

Weekly Sheep & Lamb Comments - 06.08.21

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AuctionsPlus sheep and lamb listings increased again this week, up 6% from last week, to 61,510 head. New season lamb offerings remained high, making up 60% of the total lamb listings. The large offering was matched with strong buyer demand, as the category recorded an 85% clearance rate.

Crossbred lambs had the largest offering this week at 16,072 head, averaging \$4 dearer at \$161/head. Merino ewe lambs recorded the highest average price increase, up \$37 on last week to \$236/head – with a 90% clearance rate for the 2,208 head offered. The Merino wether lamb offering remained steady this week, with a 71% clearance rate achieved for the 8,613 head offered. The category recorded a cheaper trend, down \$17 to average \$143/head for the week. First cross ewe lambs also registered a higher average price for the week, up \$12, at \$274/head for the 1,580 head offered.

The shedding breed lamb offering was down significantly this week, with somewhat of a standoff occurring between buyers and sellers. While a \$27 price increase was registered, averaging \$254/head for the week, there was a very low clearance rate registered, despite plenty of interest and bids – signalling some distance remaining between top bids and reserve price levels. The top priced lot in the National Lamb Sale was a line of 91 Australian White future breeder ewe lambs, selling for \$474/head. The lambs averaged 31kg liveweight and were from Junee, NSW.

Joined ewe listings jumped 11% this week, to 18,722 head. SIL Merino ewes headlined the offering again this week, with the 5,820 head finishing \$6

dearer, to average \$265/head. SIL Composite/other breed ewes again registered positive prices this week, achieving an 80% clearance rate for the 2,139 head listed – averaging \$1 higher on last week, at \$300/head.

SIL shedding breed ewe listings slipped this week to 1,132 head – down from 1,600 head last week. Demand for this category remained excellent, with a 100% clearance rate, with prices back, at \$363/head. The top priced lot in the Tuesday National Sheep Sale was a line of 136 SIL Nudie ewe lambs, selling for \$546/head. The lot averaged 47kg liveweight and was from Glenthompson, VIC.

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

Classification	Offered	Low	High	Average	Change	Clearance	Low	High	Average	Change
				\$/head					actual c/kg lwt	
Lambs										
Crossbreds	16,072	98	200	161	4	85%	424	791	529	-15
Merino Wethers	8,613	108	165	143	-17	71%	292	563	400	-
First X Ewes	1,580	222	341	274	12	80%	453	874	612	-115
Merino Ewes	2,208	150	270	236	37	90%	497	626	551	48
Shedding Breeds	1,063	148	474	254	27	22%	455	1510	673	-3
Composite/Other Breeds	1,895	120	336	235	-66	75%	401	609	508	-6
Sheep										
ewes and lambs (Mixed)	1,168	230	444	376	45	99%	495	772	611	39
Merino ewes and lambs	582	247	330	285	-9	100%	427	604	490	-5
Merino Wethers	1,240	133	168	152	-	100%	306	392	340	-
Joined Ewes										
SIL Merino Ewes	5,820	200	314	265	6	79%	334	607	503	18
SM Merino Ewes	1,640	152	220	193	-88	55%	253	519	371	-110
SIL First X Ewes	2,149	239	372	292	-23	73%	381	667	517	-26
SIL Shedding Breed Ewes	1,132	202	546	363	-210	100%	337	1157	581	-221
SM Shedding Breed Ewes	5,603	199	456	332	14	85%	340	806	549	-166
SIL Composite/Other Breed Ewes	2,139	230	338	300	1	80%	375	675	555	26
SM Composite/Other Breed Ewes	239	152	200	177	37	68%	334	410	382	13
Non Station Mated (NSM)										
Merino Ewe Hoggets	3,746	155	317	272	30	86%	482	596	539	42
Merino Ewes	1,264	175	235	204	-37	65%	284	422	330	-79
First X Ewes	1,734	191	361	297	-	75%	286	605	460	-
Composite/Other Breed Ewes	588	240	260	250	-	66%	333	610	444	-

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