Crossbred, first cross ewes and shedding breed lambs all fell in value this week, with 6,620 presented and prices reducing \$95, \$22, and \$184/head,

respectively. Despite this, they experienced steady clearance of 66%, 64% and 95%, respectively.

The joined ewe offering increased this week, with 24,027 head listed. Despite the high supply, demand for breeders is still strong, with clearance averaging 80% across the relevant categories. SIL Merino ewes and SIL first cross ewes saw a \$4 and \$34/head decrease, respectively, while SM shedding breed ewes shone through. The category saw 1,718 head offered and achieved an average price of \$511, up a further \$210/head from last week. This was influenced largely by a record selling run of Australian White ewe lambs, topping at \$994 - breaking last week's record of \$988/head. These SM ewe lambs were 9-11 months of age, 55.9kg liveweight and were offered with the red Tattykeel certified tags.

There was limited supply of NSM lines this week, with only one lot of Merino hoggets registering a sale, at \$222/head - back \$9/head on last week.

NOTE: Prices as at 5pm, Thursday 24th June, 2021

Classification	Offered	Low	High	Average	Change	Clearance	Low	High	Average	Change
		\$/head					actual c/kg lwt			
Lambs										
<i>crossbreds</i>	2,509	120	171	154	-95	66%	332	696	460	-54
<i>Merino wethers</i>	12,467	98	193	141	8	80%	297	405	349	1
<i>first cross ewe</i>	1,718	147	290	248	-22	64%	375	544	479	-51
<i>Merino ewe</i>	1,689	143	310	231	44	89%	379	683	480	-12
<i>shedding breeds</i>	2,393	116	300	204	-184	95%	367	882	590	-154
<i>composite/other breed lamb</i>	4,615	125	270	182	-	36%	348	537	457	-
Sheep										
<i>Merino ewes and lambs</i>	780	274	332	299	9	100%	450	514	473	-21
<i>Merino wethers</i>	2,500	146	157	152	12	76%	326	339	332	13
Joined Ewes										
<i>SIL Merino ewes</i>	8,531	130	329	250	-4	65%	297	538	418	-7
<i>SM Merino ewes</i>	1,003	190	245	215	25	64%	336	427	393	94
<i>SIL first cross ewe</i>	5,276	181	393	291	-34	69%	343	626	485	-82
<i>SM first cross ewe</i>	276	130	227.5	179	-	90%	299	360	330	-
<i>SIL composite/other breeds</i>	6,857	200	306	249	-9	59%	289	485	413	-16
<i>SM composite/other breeds</i>	301	153	208	181	-	94%	348	417	382	-
<i>SIL shedding breed</i>	65	249	302	276	18	100%	403	531	467	-307
<i>SM shedding breed</i>	1,718	210	994	511	210	100%	348	1778	917	365
Non Station Mated (NSM)										
<i>Merino hogget ewe</i>	109	222	222	222	-9	100%	463	463	463	102

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