

AuctionsPlus market comment week ending 25 May 2012

Sheep and lamb numbers dropped sharply this week to 30,747 head, and the market picked up with forecasts of widespread rain late in the week. Now that this has eventuated, let's hope this upturn continues next week. Cattle numbers also dropped, to total 5,016 head, and clearance rates improved on last week.

Although sheep clearance rates are still well below what any of us like to see, there were definite improvements in the sheep market this week. Merino wethers again had some highlights; Hazeldean blood shorn lambs make \$95 out of Harden, and two year old Snowy Plains & Lorelmo blood wethers with a big jacket sold for \$91.

There were some better quality older Merino ewes available this week, with several lines making over \$110. Young ewes topped at \$145 for unjoined Severn Park blood hoggets. First cross ewe numbers were again limited, with six year old Border Leicester/Merino ewes in lamb to Poll Dorset making \$135.50, and Border/Merino ewe lambs topping at \$130. Store lamb numbers improved on last week; 41kg White Suffolk/Merino mixed sexes sold for \$85 in Southern NSW, and out of Inverell Poll Dorset/Merino mixed sexes weighing 32kg made \$64.50. Slaughter lambs at 20kg made 417c/kg dressed or \$83, including skin value with an inch of Merino wool. Processors were more active on mutton sheep, and prices are starting to look better. A large line of 17kg CFA ewes out of Boorowa attracted several processors, finishing at 329c or \$55. In Tasmania mutton prices ranged from 321c to 349c including skin value.

Weaner cattle prices were down on last week, with a couple of buyers who helped to boost this market last week not in need of any stock today. Weaner steers in the 300-350kg weight range were hard to shift, however most of the lighter weaners offered found homes. 250-300kg Angus weaners made from 203c – 231c, while out of Mudgee a big offering of Te Mania based Angus cross steers in this weight range made to 227c/\$645 for the 292kg draft. Black steers under 250kg ranged from \$485-\$605, and Angus weaner heifers weighing 200-300kg were making 215c. The limited offering of young cattle out of Queensland saw 240kg Droughtmaster & Droughtmaster cross 240kg steers at Mitchell make \$560 or 233c.

Some good young cow and calf units were on offer out of Queensland today, with Droughtmaster & Droughtmaster cross two year old heifers out of St George with Angus, Droughtmaster & Charolais calves selling for \$1230, and joined Droughtmaster young cows with Droughtmaster calves making \$1150. In southern NSW a small line of five year old Angus cows with Angus calves sold for \$1410. Also at St George, Droughtmaster cross heifers in calf to Angus and Senepol topped at \$1040, and an offering of Santa cross four year olds in calf to Angus out of Warren made to \$1070.

Cattle		
State	Town	Details
QLD	Boonah	22 Santa Cows, 9-10 yrs, 572kg, Jnd Brah & Char, \$700 ; 65 SantaX C&C, 9-10 yrs, 419kg, Jnd Brah & Char, 65 Brah & Char CAF Avg 245kg, \$1110 ; 38 Santa

