

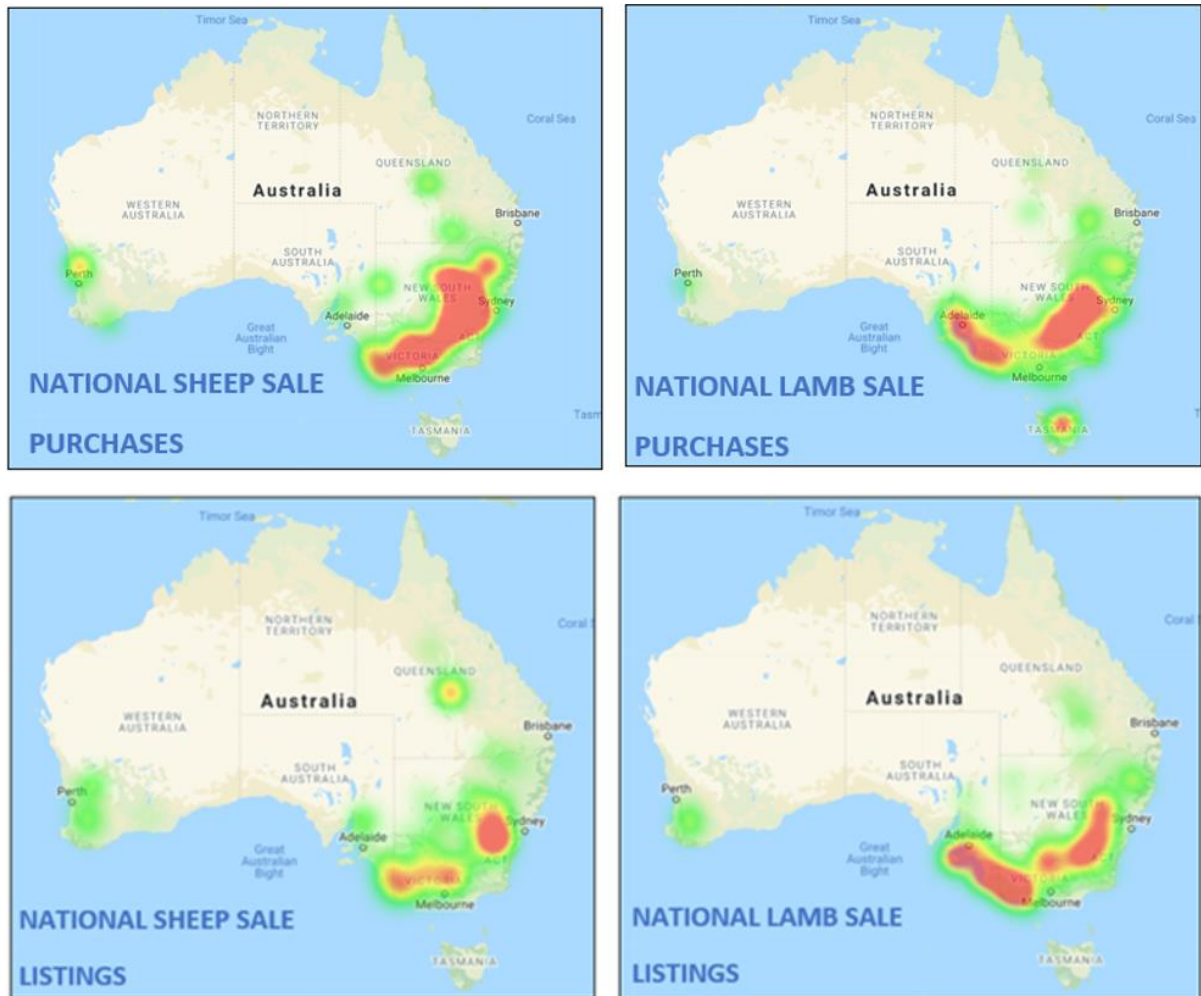
Weekly Sheep & Lamb Comments - 26.11.21

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Despite widespread heavy rainfall across much of the eastern states this week, AuctionsPlus sheep and lamb listings increased by 26%, to total 127,791 head. Compared to the same week in 2020, which was the largest sheep throughput for the year, listings were 16% lower. Of note this week was a jump in Western Australian offerings, up 156% on last week, with several large offerings of Merino wethers and wether lambs aimed at buyers from the Eastern states. Top purchasing regions this week included the NSW Central West (17,266 head), NSW Riverina (15,654 head) and Southwest Victoria (8,040 head).



Four of the six lamb categories recorded a drop in average prices this week, as crossbred and composite/other breed lambs averaged dearer.

