AuctionsPlus market comment week ending 22 June 2012

Sheep and lamb numbers were up by 20,000 following the short trading week to total 47,034 head. Cattle numbers however dropped over 4,000 to 5,868 head.

Sheep clearance rates dropped sharply, with crossbred ewes and store lambs being the main casualties. Merino ewes were the only bright spot, comprising most of the limited buyer activity. However, there was still plenty of interest, with nearly 200 potential bidders logged in over two Tuesday auctions, and over 100 in Thursday's.

Good quality younger ewes made a welcome return, ranging in price from \$121 to top at \$146 for unjoined 12 month old Centre Plus blood ewes out of Young. Again there were plenty of older ewes and mixed age lines on offer, with prices much improved on last week. Scanned ewes five years and older ranged from \$85-\$95, and mixed age lines sold from \$87 to top at \$150.50 for Severn park bloods in lamb to Poll Dorset.

Many of the Merino wether lambs offered found homes, but prices were back on last week, ranging from \$48 to \$78.50 for a large line of Coreena blood lambs out of Barcaldine.

First cross ewes were difficult to sell, with only one line of Border Leicester/Merino ewes achieving a result, these being two year olds out of Finley selling for \$156.

Even with some welcome rain in the south this week, the young cattle market remains softer. Looking over the whole of NSW, Angus steers 300-350kg jumped 7c on last week to average 219c/kg. In Goondiwindi, a large line of good quality Angus steer weaners weighing 276kg attracted competition from several restockers and feedlots to reach \$712 or 258c, with the heifer line at 263kg making 223c/\$585. Further north Charbray weaners steers weighing 288kg made 215c or \$619.

Demand for better quality females out of the north continued, with mixed age Brahman cows in calf to Angus aiming \$950 out of Hughenden, and 9-15 year old Santa cows at Boulia with Droughtmaster calves at foot selling for \$745. Results for females offered further south were more mixed, with some vendor expectations well above the market. Young PTIC Angus females ranged from \$935-\$1170; 5-7 year old composite cows out of the Central West in calf to Angus made \$1000, and Hereford mixed age cows in calf to Simmental/Angus sold for \$835.

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Cattle		
State	Town	Details
QLD	Toowoomba	27 CharX Hfrs, 6-10 mths, 197kg, passed 220c/\$435
QLD	Goondiwindi	409 Ang Strs, 7-10 mths, 276kg, 258c/\$712; 418 Ang Hfrs, 7-10 mths, 263kg, 223c/\$585; 44 HerX Cows, 3-5 yrs, 480kg, PTIC Ang & Char & Comp, \$975; 27 Her & XB Cows, 3-9 yrs, 513kg, PTIC Ang, \$790

