

Weekly Sheep & Lamb Comments - 22.10.21

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A total of 137,876 head of sheep and lambs were offered through AuctionsPlus this week – back 16% from last weeks largest ever weekly commercial offering. Compared to the same week in 2020, offerings were 20% higher. Central West NSW was the top purchasing region this week, securing 20,558 head. NSW and SA listings dropped considerably from last week, with NSW offering a total of 43,841 head, back 47%, while SA numbers fell 40%, to 49,048 head.

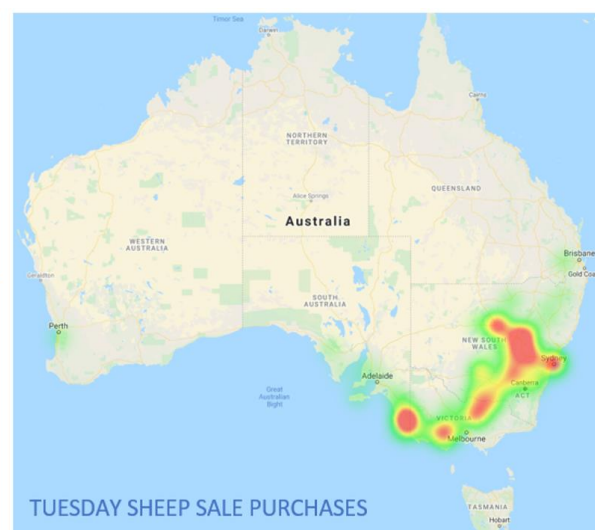
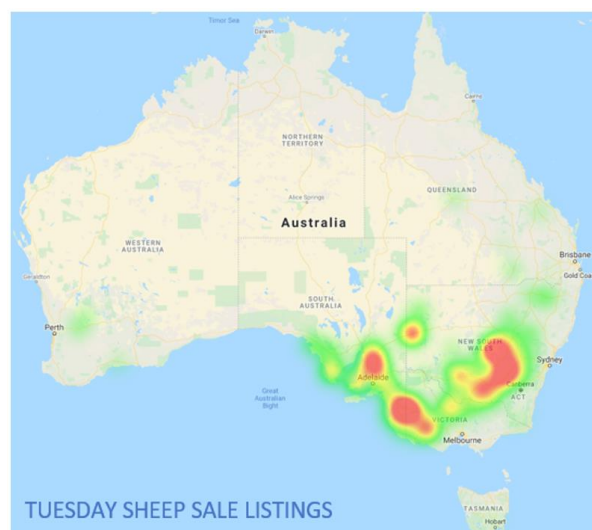
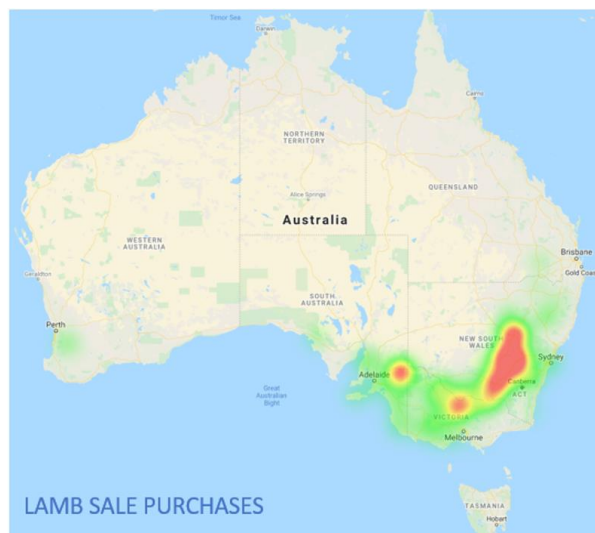
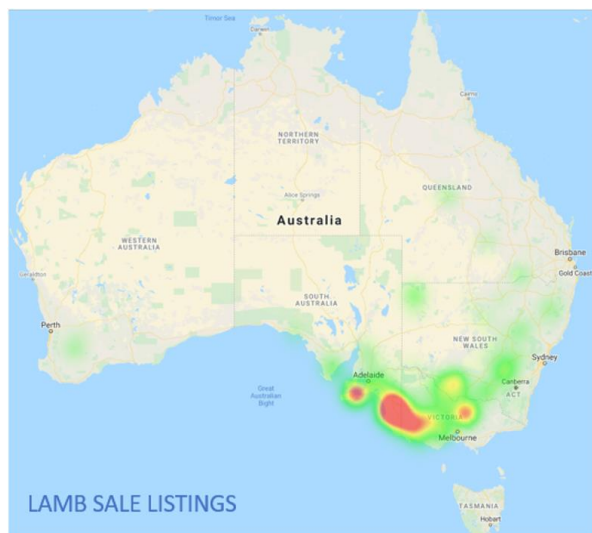
New season lambs accounted for 66% of total listings this week, with 89,205 head offered online. Mixed results were again seen across the lamb categories, with three of the six categories recording a drop in average prices.

Crossbred lambs totalled 40,454 head, making up 30% of the total catalogue. Clearance for the category softened this week to 77%, with prices averaging \$171/head - back \$2 from last week. SA and Victoria dominated the listings for the category, offering 18,710 and 18,569 head, respectfully.

First cross ewe lambs totalled 12,224 head this week and returned an average of \$272/head - back \$2 from last week. Clearance rates for the category were back significantly, to 55%, compared to 80% last week. A line consisting of 150 Border Leicester/Merino future breeder ewe lambs from Serpentine, Victoria, which weighed 42.1kg liveweight, returned \$390/head.

