

Weekly Sheep & Lamb Comments - 21.01.22

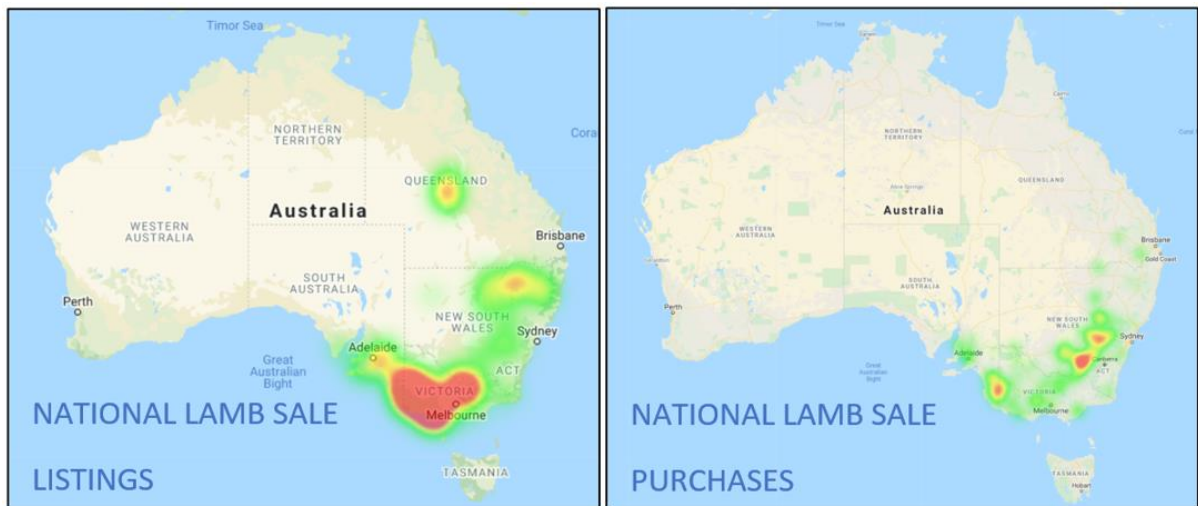
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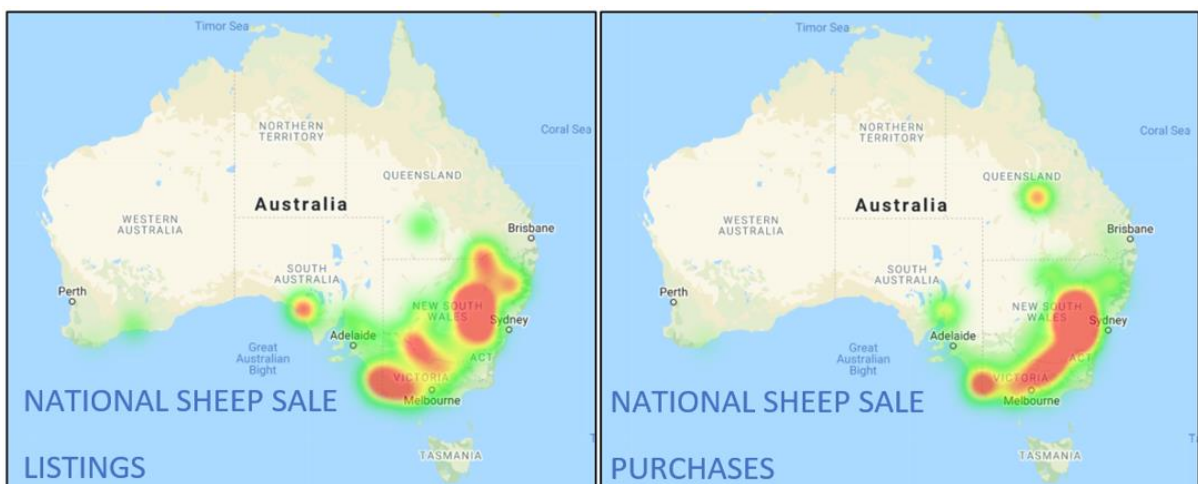
AuctionsPlus sheep and lamb numbers for the third week of January increased by 35% week-on-week, to total 113,382 head. Despite growing lamb numbers continuing to be offered online, some purchasing hesitation through the supply chain resulted in patchy clearance rates across both lamb and unjoined ewe categories for the week. A notable rise in joined ewe listings was registered this week, with a total of 12,321 head offered - doubling last week's total. One of the features for this week was across the scanned-in-lamb ewe offerings, which returned solid prices and high clearance rates.

