Sheep and lamb numbers finished at 23,185 head, marginally down on last week.

Stronger demand is building from the southern/wetter areas of Australia, particularly for young Merino wethers and joined Merino ewes. Older lambs that are reaching the year of age are starting to struggle to find processors. Once again we are seeing very strong demand for 1st and 2nd cross store lambs right down to Tasmania, surely a sign of a good season and restricted numbers available. An example being 265 Dorset and Composite 2nd cross lambs at Wangaratta weighing 30.5kg, carrying a 1.5" skin sold for \$106, while 490 1st cross mixed sex lambs near Ballarat weighing 29.7kg, unshorn sold for \$114.

Also in Victoria, 450 Merino wethers 39.3kg, with a 2" skin sold for \$103. Processor sheep are still fairly scarce but we did see 960 merino wethers at Bourke estimated to dress 30kg and with a $\frac{3}{4}$ "skin sell for 429.2c/kg or \$128.75/hd including skin value. The wool market also had a better week with rises averaging 24/30 cents.

The smell of rain definitely livened up the cattle sales for the week with numbers rising slightly to finish at 4903 head. Increased buyer numbers ensured a great result with clearances definitely improving; let's hope a follow up fall for all those who missed out again is not too far away. Starting in the north at Longreach, 78 predominately Santa cross heifers weighing 452kg, 15/22 months, PTIC to Santa bulls sold for \$785.

Further south at Blackall, 110 Hereford cross steer weaners, weighing 223kg, 5/8 months, sold for \$552 or 248c/kg, and their sisters weighing 216kg sold for \$488 or 226c/kg. Today's sale included a draft of cows from Swan Hill Cattle Company from the Blackall area and 20 Santa Gertrudis cows weighing 606kgs, 7 to 13 years, PTIC to Santa, Red Angus and Charolais bulls made \$925, while 9 younger cows weighing 650kgs sold for \$1,140.

Another line of 43 Santa cross cows from the same property, 621kgs, 3/13 years, PTIC, sold for \$925. Feeder steers were also stronger today seeing 58 Angus and Angus cross steers near Armidale, weighing 358kg, 15/16 months, sold for \$845 or 236c/kg. 100 Angus NSM heifers in the nearby district, 308kgs, 11/12 months, being very good quality sold for \$780 or 253c/kg for future breeders. 100 Brahman composite cows and calves at Bourke with cows weighing 428kgs, 4/6 years and calves averaging 67kg at foot sold for \$950. 32 Poll Shorthorn heifers at Molong, based on Sprys genetics, weighing 347kgs, sold for \$770 or 222c/kg.

The market in WA was stronger with yearling mixed sexes selling for 430c/kg to strong processor competition.

Wool producers wanting to sell their wool electronically should talk to their broker about offering on WooltradePlus, our weekly wool auction.