		C&C, 9-10 yrs, 409kg, Jnd Brah & Char, 38 Brah & Char CAF, passed \$1045
QLD	Goondiwindi	50 SH Hfrs, 17-19 mths, 435kg, Unjnd, Weebollabolla bld, 206c/\$895; 25 SH Hfrs, 17-19 mths, 422kg, Unjnd, Weebollabolla bld, 212c/\$895; 19 SH Hfrs, 17-19 mths, 431kg, Unjnd, Weebollabolla bld, 206c/\$885 ; 54 SH Hfrs, 17-19 mths, 398kg, Unjnd, Weebollabolla bld, 204c/\$810; 29 SH Hfrs, 17-19 mths, 389kg, Unjnd, Weebollabolla bld, 197c/\$765; 27 SH Hfrs, 20-21 mths, 494kg, Unjnd, Weebollabolla bld, 173c/\$855; 27 SH Hfrs, 18-19 mths, 425kg, Unjnd, Weebollabolla bld, 179c/\$760; 80 SH Hfrs, 17-19 mths, 410kg, Unjnd, Weebollabolla bld, 188c/\$770; 82 SH Hfrs, 17-19 mths, 351kg, Unjnd, Weebollabolla bld, 185c/\$650; 28 SHX Hfrs, 17-19 mths, 442kg, Unjnd, Weebollabolla bld, 172c/\$760; 27 SHX Hfrs, 17-19 mths, 371kg, Unjnd, Weebollabolla bld, 185c/\$685
QLD	Prairie	96 DM & Brah/DM Strs, 12-15 mths, 304kg, passed 187c/\$567 ; 120 Brah & BrahX Strs, 6-11 mths, 235kg, passed 202c/\$475
QLD	Clermont	54 Brah & BrahX Cows, 8-12 yrs, 574kg, PTIC Brah, passed \$825
QLD	Moura	108 Brah & Charb Strs, 14-20 mths, 289kg, passed 190c/\$547
QLD	Theodore	68 Charb & Brah Hfrs, 4-8 mths, 178kg, 199c/\$355 ; 44 Charb & Brah Strs, 4-8 mths, 196kg, 222c/\$435
QLD	Mitchell	114 DM & DMX Strs, 7-9 mths, 240kg, 233c/\$560
QLD	St George	71 Char/DM Hfrs, 26-29 mths, 551kg, PTIC Ang & Sene, \$1000 ; 65 Char/DM & DM Hfrs, 26-29 mths, 521kg, PTIC Ang & Sene, \$1000 ; 23 Ang/DM Hfrs, 26-29 mths, 499kg, PTIC Ang & Sene, \$1040 ; 45 Char/DM & Ang/DM & DM C&C, 26-29 mths, 475kg, Unjnd, 46 Ang & DM & Char CAF Avg 105kg, \$1230
QLD	Talwood	82 DM & DMX C&C, 2-4 yrs, 378kg, PTIC DM, 69 DM CAF Avg 108kg, \$1150
QLD	Moonie	28 Ang & AngX Cows, 3-12 yrs, 500kg, PTIC Ang, \$705 ; 10 MG Cows, 9 yrs, 560kg, PTIC Simb, passed \$700
NSW	Guyra	65 Ang Hfrs, 20-21 mths, 410kg, PTIC Ang, Wattletop & Bald Blair bld, passed \$990 ; 16 Ang Hfrs, 20-21 mths, 343kg, PTIC Ang, Wattletop & Bald Blair bld, passed \$905 ; 15 Ang/Gelb & Gelb Hfrs, 20-21 mths, 394kg, PTIC Ang, passed \$905
NSW	Armidale	60 Ang & AngX Strs, 19-20 mths, 388kg, 200c/\$775
NSW	Walcha	45 Ang Hfrs, 6-8 mths, 201kg, Ben Nevis bld, 215c/\$435 ; 71 Ang Hfrs, 6-8 mths, 256kg, Ben Nevis bld, 214c/\$570
NSW	Bingara	29 Brang/Ang Strs, 7-9 mths, 262kg, passed 219c/\$575
NSW	Barraba	34 Ang & AngX Hfrs, 18-22 mths, 456kg, PTIC Her & Ang, \$825
NSW	Tamworth	36 Ang Strs, 10-11 mths, 348kg, Booragul bld, passed 212c/\$740