A total of 74,876 new season lambs were offered this week, with four of the six categories averaging higher than last week. Crossbred lambs accounted for 26% of the total offering, with clearance levels remaining seasonally high at 92%, as the category averaged \$160/head - up \$5 from last week. A large proportion of the offering continued to flow out of south-west Victoria, with the region offering 12,053 crossbred lambs.



Merino wether lambs had a total offering of 21,355 head for the week, with prices ranging from \$91-\$178, to average \$138/head – up \$4. Clearance rates for the category remained strong again this week, at 85%. A large run of 1,055 head of Aug/Sep '21 drop lambs from Walgett NSW, weighing 34kg liveweight returned \$157/head.

First cross ewe lambs had a total of 9,425 head offered this week, with the category recording very low clearance rate, at 26%, with buyers favouring the heaviest lines. Prices for the category averaged \$270/head – up \$28 from last week, with a clear separation between buyer and seller price points.



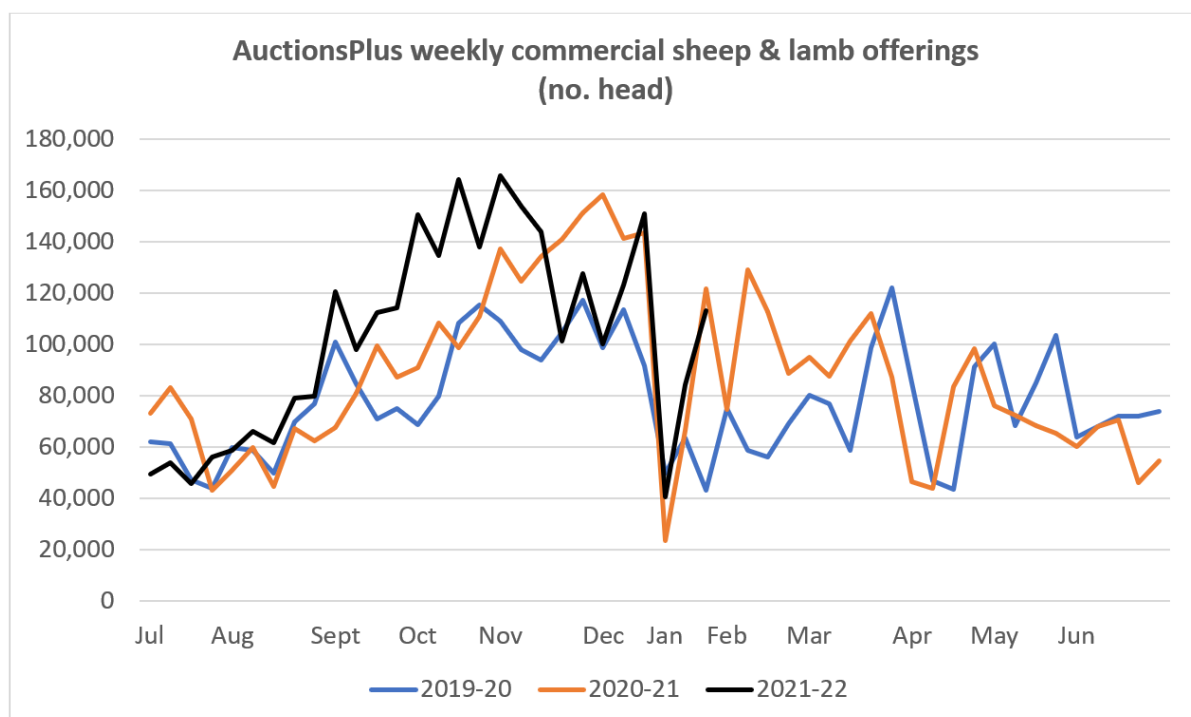
Across the joined ewe categories, station-mated shedding breed ewes had a total of 4,958 head offered this week, with the category averaging \$327/head - up \$24 from last week. The larger offering was met with strong demand, with clearance rates reaching 91%. A line of 620 White Dorper ewes aged 6-14

