

## AuctionsPlus market comments for week ending 3 August 2012

Sheep and lamb numbers were up this week, totalling 22,240 head. Though we saw only a slight increase, much bigger yardings have been reported in many centres, particularly NSW and Victoria, which has affected demand across the board. Cattle numbers showed a small decline, finishing at 4,598 head.

Quality was mixed for Merino ewe offerings. Younger proven breeders were making in the \$120's, and better quality, older scanned ewes were not too far either side of \$100.

Merino wethers were hard to shift, with only one lot achieving a sale; Hazeldean blood, May shorn lambs sold for \$59. Exporters were fairly quiet, with reports of heavier wethers trending cheaper around the yards, while our offerings were trying to hold on to prices from a few weeks ago.

First cross ewe lambs ranged from \$112-\$128, and scanned two year olds reached \$172.50.

Late-drop last season lambs out of SA, still with 5 months to grow out, made to \$65 for the heavier draft weighing 33kg.

In Tasmania, mutton ranged from 320c to 327c; sales out of QLD and far western NSW ranged from 264c-343c for medium weight mutton, all including skin, and for mainland lots freight to Victoria on top. Only one line of slaughter lambs were available, making 401c or \$85.50 in Tasmania, including skin value.

With conditions drying up in the north and cattle moving more freely than in recent weeks, supply at QLD yards also affected buyer activity in the northern portion of our cattle sales today – while there were some good prices, the sale was noticeably quieter than in the south. Young cattle were less affected than females, with yearling Droughtmaster steers weighing 353kg in the far north at Richmond made \$636 or 180c, and further south at Chinchilla a big line of 251kg Santa cross steers sold for 234c or \$585. In NSW, there is still big demand for weaner cattle with the 300+kg cattle attracting more attention today. Out of Coonamble, Santa cross steers weighing 308kg made 202c or \$620, 314kg Angus steers at Dubbo sold for 234c or \$735, and Shorthorn steers out of Molong at 322kg reached \$710 or 220c. Black heifers in the 250-300kg range averaged 208c, and one line of well grown, good quality 363kg Angus heifers out of Boorowa made \$770, or 212c.

Joined females were a mixed bag today, with better quality lines definitely standing out and attracting strong competition. Three year old Santa and Santa cross cows out of Coonamble, in calf to Angus made \$1240, almost \$400 above their reserve, with the Santa/Angus cross portion of the draft selling for \$1090. Further south, Rennylea blood two year old Angus heifers in calf to Angus, sold for \$955.

