



Muceha Sheep Report 29/10/2024

Yarding 8157 / sheep 6697 / lambs 1460

Lamb numbers dropped by more than half of last week's yarding with well under 1000 new season lambs and old season lamb supplies all but finished. However, there were some quality lines offered in the new season runs and pricing from processors reflected this. Large lines of mutton were presented along with high volumes of Merino ewe and wether hoggets. The lighter framed hoggets eased slightly in value, but better rates were recorded as fat cover and weight improved. Demand for mature rams also eased by \$10/15 however the remainder of the market overall lifted slightly by around \$2/3/head.

New season store lambs varied from \$46 to \$81 depending on frame size while light lambs were selling from \$70 to \$119/head. Trade lambs sold from \$100 to \$141 and with an improvement in quality heavy lambs returned \$140 to \$169/head. Ram lambs were scarce and the best of them ranged from \$80 to \$127 and the same for a light yarding of old season lambs with the heaviest making \$68 to \$137/head.

High volumes of Merino hoggets saw the light framed wethers chased by restockers selling from \$20 to \$50 and with weight and a fleece selling up to \$94 while plain Merino ewe hoggets ranged from \$17 to \$45 up to \$88 for the best of them. Crossbred hoggets showing weight and finish sold from \$60 to \$100 and rams hoggets sold to a top of \$70/head.

Boner ewes made \$20 to \$5, medium ewes from \$60 to \$74 with longer wool and heavy ewes returned \$70 to \$85 again with a fleece. Heavy Merino wethers sold from \$65 up to \$110 with a skin and demand for Mature rams dropped off with most ranging from \$50 to \$40 and the odd single sale for breeding making up to \$58/head.