

Weekly Sheep & Lamb Comments - 09.07.21

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AuctionsPlus sheep and lamb listings recorded an increase in supplies this week, up 10%, at 53,963 head. After several weeks of lower offerings, this weeks 10% jump contributed to a slightly cheaper price trend across the majority of categories, while clearance rates remained robust.

Lamb listings eased slightly this week, with 25,804 head offered, as only one category delivered a price increase. Merino wethers registered the highest number of listings for the week, at 7,872 head – down 3,904 head from the week prior. While the category recorded a \$12 decrease, averaging \$143/head, the clearance rate jumped to 87%, up on last weeks 80%. Merino ewe lambs recorded a \$19 decrease to average \$183/head, with an 87% clearance rate.

First cross ewe lambs and crossbred ewe lambs both fell in value, registering \$13 and \$4/head declines, respectively. Composite and other breed lambs were the only category to display upwards movement, with a \$32/head increase on last week, to average \$214/head for the 1,953 head offered.

The joined ewe offering remained steady this week, with 17,830 head listed. While prices across four-out-of-seven indicative categories slipped, there was a lift in average clearance rates, to 76%, compared to the 53% registered in the previous week. SIL Merino ewes recorded a \$1 increase, to average \$244/head for the 7,158 head listed.

SIL composite and other breed joined ewes registered a contraction in listings, with a 2,622 head drop on last week, to total 2,602 head. While recording an average of \$302/head, down \$38 on last week, buyers remained very active, with a 95% clearance rate achieved. The top price for this category was a lot of 29 Poll Dorset SIL ewes, finishing at \$505/head. This lot were joined to Poll Dorset stud rams and located in Marulan, NSW.

NSM lines saw a substantial jump in numbers, with 4,108 head listed. Merino hogget ewes registered a \$23 boost, to average \$234/head - achieving 100% clearance across the 823 head offered.

NOTE: Prices as at 5pm, Thursday 8th July, 2021