

Weekly Sheep & Lamb Comments - 30.07.21

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AuctionsPlus sheep and lamb listings increased for the second consecutive week, up 4% from last week to 57,578 head. The increased offering was matched by strong buyer interest, as the majority of the indicative categories registered either a dearer trend, or very little change on last week. New season lambs continued to increase in number, making up over half of the total lamb listings and achieving a 98% clearance rate.

The overall lamb offering for the week decreased by 5% to 32,998 head – down from the 34,744 head listed last week. First cross ewe lambs registered the biggest increase in prices this week, up \$28 to average \$262/head, for the 3,783 head offered. Composite/other breed lambs averaged \$24 higher this week, to \$301/head - achieving a clearance rate of 82% for the 1,679 head offered. The shedding breed lamb offering increased by 75% this week, to 3,068 head – with a 99% clearance rate. However, with the increased numbers, average price for the week fell \$43, to \$227/head. The top priced lot for the week was a line of 31 Australian White future breeder ewe lambs, averaging 32kg liveweight and selling for \$351/head from Goulburn, NSW.

Crossbred listings softened slightly this week at 13,138 head, down from 14,075 head offered last week. While the clearance rate for the category remained strong at 98%, the average price slipped \$7 lower, to average \$157/head for the week. Merino wether lamb listings sold strongly this week, with an 84% clearance for the 9,457 head offered, to average \$160, up \$5/head from last week.

Joined ewe supplies increased this week, led by SIL Merino ewes with an offering of 6,946 head. Demand remained high for this category, with an 84% clearance rate achieved, averaging \$1 higher, at \$259/head. The SIL Composite/other breed ewe offering remained robust, offering 3,401 head for the week - up \$14 to average \$299/head for the week.

SIL shedding breed ewes sold well again this week, observing a 78% clearance rate for the 1,600 head offered - with the category registering an increase in average price, up \$124, to \$573/head. The top priced lot in the Tuesday National Sheep sale was for a line of 40 SIL Australian White ewes, selling for \$845/head. The ewes averaged 89kg liveweight, were four years old, from Tarcutta, NSW.

NOTE: Prices as at 5pm, Thursday 29th July, 2021

Classification	Offered	Low	High	Average	Change	Clearance	Low	High	Average	Change
			\$/head					actual c/kg lwt		
Lambs										
Crossbreds	13,138	126	199	157	-7	98%	451	646	544	-150
Merino Wethers	9,457	100	231	160	5	84%	336	514	400	-84
First X Ewes	3,783	200	312	262	28	98%	422	908	727	22
Merino Ewes	1,873	154	291	199	-56	66%	417	608	503	-169
Shedding Breeds	3,068	140	351	227	-43	99%	461	1107	676	-210
Composite/Other Breeds	1,679	191	415	301	24	82%	387	656	514	-180
Sheep										
ewes and lambs (Mixed)	723	291	390	331	-6	100%	487	695	572	-470
Merino ewes and lambs	2,052	284	300	294	0	90%	424	600	495	-83
Merino Wethers	603	140	140	140	-	47%	320	320	320	-
Joined Ewes										
SIL Merino Ewes	6,946	155	367	259	1	84%	354	621	485	-75
SM Merino Ewes	522	281	281	281	37	29%	481	481	481	25
SIL First cross ewes	1,962	216	356	315	-2	63%	386	606	543	-107
SM Shedding Breed	1,600	250	845	573	124	78%	412	1552	802	-33
SIL Shedding Breed	1,960	285	356	318	-32	82%	587	948	715	-167
SM Composite/Other Breeds	3,401	225	401	299	14	50%	331	705	529	-151
SIL Composite/Other Breeds	323	140	140	140	-118	50%	369	369	369	-161
Non Station Mated (NSM)										
Merino Ewe Hoggets	856	188	268	242	7	82%	385	546	497	-48
Merino Ewes	2,715	190	260	241	81	69%	348	471	409	126
Shedding Breeds	512	340	340	340	-	9%	548	548	548	-

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