CATTLE

State	Town	Details
QLD	Dirranbandi	82 Ang Hfrs, 19-22 mths, 334kg, Unjnd, 210C/\$700
QLD	Bungunya	63 Ang Strs, 12-14 mths, 328kg, 242C/\$792; 17 Ang Hfrs, 12-14 mths, 283kg, 211C/\$596
QLD	Inglewood	140 Ang Hfrs, 21-23 mths, 347kg, PTIC Ang, passed \$880
QLD	Richmond	12 Longh Cows, 4-5 yrs, 429kg, Jnd Longh, passed \$555
QLD	Longreach	78 XB Hfrs, 15-22 mths, 452kg, PTIC Santa, \$785
QLD	Alpha	69 Brang & Simb Hfrs, 8-14 mths, 301kg, Jnd Brah & Ang, \$555; 31 Brang & Simb Hfrs, 14-26 mths, 444kg, PTIC, 8 CAF Avg 110kg, passed \$770
QLD	Capella	56 Santa Hfrs, 16-28 mths, 343kg, PTIC, \$705
QLD	Duaringa	128 Brang & Brah Strs, 18-22 mths, 324kg, 199c/\$644; 64 Brang & Brah Strs, 18-22 mths, 311kg, 163c/\$507
QLD	Blackall	75 Her Strs, 5-7 mths, 185kg, 276c/\$509; 110 Her Strs, 5-8 mths, 223kg, 248c/\$552; 88 Her Hfrs, 5-7 mths, 176kg, 225c/\$395; 126 Her & Brang/Her Hfrs, 5-8 mths, 216kg, 226c/\$488; 20 Santa Cows, 7-14 yrs, 607kg, PTIC Santa, Ang, Char, passed \$925; 9 Santa Cows, 4-7 yrs, 651kg, PTIC Santa, R/Ang, R/Char, \$1140; 43 Santa & R/Ang Cows, 3-13 yrs, 621kg, PTIC Santa, R/Ang, Char,\$925; 7 Santa C&C, 5-14 yrs, 599kg, Unjnd, Santa, R/Ang, Char CAF Avg 62kg, passed \$1040; 17 Santa, R/Ang C&C, 4-14 yrs, 558kg, Unjnd, Santa, R/Ang CAF Avg 77kg, \$1000
QLD	Mitchell	110 SantaX Strs, 6-10 mths, 269kg, 242C/\$650; 154 Brah Cows, 2-12 yrs, 412kg, Unjnd, 141c/\$580
QLD	Roma	65 Charb/Char Strs, 8-11 mths, 261kg,233C/\$608 ; 90 XB Strs, 8-11 mths, 254kg, 248C/\$630 ; 97 XB Strs, 8-11 mths, 259kg, 236C/\$610; 82 Brah & BrahX Strs, 8-11 mths, 260kg, 193C/\$500;76 Char/Char Hfrs, 8-11 mths, 240kg, 213C/\$512;116 XB Hfrs, 8-11 mths, 240kg, 218C/\$525; 62 XB Hfrs, 8-11 mths, 244kg, 194C/\$473; 52 Brah & BrahX Hfrs, 8-11 mths, 224kg, 188C/\$420
NSW	Boggabilla	90 BrahX Cows, 6-7 yrs, 460kg, Unjnd, passed \$1095
NSW	Goodooga	75 Wag C&C, 2-11 yrs, 383kg, Jnd, 26 Wag & Ang CAF Avg 100kg, \$650
NSW	Deepwater	19 Ang C&C, 24-25 mths, 415kg, Unjnd, Ang CAF, \$1600
NSW	Warialda	80 XB Strs, 12-16 mths, 259kg, /241c\$625 ; 65 XB Hfrs, 12-16 mths, 267kg, Unjnd, 204c/\$545
NSW	Delungra	35 Ang Strs, 11-12 mths, 307kg, 246c/\$755; 50 Ang Hfrs, 11-12 mths, 322kg, 219c/\$705; 46 Ang Hfrs, 10-11 mths, 272kg, 233c/\$635
NSW	Inverell	66 CharX Hfrs, 14-18 mths, 318kg, Unjnd, 219c/\$695; 38 SantaX Hfrs, 12-16 mths, 290kg, Unjnd, 210c/\$610
NSW	Glen Innes	77 Ang Strs, 7-11 mths, 239kg,293c\$700 ; 28 Ang Strs, 7-11 mths, 187kg, 296c/\$555; 23 XB Strs, 7-11 mths, 266kg, 245c/\$650; 23 BrahX Strs, 9-14 mths, 260kg, 233c/\$605; 28 Comp Strs, 9-14 mths, 264kg, passed 240c/\$635; 54 XB Hfrs, 9-14 mths, 249kg, passed 205c/\$510; 22 Ang Hfrs, 20-24 mths, 483kg, PTIC Ang, \$980
NSW	Bourke	65 XB m/s Ylgs, 6-14 mths, 253kg, 210c/\$530; 50 BrahX & XB C&C, 4-6 yrs, 428kg, Jnd Her, Ang CAF Avg 67kg, \$950; 50 BrahX & XB C&C, 4-6 yrs, 415kg, Jnd Her, Ang CAF Avg 72kg, \$950
NSW	Wee Waa	48 SH Hfrs, 22-24 mths, 417kg, PTIC Ang, \$980
NSW	Barraba	39 Ang & XB Strs, 12-14 mths, 315kg, 237c/\$745
NSW	Bundarra	100 Ang Hfrs, 11-12 mths, 308kg 253c/\$780
NSW	Armidale	58 Ang & Ang/Her Strs, 15-16 mths, 359kg 236c/\$845; 29 SH/Her Strs, 7-9

