

**AuctionsPlus Pty Ltd.**  
**Market Comments**  
Week ending 03/06/2011

Sheep and lamb numbers, like the market, continued to contract finishing the week with 32,362 head, down 8,000 head on the previous week. Cattle numbers also retreated by 2,000 head finishing the week with 4,653 head.

The sheep and lamb market has been hanging on all week, but interestingly we are still witnessing a good interest in the market with over 200 registered buyers logging into Tuesday's sale. Sadly the passed in rate remains at a high level with vendors prepared to sell if the price is close to their expectations.

A few more wethers were available this week and buyers are now looking at much lighter weights to fill export orders and this is positioning them against strong competition from restockers looking to increase their woolcutters with a line of 1,260 Merino wethers at Walgett, 11/12 months weighing 42kgs liveweight, selling to a South Australian buyer for \$93, with another 1,000 older 20/22 month old 49kgs liveweight wethers also heading to South Australia for \$95.50.

The better end of the Poll Dorset/Merino mixed sex lambs is still achieving \$105/120, so that market is still a good cash generator for the sheep producer. 1st cross ewe lambs at Coonamble 6/9 months and weighing 37kgs liveweight sold for \$145, while Merino ewes 5/7 years, scanned in lamb to Border Leicester rams that were part of the Gnadburo dispersal at Wagga, sold for \$161.

The wool market remains firm, the \$A less volatile and numbers contracting in most markets, so while we have seen another correction this week the outlook would still appear positive.

An increase in buyers has seen today's cattle market achieve a considerably better clearance than previous weeks.

Top quality Droughtmaster cross steers at Cloncurry 9/14 months and weighing 250kgw, sold for 232 c/kg, while their sisters sold for 192.2 c/kg. Hereford cows and calves at Cunnamulla made \$910, while PTIC Angus cows at Inverell sold to \$1,180 and at Captains Flat Angus heifers 20/22 months PTIC sold to \$1,220.

At Tamworth Angus steer weaners weighing 266kgw sold for 250c/\$665, while at Bordertown Angus steers weighing 342kgw were passed in at 231c/\$790.

The Angus Online sale saw PTIC Angus heifers 22/23 months at Deniliquin sell to \$1,275 and Angus weaner heifers at Coonamble weighing 316kgw sell to \$675.

While the events depicted during the Four Corners programme last Monday night have produced enough bad publicity for Australian cattle producers to last a lifetime, the one positive solution that I have read this week was in the email from Beef Central this morning in an article by Jason Nason, who interviewed Dr Mohammed Lotfi of Australian Halal Food Services, a company that specialises in Halal slaughter techniques.

Dr Lotfi stated that "the focal point of Islamic slaughtering is the humane treatment of animals". Dr Lotfi went on to say "that the use of stunning as an animal welfare measure prior to slaughter was an acceptable procedure under Halal slaughtering techniques and the use of non-penetrating Percussive stunning complied with the Halal requirement that the animal

must be alive at the time of slaughter. For this to be determined the animal's heart must be beating when it is slaughtered".

MLA and Livecorp have already invested in the restraining boxes located in these abattoirs, so surely the immediate solution would be to quickly invest in the stunning equipment required, together with the education, training and monitoring (policing) as matter of priority and at our cost. I am sure both country and city dwellers never want to witness the sight of any animal being treated in this manner again, particularly when they have originated from Australia.

