

Muchea Sheep 10/12/2024

Yarding 10293 / sheep 6689 / lambs 3604

Higher numbers were yarded at Muchea today with good supplies of Lambs, wethers and mutton on offer. The buying gallery was very busy with most of the regulars actively bidding as well as several store buyers, an eastern states buyer and many interested onlookers. Runs of lambs showing good weight and finish were presented and prices held firm to recent gains while most other categories recorded increases in values.

Store lambs varied from \$40 to \$101 depending on frame size while light lambs were selling from \$89 to \$139/head. Trade lambs returned \$120 to \$165 and heavy lambs from \$154 to \$200/head.

A larger volume of Merino wether hoggets was presented and interest from store buyers and the eastern states as well as live export commanded positive rates to gain \$15/20 with lightweights selling from \$53 to \$88 and with more size and weight sold to a top of \$120/head. Merino ewe hoggets also lifted \$15/20 with store weights ranging from \$41 to \$87 and heavyweights selling up to \$110/head. Crossbred hoggets were selling well to realize a top of \$130 while young rams sold to \$104/head.

Mutton values were up in all weight ranges with small plainer ewes selling from \$30 to \$52 while bigger framed boning grades made \$40 to \$80/head. Medium ewes returned \$70 to \$93 and heavy weights with a skin sold to a top of \$113/head. Most of the heavy mature wethers were selling from \$80 to \$135 while mature rams made \$10 to \$60/head.