

## AuctionsPlus week ending 23 Nov 2012

Sheep and lamb numbers were static this week, finishing at 36,530 head, with a few good quality lambs re-appearing. Cattle numbers at 2,967 were well down on last week, and there was noticeably more spark in today's sale, with more buyers in today than there were last week's bigger numbers. While clearance rates during the auction were similar to what we have been seeing recently, it was encouraging to see the number of No Bid results drop substantially today, and there were many lots sold in quick negotiations following the sale.

Top quality Merino ewes out of SA again achieved our best prices again this week, with Panorama blood 17 month olds making \$153.50 at Kingston, and at Murray Bridge 18 month old Rando blood ewes made \$130. In NSW, similar age ewes made \$66-\$80.50. First cross ewes in Tasmania made to \$140, but were hard to find on the mainland; a run of East Friesian/Border/Merino ewes in Victoria topped at \$130 for the two year old draft. A large offering of good quality January shorn, 14 month old Yarrawonga blood Merino wethers attracted a lot of competition, with the heavier end at 50kg selling for \$70, and the 43kg portion averaging \$65.

Some good quality lambs in NSW and Victoria were offered this week, though prices are still lacklustre, and dropped further between Tuesday's and Thursday's sale. 27-28kg lambs sold for \$40-\$43.50; 31-34kg lambs made \$50-\$52. At around the 37kg mark there was a fair difference between first and second cross lambs; second crosses ranged from \$58-\$63.50, while a big run of Poll Dorset/Merinos out of Crookwell sold for \$53.50. With these prices being as low as anyone would really like to see them, Victorian growers who will soon have no option but to sell will be hoping there is feed elsewhere for them.

Joined cow and heifer numbers dropped today, and with a few better quality offerings, prices were looking better than last week. Rising two year old Angus heifers at Glen Innes made \$1020, with the Angus/Santa portion not far behind at \$1000. Cows with calves at foot topped at \$1360 for 6-8 year old Angus cows out of Binalong, and further north at Armidale similar age Santa cows with Charbray calves made \$1020.

With the recent lack of black steers being offered, there was strong competition for Angus and Angus cross lines today. The only line of straight Angus steers were 234kg weaners out of northern NSW which made 224c. 250kg-300kg steers averaged 195c, and Angus and Angus cross steers 300kg-350kg were selling for close to 195c. In QLD, 254 Charolais cross steers sold for 197c, and Hereford & Hereford cross steers weighing 294kg made 196c or \$575. At the heavier end, 417kg Black Baldy steers in Victoria sold for 182c or \$760. Weaner and yearling heifers are still looking cheap, with the gap between comparable steers and heifers averaging 33c today.

Cattle		
State	Town	Details
QLD	Blackall	76 DM Hfrs, 5-7 mths, 255kg, passed 184c/\$470 ; 78 SantaX & CharX Hfrs, 5-10 mths, 288kg, 182c/\$523