NSW	Coonabarabran	44 Ang Strs, 16-18 mths, 286kg, 209c/\$600 ; 34 Ang & AngX Strs, 14-16 mths, 395kg, 202c/\$800 ; 29 Her C&C, 3-12 yrs, 388kg, PTIC Her & Ang, 24 Her & Ang CAF, passed \$795 ; 51 Dev Strs, 10-14 mths, 275kg, 185c/\$510
NSW	Broken Hill	70 XB Hfrs, 18-36 mths, 453kg, PTIC MG & Ang, passed \$630
NSW	Cobar	35 Ang/Brah m/s Wnrs, 5-8 mths, 224kg, 208c/\$465
NSW	Warren	44 Santa & SantaX Cows, 4 yrs, 511kg, PTIC Ang, \$1070 ; 40 HerX & SantaX Cows, 4 yrs, 483kg, PTIC Ang, \$895 ; 35 SantaX & SHX Cows, 4 yrs, 476kg, PTIC Ang, \$800
NSW	Dubbo	27 MG Strs, 9-10 mths, 288kg, 223c/\$640
NSW	Dunedoo	42 XB Cows, 2-8 yrs, 369kg, PTIC Comp & Ang, \$675
NSW	Merriwa	66 SH & SHX Strs, 18-20 mths, 360kg, 190c/\$685
NSW	Aberdeen	40 Her Strs, 7-9 mths, 263kg, 222c/\$585
NSW	Mudgee	73 Ang/Ang/Her Strs, 8-9 mths, 292kg, 221c/\$645 ; 80 Brang/Ang/Her Strs, 9-10 mths, 289kg, 223c/\$645 ; 107 Brang/Ang/Her Strs, 9-10 mths, 251kg, 235c/\$590 ; 89 Ang Strs, 9-10 mths, 247kg, Te Mania bld, 245c/\$605 ; 127 Ang Strs, 8-10 mths, 216kg, Te Mania bld, 255c/\$550
NSW	Bathurst	38 Ang & AngX Hfrs, 18-24 mths, 431kg, PTIC Ang, passed \$775
NSW	Wellington	33 Ang Strs, 8-10 mths, 294kg, Waitara bld, 209c/\$615 ; 18 Ang Cows, 5-9 yrs, 576kg, PTIC Ang, passed \$820
NSW	Orange	19 Char/Ang Strs, 9-10 mths, 316kg, 215c/\$680 ; 22 Char/Ang Hfrs, 9-10 mths, 289kg, passed 209c/\$605
NSW	Manildra	62 Ang Strs, 10-11 mths, 325kg, passed 217c/\$705
NSW	Goulburn	72 Ang/Ang/Sim Strs, 7-9 mths, 316kg, passed 201c/\$635 ; 77 Ang/Ang/Sim Hfrs, 7-9 mths, 288kg, 191c/\$550
NSW	Queanbeyan	146 Ang Strs, 7-8 mths, 262kg, Renny Lea bld, 229c/\$600 ; 61 Ang/Her Strs, 7-8 mths, 264kg, 227c/\$600 ; 25 Her & Red Ang Strs, 7-8 mths, 267kg, passed 223c/\$595
NSW	Adjungbilly	42 Her Hfrs, 34-36 mths, 480kg, PTIC Ang, \$1055
NSW	Tumut	35 Ang & AngX Strs, 10-12 mths, 314kg, passed 202c/\$635 ; 10 SH & Ang/MG Strs, 10-12 mths, 304kg, passed 192c/\$585 ; 15 Ang & AngX Hfrs, 9-11 mths, 265kg, passed 176c/\$465
NSW	Holbrook	18 Ang & Ang/Comp Strs, 9-10 mths, 300kg, 203c/\$610 ; 13 Ang Hfrs, 9-10 mths, 268kg, 215c/\$575 ; 16 Ang Strs, 6-7 mths, 214kg, 227c/\$485 ; 30 Ang & AngX Cows, 4-10 yrs, 526kg, PTIC Ang, \$805 ; 9 Ang/Ang/MG Hfrs, 20-21 mths, 461kg, PTIC Ang, passed \$875 ; 24 Ang/Ang/MG Cows, 3-5 yrs, 542kg, Jnd

		Comp, \$1075 ; 22 Ang/Ang/MG Cows, 6-9 yrs, 579kg, Jnd Ang, \$800
NSW	Howlong	15 Ang C&C, 5 yrs, 566kg, Jnd Ang, 16 Ang CAF Avg 150kg, \$1410 ; 5 Ang/Her C&C, 5 yrs, 536kg, Jnd Ang, 5 Ang CAF Avg 120kg, passed \$1140
NSW	Deniliquin	27 Ang Hfrs, 20-22 mths, 441kg, PTIC Ang, passed \$980 ; 29 Ang Hfrs, 20-22 mths, 433kg, PTIC Ang, passed \$995 ; 23 Ang/Her Hfrs, 20-22 mths, 435kg, PTIC Ang, passed \$980
NSW	Hay	18 Santa Hfrs, 20-30 mths, 423kg, PTIC Ang, \$720
VIC	Wangaratta	22 Ang Hfrs, 19-21 mths, 436kg, PTIC Ang, passed \$1020 ; 40 Char/Ang Hfrs, 20-22 mths, 504kg, PTIC Ang, \$1080 ; 16 CharX Hfrs, 20-22 mths, 518kg, PTIC Ang, passed \$1030 ; 21 Ang Hfrs, 19-21 mths, 435kg, PTIC Ang, passed \$1020
VIC	Benalla	94 Ang C&C, 6-10 yrs, 511kg, Unjnd, 94 Ang CAF, Renny Lea bld, passed \$1125
VIC	Mansfield	28 MG C&C, 5-9 yrs, 552kg, Char CAF Avg 122kg, \$1205 ; 20 MG C&C, 5-9 yrs, 555kg, Char CAF Avg 122kg, \$1205
VIC	Alexandra	30 Ang Hfrs, 21-22 mths, 478kg, PTIC Ang, \$930
VIC	Ararat	39 MG C&C, 8-9 yrs, 472kg, Unjnd, 39 Ang CAF Avg 103kg, Murella bld, passed \$890
VIC	Hamilton	110 Ang Strs, 8-9 mths, 266kg, Toora West & Banquet bld, 231c/\$615
TAS	Westbury	66 Ang Hfrs, 20-21 mths, 455kg, PTIC Ang, Landfall bld, \$1005

