

Weekly Sheep & Lamb Comments - 07.01.22

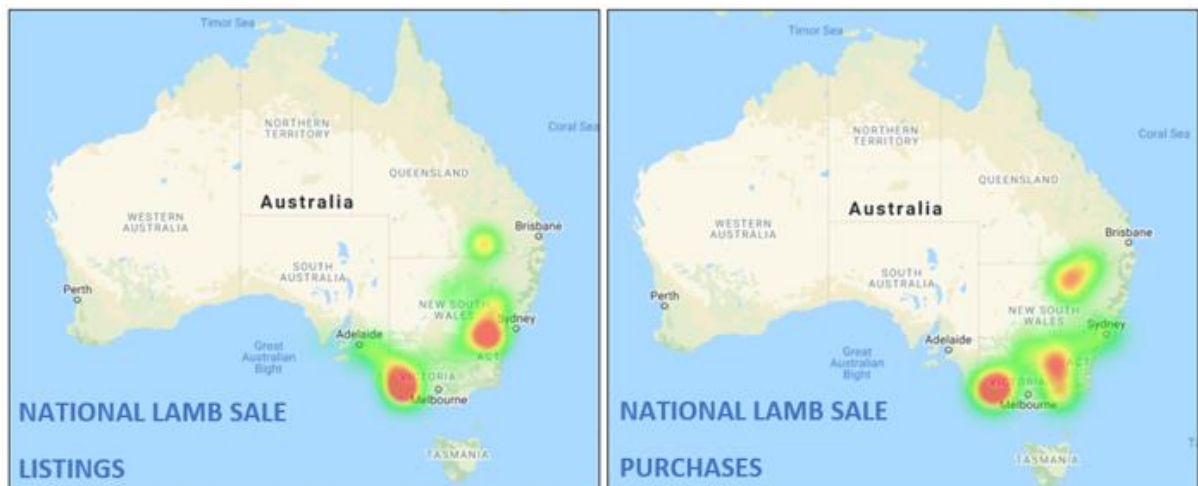
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AuctionsPlus weekly sheep and lamb sales for the first week of 2022 hit the ground running, with a total of 40,567 head offered - 73% higher than the corresponding week in 2021. The largest listing regions included Southwest Victoria which offered over 50% of the total catalogue, with 22,661 head, while Kangaroo Island offered 4,198 head. The NSW Riverina was the top purchasing region this week, securing 7,969 head, followed by Southwest Victoria which secured 7,411 head.

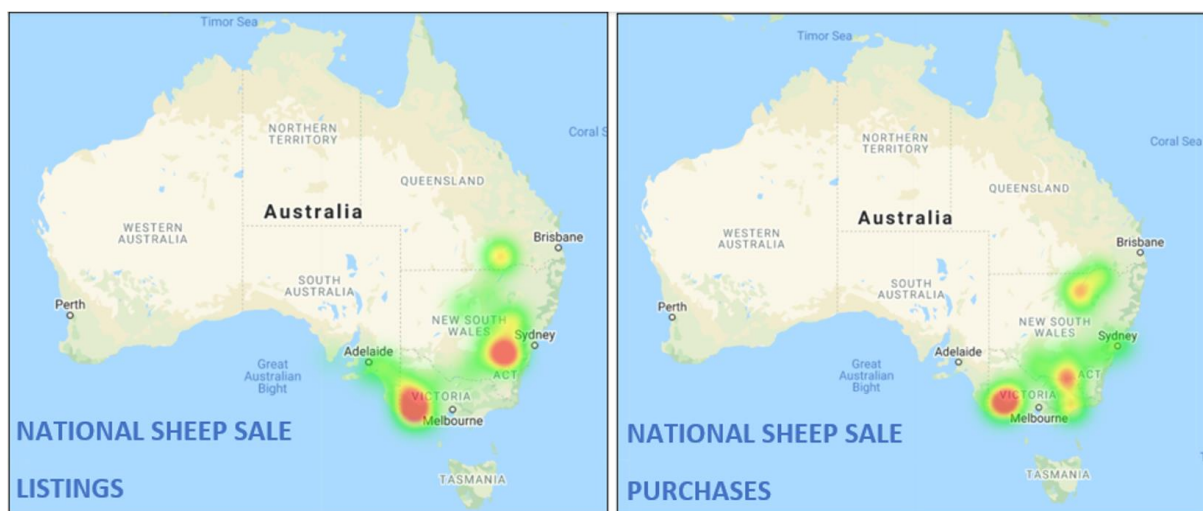
With a lack of the usually high temperatures across key sheep producing regions and ongoing widespread rainfall, the spring flush of 2021 lambs has been drawn out, with regions such as Southwest Victoria and South Australia reportedly running 6-8 weeks behind the historical turnoff period. Given this delay, it is expected that ample lamb supplies will continue to hit the market throughout January, which will prove attractive for all buyers.



New season lamb numbers accounted for 83% of this weeks' offering. Crossbred lambs remained the largest category, with 22,211 head listed. Prices ranged from \$97 to \$204/head, to average \$157/head - a \$3 rise from the final week in 2021, with demand for the category robust as clearance levels reached 82%.