QLD	Richmond	60 Brah Hfrs, 12-23 mths, 353kg, Unjnd, 151c/\$533 ; 120 Brah Hfrs, 18-23 mths, 403kg, Unjnd, 145c/\$584
QLD	Hughenden	24 DM Hfrs, 24-26 mths, 520kg, PTIC DM, Glenlands bld, passed \$785; 40 DMX C&C, 24-26 mths, 388kg, Jnd DM, 40 DM CAF Avg, 170kg, passed \$930; 57 Brah Cows, 4-10 yrs, 568kg, PTIC Ang, \$950
QLD	Boulia	112 Santa C&C, 9-15 yrs, 485kg, Jnd DM, 96 DM CAF Avg 177kg, \$745
QLD	Charleville	72 Char & DM & Santa m/s Wnrs, 6-12 mths, 238kg, passed 191c/\$455
QLD	Springsure	120 SantaX Hfrs, 6-9 mths, 255kg, passed 177c/\$450; 180 Santa Cows, 5-11 yrs, 563kg, PTIC Brang & Char & Santa, passed \$775
QLD	Theodore	43 Charb & Brah Strs, 5-10 mths, 205kg, 232c/\$475 ; 40 Charb & Brah Hfrs, 5-8 mths, 172kg, 207c/\$355
QLD	Goomeri	64 Charb Strs, 6-10 mths, 288kg, 215c/\$619
QLD	Condamine	67 Ang Hfrs, 17-20 mths, 419kg, PTIC Ang, \$935
NSW	Tenterfield	30 Ang & AngX Cows, 8-12 yrs, 513kg, PTIC Ang, \$720; 65 Ang Hfrs, 10-11 mths, 355kg, Speriby North bld, 240c/\$850; 57 Ang Hfrs, 8-11 mths, 319kg, Speriby North bld, 250c/\$800; 32 Ang Hfrs, 8-11 mths, 366kg, Speriby North bld, 226c/\$825; 34 Ang Hfrs, 8-11 mths, 345kg, Speriby North bld, 246c/\$850; 33 Ang Hfrs, 6-11 mths, 293kg, 229c/\$670; 44 Ang Cows, 4-6 yrs, 484kg, PTIC Ang, Lawsons bld, \$1210
NSW	Walcha	19 Ang/MG & MG Cows, 6-8 yrs, 578kg, PTIC Ang, \$925
NSW	Moree	40 HerX Strs, 6-8 mths, 275kg, passed 204c/\$560
NSW	Bingara	27 SantaX Hfrs, 16-22 mths, 395kg, Jnd Santa, passed \$895
NSW	Inverell	12 Ang Cows, 3-4 yrs, 439kg, PTIC Ang & Brang, \$1000
NSW	Wee Waa	68 Ang Hfrs, 11-12 mths, 302kg, 217c/\$655; 45 Ang Hfrs, 10-11 mths, 257kg, 193c/\$495
NSW	Barraba	98 Her Hfrs, 9-10 mths, 263kg, 208c/\$545; 65 HerX Hfrs, 9-10 mths, 296kg, 200c/\$590
NSW	Tamworth	34 Ang Strs, 10-11 mths, 247kg, Kilburnie & Te Mania bld, 237c/\$585; 34 Ang Hfrs, 10-11 mths, 232kg, Kilburnie & Te Mania bld, passed 194c/\$450
NSW	Coonabarabran	28 SH Strs, 8-10 mths, 355kg, 201c/\$715
NSW	Warren	38 Ang Hfrs, 22-23 mths, 482kg, PTIC Ang, Twynam bld, \$960; 39 Ang Cows, 3-4 yrs, 496kg, PTIC Ang, Twynam bld, \$1170; 38 Ang Cows, 5-6 yrs, 542kg, PTIC Ang, Twynam bld, \$1100; 35 Ang Cows, 8-10 yrs, 563kg, PTIC Ang, Twynam bld, passed \$840
NSW	Merriwa	80 Ang Strs, 8-9 mths, 291kg, passed 223c/\$650; 80 Char/Ang Strs, 8-9 mths,

		284kg, passed 223c/\$635
NSW	Wellington	19 Ang & Red AngX C&C, 22-28 mths, 309kg, Unjnd, 19 Ang & Char CAF Avg 90kg, \$970
NSW	Mudgee	102 Ang Strs, 9-10 mths, 320kg, Te Mania bld, 220c/\$702; 31 AngX Strs, 9-10 mths, 308kg, 211c/\$650; 75 Comp Cows, 5-7 yrs, 617kg, PTIC Ang, \$1000; 42 Comp Cows, 5-7 yrs, 555kg, PTIC Ang, \$905; 13 SantaX Cows, 5-7 yrs, 559kg, PTIC Ang, passed \$825
NSW	Rylstone	25 Ang & Ang/Her Strs, 8-10 mths, 305kg, passed 197c/\$600 ; 38 Ang & Ang/Her Hfrs, 8-10 mths, 297kg, passed 184c/\$545
NSW	Molong	30 Ang Hfrs, 20-21 mths, 471kg, PTIC Ang, Moogenilla & Hazeldean bld, \$1000
NSW	Cowra	15 Char Strs, 10-12 mths, 297kg, Palgrove & Rosedale bld, 205c/\$610 ; 25 SH Strs, 10-14 mths, 302kg, Yamburgan bld, 209c/\$630
NSW	Camden	24 Her Strs, 9-11 mths, 326kg, passed 192c/\$625
NSW	Crookwell	32 Ang/Her Cows, 5-8 yrs, 588kg, PTIC Sim/Ang, \$1020 ; 16 Her Cows, 5-8 yrs, 579kg, PTIC Sim/Ang, \$835
NSW	Goulburn	18 AngX Cows, 3-4 yrs, 621kg, PTIC Ang, \$960
NSW	Gunning	16 Ang Cows, 3-14 yrs, 647kg, PTIC Ang, \$835
NSW	Queanbeyan	16 AngX Strs, 9-11 mths, 321kg, passed 192c/\$615
NSW	Braidwood	35 MG Strs, 7-9 mths, 232kg, passed 196c/\$455
NSW	Moruya	40 Ang Hfrs, 20-24 mths, 511kg, PTIC Ang & Lim, \$935
NSW	Cooma	96 Ang Strs, 9-10 mths, 347kg, Kennys Creek bld, 219c/\$760 ; 210 Ang Strs, 9-10 mths, 300kg, Kennys Creek bld, 217c/\$650
NSW	Gundagai	29 Ang Hfrs, 18-20 mths, 394kg, PTIC Ang, passed \$920
NSW	Tumut	32 Ang Strs, 8-9 mths, 321kg, passed 206c/\$660; 43 Ang Strs, 8-9 mths, 263kg, 218c/\$575
NSW	Adelong	20 SH & Red Ang C&C, 3 yrs, 443kg, Jnd Ang, Ang CAF, passed \$1105
NSW	Holbrook	19 Ang Strs, 10-11 mths, 371kg, passed 205c/\$760
NSW	Deniliquin	51 Ang Cows, 10-11 yrs, 594kg, PTIC Ang, Te Mania bld, \$780
NSW	Guyra	52 Ang Hfrs, 8-9 mths, 305kg, Glenmorgan bld, 207c/\$630
VIC	Beech Forest	63 Ang Strs, 8-10 mths, 264kg, Te Mania bld, passed 225c/\$595
WA	Balingup	23 Her & LimX m/s Clvs, 3-5 mths, 82.2 kgdw, 458c/\$375; 4 Her & AngX m/s Clvs, 3-4 mths, 51.7 kgdw, 530c/\$274; 7 Ang & AngX m/s clvs, 4-6 mths, 110.9 kgdw, 369c/\$408; 11 Ang & Ang/MG m/s Wnrs, 7-8 mths, 124.3 kgdw,