Sheep		
State	Town	Details
QLD	Longreach	324 Mer Ewes, 6 yrs, 18.2 kgdw, 1/2" skin, SIL Mer, Boonoke bld, passed \$70.50 ; 840 Dohne/Mer Ewes, 5-6 yrs, 23.6 kgdw, 1/2" skin, Unjnd, 301c/\$71
QLD	Blackall	70 Mer Wths, 4-8 yrs, 20.5 kgdw, 1/4" skin, Terrick bld, passed 222c/\$45.50 ; 180 Mer Wths, 2-4 yrs, 16 kgdw, 1/4" skin, passed 284c/\$45.50
QLD	Charleville	660 Mer Ewes, 2-10 yrs, 16 kgdw, 2" skin, SIL Mer, \$60.50
QLD	Wyandra	495 Mer Ewes, 3-6 yrs, 18 kgdw, 2.5" skin, SIL Mer, Bundaleer bld, passed \$87
QLD	Millmerran	1500 2ndX Dorp Ewe lambs, 5-12 mths, 1.5" skin, \$58
NSW	Inverell	400 PD/Mer m/s lambs, 6-7 mths, 13 kgdw, 1/4" skin, \$64.50
NSW	Mungindi	350 Mer Ewes, 4-6 yrs, 18.6 kgdw, bare shn, SIL WS, Eural bld, \$92.50 ; 750 Mer Ewes, 2-3 yrs, 17.5 kgdw, bare shn, SIL WS, Eural bld, \$125
NSW	Louth	210 BL/Mer Ewe lambs, 11-12 mths, 22.8 kgdw, 1.5" skin, \$130