Cattle		
State	Town	Details

QLD	Mitchell	168 DMX Strs, 6-9 mths, 282kg, passed 204c/\$575
QLD	Chinchilla	216 SantaX Strs, 6-10 mths, 251kg, 234c/\$585
QLD	Jandowae	30 Ang & Char/Ang Strs, 8-10 mths, 269kg, 228c/\$611 ; 38 Ang & Char/Ang Hfrs, 8-10 mths, 255kg, 206c/\$525
QLD	St George	102 SantaX Strs, 7-11 mths, 297kg, passed 215c/\$640 ; 41 Her & XB Cows, 4-13 yrs, 448kg, PTIC Her & Brang, \$705
QLD	Talwood	58 XB Hfrs, 12-18 mths, 329kg, PTIC Her & Char & Ang, passed \$635
QLD	Goondiwindi	67 Santa/DM Hfrs, 10-12 mths, 229kg, Unjnd, 219c/\$500 ; 10 Santa/DM Hfrs, 10-12 mths, 261kg, Unjnd, passed 175c/\$455 ; 17 Brang/Ang Strs, 8-14 mths, 309kg, passed 198c/\$610 ; 11 Brang/Ang Strs, 8-14 mths, 202kg, 213c/\$430 ; 10 Brang/Ang Hfrs, 8-14 mths, 307kg, 179c/\$550 ; 25 Brang/Ang Hfrs, 8-14 mths, 236kg, 195c/\$460
QLD	Richmond	140 DM Strs, 12-16 mths, 353kg, 180c/\$636
QLD	Bouli	136 DM Strs, 12-18 mths, 342kg, 190c/\$649
QLD	Isisford	132 Santa/BrahX Hfrs, 5-7 mths, 197kg, passed 193c/\$380
QLD	Blackall	97 DMX Hfrs, 12-24 mths, 336kg, Jnd DM, \$645
QLD	Cunnamulla	137 Char/Santa m/s Yrlgs, 5-10 mths, 201kg, passed 216c/\$435
QLD	Biloela	40 Her & Char/Her Strs, 6-11 mths, 237kg, passed 207c/\$490 ; 40 Her & HerX Hfrs, 6-11 mths, 203kg, 178c/\$360
QLD	Theodore	72 SeneX Strs, 12-18 mths, 305kg, 202c/\$615
QLD	Charleville	80 XB Strs, 8-10 mths, 253kg, passed 194c/\$490 ; 80 XB Hfrs, 8-10 mths, 238kg, passed 174c/\$415
NSW	Tenterfield	56 Ang & Ang/Her Hfrs, 22-23 mths, 424kg, PTIC Ang, passed \$900
NSW	Glen Innes	41 DM Hfrs, 5-8 mths, 184kg, 233c/\$430; 16 DM Strs, 5-8 mths, 191kg, 226c/\$430
NSW	Walgett	28 Santa/R Ang Strs, 10-11 mths, 264kg, passed 208c/\$550
NSW	Coonamble	33 Santa/ R Ang Strs, 9-10 mths, 300kg, 217c/\$650 ; 39 Santa/ R Ang Hfrs, 9-10 mths, 278kg, 192c/\$535 ; 42 Santa/R Ang/Ang Hfrs, 9-10 mths, 306kg, 203c/\$620 ; 47 Santa/R Ang/Ang Strs, 9-10 mths, 308kg, 202c/\$620
NSW	Manilla	20 SH Hfrs, 10-12 mths, 296kg, Sprys bld, 212c/\$625
NSW	Willow Tree	42 Her Hfrs, 9-11 mths, 273kg, Paraweena bld, 216c/\$590; 21 Ang & Ang/Her Hfrs, 9-11 mths, 284kg 206c/\$585 ; 44 Her Hfrs, 20-22 mths, 370kg, PTIC Ang, Merawah & Bowen bld, \$705
NSW	Girilambone	29 SHX Hfrs, 17-18 mths, 374kg, PTIC R Ang, passed \$755; 56 SH & SH/Char