QLD	Roma	80 Her & DM/Her Strs, 12-16 mths, 294kg, 196c/\$575 ; 59 Her & DM/Her Hfrs, 12-16 mths, 280kg, passed 170c/\$475
QLD	Bollon	110 XB Strs, 10-15 mths, 266kg, passed 177c/\$470 ; 93 SHX Strs, 10-15 mths, 260kg, passed 183c/\$475 ; 110 CharX Strs, 10-15 mths, 254kg, passed 197c/\$500
QLD	St George	79 DMX Hfrs, 7-16 mths, 222kg, 167c/\$370
QLD	Stanthorpe	32 Brah C&C, 3-7 yrs, 406kg, Unjnd, Ang CAF, \$730 ; 14 Ang/Her C&C, 6-8 yrs, 402kg, XB CAF, passed \$810
NSW	Armidale	106 Ang/Her Strs, 12-14 mths, 260kg, 211c/\$550 ; 53 Ang/Her Strs, 12-14 mths, 208kg, 219c/\$455 ; 18 Her & Char/Ang Strs, 12-14 mths, 210kg, passed 196c/\$410 ; 55 Ang/Her Hfrs, 12-14 mths, 220kg, passed 182c/\$400 ; 38 Ang/Her Hfrs, 12-16 mths, 184kg, passed 182c/\$335 ; 94 Santa & SantaX C&C, 5-12 yrs, 501kg, Jnd Charb, 94 Charb CAF Ang 122kg, passed \$825 ; 52 Santa C&C, 5-6 yrs, 525kg, Jnd Charb, 52 Charb CAF Avg 100kg, \$1020
NSW	Walcha	53 AngX & Ang Strs, 11-13 mths, 344kg, 195c/\$670
NSW	Bendemeer	24 Ang Hfrs, 13-15 mths, 333kg, Wattletop & Booroomooka bld, 174c/\$580
NSW	Tamworth	24 AngX C&C, 3-7 yrs, 545kg, XB CAF, passed \$815
NSW	Bingara	53 AngX Strs, 10-11 mths, 216kg, 208c/\$448 ; 72 AngX Hfrs, 10-11 mths, 222kg, passed 158c/\$350
NSW	Moree	95 SeneX Hfrs, 9-12 mths, 238kg, 170c/\$405
NSW	Coonabarabran	36 Ang & AngX Strs, 12-14 mths, 332kg, 194c/\$645
NSW	Coolah	6 Her C&C, 3-4 yrs, 543kg, Jnd Santa, 6 Santa CAF, \$1000
NSW	Nyngan	44 XB m/s Ylgs, 10-16 mths, 237kg, passed 169c/\$400 ; 20 XB Strs & Hfrs, 25-31 mths, 324kg, passed 154c/\$500
NSW	Binalong	24 Ang C&C, 6-8 yrs, 691kg, Unjnd, Avg 129kg, \$1360
NSW	Cootamundra	30 Ang & AngX C&C, 3-9 yrs, 545kg, Jnd Red Poll, 30 Red Poll CAF, passed \$1100
NSW	Wentworth	68 Comp C&C, 2-3 yrs, 346kg, Jnd Lim, 59 Lim CAF Avg 146kg, passed \$605
NSW	Tenterfield	33 Ang Strs, 9-10 mths, 235kg, 224c/\$525 ; 45 Ang Hfrs, 9-10 mths, 223kg, 186c/\$415 ; 53 Ang/Her & Ang & Her Strs, 12-14 mths, 284kg, 195c/\$555; 71 Ang/Her & Her Hfrs, 12-14 mths, 283kg, passed 169c/\$480 ; 71 Comp Strs, 10-14 mths, 291kg, passed 189c/\$550
NSW	Deepwater	12 Ang Cows, 4-5 yrs, 543kg, PTIC Ang, \$860
NSW	Glen Innes	68 Ang Hfrs, 20-26 mths, 482kg, PTIC Ang, \$1030 ; 13 Ang/Santa Hfrs, 18-26 mths, 450kg, PTIC Ang, \$1000

VIC	Mortlake	28 Ang/Her Strs, 14-15 mths, 417kg, 182c/\$760 ; 35 Ang/Her Strs, 14-15 mths, 361kg, 188c/\$680 ; 23 Ang/Her Hfrs, 14-15 mths, 369kg, 168c/\$620
TAS	Launceston	30 Ang Strs, 13-15 mths, 311kg, 206c/\$640 ; 44 Ang & Ang/SH Hfrs, 13-15 mths, 314kg, 194c/\$610
WA	Pemberton	32 Ang Strs, 8-9 mths, 224.9 kgdw, 357c/\$796
WA	Manjimup	23 Ang & AngX m/s Vlrs, 8-10 mths, 224.6 kgdw, 354c/\$788
WA	Balingup	29 AngX & LimX m/s Vlrs, 8-10 mths, 392kg, 354c/\$778