		mths, 232kg, passed 255c/\$590; 12 AngX Strs, 7-9 mths, 244kg, passed 253c/\$615
NSW	Barradine	42 AngX C&C, 2-10 yrs, 431kg, Jnd Ang, 41 Ang CAF, \$975
NSW	Gunnedah	45 Her Cows, 3-6 yrs, 461kg, PTIC Char, \$880; 26 Her Cows, 7-9 yrs, 488kg, PTIC Char, \$700
NSW	Walcha	60 Ang Hfrs, 9-12 mths, 241kg, 226c/\$545
NSW	Coonabarabran	18 Ang, Ang/Her, Her C&C, 2-4 yrs, 393kg, Unjnd, 18 Ang CAF, \$1110; 26 Dev Hfrs, 11-14 mths, 201kg, 202c/\$405; 31 Char/Dev Hfrs, 11-14 mths, 228kg, 235c/\$535
NSW	Cobar	44 HerX C&C, 3 yrs, 429kg, Jnd Ang, 44 Ang CAF Avg 161kg, passed \$1290
NSW	Warren	35 XB Hfrs, 16-20 mths, 330kg, PTIC Her & Ang, passed \$830
NSW	Tooraweenah	56 Ang m/s Wnrs, 7-9 mths, 200kg, 262c/\$525
NSW	Binnaway	41 Santa/Ang C&C, 5-8 yrs, 525kg, Unjnd, Char CAF, \$1330; 37 Ang & AngX C&C, 5-8 yrs, 523kg, Unjnd, Char CAF, \$1325
NSW	Quirindi	22 AngX Strs, 12-13 mths, 335kg, 240c/\$805
NSW	Nundle	64 SH Hfrs, 9-12 mths, 207kg, 252c/\$520; 48 SH Hfrs, 6-10 mths, 164kg, 265c/\$435
NSW	Narromine	40 Ang C&C, 23-25 mths, 407kg, Unjnd, 40 Ang CAF, \$1530
NSW	Merriwa	53 Ang Strs, 12-14 mths, 334kg, 230c/\$770; 31 Ang Hfrs, 12-14 mths, 301kg, 208c/\$625
NSW	Muswellbrook	24 Ang Strs, 10-11 mths, 290kg, 230c/\$665; 33 Ang Hfrs, 10-11 mths, 280kg, passed 211c/\$590
NSW	Singleton	23 Ang C&C, 34-36 mths, 424kg, Unjnd, Ang CAF, passed \$1410
NSW	Molong	32 SH Hfrs, 14-15 mths, 348kg, 222c/\$770
NSW	Young	40 Ang Strs, 11-12 mths, 372kg, 220c/\$820; 37 Ang Hfrs, 11-12 mths, 352kg, 205c/\$720
NSW	Gundagai	28 Ang/Simm Hfrs, 12-13 mths, 359kg, 195c/\$700
NSW	Holbrook	31 Ang C&C, 70-72 mths, 585kg, Jnd Simm, Simm CAF Avg 87kg, passed \$1200; 63 Ang Strs, 10-12 mths, 329kg, 231c/\$760
NSW	Jerilderie	18 Ang C&C, 6-9 yrs, 520kg, Jnd SH, Ang CAF, \$1300
WA	Pemberton	81 XB m/s Ylgs, 14-18 mths, 230 kgdw, 430c/\$990 ; 6 MG & Lim/Her m/s Ylgs, 12-14 mths, 197 kgdw, 391c/\$771

SHEEP

State	Town	Details
QLD	Longreach	600 Mer Ewes, 3-4 yrs, 15.7 kgdw, 1/2" skin, Jnd Mer, Wellgully bld, \$77 ; 435 Mer Ewes, 5-6 yrs, 15.8 kgdw, 1/2" skin, Jnd Mer, Wellgully bld, \$61
QLD	Barcaldine	800 Mer Wth lambs, 4-6 mths, 8.6 kgdw, 1.5" skin, Glendemar bld, \$60 ; 1200 Mer Ewe lambs, 10-12 mths, 9.9 kgdw, 1.75" skin, \$108 ; 620 Mer Ewes, 16-17 mths, 11.9 kgdw, 2" skin, Unjnd, \$118.50
QLD	Texas	167 WD/Mer Ewes, 3-6 yrs, 17.6 kgdw, 1.5" skin, Jnd WD, \$90
NSW	Nyngan	90 F2-F4 Dorp Wth lambs, 8-12 mths, 16.4 kgdw, 3/4" skin, 466c/\$76.50 ; 148 F2-F4 Dorp Wth lambs, 8-12 mths, 19.3 kgdw, 3/4" skin, Ettiwanda & Annalara bld, passed 391c/\$75.50
NSW	Coonabarabran	294 Mer Wths, 12-13 mths, 16.6 kgdw, 1.5" skin, Egelabra bld, 512c/\$85; 780 BL/Mer Ewe lambs, 11-12 mths, 17.2 kgdw, 1/2" skin, \$160
NSW	Gunnedah	366 BL/Mer E&L, 4-6 yrs, 20 kgdw, 3" skin, 314 PD & WS LAF Avg 20 kglw,

