

AuctionsPlus market comments for week ending 24 August 2012

Sheep and lamb numbers increased again this week to 36,748 head; though with clearance rates as low as they have been in recent weeks, we are getting larger numbers of re-offered lots. With good rain in parts of the south late in the week, hopefully there is a little more spark in the market in coming weeks, particularly with new season lamb numbers creeping up every week. Cattle numbers also increased to finish at 3,937 head, with clearance improved on last week, though still a little tougher in the south.

Young Merino ewes were the hardest article to sell this week; older ewes achieved better clearance but results were still mixed. Old ewes to shortly drop a first cross lamb made from \$62 - \$82, and mixed age Mumblebone blood ewes in lamb to Border Leicester sold for \$90. Young unjoined first cross ewes sold in the \$120's, and one line of joined 12 month old Border/Merinos made \$173.50.

Merino wether lambs were mostly priced to sell this week, making from \$42.50 to top at \$66 for April shorn Hazeldean blood lambs; older wethers were harder to sell, with no interest from processors or exporters on suitable lines. With another drop in mutton prices this week, processors were also outpriced on old ewes, and no mutton sales were recorded. March shorn trade lambs in Tasmania made 406c – 414c including skin value.

A hint of rain about was enough to generate some more interest in our cattle sale today, particularly for females, with 229 registered users logging in to the one sale. We are starting to see more cows with Autumn drop calves coming through, and today there were some top quality offerings. Two year old Reiland blood Angus heifers with Angus calves out of Boorowa sold for \$1660, and older Beefmaker cows with Shorthorn calves at Baradine today made \$975, after not meeting their reserve last week. Joined females performed better out of Queensland today than in recent weeks, with Santa heifers, in calf to Santa, selling for \$915, and mixed age Droughtmaster cows in calf to Angus making \$805. Good quality unjoined young Santa cows at Alpha also received competition from several buyers, settling at \$605 or 142c, well above their reserve.

Feedlotters were more active today, though steer prices in the 250-300kg weight range were steady on last week for black steers, averaging 230c, and crossbred steers in QLD averaged 213c. Heifers in this weight range, however, jumped 15c to average 222c. A limited offering of black steers around the 350kg mark averaged 210c.

Cattle		
State	Town	Details
QLD	Texas	15 Brah/Red Ang Cows, 8-9 yrs, 469kg, PTIC Red Ang & Brang, \$770; 4 Brah/Red Ang Cows, 9-10 yrs, 427kg, PTIC Red Ang & Brang, \$740
QLD	Hebel	36 CharX Strs, 9-13 mths, 344kg, 198c/\$680 ; 88 AngX Strs, 9-13 mths, 344kg, 214c/\$735
QLD	Julia Creek	92 DM Cows, 2-3 yrs, 483kg, PTIC DM, \$725

