

Weekly Sheep & Lamb Comments - 16.07.21

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AuctionsPlus sheep and lamb listings observed a decrease this week, down 16%, at 45,371 head. The reduced offering contributed to a dearer trend across several indicative categories, furthered by strong clearance rates. New season lambs are starting to make their way into the market, with 9,731 head offered this week, with all but one lot managing to sell.

Lamb listings were firm this week, with 24,439 head offered, resulting in four-of-the six categories recording a price increase. Crossbred lambs registered the highest offering for the week, at 8,846 head, up almost 3,000 head from last week. The increased supply resulted in the average price falling \$4, to \$156/head – while overall demand was solid for the larger supply achieving a 95% clearance rate. Merino ewe lambs registered the biggest price increase for the week, up \$39 to average \$222/head for the 2,362 head offered - with a clearance rate of 82%.

Merino wether lambs were the only other category to record a drop in price, falling \$1 to average \$142/head, with a clearance rate of 84%. Composite and other breed lambs continued their upward trend, recording a \$21 price rise to average \$235/head for the 2,395 head offered. Shedding breed lambs also recorded positive sales, averaging \$246, lifting \$2/head on last week, with a clearance rate of 82%. This category's top priced lot was a line of 60 Australian White future breeder ewe lambs, selling for \$564/head. These ewe lambs were of Tattykeel bloodline, averaged 51.2kg liveweight and were located in Junee, NSW.

The joined ewe offering dropped slightly this week, with 16,854 head listed. Although only three-out-of-seven indicative categories increased in price, the clearance rates remained healthy at 73%. SIL Merino ewes were well supplied with 8,037 head offered to average \$240, down \$4/head on last week.

SM Merino ewe listings increased this week to 1,471 head - up from 120 head last week. The category saw a \$42 price increase, to average \$171/head. SIL shedding breed ewes fell \$160 this week, to average \$374/head. Despite the large price reduction, the category still resulted in a robust clearance rate of 100%, with the top price being returned for a line of 36 Australian White SIL ewes selling for \$480/head.

NOTE: Prices as at 5pm, Thursday 15th July 2021

Classification	Offered	Low	High	Average	Change	Clearance	Low	High	Average	Change
			\$/head					actual c/kg lwt		
Lambs										
<i>crossbreds</i>	8,846	126	180	156	-4	95%	419	612	547	47
<i>Merino wethers</i>	4,338	120	161	142	-1	84%	336	545	443	68
<i>first cross ewe</i>	3,412	150	374	255	3	62%	433	613	552	-47
<i>Merino ewe</i>	2,362	187	252	222	39	82%	433	722	593	104
<i>shedding breeds</i>	3,086	140	564	246	2	81%	409	1102	634	-83
<i>composite/other breed lambs</i>	2,395	220	268	235	21	48%	389	489	429	-36
Sheep										
<i>ewes and lambs (Mixed)</i>	1,472	275	426	352	10	69%	522	691	592	-2
<i>Merino ewes and lambs</i>	530	264	375	320	27	27%	471	637	554	85
Joined Ewes										
<i>SIL Merino ewes</i>	8,037	135	316	240	-4	88%	247	615	435	1
<i>SM Merino ewes</i>	1,471	146	210	171	42	53%	311	407	346	56
<i>SIL first cross ewe</i>	3,612	201	370	290	-14	60%	335	616	518	-14
<i>SM first cross ewe</i>	241	190	241	216	9	26%	362	411	387	-36
<i>SIL shedding breed</i>	839	305	480	374	-160	100%	519	1143	852	-57
<i>SM shedding breed</i>	509	270	417	314	33	100%	494	856	696	175
<i>SIL composite/other breeds</i>	2,145	235	341	284	-18	85%	352	621	501	-51
Non Station Mated (NSM)										
<i>Merino hogget ewe</i>	401	237	237	237	3	52%	551	551	551	83
<i>Merino ewes</i>	533	215	252	234	39	55%	405	524	464	131
<i>first cross ewe</i>	625	183	183	183	-18	57%	411	411	411	-24
<i>shedding breed ewes</i>	155	180	180	180	-68	39%	336	336	336	-169

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