Merino wether lambs accounted for 4% of the catalogue this week and traded within a tight range, from \$140-160/head, to average \$147/head – up \$12 on the final sale of 2021. The tight supply was met with eager buyers, as the category returned a 96% clearance rate for the week.

Composite/other breed lambs had a total of 7,592 head offered this week, with the category averaging \$170/head - up \$9. Clearance rates for the category reached 59% this week, with buyers mainly chasing quality heavy lines. Topping the category was a line of Jun/Jul '21 Primeline lambs from Karabeal, Victoria, which weighed 44.3kg liveweight and returned \$240/head.

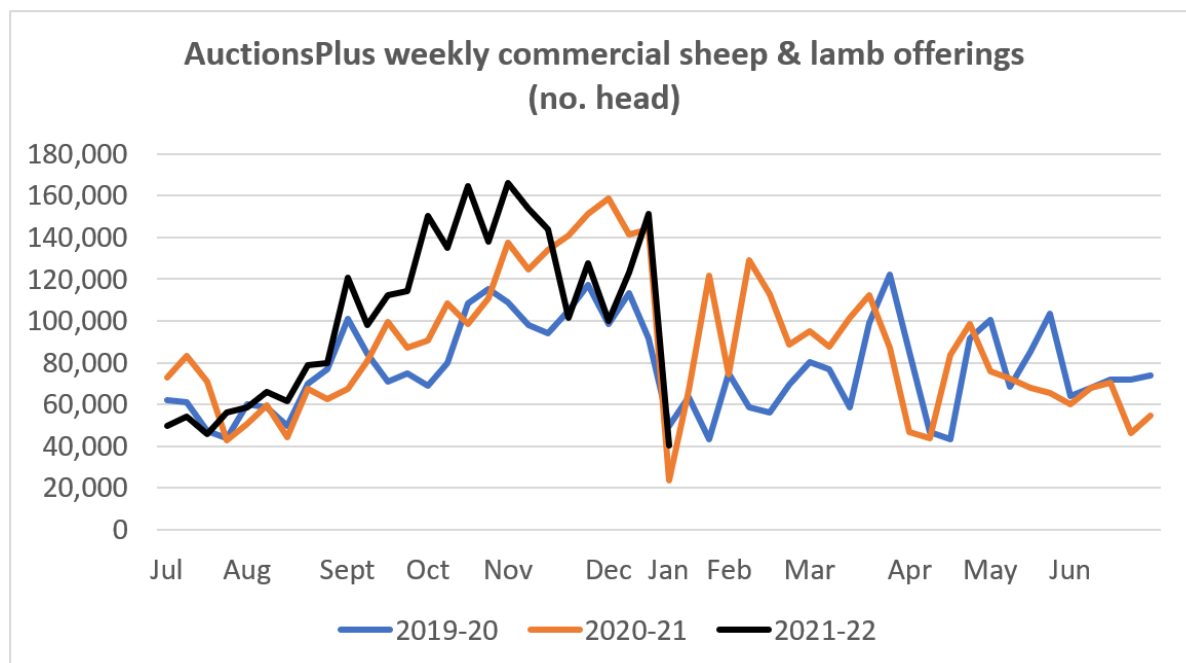


Joined ewes accounted for 4% of the offering this week. SIL Merino ewes had a total of 581 head offered this week, with the category averaging \$275/head and returning 100% clearance. A line of 1.5-5.5 year-old ewes from Temora NSW, which averaged 65.8kg liveweight returned \$310/head and will travel to Coonamble, NSW.

Unjoined ewe categories made up 11% of the offering this week. NSM Merino ewes had the largest offering with 2,511 head. The category averaged \$178/head – back \$8 from the last week of 2021, with a clearance rate of 69%.

First cross ewes accounted for 4% of the offering, with prices averaging \$307/head - up \$15 with a clearance rate of 72%.

NOTE: Prices as at 5pm, Thursday 6th January 2022



Classification	Offered	Low	High	Average	Change	Clearance	Low	High	Average	Change
				\$/head					actual c/kg lwt	
Lambs										
Crossbreds	22,211	97	204	157	3	82%	351	580	425	-26
Merino Wethers	1,445	140	160	147	12	96%	363	439	404	-10
First X Ewes	1,409	110	300	202	-12	48%	430	661	510	-33
Merino Ewes	410	170	200	185	9	100%	442	442	442	-95
Shedding Breeds	441	170	170	170	-	53%	452	452	452	-
Composite/Other Breeds	7,592	130	240	170	9	59%	385	557	444	-2
Joined Ewes										
SIL Merino Ewes	581	257	310	275	17	100%	358	471	411	39
SM Merino Ewes	413	135	135	135	-	20%	260	260	260	-
SM Shedding Breed Ewes	305	251	252	251	-162	100%	418	526	472	-376
SM Merino Ewes & Lambs	187	258	258	258	-	100%	600	600	600	-
SM Shedding Breed Ewes & Lambs	270	200	200	200	-	100%	367	367	367	-
Non Station Mated (NSM)										
Merino Ewes	2,511	149	232	178	-8	69%	263	395	314	-5
First X Ewes	1,313	260	340	307	15	72%	352	546	455	-31
Composite/Other Breed Ewes	528	180	293	244	20	100%	269	456	384	4