QLD	Blackall	136 Santa & CharX & SantaX Strs, 6-14 mths, 298kg, 210c/\$624
QLD	Augathella	120 XB Hfrs, 12-48 mths, 358kg, PTIC DM, \$560
QLD	Alpha	260 Santa Cows, 2-6 yrs, 426kg, Unjnd, \$605
QLD	Rolleston	72 DM & DMX Cows, 3-7 yrs, 524kg, PTIC Ang, \$805
QLD	Mitchell	126 DMX Strs, 6-9 mths, 268kg, 215c/\$575
QLD	St George	87 SantaX Hfrs, 21-24 mths, 466kg, PTIC Santa, \$915
QLD	Goondiwindi	16 SHX Strs, 9-11 mths, 275kg, 216c/\$595 ; 36 SHX Hfrs, 10-12 mths, 261kg, 201c/\$525; 9 DMX & BrangX Hfrs, 8-10 mths, 227kg, 200c/\$455
NSW	Tenterfield	13 Ang & Ang/Wagyu C&C, 2-3 yrs, 447kg, Unjnd, 13 CAF Avg 126kg, \$1130
NSW	Glen Innes	40 AngX Strs, 9-11 mths, 268kg, 231c/\$620
NSW	Armidale	10 Ang C&C, 5 yrs, 522kg, Unjnd, 10 Ang CAF, \$1360
NSW	Walcha	44 AngX & Ang Strs, 9-11 mths, 256kg, 238c/\$610 ; 40 AngX C&C, 2 yrs, 428kg, Unjnd, 40 Ang CAF, \$1310
NSW	Inverell	91 AngX Hfrs, 10-12 mths, 339kg, Unjnd, 212c/\$720; 42 Ang Strs, 8-12 mths, 292kg, 228c/\$665
NSW	Brewarrinna	76 Santa/Her Cows, 4 yrs, 422kg, Jnd Santa & DM, \$920
NSW	Coonabarabran	56 Char/Santa m/s Wnrs, 9-11 mths, 234kg, 207c/\$485; 29 Char/Santa & Bel RedX Strs, 11-14 mths, 306kg, 208c/\$635 ; 80 Ang Hfrs, 10-13 mths, 282kg, Unjnd, 227c/\$640; 37 XB Hfrs, 11-13 mths, 292kg, passed 187c/\$545
NSW	Coonamble	39 SH Hfrs, 17-22 mths, 399kg, PTIC, Marellan & Sprys bld, \$735; 64 Ang Strs, 11-14 mths, 362kg, Te Mania & Rennylea bld, passed 206c/\$745; 57 Ang Hfrs, 11-14 mths, 347kg, Te Mania & Rennylea bld, 208c/\$719
NSW	Baradine	32 BFMKR C&C, 9-10 yrs, 472kg, Unjnd, SH CAF Avg 55kg, \$975; 36 BFMKR C&C, 9-10 yrs, 450kg, Unjnd, SH CAF Avg 55kg, \$975; 12 BFMKR C&C, 9-10 yrs, 485kg, Unjnd, SH CAF Avg 55kg, \$975; 29 BFMKR C&C, 9-10 yrs, 492kg, Unjnd, SH CAF Avg 55kg, \$975
NSW	Raymond Terrace	25 Ang & AngX Hfrs, 18-24 mths, 394kg, PTIC Ang, passed \$825
NSW	Orange	70 Ang Hfrs, 11-12 mths, 264kg, 231c/\$610; 27 SH Hfrs, 20-22 mths, 405kg, PTIC SH, Marellan bld, passed \$790
NSW	Molong	37 Ang Hfrs, 23-24 mths, 412kg, PTIC Ang, \$840
NSW	Mudgee	62 Ang Strs, 12-13 mths, 359kg, Tucklan Valley & Taloooby bld, 205c/\$735
NSW	Bathurst	40 Ang Strs, 11-12 mths, 298kg, Millah Murrah bld, 223c/\$665

NSW	Boorowa	42 Ang & Ang/Red Ang Strs, 11-12 mths, 290kg, 228c/\$660; 11 Ang Hfrs, 11-12 mths, 256kg, OB bld, 207c/\$530 ; 17 Ang C&C, 2 yrs, 496kg, Unjnd, 17 Ang CAF Avg 144kg, Reiland bld, \$1560; 26 Ang C&C, 3 yrs, 569kg, Unjnd, 26 Ang CAF, Reiland bld, \$1660
NSW	Wallendbeen	60 Ang & MG C&C, 4-7 yrs, 616kg, Unjnd, \$1010
NSW	Coolac	76 CharX C&C, 2 yrs, 525kg, Unjnd, 76 Ang CAF, \$1210
NSW	Gundagai	27 Ang & Ang/Her C&C, 10 yrs, 546kg, Unjnd, 27 Ang CAF Avg 98kg, \$1010; 32 Ang & Ang/Her C&C, 8-10 yrs, 516kg, Unjnd, 32 Ang CAF Avg 89kg, \$955 ; 30 Ang C&C, 8-10 yrs, 572kg, Unjnd, 30 Ang CAF Avg 118kg, \$1080
NSW	Yass	27 Her/Ang & Ang Hfrs, 10-12 mths, 300kg, 200c/\$600
NSW	Braidwood	21 Ang/Lim Hfrs, 24-25 mths, 466kg, PTIC Lim, passed \$880
NSW	Cooma	40 Her Hfrs, 18-21 mths, 484kg, Unjnd, Kaludah bld, passed 187c/\$905
NSW	Bombala	76 Ang & AngX Hfrs, 17-20 mths, 414kg, PTIC Her, passed \$860
NSW	Tarcutta	24 Ang C&C, 2 yrs, 465kg, Jnd Ang, Ang CAF Avg 177kg, Reiland bld, passed \$1605
NSW	Wagga Wagga	35 Santa/SH Cows, 4-8 yrs, 411kg, PTIC SH, passed \$655
VIC	Hurstbridge	10 Char/Red Ang Hfrs, 29-30 mths, 530kg, PTIC Red Ang, passed \$1160
WA	Pemberton	5 Ang Strs, 8-9 mths, 175.3 kgdw, 403c/\$706 ; 4 Ang Hfrs, 8-9 mths, 179.9 kgdw, 358c/\$644; 5 Ang Hfrs, 7-8 mths, 143.9 kgdw, 396c/\$570; 4 Ang Strs, 7-8 mths, 150.4 kgdw, 421c/\$634; 6 Ang & AngX Hfrs, 7-8 mths, 148.9 kgdw, 399c/\$594
WA	Mayanup	10 Blonde/Ang Strs, 12-16 mths, 194.7kgdw, 399c/\$776

