

AuctionsPlus Market Comment – week ending 28 September 2012

Sheep and lamb numbers increased again this week to total 55,094 head, helped by several feature sales. Forecasts of widespread rain across NSW, as well as good quality offerings, saw clearance improve dramatically toward the end of the week. Cattle numbers were steady at 3,936 head, with bigger numbers of cows and heifers coming from the south.

Buoyed by some outstanding results from around the yards, young Merino and first cross ewe results were much better this week, particularly in our feature sales; Egelabra blood hoggets made to \$171.50 for the tops, ranging from \$117, and recently shorn Watervalley Merino ewe hoggets sold from \$120 to \$145. Border Leicester/Merino ewes also fared better, with prices in the mid \$60's for new season ewe lambs, and \$110 - \$136 for those close to joining age.

Demand for Merino wethers also increased this week, with grown lamb prices ranging from \$33 to \$59, two year olds selling for \$50 - \$53, and a line of Egelabra blood hoggets with six months wool on their backs making \$68 out of Walgett.

Store lambs made to \$68.50 in northern NSW for 42kg Border/Dohnes out of Walgett; in the south second crosses out of Cooma weighing 33kg sold for \$67, and further west a big line of 38kg SAMM wether lambs at Hay made \$63.50.

Processors sensed a shift in the direction of prices, and were more active on mutton sheep this week, however were only able to obtain lambs to feed or for a light kill job. With recent uncertainty in the boat job, and a backlog of sheep waiting to be shipped, exporters remained quiet.

There was large supply of breeders from southern NSW in particular today, with anything other than black cattle attracting little interest in this region. Young Angus cows with calves at foot made to \$1325, and mixed age Black Baldies with Angus calves sold for \$1250. Further north, Charolais heifers with their first calf at foot sold for \$1100 out of Warialda, and in the Central West a line of top quality PTIC Angus heifers made \$1050.

There were some good quality weaner steers offered out of QLD today, making to \$705 for 284kg Angus steers, and 253kg Brangus steers sold for 223c. Further south 300-350kg black steers averaged 195c, and 440kg black feeder steers at Coonabarabran making 192c. The EYCI was hovering around 360c this week, continuing the gradual decrease since early August. With continuing dry conditions an ever-increasing threat to this season's crop yields, only good rainfall is likely to reverse its descent, so let's hope the current forecast comes to fruition.

Cattle		
State	Town	Details
QLD	Barcaldine	83 Santa Hfrs, 15-19 mths, 301kg, 176c/\$530; 64 Santa & Santa X Strs, 15-19 mths, 300 kg, 193c/\$580
QLD	Yaraka	120 Her Hfrs, 8-10 mths, 220kg, 175c/\$385; 132 Her Hfrs, 6-8 mths, 192kg, 182c/\$350; 132 Her Strs, 6-8 mths, 200kg, 205c/\$410 ; 120 Her Strs, 8-10 mths,

