



Muchea Sheep Report 18/02/2025

*Yarding 9040 / sheep 5991 / lambs 3049*

Sheep and Lamb numbers halved this week down to 9040. Quality is slipping away in the store lamb sector as the season continues, adding to another slight trend downwards in values while trade and heavy lambs remained firm. The usual buyers were all present but the demand for store lambs from several weeks ago has fallen away however mutton prices held their ground to remain equal.

Store lambs were slightly softer again this week with Light framed plain store lambs starting from \$10 to \$67 and bigger stores up to 16kg/cwt were selling from \$70 to \$90, down \$3/4/head. Light lambs were also down \$5/6 selling from \$70 to \$110 while trade lambs remained firm to return \$94 to \$135 and heavy lambs also firm selling from \$135 to \$177/head. Ram lambs were holding up better with the heavier ram lambs making \$100 to \$167/head.

Merino wether hoggets presenting weight were making \$70 to \$91 with a skin while Prime Merino ewe hoggets returned \$57 to \$95 also with a fleece. Heavy Crossbred hoggets eased \$15/20 to make \$65 to \$87/head.

Mutton remained equal to recent values with store ewes selling from \$10 to \$49 while boning grades made \$30 to \$70/head. Medium ewes returned \$60 to \$86 and heavy ewes sold up to \$91 with a fleece. Heavy wethers made \$70 to \$91 while mature rams returned \$15 to \$54/head