

Weekly Sheep & Lamb Comments - 10.09.21

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AuctionsPlus sheep and lamb offering decreased by 19% this week, with a total of 97,981 head listed online. Following last weeks' surge in numbers, the reduced offering this week had buyers in a combative mode, especially for the joined ewe categories.

Central West NSW remained the top purchasing region again for the week, securing 18,890 head - with 26% of purchases consisting of Merino wethers and wether lambs - a strong indicator of producer intentions to grow stock out into the warmer months. The NSW Riverina and Southwest Slopes and Plains also secured considerable numbers this week, purchasing 14,166 and 9,310 head, respectively.

A total of 57,235 new season lambs were offered this week, with four of the six categories averaging higher. First cross ewe lambs saw a rise in listings this week, at 8,538 head – with the category returning a \$50/head rise, to average \$309/head. Crossbred lamb numbers decreased to 18,714 head, as demand remained robust - registering an 89% clearance rate and averaging \$1 higher at \$162/head.

The Merino wether lamb category saw a large reduction in numbers, decreasing by 60% from last week, to 19,143 head. NSW offered 13,785 head for the category - 24,238 head less than the previous week. However, even with the sharp contraction and 97% clearance rate, Merino wether lambs averaged \$2 cheaper this week, at \$144/head.

NSM Merino ewe hoggets registered a large jump in supplies this week, at 21,024 head. Interestingly both price and clearance levels for the category also increased - with an 87% clearance and averaging \$22 higher, at \$282/head. A line of 350 NSM Merino ewe hoggets from Coonalpyn, SA weighing 59.2kg liveweight, returned \$350/head.

A very thin supply of Merino ewes and lambs averaged \$103 higher this week, with a 100% clearance rate, to \$336/head. From Nyngan, NSW a line of 245 6-year-old NSM Merino ewes with lambs at foot returned the top price for the category at \$372/head. The ewes weighed 70kg liveweight and will travel to Cobar, NSW.

SM first cross ewes returned a 100% clearance across the small offering of 215 head this week, with prices averaging \$26 higher, at \$232/head. While SM shedding breed ewes saw a reduced offering of 882 head this week, demand for the category remains very high, with a 100% clearance rate, as prices averaged \$14 higher, at \$326/head.

NOTE: Prices as at 5pm, Thursday 9th September, 2021

Classification	Offered	Low	High	Average	Change	Clearance	Low	High	Average	Change
				\$/head					actual €/kg lwt	
Lambs										
Crossbreds	18,714	107	241	162	1	89%	425	770	510	6
Merino Wethers	19,143	90	172	144	-2	97%	284	526	440	-4
First X Ewes	8,538	220	420	309	50	85%	418	956	590	-78
Merino Ewes	4,940	85	349	226	-58	90%	277	749	727	145
Shedding Breeds	3,987	130	508	301	12	84%	429	1734	860	39
Composite/Other Breeds	1,913	152	352	274	42	74%	438	749	569	65
Sheep										
Merino ewes and lambs	575	300	372	336	103	100%	531	584	558	83
Ewes and lambs (Mixed)	1,272	270	830	476	56	100%	400	1149	731	0
Merino Wethers	2,009	155	184	168	20	82%	283	353	326	-29
Joined Ewes										
SIL Merino Ewes	765	190	331	266	46	85%	332	568	467	29
SM Merino Ewes	235	210	210	210	-	100%	442	442	442	-
SIL First X Ewes	490	199	366	297	-85	68%	296	619	497	-108
SM First X Ewes	215	204	260	232	26	100%	285	491	388	15
SIL Composite/Other Breed Ewes	188	317	317	317	27	100%	484	484	484	-121
SIL Shedding Breed Ewes	702	252	400	318	-371	82%	403	694	545	-566
SM Shedding Breed Ewes	882	270	395	326	14	100%	436	729	633	50
Non Station Mated (NSM)										
Merino Ewe Hoggets	21,024	192	352	282	22	87%	512	755	637	78
Merino Ewes	6,123	150	330	219	-4	78%	281	499	383	-13
First X Ewes	1,440	247	419	326	42	66%	347	685	537	65
Composite/Other breed Ewes	2,306	200	280	240	-10	80%	304	433	377	-24
Shedding Breed Ewes	1,176	245	610	431	-	94%	433	961	714	-