AuctionsPlus Pty Ltd. Market Comments Week ending 19/08/2011

Continuing rain this week has kept our numbers tight. Sheep and lamb numbers were on par with last week, finishing at 26,705 head. Cattle numbers were also steady at 3,048 head.

Tuesday's sheep market started slowly, but picked up some momentum toward the end of the sale, while Thursday's sale showed less activity with greatly reduced numbers being catalogued. Most classes remained fairly firm, but a little more interest for young unjoined ewes this week, with Border Leicester/Merinos out of Dungowan making \$182.50, and Merinos ewes at Brewarrina making \$157.50. Merino wether lambs were struggling to break through the \$80 barrier this week. Heavy wethers were scarce, though a well timed absence with no activity from our regular export buyers this week, who were awaiting a decision on the sheep in Adelaide port.

The recent rain gave the cattle sale a boost today, achieving excellent clearance rates with 242 users connecting to the Eastern States sale, and the increased interest was particularly evident for quality females. A run of 7 year old Angus cows at Coolah in calf to Angus bulls made \$1205 - beating the 8 year olds from the same vendor that sold two weeks ago by \$340. 2 year old Black Baldy heifers at Coonamble with Angus cross calves at foot received strong competition to sell for \$1505. In the young cattle market, Angus weaner steers were consistently above the 240c/kg mark. In Longreach, yearling Droughtmaster steers made to 223c/\$612 for the younger draft weighing 274kg,

with the older portion at 385kg made 192c/\$739.

Our first Wooltradeplus Auction was held on 16th August and 9 different brokers contributed 1101 bales/ 192 lots, of which 396 bales or 36 percent were re-offered from previous auctions with most having optimistic reserves. 12 Buyers participated and most of them had placed limit bids before the sale commencement making the 3 auctions run in under 20 minutes each . The market was not in our favour and the Eastern Market Indicator fell 25c but we managed to sell 243 bales from around the country.

Lempriere Australia was the top buyer with 25 lots/114 bales whilst Australian Wool Network led the way for brokers with 312 bales offered. This new system is a great new tool for growers as it compliments current selling methods and offers something new and innovative for growers to participate in.

CATTLE

State	Town	Details
QLD	Longreach	76 DMSTR Strs, 14-17 mths, 274kg, 223c/\$612; 128 DMSTR Strs, 15-20 mths, 339kg, 197c/\$667; 9 DMSTRX Strs, 16-21 mths, 310kg, 170c/\$528; 112 DMSTR Strs, 17-21 mths, 385kg, 192c/\$739; 70 DMSTR Hfrs, 14-17 mths, 285kg, Unjnd, 179c/\$509; 56 DMSTR Hfrs, 16-21 mths, 329kg, Unjnd, 181c/\$597; 11 DMSTRX Hfrs, 16-21 mths, 315kg, Unjnd, 160c/\$505

