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**AuctionsPlus Pty Ltd.**  
**Market Comments**  
Week ending 20/05/2011

Sheep and lamb throughput increased slightly this week to finish with 51,789 head, while cattle numbers halved to 5,170 head.

Obviously the continued dry weather is not helping the restocker demand and cattle prices were erratic.

A psychological barrier has developed where growers are prepared to try and off load their female cattle but will try and wait for a seasonal break to sell their steers.

Today's sale barely had 5 lots of quotable steers and saw Droughtmaster cross steers at Barcaldine 368kg sell for 190c/kg coming back at \$701. 63 Angus steer weaners at Walgett 270kg sold for \$595 or 220c/kg and in western Victoria, 61 Angus/Santa steer weaners weighing 229kg sold for 279c/kg returning \$640.

The better quality PTIC females sold to a slightly dearer trend, while the passed in rate overall remained on a par with previous weeks.

The sheep and lamb market was hard to follow with Tuesday's sale starting very slowly and eventually gaining some momentum. Store lambs have all but disappeared and there are plenty of joinable and joined ewes available for the present.

I am sure they will be harder to find in the spring at these prices. Thursday's sale, like all physical markets, rebounded and some of the lots that were unable to achieve their reserves on Tuesday, easily exceeded their vendor's expectations. Merino wethers are still very hard to find and restockers are now heavily competing with live exporters for any decent lines when and where they are available.

The Wool market also rebounded on lower numbers and increased demand, while the skin report today saw lamb skins steady to \$1 cheaper.

We finish this week on a reflective note as we advise that after nearly 24 years of loyal and passionate service to AuctionsPlus/CALM and a lifetime in the livestock industry, Dean and Sue Lemmich have retired to concentrate on their farm, grandchildren and some travel - not necessarily in that order.

I know that many readers of this column have enjoyed their inciteful comments and indepth knowledge in describing the weekly marketplace and have been able to share their obvious passion for the agricultural industry.

The staff at AuctionsPlus will endeavour to carry on this tradition and we wish both of them a happy retirement.

PS. We did notice that we had a familiar buyer in today's cattle sale!!!!!!