## CATTLE

State	Town	Details
QLD	Cooyar	27 AngX, SantaX Strs, 6-9 mths, 213kg, 230c/\$490
QLD	Cunnamulla	61 Her C&C, 10-11 yrs, 432kg, calves 165kg, \$910
QLD	Talwood	53 DMSTR Hfrs, 14-18 mths, 376kg, PTIC Santa, 213c/\$800
QLD	Goondiwindi	64 BlondeX Strs, 7-9 mths, 298kg, 218c/\$650
QLD	Texas	26 PHer Strs, 10-12 mths, 257kg, 239c/\$615; 15 Santa/PHer Strs, 10-12 mths, 278kg 235c/\$655
QLD	Cloncurry	120 DMSTR Strs, 9-14 mths, 249kg, 232c/\$578; 120 DMSTR Hfrs, 9-14 mths, 233kg, 192c/\$448
QLD	Longreach	119 CharX, AngX m/s Wnrs, 5-10 mths, 220kg, passed 196c/\$430
QLD	Biloela	39 Brah Strs, 24-28 mths, 462kg, 170c/\$787; 69 Charb Strs, 24-28 mths, 445kg, 178c/\$790
QLD	Taroom	72 Brah Hfrs, 15-18 mths, 312kg, Unjnd, passed 189c/\$590
QLD	Augathella	84 DMSTR Strs, 15-18 mths, 398kg, passed 182c/\$725
QLD	Charleville	82 DMSTR, Brah Hfrs, 18-24 mths, 388kg, PTIC Brang, 164c/\$640
QLD	Surat	86 R PollX Strs, 18-20 mths, 349kg, 217c/\$758
QLD	Jandowae	70 Brang Hfrs, 24-28 mths, 254kg, PTIC Brang, passed 177c/\$865
NSW	Yetman	47 Charb/Ang, Her/Char Hfrs, 15-17 mths, 361kg PTIC Santa, 207c/\$750
NSW	Glen Innes	42 Ang Cows, 8-10 yrs, 559kg, PTIC Ang, 154c/\$860
NSW	Walgett	54 Ang/Her Cows, 7-9 yrs, 478kg, PTIC Ang, 179c/\$855
NSW	Burren Junction	62 SantaX Cows, 4-6 yrs, 610kg, PTIC Lim, 157c/\$960
NSW	Bundarra	84 Ang Hfrs, 30-33 mths, 478kg, PTIC Ang \$1180; 9 Ang C&C, 30-33 mths, 380kg, CharX calves 60-90kg, \$1305
NSW	Armidale	26 AngX Cows, 3-8 yrs, 438kg, PTIC Ang 187c/\$820
NSW	Coonabarabran	15 Ang Strs, 9-10 mths, 274kg, 233c/\$640; 15 Ang Hfrs, 9-10 mths, 254kg, passed 206c/\$525; 70 SH Strs, 8-9 mths, 234kg, 243c/\$570; 48 SH Hfrs, 7-8 mths, 204kg, 224c/\$455
NSW	Quambone	57 HerX Strs, 7-9 mths, 273kg, 207c/\$565; 74 Ang Strs, 9-10 mths, 359kg, passed 214c/\$770; 42 Ang Strs, 8-9 mths, 272kg, passed 224c/\$610; 78 Ang Hfrs, 9-10 mths, 316kg, Ardrossan bld, 213c/\$675
NSW	Tamworth	32 Her, Her/Sh C&C, 8-11 yrs, 546kg, 32 GelbX CAF, unjnd passed \$950;
NSW	Bendemeer	40 Ang Strs, 9-10 mths, 267kg, 249c/\$665; 42 Ang Hfrs, 9-10 mths, 243kg 225c/\$550; 39 Ang, AngX Strs, 7-9 mths, 297kg, 225c/\$670
NSW	Walcha	30 Ang Cows, 4-8 yrs, 662kg, PTIC Ang \$1315; 20 Ang/Her Cows, 32-34 mths, 487kg, PTIC Ang, \$1150; 40 Ang Cows, 4 yrs, 493kg, PTIC Ang, \$1280; 38 Ang Cows, 4 yrs, 516kg, PTIC Ang, \$1270
NSW	Mendooran	48 Ang Strs, 10-11 mths, 290kg, 238c/\$690; 32 Ang Hfrs, 10-11 mths, 284kg, passed 199c/\$565
NSW	Quirindi	24 Her Strs, 8-9 mths, 246kg 230c/\$565; 26 Her Hfrs, 8-9 mths,