QLD	Theodore	90 XB Strs, 5-8 mths, 215kg, 209c/\$450					
QLD	Mitchell	100 DMSTRX Strs, 6-10 mths, 263kg, 230c/\$605					
NSW	Tamworth	40 Ang/Simm Strs, 10-11 mths, 294kg, 228c/\$670; 37 Ang Strs, 10-11 mths, 286kg, 241c/\$690					
NSW	Coolah	184 Ang Cows, 7-8 yrs, 505kg, PTIC Ang, \$1205					
NSW	Gloucester	72 DMSTRX Hfrs, 6-10 mths, 196kg, 219c/\$430					
NSW	Mudgee	37 LimX Hfrs, 10-12 mths, 264kg, 234c/\$616; 27 LimX Strs, 10-12 mths, 264kg, 231c/\$610					
NSW	Cowra	9 Char Strs, 10-14 mths, 301kg, 201c/\$605; 29 SH Strs, 10-14 mths, 293kg, 205c/\$600					
NSW	Goulburn	31 Ang Hfrs, 23-32 mths, 376kg, PTIC Ang, \$770; 23 Her Cows, 3-8 yrs, 490kg, PTIC Ang, \$750; 15 AngX Cows, 3-8 yrs, 489kg, PTIC Ang, \$750; 79 Ang Cows, 6 yrs, 514kg, PTIC Ang, \$885					
NSW	Warialda	56 XB Strs, 10-16 mths, 293kg, 205c/\$600; 58 AngX Hfrs, 10-12 mths, 324kg, 196c/\$635					
NSW	Uralla	31 Ang Cows, 6-12 yrs, 506kg, PTIC Ang, \$755					
NSW	Broken Hill	100 SH/Santa/DMSTR/Brah m/s clvs, 408 mths, 178kg, 196c/ $\$350$; 41 XB Cows 2-7 yrs, 411kg, PTIC Santa, $\$550$					
NSW	Girilambone	38 Ang/Brang Hfrs, 6-9 mths, 285kg, 200c/\$570; 28 SH/Santa/DMSTR m/s wnrs, 6-9 mths, 244kg, 184c/\$450					
NSW	Coonamble	64 Her Strs, 10-12 mths, 246kg, 228c/\$560; 67 Ang Strs, 11-12 mths, 299kg, 244c/\$730; 65 Ang Hfrs, 12-15 mths, 275kg, Unjnd, Outwest bld, 224c/\$615; 79 Ang Strs, 12-15 mths, 316kg, 242c/\$765; 53 Ang Strs, 12-15 mths, 259kg, 268c/\$692; 21 Ang C&C, 4-10 yrs, 512kg, Jnd Ang, Ang CAF, \$1000; 57 Ang/Her C&C, 2 yrs, 375kg, Unjnd, 56 Ang CAF Avg 52kg, \$1505					
SA	Coonalpyn	45 XB C&C, 5-10 yrs, 503kg, Unjnd, 45 CAF Avg 70kg, \$1065					
SA	Kingston	83 SH Strs, 12-16 mths, 322kg, 198c/\$638					
WA	Pemberton	20 Ang m/s Vlrs, 6-7 mths, 145 kgdw, 410c cwt/\$589; 18 AngX m/s Vlrs, 4-6 mths, 118 kgdw, 388c cwt/\$451; 55 HerX m/s Ylgs, 14-19 mths, 247 kgdw, 439c cwt/\$1086; 35 Ang/MG Cows, 4-10 yrs, 585kg, Unjnd, 254c/\$712; 3 Ang/Her Cows, 3-10 yrs, 571kg, 241c/\$676; 2 Ang/Limo Bulls, 7 yrs, 598 kgdw, 205c/\$1222					
WA	Manjimup	3 Ang C/C, 4-6 yrs, 559kg, 3 Ang CAF, avg 79kg, \$1000					

SHEEP

State	Town	Details			
QLD	Manilla	318 WS/Mer Ewe lambs, 10-11 mths, 22.3 kgdw, 2" skin, \$148			
QLD	Winton	1550 Mer Ewes, 6 yrs, 18.6 kgdw, 1/4" skin, unjnd, 322c/\$60			
QLD	Longreach	670 Mer Wth lambs, 8-9 mths, 12.6 kgdw, 2.5" skin, Portland Downs bld, \$75; 544 Mer Ewe lambs, 8-9 mths, 11.8 kgdw, 2.75" skin, Portland Downs bld, \$92.50			
QLD	Charleville	420 Mer Wth lambs, 11-12 mths, 15.5 kgdw, 3/4" skin, passed \$74			
QLD	Tara	335 Mer Ewes, 2-5 yrs, 18.1 kgdw, 1/4" skin, SIL WS, \$125.50; 107 Mer Ewes, 6-7 yrs, 16.1 kgdw, 1/4" skin, SIL WS, \$86			
QLD	Goondiwindi	116 Mer Ewes, 2-3 yrs, 19.8 kgdw, 2" skin, Unjnd, \$120; 106 Mer Ewes, 6 yrs, 16.3 kgdw, 3/4" skin, SIL WD, \$90			
NSW	Coonamble	725 Mer Wth lambs, 12-13 mths, 11.9 kgdw, 1" skin, Haddon Rig bld, \$70			
NSW	Barradine	175 Gromark/Mer Ewe lambs, 12-13 mths, 16 kgdw, 1/4" skin, passed \$116.50			

