



## **Muchea Sheep Report 03/12/2024**

*Yarding 7317 / sheep 4842 / lambs 2475*

There was an increase in lamb and young wether supplies this week to lift the yarding to well over 7000 head. Approximately 2500 lambs, nearly 3000 wethers and 2000 ewes were on offer. Most of the regular group of buyers were in attendance along with several regular store and feeder buyers. While store lambs eased slightly, most other categories gained in value with the odd pen of trade lambs selling to just over 800c/cwt to boutique butchers.

Store lambs were down \$5/7 selling from \$43 to \$95 while light lambs also eased to return \$95 to \$119/head. Trade lambs were firm selling from \$110 to \$168 and heavy lambs lifted \$3/4 to realize \$199/head. Old season lambs are all but depleted and were all at mid-range weights making \$73 to \$95/head.

Merino wether hoggets gained \$10/12 starting from \$48 up to \$98 while Merino ewe hoggets returned \$45 to \$97/head. Crossbred hoggets showing weight sold from \$48 to \$108 and younger rams reached \$80/head.

Strong demand for mutton lifted values with boner ewes making \$24 to \$65 lifting \$5/7, medium ewes up \$5/7 selling from \$70 to \$85 and heavy ewes up \$3/5 to reach a top of \$100 with a fleece. Heavy wethers sold to \$103 and mature rams ranged from \$10 to \$60/head.