		Hfrs, 18-21 mths, 443kg, PTIC R Ang, passed \$855
NSW	Warren	44 Santa & SantaX Cows, 3 yrs, 476kg, PTIC Ang, \$1240 ; 24 SantaX Cows, 3 yrs, 490kg, PTIC Ang, \$1090 ; 16 Ang/SH & Ang Hfrs, 12-18 mths, 344kg, Unjnd, passed 179c/\$615 ; 21 SH & SH/Her Hfrs, 12-18 mths, 357kg, Unjnd, passed 176c/\$630
NSW	Dubbo	70 Ang Strs, 8-9 mths, 314kg, Onslow bld, 234c/\$735 ; 58 Ang Strs, 6-8 mths, 229kg, Taloobi bld, 255c/\$585
NSW	Mudgee	61 Ang/MG Strs, 10-11 mths, 291kg, passed 220c/\$640
NSW	Molong	97 SH Strs, 11-14 mths, 322kg, Sprys bld, 220c/\$710
NSW	Blayney	85 Ang Hfrs, 11-12 mths, 268kg, Mundarra bld, 216c/\$580
NSW	Boorowa	34 Ang Strs, 11-12 mths, 380kg, Cudgell Creek & Kennys Creek bld, 199c/\$755; 32 Ang Hfrs, 11-12 mths, 363kg, Cudgell Creek & Kennys Creek bld, 212c/\$770
NSW	Cootamundra	26 Ang & Ang/Her C&C, 4-5 yrs, 533kg, Unjnd, 28 CAF avg 122kg, passed \$1110 ; 19 Ang & Ang/Her C&C, 3-8 yrs, 510kg, Unjnd, 18 CAF avg 108kg, passed \$990
NSW	Yass	27 Ang Strs, 8-11 mths, 243kg, Rosevale & Narrangullen bld, 233c/\$565 ; 24 Ang Hfrs, 8-11 mths, 238kg, Rosevale & Narrangullen bld, 211c/\$500
NSW	Cooma	50 Ang & AngX Hfrs, 10-12 mths, 284kg, Hazeldean & Sparta bld, 201c/\$570
NSW	Bowna	39 Ang Hfrs, 24-26 mths, 445kg, PTIC Ang, Rennylea bld, \$955
VIC	Seymour	66 Ang Strs, 11-12 mths, 330kg, Conmarra & The Grange bld, 232c/\$765 ; 15 Her/Ang Strs, 11-12 mths, 327kg, 214c/\$700 ; 7 Her Strs, 11-12 mths, 330kg, 212c/\$700
WA	Northcliffe	6 Her/Ang Strs, 14-16 mths, 179 kgdw, 409c/\$732 ; 3 Gelb & Gelb/Ang m/s Ylgs, 20-30 mths, 274 kgfw, 313c/\$851 ; 5 XB Cows, 3-7 yrs, 330.8 kgdw, Unjnd, 280c/\$927 ; 12 Ang Cows, 5-10 yrs, 297.2 kgdw, Unjnd, 277c/\$824 ; 3 Ang & Lim/Her Bulls, 4-9 yrs, 555.5 kgdw, 231c/\$1278
WA	Pemberton	8 Ang m/s Clvs, 4-5 mths, 104 kgdw, 442c/\$460 ; 3 Her Hfrs, 22-26 mths, 263.1 kgdw, Unjnd, 313c/\$816 ; 13 Ang FresX Cows, 5-7 yrs, 268.6 kgdw, Unjnd, 273c/\$733
WA	Manjimup	14 Fres & Ang/Fres Strs, 32-40 mths, 314.3 kgdw, 299c/\$933 ; 8 MG & MG/Her Cows, 5-7 yrs, 302.2 kgdw, Unjnd, 281c/\$848

Sheep		
State	Town	Details
QLD	Corfield	1000 Mer Wths, 6 yrs, 22.7 kgdw, bare shn, Mt Ascot bld, 264c/\$60