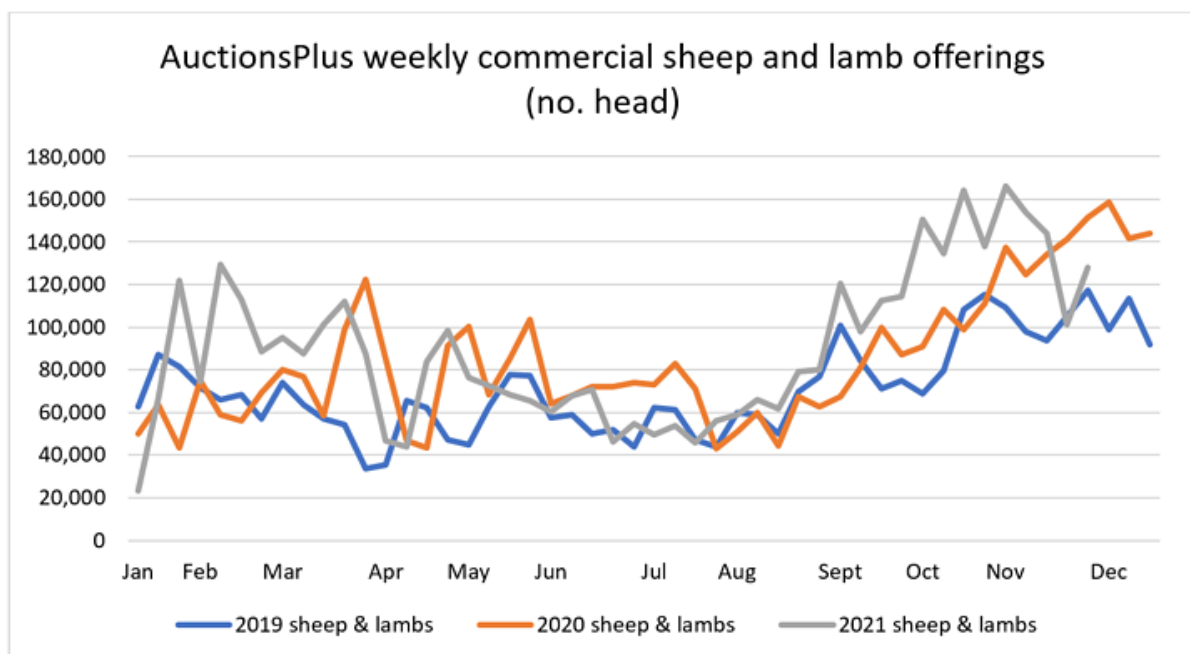
Crossbred lambs accounted for 30% of the catalogue this week, with the 38,134 head offered matched by robust demand from both restockers and processors, as the category returned a clearance of 88%. Prices for the category ranged from \$101-\$226/head, to average \$158/head - up \$4 on last week. The NSW Riverina was the top purchasing region for crossbred lambs, securing 6,802 head.

Merino wether lambs made up 13% of listings, at 16,056 head, with prices averaging \$134/head – back \$5. The weight range within the offering ranged from 25-45kgs, with 86% of the offering weighing between 25-35kg liveweight. Demand for the category remained subdued for the second consecutive week, with a clearance rate of 62%.

First cross ewe lambs had the largest price reduction this week, with the category averaging \$205/head – back \$45. The clearance rate of 49% was down from the previous weeks 61%. The top price for the category consisted of 195 head of Apr/May '21 drop Border Leicester/Merino future breeder ewe lambs from Telopea Downs, Victoria, which averaged 50.1kg liveweight and returned \$288/head.

Merino ewe hogget numbers held firm on last week, totaling 10,325 head. Prices ranged from \$143-\$297/head, to average \$239 /head – back \$30, with clearance rates increasing from last week to total 62%.

NOTE: Prices as at 5pm, Thursday 25th November, 2021



Classification	Offered	Low	High	Average	Change	Clearance	Low	High	Average	Change
				\$/head				actual	c/kg lwt	
Lambs										
Crossbreds	38,134	101	226	158	4	88%	377	701	460	24
Merino Wethers	16,056	92	157	134	-5	62%	321	500	393	12
First X Ewes	6,595	141	288	205	-45	49%	404	692	548	-104
Merino Ewes	7,681	130	177	153	-24	66%	392	649	531	35
Shedding Breeds	2,315	148	405	248	-19	79%	419	1,072	743	54
Composite/Other Breeds	8,564	100	250	177	18	71%	408	656	530	75
Sheep										
Merino Ewes and Lambs	506	225	351	288	3	85%	404	653	529	7
Ewes and Lambs (Mixed)	412	403	403	403	-	9%	742	742	742	-
Merino Wethers	7,236	122	170	152	-2	67%	206	439	309	5
Joined Ewes										
SIL Merino Ewes	346	251	251	251	-	22%	418	418	418	-
SM Merino Ewes	390	310	310	310	-	100%	421	421	421	-
SIL First X Ewes	14	397	397	397	-	100%	778	778	778	-
SM First X Ewes	274	202	329	265	-	67%	414	470	442	-
SIL Shedding Breed Ewes	409	261	397	319	46	100%	387	769	586	106
SM Shedding Breed Ewes	1,104	220	402	315	42	100%	534	855	646	35
Joined Merino Ewes & Lambs	180	272	272	272	-	100%	377	377	377	-
Joined Ewes & Lambs (Mixed)	1,442	255	401	321	96	100%	320	745	530	188
Non Station Mated (NSM)										
Merino Ewe Hoggets	10,325	143	297	239	-30	62%	375	619	480	-33
Merino Ewes	9,801	144	302	212	-14	77%	242	538	354	2
First X Ewes	9,012	140	375	258	-50	59%	188	568	381	-148
Shedding Breed Ewes	273	249	249	249	-52	48%	411	411	411	11
Composite/Other Breed Ewes	4,455	130	290	251	-17	60%	210	530	410	15