Sheep		
State	Town	Details
QLD	Quilpie	1792 Mer Wth lambs, 10-11 mths, 14.5 kgdw, 1" skin, Centre Plus bld, \$64.50 ; 380 Mer Ewes, 2-7 yrs, 17.1 kgdw, 1.25" skin, Unjnd, Centre Plus & Terrick Terrick bld, \$35
QLD	Cunnamulla	640 Mer Wth lambs, 12-13 mths, 14.4 kgdw, 1.75" skin, Pooginook bld, \$59
QLD	Dirranbandi	1200 2ndX Dohne Wth lambs, 10-11 mths, 14.9 kgdw, bare shn, \$47
NSW	Brewarrina	480 2ndX WD m/s lambs, 10-12 mths, 21.2 kgdw, 1.75" skin, \$65 ; 547 2ndX WD Wth lambs, 10-12 mths, 16.9 kgdw, 1.5" skin, \$55
NSW	Bourke	400 Mer Ewes, CFA, 25.4 kgdw, 1" skin, Jnd PD, Haddon Rig bld, passed \$60.50

NSW	Coonamble	170 Mer Ewes, 2-4 yrs, 19.4 kgdw, 1.5" skin, SIL BL, Haddon Rig Bld, passed \$120.50 ; 200 Mer Ewes, 2-7 yrs, 23 kgdw, 1.5" skin, SIL BL, \$90
NSW	Nyngan	160 WD Wth lambs, 9 mths, 19.7 kgdw, 1" skin, passed \$70; 400 Mer Ewes, 6-7 yrs, 17.5 kgdw, 1/2" skin, SIL BL, Mumblebone bld, \$82
NSW	Gilgandra	440 BL/ Mer Ewe lambs, 11-12 mths, 27.1 kgdw, 1/2" skin, SIL PD, \$173.50
NSW	Ivanhoe	1000 Mer Wth lambs, 4-5 mths, 13.3 kgdw, 1.5" skin, Green Field, \$55.50; 1200 Mer Wth lambs, 3-5 mths, 10.1 kgdw, Bare Shn, Green Field, \$54.50
NSW	Boorowa	505 WS/ Mer Ewe lambs, 11-12 mths, 25.6 kgdw, 1.25" skin, \$108.50
NSW	Cootamundra	400 F2- F3 WD Ewe lambs, 10-12 mths, 22.2 kgdw, Bare shn, passed \$94 ; 469 Mer Wth lambs, 12 mths, 17.5 kgdw, 1.5" skin, Hazeldean bld, \$66
NSW	Temora	380 PD/Mer m/s lambs, 4-5 mths, 15.5 kgdw, 1.75" skin, \$73.50
NSW	Leeton	280 BL/Mer Ewes, 2 yrs, 26.1 kgdw, bare shn, passed \$160.50
NSW	Finley	120 BL/ Mer Ewe lambs, 6-7 mths, 17.1 kgdw, 1/4" skin, \$120
NSW	Armidale	206 Mer Ewes, 2-6 yrs, 18.9 kgdw, 2.75" skin, SIL BL, passed \$79
NSW	Uralla	250 Mer Ewes, 6-7 yrs, 18.5 kgdw, 1.25" skin, SIL BL, \$74
NSW	Quirindi	610 BL/Mer Ewes, 10-11 mths, 23.1 kgdw, 1" skin, \$124
NSW	Wee Waa	1680 BL/Mer m/s lambs, 4-5 mths, 12.9 kgdw, 1.75" skin, passed \$70.50 ;
NSW	Collarenebri	560 Mer Wth lambs, 12 mths, 15 kgdw, 1/2" skin, Bonanza bld, \$42.50
VIC	Beaufort	129 Mer Ewes, 6 yrs, 23.1 kgdw, 1/4" skin, SIL PD, Wurrook bld, \$76; 46 Mer Ewes, 6 yrs, 22.1, 1/4" skin, SIL PD, Wurrook bld, \$62
SA	Kimba	160 WS/ Mer m/s lambs, 5 mths, 15.9 kgdw, 1.5" skin, passed \$65.50
TAS	Evandale	678 Comp m/s lambs, 12 mths, 20.4 kgdw, 2" skin, 414c/\$84.50 ; 367 SD/Mer & Comp m/s lambs, 12 mths, 20.8 kgdw, 1.5" skin, 406c/\$84.50 ; 388 SD/Mer & Comp, 12 mths, 16.1 kgdw, 1.5" skin, 370c/\$59.50