Sheep		
State	Town	Details
QLD	Barcaldine	1600 Mer Wth lambs, 12-14 mths, 12.4 kgdw, 1.25" skin, Coreena bld, \$78.50; 880 Mer Wths, 2 yrs, 18.2 kgdw, 1.25" skin, Coreena bld, 431c/\$78.50
QLD	Talwood	345 Mer Ewe lambs, 7-8 mths, 14.4 kgdw, 1" skin, Karbulla bld, \$95 ; 286 Dohne/Mer Ewes, 5 yrs, 21.1 kgdw, 1.25" skin, Jnd Mer, \$83
QLD	Inglewood	100 Dorp/Dam & Dam Wth lambs, 4-9 mths, 10.1 kgdw, 1.5" skin, \$37
QLD	Stanthorpe	64 Dorp/Dam Ewes, 6-14 mths, 14.1 kgdw, 1.5"skin, Unjnd, \$56.50
NSW	Guyra	380 Mer Ewes, 6-7 yrs, 21 kgdw, 2.5" skin, SIL BL, Merryville bld, passed \$99.50
NSW	Walcha	289 BL/Mer Ewe lambs, 8-9 mths, 13.6 kgdw, 2.75" skin, \$80.50
NSW	Rylstone	156 BL/Mer Ewes, 10-11 mths, 16.6 kgdw, 2" skin, passed \$95.50
NSW	llford	113 Mer Ewes, 22.1 kgdw, mxd age, 3.5" skin, SIL BL, \$100
NSW	Parkes	18 WD Ewe lambs, 10 mths, 35.3 kgdw, 1/4" skin, Jnd WD, passed \$151
NSW	Young	600 Mer Ewes, 12 mths, 21.9 kgdw, 2.25" skin, Unjnd, Centre Plus bld, \$146; 200 Mer Ewes, 12 mths, 17.7 kgdw, 2.25" skin, Unjnd, Centre Plus bld, \$121; 90 Mer Ewes, 3-4 yrs, 24.3 kgdw, 1" skin, Unjnd, Merryville bld, passed \$85.50
NSW	Boorowa	255 Mer Ewes, 5-6 yrs, 18.6 kgdw, 1.5" skin, SIL WS, passed \$82.50
NSW	Crookwell	317 Mer Wths, 8-9 mths, 16 kgdw, 3/4" skin, Thalaba bld, \$56.50
NSW	Cootamundra	314 Mer Wths, 3 yrs, 32 kgdw, 1" skin, Merignee bld, 263c/\$84
NSW	Jugiong	160 Mer Ewes, 2 yrs, 18.7 kgdw, 1/4" skin, Jnd Mer, passed \$91.50
NSW	Goulburn	392 Mer Wth lambs, 8-9 mths, 13.9 kgdw, 2.75" skin, \$69.50
NSW	Junee	106 2ndX Comp Ewe lambs, 9-10 mths, 21.3 kgdw, 1.75" skin, SIL Comp, \$117; 123 Mer Ewes, 20-21 mths, 25 kgdw, 2.75" skin, SIL WS, \$140.50; 405 Mer Ewes, 3 yrs, 28.6 kgdw, 2.5" skin, SIL WS, \$122
NSW	Balranald	900 Mer Wths, 11-12 mths, 18.6 kgdw, 1/2" skin, C-Lake bld, 355c/\$66; 880 Mer Wths, 11-12 mths, 15.9 kgdw, 1/2" skin, C-Lake bld, \$58
NSW	Deniliquin	420 Mer Ewes, 6 yrs, 20kgdw, 1/4" skin, SIL WS, pooginook bld, \$92.50; 1100 Mer Wths, 12 mths, 20.5 kgdw, 1.5" skin, passed 354c/\$72.50
NSW	Finley	78 BL/Mer Ewes, 2 yrs, 25.4 kgdw, 1" skin, SIL PD, \$156

