

Weekly Sheep & Lamb Comments - 14.01.22

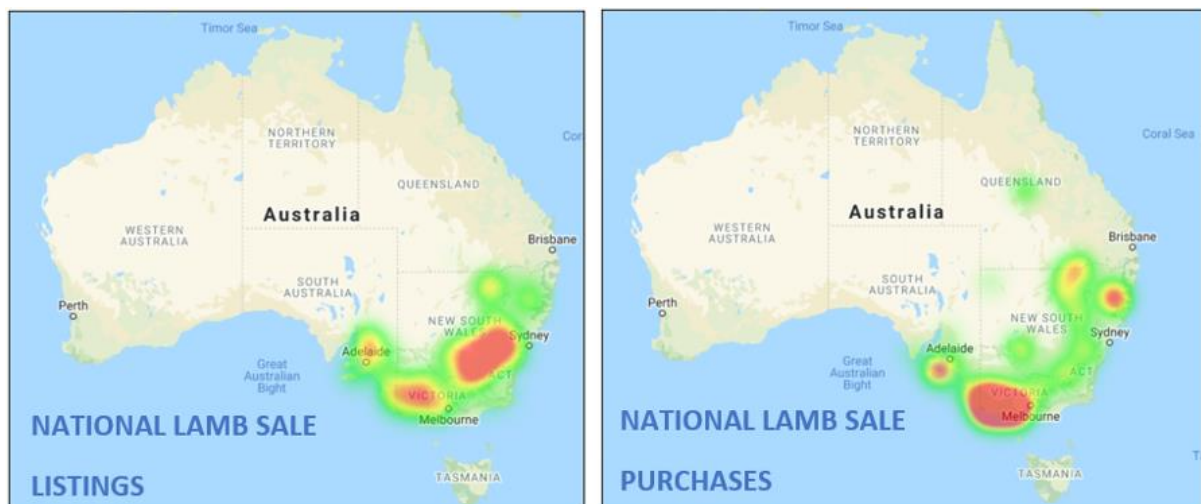
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The second week of AuctionsPlus commercial sheep and lamb sales for 2022 registered an increase in supply, with a total offering of 84,104 head - up 107% from last week and 27% higher than the corresponding week in 2021.

New season lambs accounted for 61% of the offerings for the week, with mixed results across the six main categories. Top purchasing regions for the week included the NSW Central West and Southwest Victoria, which secured 13,996 and 11,340 head, respectively.