## **CATTLE**

State	Town	Details
QLD	St George	70 Angx hfrs, 12/16 mths, 297 kg, Psd 189c/\$560. 57 Sh hfrs, 12/14 mths, 301 kg, NSM, Psd 168c/\$505. 60 Sh hfrs, 12/14 mths, 267 kg, NSM, Psd 170c/\$455
QLD	Goondiwindi	48 Hfd cows, 102/126 mths, 505 kg, PTIC Hfd bulls, 144c/\$725. 32 Brahx hfrs, 24/36 mths, 383 kg, PTIC LBW Ang bulls, Psd 181c/\$695. 116 Brahx hfrs,24/36 mths, 383 kg,PTIC LBW Ang bulls, Psd 191c/\$730
QLD	Beaudesert	44 Angx hfr wnrns, 7/9 mths, 224 kg, 214c/\$480. 23 Charx hfr wnrns, 7/9 mths, 255 kg, 214c/\$545. 52 Dmstrx str wnrns, 5/11 mths, 200 kg, Psd 238c/\$475. 35 Dmstrx hfr wnrns, 5/11 mths, 169 kg, Psd 222c/\$375
QLD	Meandarra	28 Sh hfrs, 15/18 mths, 417 kg, PTIC Sh bulls, Psd 197c/\$820. 25 Shx hfrs,15/18 mths, 442 kg, PTIC Sh bulls, Psd 186c/\$820
QLD	Pittsworth	48 Dmstr hfrs, 14/16 mths, 313 kg, NSM, 200c/\$625
QLD	Georgetown	228 BRahx str wnrns,5/14 mths,246.8kg,psd 180c/\$445
QLD	Winton	72 Charx hfrs, 11/16 mths, 360kg,Psd 180.8c/\$652.30
QLD	Barcaldine	84 Dmstrx strs, 14/16 mths, 368kg,190c/\$701. 45 Santax cows, 36/132 mts,544kg,stn PT, Psd 130c/\$705. 31 Santax hfrs, 20/24 mths, 522 kg, PTIC Santa & Charx bulls, Psd 145c/\$755. 80 Santax cows, 72/108 mths, 625 kg, PTIC Santa & Charx bulls,142c/\$885. 52 Santax c/c, 60/120 mths, 548 kg, clves by Santa & Charx bulls, 1/4 mths,\$1,140
QLD	Longreach	61 Xbred c/c,24/132 mths, 434 kg, clvs 1/5 mths, Psd \$885. 80 Red Brahx c/c, 24/156 mths, 451 kg, clvs 1/4 mths, Psd \$885
QLD	Aramac	112 Brah hfrs, 17/32 mths, 380 kg, PTIC Ang bulls,193c/\$735. 105 Brah hfrs, 16/32 mths, 373 kg, PTIC Ang bulls, 194c/\$725.
QLD	Jericho	190 Dmstrx strs, 12/15 mths, 247 kg, 231c/\$571
QLD	Rockhampton	55 Brangx hfrs,28/40 mths, 413 kg, EU, PTIC Brang/Dmstr/Brahx bulls, 182c/\$750. 26 Brahx cows, 36/156 mths, 505 kg, PTIC to Brang/Dmstr/Red Brah bulls, 158c/\$800
QLD	Cunnamulla	71 Santax hfrs, 14/20 mths, 345 kg, PTIC Char bulls, 183c/\$630
NSW	Bingara	23 Ang cows, 96/120 mths, 575 kg, PTIC Ang bulls, 132c/\$760. 42 Brahx cows,108/144 mths, 522 kg, PTIC Angus bulls, 127c/\$665. 39 Shx hfrs, 15/18 mths, 252 kg, Psd 187c/\$470.
NSW	Collarenbri	110 Ang hfrs, 18/120 mths, 345 kg,PTIC Ang bulls, 287c/\$990. 48 Ang cows,33/90 mths,PTIC Ang bulls, 192c/\$1000.
NSW	Barraba	76 Angx cows, 42/78 mths,589 kg, PTIC Ang bulls, 213c/\$1255.
NSW	Gunnedah	51 PHfdx hfrs, 18/20 mths 399 kg, EU, PTIC Ang bulls, 236c/\$940
NSW	Coonabarbran	35 Santax c/c, 66/72 mths, 527 kg,clves ave 215 kg, Psd \$1220. 50 Santax c/c,36/96 mths, 499 kg,Psd \$1055.
NSW	Walgett	25 Phfd str wnrns, 7/9 mths, 277 kg, Psd 217c/\$602. 63 Ang str wnrns, 7/9 mths, 270 kg, 220c/\$595. 58 Ang hfr wnrns, 7/9 mths, 254 kg, Psd 199c/\$505. 36 Angx c/c, 39/96 mths, 484 kg, clves ave 140 kg, cows PTIC Ang bulls,\$1125
NSW	Coolah	79 Hfd str wnrns, 7/9 mths, 307 kg, Psd 225c/\$690.
NSW	Gundagai	60 Angx hfrs, 19/20 mths, 357 kg, NSM, Psd 211c/\$755
NSW	Goulburn	15 Ang hfrs, 20/22 mths, 478 kg, PTIC Ang bull, 289c/\$1380. 29 Shx hfrs, 15/18 mths,319 kg, PTIC sh bulls, Psd 213c/\$619
NSW	Yass	51 Angx str wnrns, 7/9 mths, 267 kg, 234x/\$625.
VIC	Strathdownie	61 Ang/Santax str wnrns, 7/8 mths, 229 kg, 279c/\$640. 53 Ang/Santax hfr wnrns, 7/8 mths, 218 kg, 236c/\$515. 22 Ang/Santax hfr wnrns, 6/7 mths, 159 kg, 286c/\$455