months from Wentworth NSW, weighing 46kg liveweight, sold \$120 above the reserve, hitting \$400/head and will travel to Blackall, Queensland.

Scanned in lamb Merino ewes had a total of 3,668 head offered this week, with the category returning a 77% clearance. Prices ranged from \$200-\$336, to average \$268/head - back \$4. Scanned-in-lamb shedding breed ewes had a comparatively smaller offering of 928 head, which was met with robust demand, as the category registered a 97% clearance rate, with prices increasing \$94 week-on-week, to average \$444/head.

Unjoined ewe categories recorded a fall in prices across the board this week. NSM Merino ewe hoggets had a total offering of 5,191 head this week, with the increased supply resulting in prices ranging from \$165-\$305, to average \$233/head - \$47 lower on last week. NSM first cross ewes yielded similar results, with the offering of 7,911 head averaging \$60 cheaper from last week, to average \$263/head, with subdued 39% clearance rate.

NOTE: Prices as at 5pm, Thursday 20th January 2022



Classification	Offered	Low	High	Average	Change	Clearance	Low	High	Average	Change
				\$/head				actual	€/kg lwt	
Lambs										
Crossbreds	29,376	95	200	160	5	92%	365	600	452	20
Merino Wethers	21,355	91	178	138	4	85%	337	474	397	15
First X Ewes	9,425	173	321	270	28	26%	423	638	530	-2
Merino Ewes	1,757	120	130	125	-53	47%	410	585	497	-34
Shedding Breeds	4,872	140	477	302	-16	58%	393	1,511	809	59
Composite/Other Breeds	8,091	126	581	307	122	75%	385	1,360	666	162
Sheep										
Merino Ewes & Lambs	662	251	342	313	80	100%	423	661	586	151
Ewes & Lambs (Mixed)	4	705	705	705	-	100%	915	915	915	-
Merino Wethers	1,444	88	156	123	-37	54%	183	326	265	-42
Joined Ewes										
SIL Merino Ewes	3,668	200	336	268	-4	77%	333	636	417	-7
SM Merino Ewes	1,158	200	305	262	32	55%	396	534	458	58
SM First X Ewes	645	170	299	232	-36	79%	252	546	397	-9
SIL Shedding Breed Ewes	928	280	790	444	94	97%	454	974	657	169
SM Shedding Breed Ewes	4,958	180	458	327	24	91%	310	949	692	127
SM Composite/Other Breed Ewes	734	270	358	314	-	86%	395	482	438	-
SM Shedding Breed Ewes & Lambs	230	196	359	277	115	100%	411	613	512	226
Non Station Mated (NSM)										
Merino Ewe Hoggets	5,191	165	305	233	-47	73%	370	549	467	-57
Merino Ewes	7,506	139	270	207	-6	66%	250	493	368	-7
First X Ewes	7,911	160	385	263	-60	39%	225	712	435	-81
Shedding Breed Ewes	459	200	311	247	-13	100%	344	585	432	33
Composite/Other Breed Ewes	2,020	115	320	223	-34	74%	161	500	375	-2