NSW	Cobar	22 WD Ewes, 13-14 mths, 20.9 kgdw, 1.5" skin, SIL WD, Etiwanda bld, \$200 ; 120 F2-F3 WD Ewes, 15-16 mths, 20.6 kgdw, 1.5" skin, SIL WD, Etiwanda bld, \$130 ; 120 F3-F4 WD Ewes, 15-16 mths, 21.3 kgdw, 2" skin, Jnd WD, Etiwanda bld, \$120
NSW	Nyngan	500 BL/Mer Wth lambs, 9-10 mths, 17.2 kgdw, 1.75" skin, \$78
NSW	Warren	1065 Mer Wths, 2 yrs, 21.4 kgdw, 3/4" skin, Egelabra bld, \$77
NSW	Gilgandra	500 Mer Ewes, 5-6 yrs, 23.2 kgdw, 1/2" skin, SIL BL, Woodside bld, \$116.50
NSW	Dubbo	90 Mer Ewes, 2 yrs, 22 kgdw, 1.75" skin, Jnd Mer, Roseville Park bld, passed \$95.50
NSW	Wellington	550 Mer Wth lambs, 10 mths, 11.7 kgdw, 1/4" skin, Wallaloo Park bld, \$56.50
NSW	Mudgee	325 WS/Mer m/s lambs, 8-9 mths, 17.4 kgdw, 1/2" skin, \$80 ; 580 Mer Wths, 20 mths, 19.8 kgdw, 1/2" skin, Haddon Rig bld, \$72.50
NSW	Bathurst	440 WS/Mer Ewe lambs, 9-10 mths, 20.2 kgdw, 1.5" skin, passed \$96.50
NSW	Canowindra	110 Mer Ewes, 6 yrs, 23.6 kgdw, 1/4" skin, SIL BL, Murrumbucca bld, \$117
NSW	Grenfell	112 SAMM Ewe lambs, 8-9 mths, 18.6 kgdw, 1" skin, passed \$90.50
NSW	Boorowa	160 Mer Wths, 20 mths, 18.1 kgdw, 1/2" skin, Merrignee bld, \$81 ; 1440 Mer Ewes, CFA, 16.7 kgdw, 1.5" skin, Unjnd, 329c/\$55
NSW	Harden	700 Mer Wth lambs, 9 mths, 19.5 kgdw, 1/2" skin, Hazeldean bld, \$95
NSW	Wallendbeen	370 WS/Mer m/s lambs, 18.8 kgdw, 1/2" skin, \$85
NSW	Crookwell	260 Mer Wths, 2-4 yrs, 23.4 kgdw, 1/2" skin, 327c/\$76.50 ; 50 F4 WD Ewes, 3-6 yrs, 32.1 kgdw, 1/2" skin, SIL WS, \$161 ; 50 F4 WD Ewes, 3-6 yrs, 30.2 kgdw, 1/2" skin, SIL WD, \$161
NSW	Yass	450 Mer Ewes, 5-8 yrs, 16.2 kgdw, 2" skin, Unjnd, 318c/\$51.50 ; 403 WS/Mer m/s lambs, 9-10 mths, 18.7 kgdw, 1.5" skin, \$81 ; 220 Mer m/s lambs, 7-8 mths, 10.6 kgdw, 2" skin, \$55
NSW	Cooma	520 BL/Mer Ewes, 5-6 yrs, 25.3 kgdw, 2.25" skin, SIL PD, \$135.50 ; 480 BL/Mer Ewe lambs, 9 mths, 17.7 kgdw, 1.5" skin, \$120
NSW	Bombala	380 Mer Ewes, 7-9 yrs, 16.2 kgdw, 1/4" skin, Unjnd, 157c/\$25.50
NSW	Wagga Wagga	150 Mer Ewes, 18 mths, 18.9 kgdw, 1/2" skin, Unjnd, Severn Park bld, \$145
NSW	Moulamein	650 Mer Wth lambs, 11-12 mths, 19.9 kgdw, 1.25" skin, Avenel bld, 417c/\$83 ; 250 Mer Wth lambs, 9-11 mths, 16.5 kgdw, 1.25" skin, Avenel bld, 412c/\$68
NSW	Deepwater	530 Mer Wths, 2 yrs, 18.7 kgdw, 2.5" skin, Snowy Plains & Lorelmo bld, \$91
NSW	Guyra	420 BL/Mer Ewe lambs, 6-7 mths, 14.2 kgdw, 1.25" skin, passed \$101 ; 285

		BL/Mer Ewe lambs, 6-7 mths, 12.9 kgdw, 1.25" skinpassed \$100.50 ; 330 PD/Mer & BL/Mer m/s lambs, 7-8 mths, 17 kgdw, 1" skin, passed \$73
NSW	Uralla	230 Mer Wth lambs, 7-8 mths, 8 kgdw, 1.25" skin, Queenlea bld, \$35 ; 324 Mer Ewe lambs, 7-8 mths, 8.6 kgdw, 2" skin, Peppin bld, passed \$63
SA	Clare	735 Mer Wth lambs, 9-11 mths, 19.3 kgdw, 1.5" skin, Greenfields & Blue Hills bld, 422c/\$81.50 ; 185 Mer Wth lambs, 9-11 mths, 15.7 kgdw, 1.5" skin, Greenfields & Blue Hills bld, \$59
TAS	Hagley	143 Corr Ewes, 5-6 yrs, 19.5 kgdw, 1" skin, 321c/\$62.50
TAS	Perth	455 Mer Wths, 3 yrs, 19.2 kgdw, 1.75" skin, 349c/\$67 ; 564 Mer & BL/Mer Ewes, CFA, 17.5 kgdw, 3/4" skin, 329c/\$57.50
TAS	Buckland	280 Mer Ewes, CFA, 18.1 kgdw, 1.25" skin, 329c/\$59.50