WA	Margaret River	20 M/G cows, 30/33 mths, 474 kg, PTIC M/G bulls, 179c/\$850. 44 M/G cows, 42/45 mths, 440 kg, PTIC M/G bulls, 193c/\$850. 18 M/Gx cows, 101/104 mths, 540 kg, 131c/\$710.
WA	Benger	30 Ang hfrs, 10/14 mths, 283 kg, 225c/\$637. 37 Angx hfrs, 10/14 mths, 322 kg, 228c/\$734. 39 Gelv/Angx hfrs, 10/14 mths, 283 kg, 226c/\$639. 63 Gelv/MG hfrs, 10/14 mths, 287 kg, 239c/\$685

## SHEEP

State	Town	Details
QLD	Goondiwindi	252 Cool/Mer m/s lmb, 7/8 mths, 12.1 kgdw, 2" skin, \$86.50
QLD	Longreach	660 Mer ewes, 7 yrs, 18.8 kgdw, 1/1" skin, SIL White Dorp rams, \$91.50 1,824 (5 lots) White Dorp/Mer ewe, 13/14 mths, 19.1 kgdw, 1.5" skin SIL White Dorp rams, \$155, 490 Dohns/Mer wthr lmb, 1 yr, 16.9 kgdw, 3/4" skin, Psd 90.50, 1330 Dorp & Dorpx ewes, 7/12 mths, 19.7 kgdw, 1.5" skin, Psd \$143.50. 540 Mer ewes, 6/7 yrs, 19.8 kgdw, depast Mer rams, \$79.50
QLD	Barcaldine	480 Mer wths, 2 yrs, 15.4 kgdw, 1/2" skin, \$90. 720 Mer ewes, 6/7 yrs, 16.3 kgdw, 1/2" skin, depast Dorp rams, psd.
QLD	Tambo	1350 Mer wth lmb, 11/12 mths, 15.5 kgdw, 3/4" skin, Psd \$85.50
QLD	Mitchell	412 Mer ewes, 3/5.5 yrs, 19.5 kgdw, 3/4" skin, SIL White Dorp rams, \$114.50
QLD	Isisford	800 Mer wths, 3/6 yrs, 23 kgdw, 1.25" skin, \$117.
QLD	Cunnamulla	450 Mer wths, 2 yrs, 22.5 kg, 3/4" skin, \$116.50. 660 White Dorp & White Dorp/Merx ewes, 3/4 yrs, 26.8 kgdw, .25" skin, SIL White Dorp rams, Psd \$185.
QLD	Thallon	255 Mer ewes, 1.5/4.5 yrs, 19.6 kgdw, 1.2" skin, NSM, Psd \$83.50. 508 Mer ewes, 6.5/7.5 yrs, 22.7 kgdw, 1/2" skin, Depast Coolalee rams, \$100.50. 330 F2/F3 Dorp wths, 3/6 mths, 16 kgdw, 1/2" skin, \$102.
QLD	St George	620 Mer wth lmb, 9/10 mths, 13.2 kgdw, 3/4" skin, \$78.