		253kg, 211c/\$535
NSW	Scone	54 AngX m/s Wnrs, 4-8 mths, 189kg, passed 222c/\$420
NSW	Denman	30 Ang C&C, 3-7 yrs, 508kg, Ang calves 111kg, Unjnd, \$1500
NSW	Broken Hill	84 Her Strs, 10-18 mths, 437kg, 190c/\$830; 75 Her Cows, 4-10 yrs, 600kg, PTIC Her, 158c/\$950
NSW	Goulburn	20 Her/Ang Cows, 8yrs, 632kg, PTIC Ang, \$1025; 40 Ang Cows, 8yrs, 606kg, PTIC Ang, \$1255
NSW	Ivanhoe	112 SH/DMSTR, Brah Strs, 10-16 mths, 277kg, 184c/\$510
NSW	Wentworth	57 SHX Cows, 2-6 yrs, 366kg, PTIC Ang, SH, 198c/\$725
NSW	Gundaroo	28 Ang, Ang/Her Hfrs, 18-22 mths, 395kg, PTIC Ang, passed 214c/\$955
NSW	Hay	100 DMSTR X Hfrs, 15-22 mths, 407kg PTIC Ang, 206c/\$840
NSW	Wagga Wagga	24 Ang Cows, 5-7 yrs, 538kg, PTIC Ang, \$1215
NSW	Queenbeyan	108 Ang Hfrs, 20-22 mths, 481kg, PTIC Ang \$1220; 55 Ang Hfrs, 20-22 mths, 424kg, PTIC Ang, \$1210; 9 Ang Cows, 9yrs, 653kg, PTIC Ang,\$1140 ; 54 Ang Cows, 8yrs, 683kg, PTIC Ang, \$1355; 31 Ang Cows, 31-45 mths, 565kg, PTIC Ang \$1360
NSW	Braidwood	50 Ang/Gelb Strs, 8-9 mths, 335kg, 224c; 37 Ang/Gelb Hfrs, 8-9 mths, 273kg, 213c/\$595
NSW	Deniliquin	44 Ang Hfrs, 22-23 mths, 567kg, PTIC Ang, \$1275; 44 Ang Hfrs, 22-23 mths, 535kg, PTIC Ang, \$1170; 44 Ang Hfrs, 22-23 mths, 553kg, PTIC Ang, passed \$1270; 43 Ang Hfrs, 22-23 mths, 533kg, PTIC Ang, \$1175
NSW	Finley	49 Ang Strs, 9-10 mths, 347kg, 213c/\$740; 14 Ang Strs, 9-10 mths, 297kg, 227c/\$675
NSW	Holbrook	36 Ang/Her Cows, 3-8 yrs, 514kg, PTIC Ang, passed 151c/\$775
NSW	Cooma	32 Her Hfrs, 21-22 mths, 493kg, PTIC Ang, \$1125
VIC	Echuca	32 Ang Hfrs, 9-10 mths, 323kg, Merridale bld, passed 210c/\$680; 22 Ang Hfrs, 8-9 mths, 271kg, merridale bld, passed 223c/\$605
VIC	Coleraine	47 Ang Hfrs, 20-21 mths, 437kg, PTIC Ang, passed 234c/\$1025
SA	Bordertown	58 Ang Strs, 9-12 mths, 288kg, 248c/\$715