Sheep		
State	Town	Details
NSW	Crookwell	390 2ndX PD m/s lambs, 4-5 mths, 19 kgdw, 2" skin, \$65 ; 390 2ndX PD m/s lambs, 4-5 mths, 15.1 kgdw, 2" skin, \$58 ; 1800 PD/Mer m/s lambs, 4-5 mths, 15.5 kgdw, \$53.50 ; 580 PD/Mer m/s lambs, 4-5 mths, 11 kgdw, 1.75" skin, \$40 ; 500 BL/Mer m/s lambs, 4-5 mths, 13.2 kgdw, 2" skin, \$50
NSW	Yass	780 Mer Wth Imbs, 13-14 mths, 18.1 kgdw, 3.25" skin, \$70; 1380 Mer Wth Imbs, 13-14 mths, 15.5 kgdw, 3.25" skin, \$65; 240 Mer Wth Imbs, 13-14 mths, 14.8 kgdw, 2.25" skin, \$58; 650 Mer Wth, 2yrs, 17.9 kgdw, 1.5" skin, passed \$33; 396 PD/Mer m/s lambs, 7-8 mths, 17.2 kgdw, 2" skin, \$60
NSW	Darlington Point	900 Mer Wth Imbs, 4-5 mths, 12.4 kgdw, 1" skin, \$36.50
NSW	Corowa	105 Bond Ewes, 14-20 mths, 21.7 kgdw, 2.25" skin, passed \$95.50
NSW	Deniliquin	190 Dorper Ew lambs, 7-8 mths, 22.1 kgdw, 1/4" skin, passed \$93.50
NSW	Walcha	529 Mer Wths, 2 yrs, 15.1 kgdw, 1.25" skin, passed \$26.50
NSW	Coolah	570 WS/Mer m/s lambs, 3-4 mths, 10.9 kgdw, 1.25" skin, passed \$40.50 ; 575 BL/Mer m/s lambs, 3-4 mths, 13.1 kgdw, 2" skin, passed \$50.50 ; 570 WS/Mer m/s lambs, 3-4 mths, 11 kgdw, 1.25" skin, \$42
NSW	Mudgee	530 WS/Mer m/s lambs, 2-3 mths, 11 kgdw, 1.25" skin, \$43.50
NSW	Wellington	680 WS/Mer m/s lambs, 3-5 mths, 11.7 kgdw, 1.25" skin, passed \$47.50 ; 800 Mer Wths, 14-15 mths, 19.6 kgdw, 1/4" skin, Glenwood bld, \$46.50
NSW	Wilcannia	608 2nd X Dorp m/s lambs, 3-5 mths, 11.6 kgdw, 1.25" skin, passed \$32.50, 550 WS/Mer m/s lambs, 3-4 mths, 12.2 kgdw, 1.5" skin, passed \$42.50
NSW	Broken Hill	500 Mer Ewes, 15 mths, 17.4 kgdw, bare shn, Unjnd, Muloorie bld, \$66
NSW	Young	250 Mer Ewes, 1.5 yrs, 19.5 kgdw, 2" skin, \$80.50 ; 620 WS/Mer m/s lambs, 4-5 mths, 13.9 kgdw, 1" skin, \$52

NSW	Harden	172 BL/Mer Ewes, CFA, 27.7 kgdw, 1/4" skin, Unjnd, \$48 ; 434 Mer Ewes, 5-6 yrs, 22.9 kgdw, 1/4" skin, Unjnd, \$50
VIC	Echuca	76 Mer Ewes, 3-4 yrs, 33.1 kgdw, 2.5" skin, SIL WS, passed \$65.50
VIC	Balmoral	540 EF/BL/Mer Ewes, 2 yrs, 31.2 kgdw, 1" skin, Unjnd, \$130 ; 400 EF/BL/Mer Ewes, 3 yrs, 34.1 kgdw, 1" skin, Unjnd, \$116 ; 335 EF/BL/Mer Ewes, 4 yrs, 32.3 kgdw, 1" skin, Unjnd, \$95
VIC	Casterton	120 2ndX PD & 2ndX WS m/s lambs, 2-3 mths, 9.5 kgdw, 1/4" skin, \$41.50 ; 200 2ndX PD & 2ndX WS m/s lambs 2-3 mths, 12.4 kgdw, 1/4" skin, \$50 ; 375 2ndX PD & 2ndX WS m/s lambs 3-4 mths, 14.9 kgdw, 1/2" skin, \$63.50
SA	Lucindale	60 Corr Ewe lambs, 5-6 mths, 13.1 kgdw, 1/2" skin, Wattle Glen bld, passed \$61
SA	Kingston	170 Mer Ewes, 1-2 yrs, 20.8 kgdw, 1/2" skin, Unjnd, Windarra bld, \$94 ; 165 Mer Ewes, 1-2 yrs, 23.7 kgdw, 3/4" skin, Panorama bld, \$153.50
SA	Murray Bridge	300 Mer Ewes, 18-19 mths, 24.6 kgdw, 1/4" skin, Unjnd, Randor bld, \$130
SA	Port Augusta	700 2ndX WD Ewes, Mxd age, 19 kgdw, 1.5" skin, Jnd Dorp & WD, \$36
TAS	Ouse	221 SAMM Ewes, 16-18 mths, 25 kgdw, 1.5" skin, \$110.50
TAS	Oatlands	115 BL/Mer Ewes, 17 mths, 22.5 kgdw, 1/2" skin, \$140 ; 268 BL/Mer Ewes, 16 mths, 20.3 kgdw, 1/2" skin, \$118
TAS	Hamilton	96 Mer Ewes, 15 mths, 16.7 kgdw, 1.5" skin, \$68; 258 Mer Ewes, 15 mths, 17.2 kgdw, 1.5" skin, \$55