QLD	Mttaburra	650 Mer Ewes, 3-5 yrs, 17.2 kgdw, 1.75" skin, Unjnd, Well Gully bld, \$58 ; 190 Mer Ewes, 6 yrs, 18.5 kgdw, 1.75" skin, Unjnd, Well Gully bld, 343c/\$63.50
NSW	Dubbo	158 Mer E&L, 7 yrs, 19.7 kgdw, 3/4" skin, Unjnd, 188 BL LAF, Haddon Rig bld, \$110
NSW	Mudgee	250 Mer Ewes, 3-5 yrs, 15.7 kgdw, 1/4" skin, SIL BL, Glanna bld, \$71.50
NSW	Orange	470 BL/Mer Ewe lambs, 9-10 mths, 16 kgdw, 2.25" skin, \$112.50 ; 178 F4-F5 WD Ewes, 12-14 mths, 19.1 kgdw, 1/2" skin, SIL WD, \$118
NSW	Bathurst	315 Mer Ewes, 6 yrs, 23.1 kgdw, 1" skin, SIL PD, Kerri Kerri bld, \$100 ; 225 BL/Mer Ewes, 2 yrs, 23.5 kgdw, 3/4" skin, SIL PD, \$172.50 ; 210 Mer Ewes, 3-5 yrs, 22.9 kgdw, 1" skin, SIL PD, Merryshiels & Kerri Kerri bld, \$108.50
NSW	Yass	60 Mer Ewes, 5-6 yrs, 19.8 kgdw, 2.5" skin, Jnd Mer, Billa Burra Burra & Barrackville bld, passed \$78
NSW	Cooma	225 Mer Wths, 2 yrs, 22.4 kgdw, 1.5" skin, Pastora bld, passed 308c/\$69
NSW	Hay	450 WS/Mer Ewes, 12-13 mths, 24.1 kgdw, 2.25" skin, SIL WS, \$128 ; 410 Mer Ewes, 2-3 yrs, 21.4 kgdw, 1.75" skin, Unjnd, Pooginook bld, \$121.50 ; 250 Mer Ewes, 4-5 yrs, 24.2 kgdw, 1.75" skin, Unjnd, Pooginook bld, \$89.50
NSW	Broken Hill	440 Mer Ewes, 7-8 yrs, 21.7 kgdw, 1.5" skin, SIL Mer, Alma bld, 323c/\$70
NSW	White Cliffs	1340 Mer Wth lambs, 9-11 mths, 10.6 kgdw, bare shn, Wallaloo Park bld, passed \$59.50
NSW	Collaranebri	630 Mer Ewes, 7 yrs, 16.6 kgdw, 1/4" skin, SIL Mer, Bonanza bld, passed \$65.50
NSW	Armidale	322 F2-F3 Dorp Ewes, 2 yrs, 22.2 kgdw, 1.5" skin, SIL Dorp, \$84 ; 380 Dohne/Mer Ewes, 5-6 yrs, 18 kgdw, 3.25" skin, SIL WS, passed \$86
NSW	Walcha	220 Mer m/s lambs, 9-10 mths, 10.1 kgdw, 2" skin, \$50.50
NSW	Collie	233 Mer Ewes, 3-4 yrs, 22.3 kgdw, 2" skin, SIL Mer, Mumblebone bld, \$126 ; 100 Mer Ewes, 5-6 yrs, 21.5 kgdw, 2" skin, SIL Mer, Mumblebone bld, \$100 ; 140 Mer Ewes, 3-5 yrs, 20.7 kgdw, 1" skin, SIL BL, Mumblebone bld, \$125
VIC	Echuca	303 Mer Wths, 2 yrs, 32.2 kgdw, 1/2" skin, Yanko bld, passed 297c/\$95.50 ; 527 Mer Wths, 2 yrs, 27.8 kgdw, 1/2" skin, Yanko bld, passed 308c/\$85.50
VIC	Seymour	380 Mer Wth lambs, 11-12 mths, 12.3 kgdw, 1.25" skin, Hazeldean bld, \$59
VIC	Dunkeld	240 BL/Mer Ewe lambs, 10 mths, 16 kgdw, 2" skin, \$125.50
SA	Burra	100 Mer Ewes, mxd age, 24 kgdw, 2" skin, SIL WS, passed \$95 ; 90 WS Ewes, mxd age, 35.7 kgdw, 2.75" skin, SIL WS, passed \$106
SA	Blanchetown	110 WS/Mer m/s lambs, 6-7 mths, 11.5 kgdw, 1/2" skin, \$57.50 ; 145 WS/Mer m/s lambs, 6-7 mths, 13.4 kgdw, 1/2" skin, \$65; 95 WS/Mer m/s lambs, 6-7 mths, 9.8 kgdw, 1/2" skin, \$48.50

TAS	Perth	388 Mer Wths, 3 yrs, 22.3 kgdw, 2" skin, 327c/\$73
TAS	Campbelltown	533 Dohne/Mer Wth lambs, 11-12 mths, 19.7 kgdw, 1.25" skin, \$75 ; 680 Mer Wths, 2 yrs, 17.2 kgdw, 1" skin, 320c/\$55
TAS	Kettering	142 WS/Mer & 2nd X WS m/s lambs, 11-12 mths, 21.3 kgdw, 1.75" skin, 401c\$85.50