## SHEEP

State	Town	Details
QLD	Blackall	160 Mer Ewes, 2-6yrs, 18.2 kgdw, 2" skin, Jnd, 12 BL X LAF, passed \$83.50
QLD	Wyandra	440 Mer Wth Imbs, 9-10 mths, 11.7 kgdw, 1/4" skin, Lansdowne bld, \$61:50; 220 Mer Wths, 2-5yrs, 20.7 kgdw, 1/4" skin, \$96.50
QLD	Dirranbandi	500 Dors/Mer m/s Imbs, 8-9 mths, 16.5 kgdw, 1" skin, \$118; 100 Dors/Mer m/s lambs, 8-9 mths, 11.1 kgdw, 1" skin, \$69.50
QLD	Thallon	750 WS/Mer m/s lambs, 8-9 mths, 16.6 kgdw, 3/4" skin, \$100
QLD	Mungindi	480 Mer Wths, 2-3yrs, 17.9 kgdw, 1/4" skin, Mt ascot bld, \$90; 460 WSuf/Mer m/s lambs, 8-9 mths, 14.7 kgdw, 1/2" skin, \$105
NSW	Uralla	169 Mer Ewes, 4-6yrs, 16.9 kgdw, 1.5" skin, Jnd Mer, passed \$99.50
NSW	Tamworth	116 Dorp/Mer Ewes, 5-6yrs, 28 kgdw, 1" skin, PD X LAF, \$181
NSW	Walcha	240 Mer Ewes, 4-9yrs, 21.7 kgdw, 2" skin, SIL WS, \$128
NSW	Boggabri	50 W Dorp Ewes, 12-14 mths, 24 kgdw, Unjnd, passed \$150
NSW	Coonamble	1500 BL/Mer Ewe lambs, 8-10 mths, 15 kgdw, 3/4" skin, \$145
NSW	Warren	495 WS/Mer m/s lambs, 7-8 mths, 16.4 kgdw, 3/4" skin, \$117
NSW	Gilgandra	110 Mer Ewes, 5-6yrs, 18 kgdw, 2" skin, SIL WS, \$130
NSW	Trangie	900 BL/Mer Ewe lambs 11-12 mths, 21 kgdw, 1/4" skin, Westray & Glen Oak bld, passed \$181
NSW	Mudgee	134 Mer Ewes, CFA, 22.7 kgdw, 1" skin, SIL PD, \$123.50
NSW	West Wyalong	405 Mer Wths 12-13 mths, 19.1 kgdw, 1" skin, Haddon Rig bld, \$116; 420 Mer Wth lambs, 10-11 mths, 13 kgdw, 2" skin, Laurel