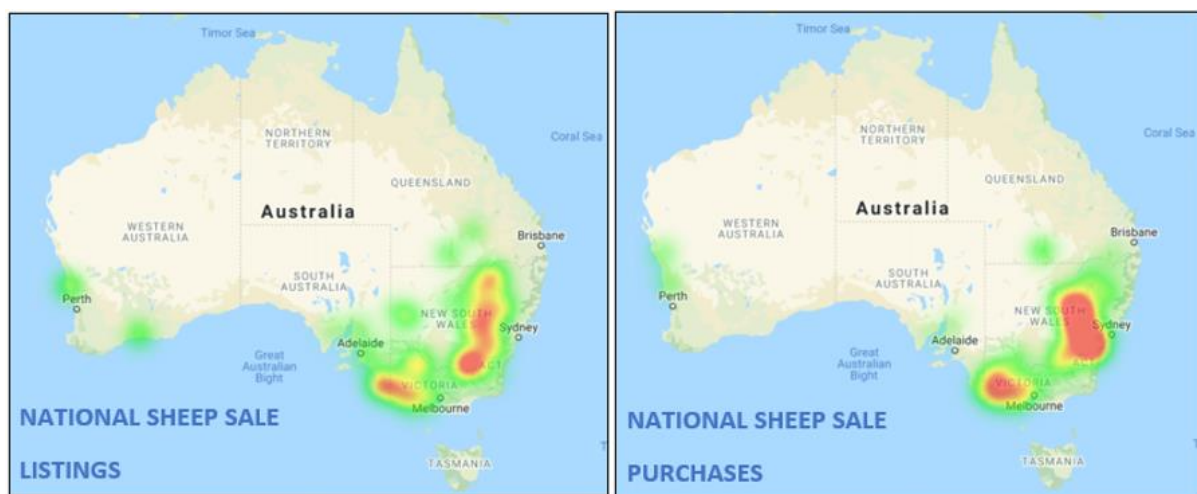


Crossbred lambs accounted for 25% of total numbers this week, with 20,953 head offered – with robust demand underpinning a 92% clearance rate. Prices ranged from \$90-\$205/head, to average \$155/head, down \$2 from last week. Southwest Victoria offered a large proportion of the category, with a highlight including 1,440 head of Poll Dorset/Border Leicester/Merino mixed sex store lambs from Timboon, Victoria. Offered across three even lines, the Aug/Sep '21 drop lambs, averaging 44.9kg liveweight, returned \$183 and \$184/head.

Merino wether lambs had a proportionally smaller offering this week, with a total of 7,082 head, or 8% of the catalogue. While the smaller offering contributed to the 100% clearance rate, prices for the category slipped back \$13 from last week, to average \$134/head.

Composite/other breed lambs had a total offering of 13,070 head, with a clearance rate of 76%, as buyers reportedly sought out quality lines with solid frames for weight gain. Prices increased by \$15 from last week, to average \$185/head.

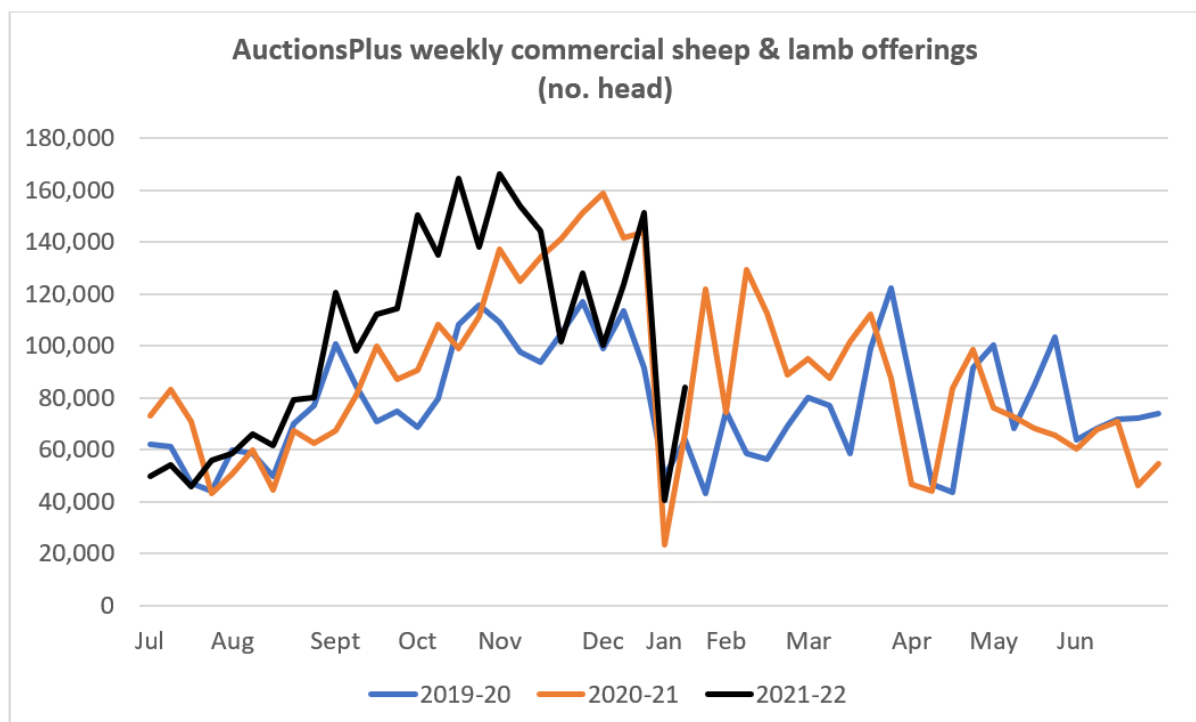
First cross ewe lambs had a total offering of 8,031 head for the week, with prices ranging between \$135-\$381/head, to average \$242/head - up \$40 on last week. A highlight for the category included 300 future breeder Border Leicester/Merino lambs from Boorowa, NSW, which returned \$352/head – selling for \$50 over their reserve price. The hotly contested Apr/May drop ewes were October shorn and weighed 54.4kg lwt.