NSW	Walgett	360 Mer ewes, 2.5 yrs, 17.5 kgdw, 1/4" skin, NSM, \$140.50. 568 Mer ewes, 1.5 yrs, 16 kgdw, 1/4" skin, NSM, \$135.50. 416 Mer ewes, 5.5 yrs, 18.4 kgdw, 2.5" skin, SIL B/Leic rams, \$171. 230 Mer wths, 12 mths, 11.9 kgdw, 1.5" skin, \$73.50. 420 Mer wth lmb, 8/9 mths, 10.4 kgdw, 1/4" skin, \$73.50
NSW	Narrabri	230 BL/Mer ewe lmb, 8/9 mths, 18.9 kgdw, 3/4" skin, \$160.50. 225 BL/Mer ewe lmb, 9/10 mths, 23 kgdw, 3/4" skin, \$170.50
NSW	Coonamble	340 BL/Mer m/s lmb, 8/9 mths, 14.1 kgdw, 3/4" skin, \$105.50. 478 Mer ewes, 3 yrs, 17.9 kgdw, 3/4" skin, SIL Mer & B/Leic rams, \$152.50. 275 Mer ewes, 4/5 yrs, 18.5 kgdw, 3/4" skin, SIL Mer & B/Leic rams, \$130. 290 Mer ewes, 6/7 yrs, 19.9 kgdw, 3/4" skin, Depast Mer & B?Leic rams, \$87.210 WSUF/Mer ewes, 13/14 mths, 17.5 kgdw, 2.25" skin, \$111. 780 BL/Mer wth lmb, 6/9 mths, 16.4 kgdw, 1/2" skin, \$111.50. 440 Mer wths, 2 yrs, 21.7 kgdw, 3/4" skin, \$113.50
NSW	Tenterfield	220 Suffx wth lmb, 7/8 mths, 14.6 kgdw, 2" skin, \$105
NSW	Uralla	170 Mer m/s lmb, 8/9 mths, 10.8 kgdw, 1.5" skin, \$77.50. 85 Mer ewes, 2.5 yrs, 16.7 kgdw, 2" skin, Depast Mer rams, \$98. 506 Mer ewes, 4.5/5.5/6.5 yrs, 18.7 kgdw, 1.75" skin, Depast WSuff rams, \$130.50
NSW	Walcha	1,400 (6 lots) Mer ewes, 5.5 yrs, 22.5 kgdw, .25" skin, SIL W/Suff rams, \$145.
NSW	Mudgee	81 Mer ewes, 5.5 yrs, 17.2 kgdw, 1.5" skin, SIL White Dorp rams, \$88. 6 White Dorp/BLM ewes, 2/3 yrs, 23.5 kgdw, 1.75" skin, SIL White Dorp rams, \$120. 225 Mer ewes, 1.5/2.5 yrs, 14 kgdw, .25" skin, NSM, Psd \$80.50
NSW	Nyngan	440 Mer ewes, 5.5/6.5 yrs, 19.8 kgdw, .25" skin, NSM, \$89. 320 B/Leic Merx ewes lmb, 8/9 mths, 13.8 kgdw, 2.5" skin, NSM, \$156.50.