		Park bld, \$87
NSW	Cowra	220 Mer Ewes, CFA, 20.1 kgdw, 1/4" skin, SIL, \$124; 235 Mer Ewes, 2-3 yrs, 17.9 kgdw, 1/4" skin, SIL, \$172.50
NSW	Boorowa	188 WSuf/Mer Ewes, 21-22 mths, 27.4 kgdw, 3/4" skin, Unjnd, passed \$138.50;
NSW	Harden	432 Mer Ewes, 4-7 yrs, 21.4 kgdw, 1/2" skin, unjnd, \$92.50; 330 Mer Ewes, 5-6 yrs, 21.3 kgdw, 1.75" skin, 446c/ \$95; 335 Comp/Mer Ewes, 4-6 yrs, 1.75" skin, 29.3 kgdw, 410c/ \$120
NSW	Goulburn	580 Mer Wths, 2 yrs, 18.9 kgdw, 1/2" skin, \$116.50
NSW	Deniliquin	250 Dohn/Mer Ewe lambs, 7-10 mths, 11.3 kgdw, 1/4" skin, \$97.50
NSW	Wagga Wagga	129 Mer Ewes, 3-6 yrs, 22.2 kgdw, 1" skin, SIL sgl, \$158; 93 Mer Ewes, 3-6 yrs, 22.2 kgdw, 1" skin, SIL twin, \$218.50; 126 Mer Ewes, 5-7yrs, 23.3 kgdw, 2" skin, SIL sgl, \$161; 96 Mer Ewes, 5-7yrs, 24 kgdw, 2" skin, SIL twin, \$187.50
NSW	Holbrook	52 LPro Mat Ewes, 2-4yrs, 21.5 kgdw, 2.25" skin, SIL, \$160; 259 2ndX LPro Mat Ewe lambs, 8-9 mths, 18.5 kgdw, 2.25" skin, \$170.50; 220 Mer Ewes, 5-6 yrs, 20.2 kgdw, 1/4" skin, SIL, \$143; 560 Mer Ewes, 5-6 yrs, 19.3 kgdw, 1/4" skin, SIL, \$142
NSW	Jindabyne	328 Mer Wth lambs, 7 mths, 12.3 kgdw, 2.25" skin, \$106; 170 BL/Mer Ewe lambs, 7 mths, 16.3 kgdw, 1.75" skin, \$140
NSW	Walgett	1260 Mer Wth lambs, 11-12 mths, 16.3 kgdw, 1.25" skin, Merryanbone bld, \$93; 1000 Mer Wths, 20-22 mths, 19.2 kgdw, 1/2" skin, Bonanza bld, \$95.50; 265 W Dorp/Mer Ewe lambs, 8-9 mths, 15.7 kgdw, 2" skin, passed \$117
NSW	Bingara	13 W Dorp Ram lambs, 6-7 mths, 23.9 kgdw, 1/4" skin, Bellevue bld, \$413
NSW	Guyra	90 BL/Mer Ewes, 2yrs, 22.7 kgdw, 2.25" skin, SIL PD, \$210
VIC	Elmore	123 Dorp/Dam Ewes, 3-5yrs, 25.5 kgdw, 1" skin, 168 DorpX LAF, \$220
VIC	Horsham	126 W Dorp Ewes, 12-13 mths, 21.9 kgdw, bare shn, SIL, \$220; 75 W Dorp Ewes, mxd age, 30.7 kgdw, 3/4" skin, SIL, \$160
VIC	Casterton	260 Dorp Ewe lambs, 10-11 mths, 19.7 kgdw, 2" skin, Jnd, \$270; 88 Dorp Ewe lambs, 10-11 mths, 18.3 kgdw, 2" skin, SIL, \$226, 90 Dorp Ewe lambs, 10-11mths, 17.9 kgdw 1/4" skin, Jnd, \$186
SA	Millicent	75 2ndX Dorp Ewe lambs, 10 mths, 16.6 kgdw, 1/2" skin, Jnd, passed \$199.50; 135 2ndX Dorp Ewe lambs, 10 mths, 16.7 kgdw, 1/2" skin, Jnd, passed \$175.50; 40 2ndX Dorp Ewe lambs, 10 mths, 16.5 kgdw, 1/2" skin, Jnd, passed \$146
SA	Warooka	229 Mer Ewes, mxd age, 26.9 kgdw, 3" skin, 237 Mer LAF \$190; 97 Mer Ewes, mxd age, 24.6 kgdw, 3" skin, 111 SuffX LAF, \$196
SA	Clare	79 Dohne Ewes, 12 mths, 20.8 kg, 3/4" skin, Unjnd, \$250
TAS	Latrobe	130 WS/Mer, PD/Mer m/s lambs, 9mths, 21.9 kgdw, 1.75" skin, 639c/\$140; 2ndX Comp m/s lambs, 9 mths, 21.5 kgdw, 1.75" skin 628c/\$135
TAS	Deloraine	107 2ndX PD, 2ndX SthDwn m/s lambs, 8-9 mths, 19.7 kgdw, 1.25" skin, \$130.50
TAS	Launceston	113 2ndX Comp m/s lambs, 8-9 mths, 15.6 kgdw, 3/8" skin, \$118.50; 144 Hamp/Mer m/s lambs 8-9 mths, 15.5 kgdw, 1" skin, \$111.50
TAS	Longford	172 2ndX PD m/s lambs, 9-10 mths, 24.8 kgdw, 1.5", 627c/\$155.50
TAS	St Marys	219 2ndX WS m/s lambs 8-9 mths, 21.9 kgdw, 1" skin, 639c/\$140
TAS	Campbell Town	231 Mer Ewes, 2-7 yrs, 16.8 kgdw, 3/4" skin, 518c/\$87
TAS	Ross	562 WS/Mer m/s lambs 8-9 mths, 22.8 kgdw, 2" skin, 614c/\$140
TAS	Oatlands	132 BL/Mer Wth lambs, 8 mths, 12.4 kgdw, 1" skin, \$92; 71 Suff/Mer m/s lambs, 8 mths, 12.8 kg, 3/4" skin, \$101.50; 34 Mer Ewes, 12 mths, 17.5 kgdw, 2.5" skin, Lowick bld, passed \$120.50
TAS	Port Arthur	170 2ndX PD m/s lambs, 10 mths, 20.8 kgdw, 1.75" skin, \$130