

Weekly Sheep & Lamb Comments - 17.09.21

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AuctionsPlus sheep and lamb offering increased by 15% this week, with a total of 112,308 head listed online. Compared to the corresponding week in 2020, the total offering across the commercial sheep and lamb sales this week was up 12%. The NSW Central West purchased 20% of the catalogue this week, with the NSW Riverina and Northwest Victoria securing 12% and 10% of the total offering, respectively.

Prices for new season lambs continued to be tested, with numbers increasing by 25% this week. Five of the six lamb categories averaged higher than last week - a testament to the current robustness of the market and ongoing demand.

Crossbred and Merino wether lambs made up 24% and 22%, respectively of the total offering this week, with unwaivering demand across both categories despite the increased listing. Merino wether lambs averaged \$145/head – up \$1, and sold to a top of \$225/head this week. From Oaklands NSW, a line of 255 Pooginook Blood Merino wether lambs weighing an average of 26.8kg liveweight returned the top price for the category.

First cross ewe lambs also saw an increase in numbers this week, with the category offering 10,560 head – 9% of the total catalogue. Following a \$50 rise in the average first cross ewe lamb price last week, the category recorded a \$9 decline, to average \$300/head - with clearance rates only hitting 79%, compared to 90% last week.

Merino wethers totalled 1,786 head this week, with the category recording 100% clearance – with prices for the category back \$17 from last week, to average \$151/head. A majority of wethers will travel south following this weeks sale, with Victorian buyers purchasing 71% of the Merino wether offering.

Joined ewe categories continued to rise in value this week, with four of the five categories recording higher prices. SIL Merino ewes increased from 765 head last week, to 1,300 head offered this week. The higher numbers was met by red hot demand, as the category recorded 100% clearance and averaged \$2 higher at \$268/head.

The station mated shedding breed ewe category increased by 99% from last week, averaging \$61 higher at \$387/head - with 97% clearance. SIL shedding breed ewes saw yet another record broken this week, with a line of 10 SIL Australian White ewe lambs with Tattykeel blood fetching \$1,351/head - surpassing the previous record by \$141/head. The ewes were Aug-Sep 20' drop and averaged 91kg liveweight.

NOTE: Prices as at 5pm, Thursday 16th September, 2021

Classification	Offered	Low	High	Average	Change	Clearance	Low	High	Average	Change
				\$/head					actual €/kg lwt	
Lambs										
Crossbreds	26,499	128	201	164	2	98%	413	800	511	1
Merino Wethers	24,527	90	225	145	1	92%	391	839	460	20
First X Ewes	10,560	153	431	300	-9	79%	456	906	661	71
Merino Ewes	4,690	180	332	282	56	95%	447	744	588	-139
Shedding Breeds	4,536	135	935	448	147	92%	338	1590	919	59
Composite/Other Breeds	435	265	321	285	11	100%	446	539	493	-76
Sheep										
Merino ewes and lambs	515	276	365	323	-13	100%	500	644	571	13
Ewes and lambs (Mixed)	917	290	465	365	-111	83%	442	808	643	-88
Merino Wethers	1,786	126	170	151	-17	100%	289	377	320	-6
Joined Ewes										
SIL Merino Ewes	1,300	231	344	268	2	100%	387	606	454	-13
SM Merino Ewes	64	160	160	160	-50	100%	356	356	356	-86
SM First X Ewes	55	321	321	321	89	31%	480	480	480	92
SIL Shedding Breed Ewes	881	260	1,351	716	398	86%	423	1561	1099	554
SM Shedding Breed Ewes	1,758	181	630	387	61	97%	419	893	700	67
Non Station Mated (NSM)										
Merino Ewe Hoggets	16,816	191	417	296	14	74%	389	762	564	-73
Merino Ewes	8,919	141	356	232	13	84%	236	589	380	-3
First X Ewes	2,865	241	350	304	-22	42%	345	650	530	-7
Composite/Other breed Ewes	3,367	141	360	272	32	56%	266	524	401	24
Shedding Breed Ewes	529	221	388	333	-98	34%	362	554	496	-218