		\$187.50
NSW	Tamworth	570 PD/Mer m/s lambs, 5-6 mths, 14.8 kgdw, 1.75" skin, \$102
NSW	Trundle	200 Mer Ewes, 6 yrs, 28.7 kgdw, 1/2" skin, SIL BL, \$141
NSW	Bathurst	252 Mer Wths, 3 yrs, 16.5 kgdw, 3/4" skin, Bocoble bld, passed 458c/\$75.50
NSW	Grenfell	300 WS/Mer & PD/Mer m/s lambs, 4-5 mths, 12.4 kgdw, 1.5" skin, \$93.50 ; 554 WS/Mer & PD/Mer m/s lambs, 4 mths, 12 kgdw, 1.25" skin, \$91
NSW	Wentworth	52 WD Ewes, 16-18 mths, 24.6 kgdw, 1.25" skin, Jnd, passed \$124.50
NSW	Young	10 BL Rams, 2.5-3.5 yrs, 53.5 kgdw, 2" skin, Kegra bld, \$400
NSW	Wallendbeen	300 Mer Ewes, 5.5 yrs, 21.4 kgdw, bare shn, Jnd Mer, Merryville bld, \$103
NSW	Gunning	277 Mer Wth lambs, 10-11 mths, 10.6 kgdw, 1/4" skin, 542c/\$57.50 ; 214 Mer Wths, 23-24 mths, 14.2 kgdw, 1/4" skin, Hillcreston bld, 465c/\$66.00
NSW	Goulburn	275 Mer Wths, 2 yrs, 17.3 kgdw, 1/2" skin, Merryville bld, \$91
NSW	Moree	285 2ndX WD Wth lambs, 10 mths, 23 kgdw, 1/4" skin, 413c/\$95 ; 240 Mer Wth lambs, 11-12 mths, 8.2 kgdw, bare shn, Gingi bld, \$63 ; 180 Mer Wths, 2 yrs, 12.1 kgdw, bare shn, Gingi bld, \$65
NSW	Bourke	960 Mer Wths, 4 yrs, 30 kgdw, 3/4" skin, Mumblebone bld, 429.2c/\$128.75
NSW	Walgett	438 F2-F4 WD Ewes,13-14 mths, 18.6 kgdw, bare shn, \$134 ; 339 F2-F4 WD Ewes,12-13 mths, 15.1 kgdw, bare shn, \$121.50 ; 500 Mer Wth lambs, 12-13 mths, 15.5 kgdw, 1.75" skin, Haddon Rig & Willowan bld, 539c/\$83.50
NSW	Narrabri	220 BL/Mer Ewes, 12-13 mths, 24.9 kgdw, 3/4" skin, \$180; 760 Mer Wths, 12- 13 mths, 16.5 kgdw, 1.25" skin, Rossmoe/Wellgully bld, \$84
NSW	Coonamble	285 Mer Wth lambs, 10-11 mths, 11.1 kgdw, 1.5" skin, Rossmore bld, \$70 ; 360 Mer Wth lambs, 12-13 mths, 13.7 kgdw, 1.25" skin, Egelabra bld, 442c/ 60.50
VIC	Bairnsdale	316 Mer Ewes, 4-6 yrs, 21.8 kgdw, 1.5" skin, SIL WS, \$145.50
VIC	Wangaratta	265 2ndX Dors m/s lambs, 3-4 mths, 12.7 kgdw, 1.75" skin, \$106
VIC	Dunolly	490 BL/Mer m/s lambs, 4-5 mths, 12.5 kgdw, 2.25" skin, \$114
VIC	Brimpean	36 WD Ewes, 15-16 mths, 21.1 kgdw, bare shn, Unjnd, \$143.50
VIC	Harrow	750 Mer Wths, 15 mths, 15 kgdw, 1.75" skin, Nareeb Nareeb & Nerstane bld, \$102.50
SA	Mt Gambier	707 Dors/Mer m/s lambs, 5 mths, 14.8 kgdw, 1.5" skin, \$102
SA	Penneshaw	250 2ndX Suff m/s lambs, 3 mths, 12.1 kgdw, 1" skin, \$90
SA	Jamestown	308 WS/Mer m/s lambs, 5 mths, 16 kgdw, 1.25" skin, \$103
SA	Tumby Bay	100 WS/Mer m/s lambs, 5 mths, 20.8 kgdw, 1.5" skin, \$103; 170 WS/Mer m/s lambs, 5 mths, 18.4 kgdw, 1.5" skin, \$95.50; 150 WS/Mer m/s lambs, 5 mths, 14.2 kgdw, 1.5" skin, \$93.50; 170 Mer Wth lambs, 5-6 mths, 11.2 kgdw, bare shn, \$68.50
SA	Streaky Bay	670 Mer Wth lambs, 3-4 mths, 14.1 kgdw, Glenville bld, \$86
TAS	Evandale	457 2ndX m/s lambs, 12 mths, 20.7 kgdw, 1.75" skin, \$115.50; 2ndX m/s lambs, 12 mths, 23.8 kgdw, 1.75" skin \$125