

Weekly Sheep & Lamb Comments - 23.07.21

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AuctionsPlus sheep and lamb listings jumped by 22% this week, to 55,471 head. The increased offering was supported by strong clearance rates, which contributed to higher prices across most of the indicative categories. New season lambs made their presence known this week, with all but one lot of the 13,322 head selling.

Lamb listings for the week increased by 30%, to 34,744 head - up from the 24,439 head offered last week. This led to a dearer trend for five-of-the-six indicative categories, with first cross ewe lambs being the only category to fall in price – averaging \$234/head. Crossbred lambs registered the highest offering again this week, with 14,075 head, as excellent demand resulted in the category achieving a 99% clearance rate and increasing \$8, to average \$164/head. Composite/other breed lambs saw the largest increase in average price this week, up \$42 to \$277/head, with a 96% clearance rate recorded for the 3,757 head listed. The top priced lot this week was a run of 360 scanned empty Primeline ewe lambs, selling for \$387/head from Cootamundra, NSW.

A large Merino wether lamb offering was presented this week, increasing almost 8,000 head, to total 12,300 head. The greater offering was met with stronger demand, promoting dearer trends for the category, increasing \$13 to average \$155/head - with a clearance rate of 87%. The Merino ewe lamb offering softened this week, decreasing to 1,738 head. However, demand for the category remained high, leading a \$33 increase in prices, to average \$255/head, with a 100% clearance rate.

The joined ewe offering slipped again this week, down to 14,506 head. SIL Merino ewes had the largest offering of the joined ewe categories, with 7,153 head listed for the week. A 75% clearance rate was registered, with prices increasing \$18, to average \$258/head. The SIL composite/other breed ewe listings were also strong this week, obtaining a clearance rate of 88% for the 3,166 head offered - seeing the average price rise \$1, to \$285/head.

SIL shedding breed ewes saw the largest price increase for the indicative categories, rising \$135 for the week, to average \$449/head for the 813 head listed. This boost in price was promoted by a line of 51 SIL Australian White ewes, topping the national sheep sale at \$576/head. The ewes averaged 57kg liveweight and were sold out of Trundle, NSW.

NOTE: Prices as at 5pm, Thursday 22nd July, 2021

Classification	Offered	Low	High	Average	Change	Clearance	Low	High	Average	Change
			\$/head					actual	€/kg lwt	
Lambs										
Crossbreds	14,075	83	211	164	-8	99%	320	694	556	9
Merino Wethers	12,300	120	240	155	13	87%	294	484	379	-64
First X Ewes	1,124	146	282	234	-21	59%	520	705	592	40
Merino Ewes	1,738	207	276	255	33	100%	431	672	582	-11
Shedding Breeds	1,750	167	323	270	24	100%	486	886	685	51
Composite/Other Breeds	3,757	152	387	277	42	96%	403	694	540	111
Sheep										
ewes and lambs (Mixed)	477	241	470	337	-15	25%	503	1042	684	92
Merino ewes and lambs	2,062	232	336	294	-26	34%	457	578	505	-49
Joined Ewes										
SIL Merino Ewes	7,153	189	336	258	18	75%	367	560	466	31
SM Merino Ewes	557	199	288	244	73	100%	434	456	445	99
SM first cross ewes	443	224	252	238	-52	100%	436	458	447	-71
SIL First cross ewes	570	273	351	317	101	57%	419	650	569	182
SM Shedding Breed	1,517	244	551	350	-24	100%	318	882	639	-213
SIL Shedding Breed	813	291	576	449	135	76%	418	835	681	-15
SM Composite/Other Breeds	287	253	262	258	-	100%	435	530	483	-
SIL Composite/Other Breeds	3,166	191	336	285	1	88%	280	680	512	11
Non Station Mated (NSM)										
Merino Ewe Hoggets	567	214	256	235	-2	100%	509	545	527	-24
Merino Ewes	1,986	140	180	160	-74	38%	269	283	276	-188
First X Ewe	161	210	210	210	27	100%	337	337	337	-74
Composite/Other Breed Ewes	648	170	170	170	-10	38%	292	292	292	-44

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