

Weekly Sheep & Lamb Comments - 03.09.21

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AuctionsPlus sheep and lamb offering increased by 53% this week, with a total of 120,638 head listed online. NSW offered 64% of the catalogue, as the anticipated surge in new season lambs finally hit the market. Central Western NSW was the top purchasing region this week, securing 16,006 head followed by the NSW Riverina and Northwest Victoria, which secured 15,828 and 12,429 head respectively.

New season lambs jumped considerably this week, with a total of 87,603 listed. Mixed results were achieved across the six categories, with Merino ewe, wether, and first cross ewe lamb categories averaging higher, while prices in crossbred, shedding breed and composite lamb categories registered price reductions.

Merino wether lambs made up 54% of the total lamb offering this week, as the category registered a 107% rise from the previous week, at 47,525 head. The lift in numbers was driven primarily by NSW producers who listed 78% of the category, with 54% of wethers sold travelling interstate to Victoria. Despite the massive jump in wether lamb listings this week, demand remained robust, as the category registered a 92% clearance rate and prices increased by \$4/head, to average \$146/head.

Merino ewe lambs recorded the largest price increase across the lamb categories, with prices averaging \$49/head higher, at \$259/head. The category registered 100% clearance across the 2,475 head listed online.

Joined ewe categories also recorded mixed results this week. SIL Merino ewe listings increased by 33% from last week, to total 3,363 head. The category registered a higher weekly clearance of 88%, with prices averaging \$51/head lower, at \$220/head. SIL shedding breed ewes recorded a \$91/head increase this week, with the category averaging \$689/head. From Cunnamulla Queensland, two even lines of 1.5-year-old SIL Australian White ewes weighing 62kgs returned \$1,135 and \$1,130/head, respectively.

NSM Merino ewe hogget listings increased by 65% this week, to total 5,828 head. Despite a reduced clearance of 66%, the category averaged \$9 dearer than last week, at \$260/head. Two lines of Merino ewe hoggets from Northampton and Badgingarra, Western Australia, returned \$260 and \$255/head, respectively. The two lots with a combined total of 835 head will travel across the Nullaboor, to Whycheproof, Victoria.

NOTE: Prices as at 5pm, Thursday 2nd September, 2021

Classification	Offered	Low	High	Average	Change	Clearance	Low	High	Average	Change
				\$/head					actual €/kg lwt	
Lambs										
Crossbreds	25,260	115	208	161	-5	83%	278	704	504	-30
Merino Wethers	47,525	108	176	146	4	92%	338	607	444	-15
First X Ewes	3,790	200	394	284	12	91%	398	907	668	-2
Merino Ewes	2,475	142	320	259	49	100%	387	737	582	59
Shedding Breeds	7,010	117	601	289	-45	66%	407	1970	821	90
Composite/Other Breeds	1,543	170	290	232	-23	88%	373	673	504	6
Sheep										
Merino ewes and lambs	294	233	233	233	-150	100%	475	475	475	-184
Ewes and lambs (Mixed)	1,501	300	601	420	101	94%	566	1099	731	98
Merino Wethers	1,325	131	168	148	-10	86%	296	424	355	36
Joined Ewes										
SIL Merino Ewes	3,363	160	320	220	-51	88%	318	681	438	-80
SIL First X Ewes	525	382	382	382	66	61%	605	605	605	104
SM First X Ewes	316	206	206	206	-156	13%	373	373	373	-344
SIL Shedding Breed Ewes	1,348	275	1,205	689	91	79%	432	2049	1111	111
SM Shedding Breed Ewes	2,333	195	705	312	-42	20%	327	1268	583	-217
SIL Composite/Other Breed Ewes	120	290	290	290	-23	100%	605	605	605	97
Non Station Mated (NSM)										
Merino Ewe Hoggets	5,828	196	332	260	9	66%	414	709	559	56
Merino Ewes	5,776	136	363	223	6	86%	278	689	396	35
First X Ewes	1,164	170	367	284	-41	60%	343	600	472	-57
Composite/Other breed Ewes	3,461	202	303	250	-22	88%	334	556	401	-58