Merino wether lambs accounted for 14% of the total offering this week, with 18,702 head offered – back 36% from last week. Clearance rates remained at 81%, while prices averaged \$142/head – back \$5.

Merino ewe lambs had a total of 5,500 head listed online this week – down 53% from last week. The category had a reduced clearance rate this week of 64%, with prices averaging \$4 higher, at \$167/head.

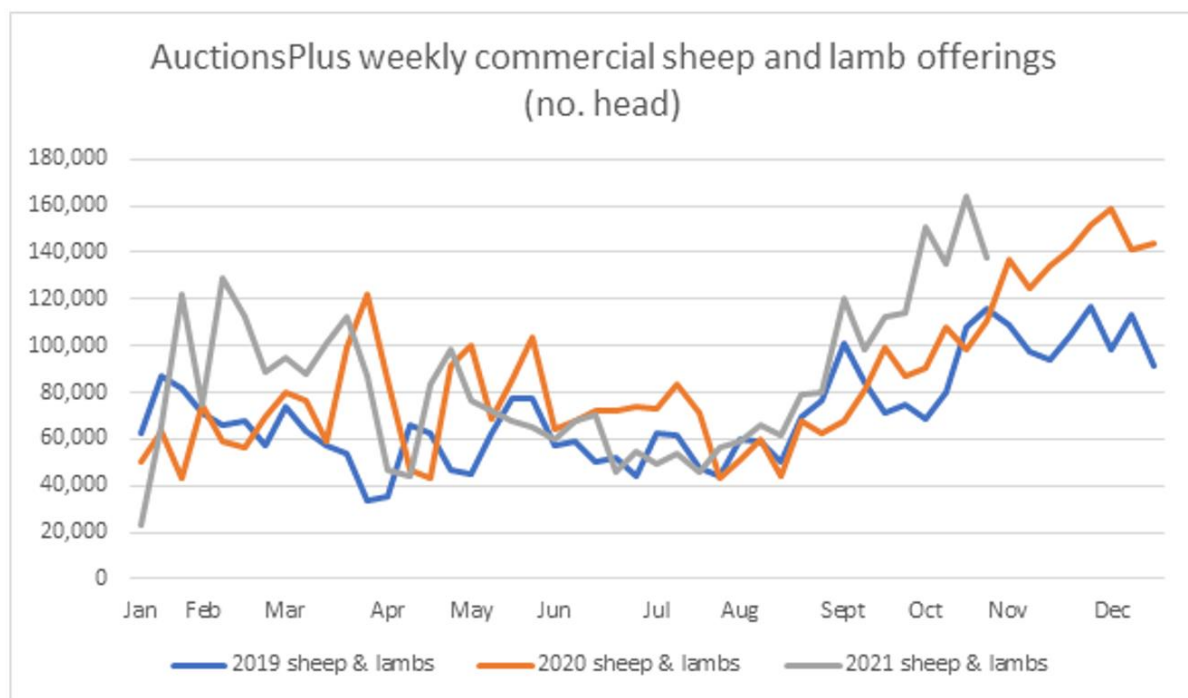


Merino wethers had a total of 3,801 head listed this week, with lines selling from \$110 to \$156, to average \$142/head – back \$18 from last week. Clearance rates for the category increased from last week to 61%.

NSM Merino ewe hoggets totalled 13,559 head this week – 10% of the total offering. Quality lines were again sort after, as clearance rates for the category remained low at 32%. Prices ranged broadly from \$155 to \$360, to average \$268/head - back \$22 from last week.

NSM Merino ewes had a total of 18,027 head offered this week, accounting for 13% of the catalogue. The category averaged \$224/head - \$1 lower on last week, with a clearance rate of 56%.

NOTE: Prices as at 5pm, Thursday 21st October, 2021



Classification	Offered	Low	High	Average	Change	Clearance	Low	High	Average	Change
				\$/head					actual c/kg lwt	
Lambs										
Crossbreds	40,454	89	264	171	-2	77%	392	691	464	-25
Merino Wethers	18,702	115	167	142	-5	81%	304	517	410	-17
First X Ewes	12,224	167	390	272	-2	55%	453	1,037	738	4
Merino Ewes	5,500	152	220	167	4	64%	497	619	556	-40
Shedding Breeds	3,337	159	460	340	39	85%	480	1,569	961	235
Composite/Other Breeds	8,988	124	351	190	7	94%	267	734	509	-13
Sheep										
Merino ewes and lambs	399	400	400	400	46	35%	687	687	687	79
Ewes and lambs (Mixed)	1,568	250	620	385	-155	55%	513	892	637	-228
Merino Wethers	3,801	110	156	142	-18	61%	222	386	313	-29
Joined Ewes										
SIL Merino Ewes	347	267	268	267	2	100%	532	535	533	-17
SM Merino Ewes	476	241	250	245	-	41%	390	490	440	-
SIL First X Ewes	148	370	370	370	63	41%	609	609	609	101
SM First X Ewes	950	220	400	310	60	38%	344	570	470	-27
SIL Shedding Breed Ewes	140	212	212	212	-	100%	378	378	378	-
SM Shedding Breed Ewes	170	180	180	180	-	82%	265	265	265	-
Non Station Mated (NSM)										
Merino Ewe Hoggets	13,559	155	360	268	-22	32%	373	646	496	-50
Merino Ewes	18,027	160	380	224	-1	56%	256	469	350	-18
First X Ewes	2,569	170	401	314	-16	77%	241	646	507	-31
Composite/Other breed Ewes	3,863	160	364	286	24	79%	274	586	453	12