NSW	Holbrook	94 BL/Mer & East Fres/Mer Ewes, 3-7 yrs, 36.4 kgdw, 1.5" skin, passed 210c/\$76.50
NSW	Cooma	394 Mer Ewes, 2-7 yrs, 24 kgdw, 1.5" skin, SIL PD, \$150.50; 195 Mer Ewes, mxd age, 25.9 kgdw, 1.5" skin, SIL WS, Hazeldean bld, \$87; 100 Mer Ewes, 4-5 yrs, 24.2 kgdw, 1/4" skin, SIL WS, Hazeldean bld, \$87
NSW	Bega	510 Mer Ewe lambs, 9-10 mths, 11.8 kgdw, 1/4" skin, Severn Park bld, \$72; 544 Mer Ewes, 3 yrs, 17.7 kgdw, 1/4" skin, Jnd Mer, Severnm Park bld, \$119; 178 Mer Ewes, 4 yrs, 19.4 kgdw, 1/4" skin, Jnd Mer, Severn Park bld, \$105
NSW	Bombala	550 PD/Texel/Mer m/s lambs, 8-9 mths, 16.4 kgdw, 1.75" skin, \$73; 310 PD/Texel/Mer m/s lambs, 8-9 mths, 14.3 kgdw, 1.75" skin, \$63
NSW	Mungindi	480 Mer Ewes, 3-4 yrs, 18.2 kgdw, 3/4" skin, SIL BL, \$93; 1030 Mer Ewes, 5-7 yrs, 18.9 kgdw, 3/4" skin, SIL BL, \$90; 2160 Mer Ewes, 5-7 yrs, 20.1 kgdw, 3/4" Skin, SIL PD, \$85;
NSW	Moree	230 Mer Ewes, 6-7 yrs, 17.3 kgdw, bare shn, SIL WS, Severn park bld, \$95; 240 Mer Ewes, 5-6 yrs, 16.9 kgdw, bare shn, SIL WS, Severn park bld, \$95; 210 Mer Ewes, 3-5 yrs, 16.3 kgdw, bare shn, SIL WS, Severn park bld, \$95
NSW	Brewarrinna	383 Cool/Mer Ewes, 12-13 mths, 15.8 kgdw, 2.5" skin, SIL WS, passed \$76.50
NSW	Walgett	600 Mer Wths, 10 mths, 12 kgdw, 1/2" skin, Wilgunya bld, \$47.75; 350 F3 Dorp Ewes, 3-4 yrs, 26.3 kgdw, 1/4" skin, Jnd WD, passed \$96.50; 320 F3 Dorp Ewes, 4-5 yrs, 24.8 kgdw, 1/4" skin, Jnd WD, passed \$86.50
TAS	Launceston	490 Mer Ewes, 6-7 yrs, 16.9 kgdw, 2" skin, 364c/\$61.50
TAS	Perth	103 Comp & Mer Ewes, 2-6 yrs, 22.5 kgdw, 1/2" skin, 284c/\$64
TAS	Evandale	90 2ndX Comp m/s lambs, 8 mths, 24 kgdw, 1" skin, 392c/\$96 ; 351 2ndX Comp m/s lambs, 8 mths, 20.9 kgdw, 1" skin,419c/\$87.50
TAS	Oatlands	115 BL/Mer Ewe lambs, 8-9 mths, 16.8 kgdw, 1.5" skin, \$90
TAS	Bothwell	470 Mer Ewes, 7-8 yrs, 18.3 kgdw, 1/4" skin, 284c/\$52