NSW	Gunnedah	115 Dors/Mer Ewes, 5-6 yrs, 22.9 kgdw, 2.75" skin, 111 WS LAF Avg 25.9kg, \$161.50				
NSW	Dungowan	300 BL/Mer Ewes, 13-14 mths, 21.4 kgdw, 1.25" skin, Unjnd, \$182.50				
NSW	Broken Hill	645 Mer Ewes, 3-6 yrs, 25.5 kgdw, 1" skin, Jnd Suff & WS, \$110.50				
NSW	Trangie	336 Mer Ewe lambs, 10-11 mths, 15.2 kgdw, 1" skin, Merryanbone Bld, \$151.50 216 WD/Mer Ewe lambs, 9-10 mths, 23.6 kgdw, 1.25" skin, \$110; 150 BL/Mer Ewes, 13 mths, 28.7 kgdw, 2.25" skin, Unjnd, \$155.50				
NSW	Dunedoo	385 Mer Wth lambs, 11-12 mths, 15 kgdw, 1" skin, Pemcaw/Cassilis park bld, passed $$81$				
NSW	Narromine	130 WS/Mer Ewe lambs, 11 mths, 20.8 kgdw, 1.75" skin, \$112.50				
NSW	Wellington	410 Mer Ewes, 6 yrs, 17.1 kgdw, 1/2" skin, SIL WS, \$108.50				
NSW	Lake Cragelligo	430 Mer Ewes, CFA, 28.6 kgdw, 1/4" skin, 367c/\$105				
NSW	Condobolin	670 Dors/Mer m/s lambs, 3-4 mths, 14.6 kgdw, 3/4" skin, \$101				
NSW	Bathurst	665 WS/Mer Ewes, 12-13 mths, 19.8 kgdw, 2.75" skin, SIL WS (sgl), \$156; 310 WS/Mer Ewes, 12-13 mths, 23 kgdw, 2.75" skin, SIL WS (twin), \$175.50; 150 BL/Mer Ewe lambs, 10-11 mths, 18.6 kgdw, bare shn, \$161				
NSW	Cootamundra	500 Comp m/s lambs, 4-5 mths, 15.5 kgdw, 1.5" skin, passed \$106				
NSW	Wentworth	262 Mer Ewes, 6-8 yrs, 23.4 kgdw, 1/2" skin, SIL SAMM, \$114.50; 223 Mer Ewes, 2-4 yrs, 24.4 kgdw, 1/2" skin, SIL SAMM, \$152				
NSW	Young	345 WS/Mer Wth lambs, 3 mths, 9.6 kgdw, 1/2" skin, \$83.50; 220 2ndX Dohne Ewes, 3-7 yrs, 26.2 kgdw, 2" skin, SIL PD, \$140; 130 2ndX Dohne Ewes, 3-6 yrs, 25.8 kgdw, 1.25" skin, SIL PD, \$140; 460 Mer Wth lambs, 11-12 mths, 16.5 kgdw, 2" skin, Egalabra bld, \$88				
NSW	Coolamon	150 BL/Mer Ewes, 5-6 yrs, 25.4 kgdw, 1/4" skin, Unjnd, \$145.50				
NSW	Jugiong	420 Mer Ewe lambs, 11-12 mths, 3/4" skin, Hazeldean bld, \$117				
NSW	Yass	300 Mer Ewe lambs, 10-11 mths, 11.3 kgdw, 1/4" skin, Merryville bld \$115				
NSW	Henty	134 Coop/Mer Ewe lambs, 9 mths, 22.7 kgdw, 1/4" skin, \$135; 227 Coop/Mer Ewe lambs, 12 mths, 1/4" skin, \$167				
NSW	Moama	310 Mer Ewes, 2-3 yrs, 19.5 kgdw, 1.25" skin, Jnd Dors & WD, \$145.50				
NSW	Ashford	592 Mer Ewes, 5-6 yrs, 15.7 kgdw, 2.5" skin, Jnd Mer, \$130; 230 Mer Ewes, CFA 14.3 kgdw, 2.5" skin, Jnd Mer, passed \$99				
NSW	Brewarrina	357 Mer Ewes, 12-13 mths, 15.5 kgdw, 2" skin, Unjnd, \$157.50				
NSW	Walgett	305 Mer Ewes, 6 yrs, 19.2 kgdw, 1/2" skin, SIL Mer, Egelabra bld, \$99.50				
VIC	Wangaratta	134 Mer Wth lambs, 11-12 mths, 16.4 kgdw, 1.5" skin, \$88; 177 Mer Wths, 14 mths, 12.7 kgdw, $3/4$ " skin, Borambil bld, \$75.50				
SA	Eudunda	250 WS/Mer m/s lambs, 3 mths, 14.4 kgdw, 1.5" skin, \$95				
TAS	Bridport	125 MerX Ewes, 3-8 yrs, 25.1 kgdw, 1" skin, 311c/\$78; 170 Mer Ewes, 3-8 yrs, 18.5 kgdw, 3/4" skin, 421c/\$78				
TAS	Longford	285 Mer Wth lambs, 17.6 kgdw, 1.75" skin, 511c/\$90				
TAS	Evandale	98 Mer Wths, 3-7 yrs, 17.4 kgdw, 3/4" skin, 385c/\$67				
TAS	St Marys	326 WSX m/s lambs, 11 mths, 16.3 kgdw, 1.5" skin, 537c/\$87.50				
TAS	Conara	460 Mer Ewes, CFA, 21.1 kgdw, 1.25" skin, 434c/\$91.50				
TAS	Campbell Town	232 Mer Wth lambs, 11-12 mths, 11.1 kgdw, 2.25" skin, \$55.50				
TAS	Bothwell	86 Mer Rams, 2-3 yrs, 21.9 kgdw, 1" skin, passed 320c/\$70; 123 Mer Ewes, 4-6 yrs, 17.1 kgdw, 1.25" skin, 436c/\$74.50				