NSW	Bourke	530 Mer ewes, CFA, 17 kgdw, 2.25" skin, SIL Coolalee rams, \$110.50. 375 Mer wths, 1/1.5 yrs, 19.1 kgdw, .25" skin, \$104.
NSW	Wellington	680 Mer wth lmb, 9/10 mths, 15.9 kgdw, 1.25" skin, \$86.
NSW	Goulburn	340 Dohne ewes, 5.5/6.5 yrs, 24.1 kgdw, 1.75" skin, SIL P/Dor rams, \$170.50. 350 Mer ewes, 6 yrs, 18.7 kgdw, 1/2" skin, SIL B/Leic rams, \$110
NSW	Griffith	400 Mer ewes, 3/6 yrs, 22.8 kgdw, 1/2" skin, \$112.50. 140 BL/Mer ewes, 12 mths, 23.1 kgdw, 3" skin, SIL P/Dor rams, \$260
NSW	Narranderra	200 Affrino/Mer ewes, 2 yrs, 27.6 kgdw, .25" skin, SIL P?D rams, Psd \$223.50
NSW	Cooma	445 Mer ewes, 6/7 yrs, 17.9 kgdw, 3/4" skin, 446.9c/\$80. 193 Mer ewes, 1.5 yrs, 17.8 kgdw, 1.25" skin, SIL P/Dor rams, \$181.50.
NSW	Bombala	213 Dor/BLM m/s lmb, 9 mths, 14.7 kgdw, 3/4" skin, %115.
VIC	Mulwala	227 BL/Mer ewes, 12 mths, 22.6 kgdw, 3" skin, SIL WSUFF rams, \$251.50. 172 BL/Mer ewes, 12/13 mths, 24.8 kgdw, 2.5" skin, SIL WSUFF rams, \$250
VIC	Benalla	225 F2/F3 WDORP/Merx ewe lmb, 9,10 mths, 19.1 kgdw, 1.75" skin, NSM, Psd \$155.50. 8 Suff ewe lmb, 11 mths, 19.9 kgdw, 1" skin, \$166.60. 100 WDORP/BL ewes lmb, 10 mths, 21.4 kgdw, 1.25" skin, Psd \$170.50
VIC	Euroa	190 Mer wth lmb, 11 mths, 13.8 kgdw, 1" skin, \$94.50.
VIC	Horsham	262 mer ewes, 5 yrs, 21.8 kgdw, .25" skin, SIL W/Suff rams, Psd \$143.50
SA	Mount Gambier	326 Mer ewes, 6.5 yrs, 19 kgdw, 3/4" skin, SIL Mer rams, \$130.
SA	Kingston SE	380 PD/Mer wth lmb, 7/8 mths, 15.3 kgdw, .25" skin, \$124.50. 700 PD/Mer wth lmb, 7/8 mths, 12.7 kgdw, .25" skin, \$105.50. 280 PD/Mer wth lmb, 7/8 mths, 11 kgdw, .25" skin, \$90.50
SA	Keith	134 Mer ewes, 4 yrs, 18.3 kgdw, 1.25" skin, SIL P/Dor & White Suff rams, Psd \$151. 290 Mer ewes/lmb, 5 yrs, 22.2 kgdw, 2.75" skin, PD & WSUFF lmb at foot or still to lamb, Psd \$210.50
SA	Kapunda	300 WSUFF & P/Dorx m/s lmb, 9/10 mths, 17.3 kgdw, 1.5" skin, \$126.50
SA	Port Lincoln	55 B/Leic ewe lmb, 9 mths, 23.6 kgdw, 2.25" skin, Psd \$205.50. 97 B/Leic ewes, 1.5/2.5 yrs, 30.9 kgdw, 2.25" skin, Depast B/Leic rams, \$250. 67 B/Leic ewes, 3.5/4.5/5.5 yrs, 32.7 kgdw, 2.25" skin, Depast B/Leic rams, Psd \$166
TAS	Cressy	248 Comp m/s lmb, 9/10 mths, 25.7 kgdw, 2" skin, \$158.
TAS	Campbell Town	385 WSUFF/Mer m/s lmb, 8/9 mths, 24.8 kgdw, 1.5" skin, \$153
TAS	Longford	360 WSUFF/Comp x BLM m/s lmb, 8/9 mths, 22.2 kgdw, 1.5" skin, \$144. 203 Mer ewes, CFA, 17.4 kgdw, 1.5" skin, \$90
TAS	Deloraine	181 PD/BLM m/s lmb, 8/9 mths, 21 kgdw, 1.25" skin, \$140.50.
TAS	Ross	290 WSUFF/Mer m/s lmb, 8 mths, 16.6 kgdw, 1.75" skin, \$108.
TAS	Ouse	200 Suff/Mer m/s lmb, 7/8 mths, 15.3 kgdw, 1.5" skin, Psd \$108.50. 171 mer ewes, 5/6 yrs, 17.6 kgdw, .25" skin, Depast B/Leic rams, \$91.50
TAS	Sheffield	365 Mer m/s lmb, 7/8 mths, 9.5 kgdw, 1/2" skin, \$52.50.
TAS	Evandale	192 PD/WSUFF/Comp m/s lmb, 8/9 mths, 25.8 kgdw, 1.25" skin, \$158. 432 PD/WSUFF/Comp m/s lmb, 8/9 mths, 22 kgdw, 1.25" skin, \$142.50
TAS	Swansea	318 Mer wths, mx d age, 19.4 kgdw, 1.75" skin, \$113.50.
TAS	Oatlands	477 Mer wths, 3/5 yrs, 17.3 kgdw, 1.75" skin, \$94.50.
TAS	Hagley	269 Corriedale ewes, 6/7 yrs, 23.5 kgdw, 1/2" skin, \$103.50

