

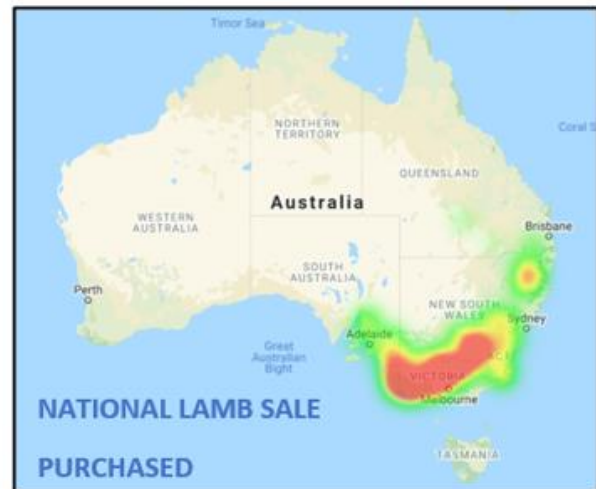
Weekly Sheep & Lamb Comments - 19.11.21

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With big rain experienced across much of the eastern seaboard over the past week, AuctionsPlus sheep and lamb numbers dropped 30% week-on-week, to total 101,379 head. A lack of sunshine coupled with flooding in key sheep regions, including Central West NSW, forced many producers to hold off selling and wait for paddocks to dry up and warmer sunny days to help reignite growth and weight gain. Top purchasing regions for the week included the NSW Riverina (10,409 head), SW Victoria (9,027 head), and Central Western NSW (4,856 head).



New season lamb supplies registered a large contraction from last week, with a total of 63,525 head offered. With the tighter supply, four of the six categories held firm or improved on last weeks prices, while the largest fall for the week was registered by shedding lambs.

Crossbred lambs accounted for 26% of the total catalogue this week, with 26,113 head listed. Prices ranged from \$91-\$185, to average \$154/head, or 436c/kg liveweight. Despite a significant drop in numbers from last week, demand remained robust, as the category returned an 86% clearance rate.

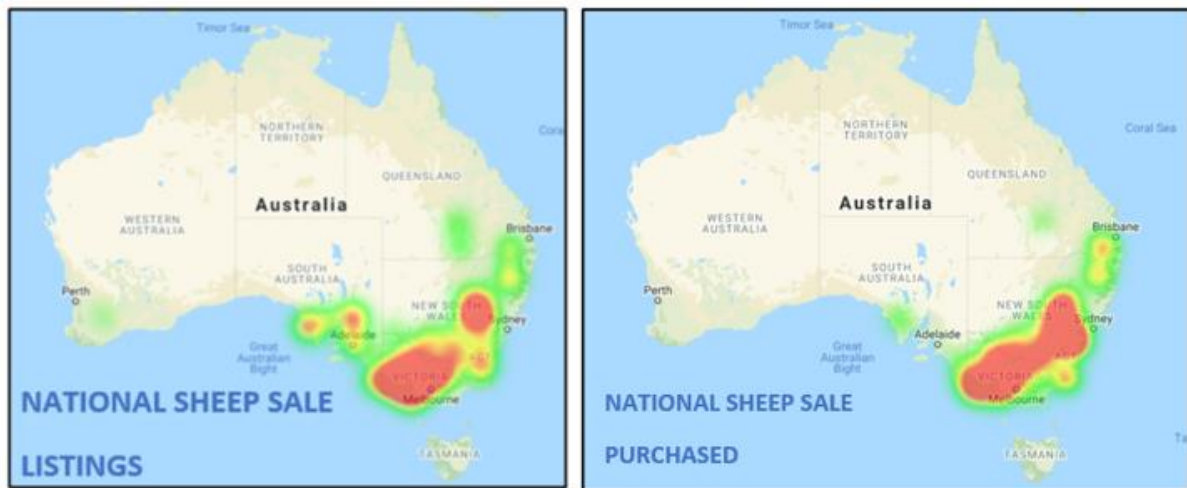
Merino wether lambs held firm on last week, averaging \$139/head. Despite a sharp contraction in numbers this week, demand softened, with only 59% of lines selling, as logistics proved difficult with widespread rain across many buying regions. Merino ewe lambs made up lost ground from last week, with the category averaging \$177/head – up \$14 from last week. However, clearance rates continue to be well below average for this category, at only 29% for the week.

First cross ewe lambs sold from \$160-\$325, to average \$250/head – up \$24 on last week. Clearance rates slipped again for the category, with 61% of lines selling.

