

Muchea Sheep 17/12/2024

Yarding 11080 / sheep 6846 / lambs 4234

Numbers lifted again today to 11080 sheep and lambs. The increase was due to a larger volume of lambs while Sheep supplies remained similar to a week ago. There were lines of good lambs yarded today however there was a slight decline in Quality from last weeks yarding. The market as a whole was softer from last week's gains even though the buyer gallery had a large crowd. The odd pen of trade and heavy lambs did reach last week's values but most lots were \$4/5 softer. Mutton also eased in values along with mature rams.

Store lambs eased \$4/5 as the smaller dryer lambs started from \$20 up to \$105 with more frame or better freshness while light lambs were firm selling from \$75 to \$134/head. Trade lambs were also softer to sell from \$100 to \$166 and heavy lambs sold from \$145 to \$200/head.

Merino wether hoggets lost the gains they received last week easing \$10/12 with stores ranging from \$35 to \$71 and heavies from \$75 to \$125 with a skin. The better Merino ewe hoggets made \$50 to \$91 to remain barely equal while Crossbred hoggets sold to a top of \$122 and the best young rams realized \$80/head.

All grades of mutton were back \$5/7 with bigger framed boning grades selling from \$30 to \$74 while medium ewes returned \$50 to \$90 and heavy ewes sold to a top of \$108/head. Mature Wethers returned a top of \$106 and mature rams have eased heavily selling from \$2 to \$40/head.