A small contingent of joined ewes were offered online this week. A total of 2,002 head of station mated shedding breed ewes, which returned a 91% clearance rate, averaged \$303/head. Scanned in lamb Merino ewes had a total of 1,962 head listed and returned a 100% clearance. The category averaged \$272/head – back \$3 from last week. A highlight included a line of 300 Pooginook blood maiden ewes from Gilgandra, NSW, which returned \$361/head. Joined to Border Leicester rams, the ewes were aged 19-20 months and averaged 66.4kg liveweight.

Unjoined ewe categories accounted for 26% of the catalogue this week. Non-Station mated Merino ewes had a total of 7,249 head offered this week, which averaged \$35 higher at \$213/head, with the category returning an 83% clearance rate. Unjoined Merino ewe hoggets had a total of 3,926 head offered, with the category averaging \$280/head. A quality offering of 445 Poll Merino ewes from Young, NSW, which consisted of Bundilla bloodlines returned \$430/head. Making \$50 above reserve, the maiden ewes were October shorn and averaged 59.6kg lwt.

NOTE: Prices as at 5pm, Thursday 13th January 2022



Classification	Offered	Low	High	Average	Change	Clearance	Low	High	Average	Change
				\$/head				actual	€/kg lwt	
Lambs										
Crossbreds	20,953	90	205	155	-2	92%	352	627	432	7
Merino Wethers	7,082	85	167	134	-13	100%	267	493	382	-22
First X Ewes	8,031	135	381	242	40	61%	374	721	532	22
Merino Ewes	1,456	143	201	178	-7	55%	497	566	531	89
Shedding Breeds	965	140	597	318	148	75%	425	1,237	750	298
Composite/Other Breeds	13,070	107	426	185	15	76%	389	1,051	504	60
Sheep										
Merino Ewes & Lambs	200	233	233	233	-	100%	435	435	435	-
Ewes & Lambs (Mixed)	778	250	620	350	-	100%	457	1,250	680	-
Merino Wethers	2,660	130	185	160	-	100%	291	328	307	-
Joined Ewes										
SIL Merino Ewes	1,962	216	361	272	-3	100%	355	543	424	13
SM Merino Ewes	1,600	187	271	230	95	83%	274	534	400	140
SM First X Ewes	340	221	321	268	-	100%	325	523	406	-
SIL Shedding Breed Ewes	25	350	350	350	-	100%	488	488	488	-
SM Shedding Breed Ewes	2,002	251	405	303	-	91%	387	906	565	-
SM Shedding Breed Ewes & Lambs	118	162	162	162	-	100%	286	286	286	-
Non Station Mated (NSM)										
Merino Ewe Hoggets	3,926	217	430	280	-	73%	395	745	524	-
Merino Ewes	7,249	151	250	213	35	83%	242	510	375	61
First X Ewes	5,117	170	380	323	16	37%	271	664	516	61
Shedding Breed Ewes	1,697	165	357	260	-	78%	249	553	399	-
Composite/Other Breed Ewes	4,059	202	361	257	13	74%	241	515	377	-7