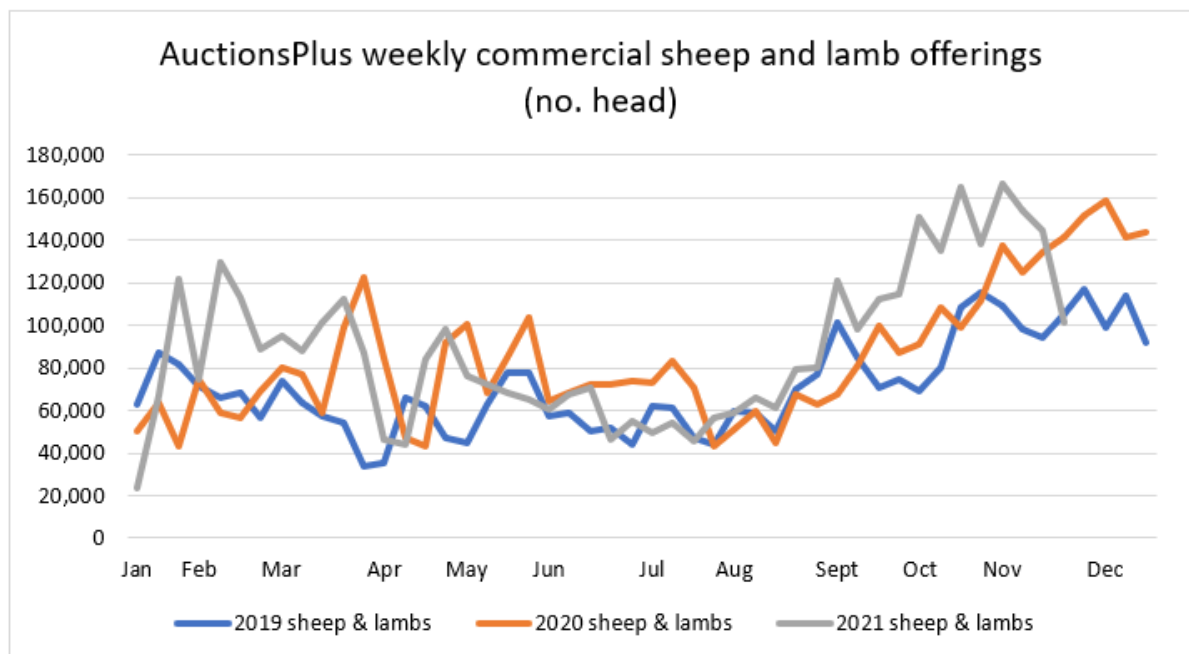
Shedding and composite/other breed lamb categories both registered lower averages than last week. Composite/other breed lambs saw a large offering this week of 15,093 head, accounting for 15% of the total catalogue. Prices for the category averaged \$159/head – back \$4 from last year. However, demand was still high, with a 92% clearance rate registered - the highest across all lamb categories for the week.

Merino ewes and lambs had a small offering of 1,190 head this week, with demand remaining strong for the category, with a 94% clearance rate, as prices averaged \$285/head – up \$23 from last week. Joined ewe numbers continued to be sparse this week, with a total of 1,583 head offered across five categories.

All five Non-Station Mated ewe categories prices held firm, or increased from last week. Non-Station Mated Merino ewe hoggets totalled 9,244 head this week – 9% of the total offering. While clearance for the category remained low at 49%, prices averaged \$269/head- up \$9 from last week. NSM Merino ewes had a total of 5,973 head listed, with the category averaging \$226/head – up \$27 from last week.



NOTE: Prices as at 5pm, Thursday 18th November, 2021



Classification	Offered	Low	High	Average	Change	Clearance	Low	High	Average	Change
				\$/head				actual	c/kg lwt	
Lambs										
Crossbreds	26,113	91	185	154	1	86%	368	575	436	4
Merino Wethers	11,033	110	161	139	0	59%	290	498	381	-12
First X Ewes	4,593	160	325	250	24	61%	432	868	652	62
Merino Ewes	4,713	150	215	177	14	29%	431	582	496	9
Shedding Breeds	1,980	141	400	267	-46	79%	440	879	689	-176
Composite/Other Breeds	15,093	110	235	159	4	92%	387	595	455	-25
Sheep										
Merino Ewes and Lambs	1,190	230	356	285	23	94%	375	592	522	-51
First X Ewes and Lambs	1,538	297	567	430	-	43%	595	856	704	-
Shedding Breed Ewes and Lambs	64	705	1,210	958	-	75%	1,018	1,689	1,311	-
Merino Wethers	5,507	141	167	154	-12	39%	266	335	304	-32
Joined Ewes										
SM Merino Ewes	105	238	238	238	-	100%	339	339	339	-
SIL Shedding Breed Ewes	206	245	301	273	-112	95%	445	516	480	-132
SM Shedding Breed Ewes	1,003	245	320	273	-9	100%	494	680	611	82
SM Composite/Other Breed Ewes	225	300	300	300	-	100%	426	562	471	-
Joined Ewes and Lambs (Mixed)	44	225	225	225	-	100%	342	342	342	-
Non Station Mated (NSM)										
Merino Ewe Hoggets	9,244	189	323	269	9	49%	403	604	513	8
Merino Ewes	5,973	182	361	226	27	55%	252	490	352	35
First X Ewes	5,716	230	363	308	4	30%	337	621	529	73
Shedding Breed Ewes	360	301	301	301	-	64%	400	400	400	-
Composite/Other Breed Ewes	5,243	180	321	268	42	68%	247	541	395	18