		226kg, 199c/\$450
QLD	Dulacca	119 BrangX Strs, 5-10 mths, 253kg, 223c/\$565
QLD	Tara	72 Ang Strs, 6-10 mths, 284kg, Double D bld, 249c/\$705
NSW	Wee Waa	42 Ang & AngX Strs, 8-10 mths, 262kg, passed 193c/\$505; 79 Ang/Santa/Her Strs, 9-11 mths, 303kg, passed 207c/\$625
NSW	Narrabri	26 Her & Ang/Her Strs, 8-10 mths, 208kg, 178c/\$370
NSW	Coonabarabran	40 Ang & AngX Strs, 10-12 mths, 341kg, passed 196c/\$670; 16 LimX Strs, 13-15 mths, 377kg, 183c/\$690; 79 Ang & AngX Strs, 14-16 mths, 439kg, 192c/\$845
NSW	Baradine	21 BrahX Hfrs, 22-28 mths, 468kg, PTIC Her, passed \$765
NSW	Tamworth	21 Her Hfrs, 12-14 mths, 305kg, Unjnd, passed 184c/\$560
NSW	Murrurundi	120 Ang & Ang/Her Strs, 11-13 mths, 315kg, 200c/\$630
NSW	Scone	90 Ang Hfrs, 22-25 mths, 402kg, PTIC, passed \$790; 45 Ang Cows, 3-6 yrs, 614kg, PTIC Ang, \$815 ; 14 Ang & Ang/Her Hfrs, 24-30 mths, 386kg, PTIC Ang, passed \$620 ; 21 Ang Cows, 3 yrs, 515kg, PTIC Ang, passed \$720; 21 Ang C&C, 3 yrs, 392kg, Unjnd, CAF avg 72kg, \$1030
NSW	Trangie	35 Ang & Ang/Her Hfrs, 13-15 mths, 387kg, Unjnd, passed 171c/\$660
NSW	Mudgee	31 Ang Hfrs, 16-18 mths, 386kg, Jnd AngX, \$660
NSW	Bylong	49 Ang & HerX Strs, 15-17 mths, 342kg, 190c/\$650
NSW	Bathurst	15 Ang/Her & Ang C&C, 2 yrs, 397kg, Unjnd, Ang CAF, Pine Creek & Ironbark bld, \$970; 16 R Ang/Her & Her C&C, 2 yrs, 398kg, Unjnd, Ang CAF, Pine Creek & Ironbark bld, \$850
NSW	Canowindra	23 Ang/Her Hfrs, 10-11 mths, 248kg, passed 189c/\$470; 40 Ang Hfrs, 10-11 mths, 249kg, 197c/\$490 ; 60 Ang Hfrs, 13-14 mths, 395kg, Unjnd, passed 172c/\$680
NSW	Coonamble	70 Ang & AngX Strs, 12-16 mths, 334kg, 188c/\$630
NSW	Gundagai	70 Ang Hfrs, 24-25 mths, 527kg, PTIC Ang, passed \$930
NSW	Bowral	24 CharX C&C, 2 yrs, 417kg, Unjnd, Ang CAF, passed \$960
NSW	Braidwood	25 AngX Strs, 13-14 mths, 347kg, Unjnd, passed 183c/\$670
NSW	Bombala	49 Her C&C, 4-8 yrs, 474kg, Jnd Her, 49 Her CAF, South Bukalong bld, passed \$850
NSW	Cooma	20 Ang/Her C&C, 3-7 yrs, 555kg, PTIC Ang, 20 CAF avg 204kg, \$1250
NSW	Wagga Wagga	41 Ang C&C, 8-9 yrs, 490kg, Jnd Lim, 41 Lim CAF avg 109kg, Ardrossan bld, passed \$975 ; 17 Ang C&C, 6-8 yrs, 475kg, Jnd Lim, 17 Ang CAF avg 105kg,

		Ardrossan bld, passed \$965
NSW	Holbrook	61 Ang/Her & Ang Hfrs, 11-12 mths, 290kg, passed 183c/\$520 ; 17 Her Hfrs, 11-12 mths, 286kg, passed 182c/\$520; 26 Her C&C, 4-9 yrs, 603kg, PTIC R Ang, 27 SH/Her & Ang/Her CAF avg 212kg, Injemira bld, passed \$1160
NSW	Coleambally	24 Ang C&C, 3-4 yrs, 533kg, Unjnd, 24 Ang CAF, \$1325 ; 24 Ang C&C, 4 yrs, 519kg, Unjnd, 24 Ang CAF, \$1325
NSW	Tocumwal	16 Ang C&C, 3-4 yrs, 474kg, 16 Ang CAF, \$980
NSW	Emmaville	11 Ang/Her Hfrs, 18-24 mths, 380kg, PTIC Ang, \$650; 26 Her Cows, 4-8 mths, 464kg, PTIC Her, Foxforth bld, \$670
NSW	Garah	24 AngX Strs, 10-17 mths, 300kg, passed 198c/\$595
NSW	Warialda	48 Char C&C, 2 yrs, 408kg, Jnd Ang, AngX CAF avg 79kg, \$1100
NSW	Bingara	23 Ang C&C, 2 yrs, 445kg, Unjnd, Te mania bld, \$1305; 51 SH & SH/Ang Strs, 12-16 mths, 286kg, passed 197c/\$565;
VIC	Wodonga	37 Ang C&C, 2-4 yrs, 562kg, Unjnd, 38 Ang CAF, passed \$1190
SA	Kingston	143 AngX Hfrs, 7-8 mths, 214kg, passed 208c/\$445
WA	Boyup Brook	63 XB Strs, 14-17 mths, 270.5 kgdw, 375c/\$1014 ; 97 XB Hfrs, 14-17 mths, 241.5 kgdw, 365c/\$881 ; 7 Her & Braf & Ang & Lim Bulls, 3-7 yrs, 517.4 kgdw, 200c/\$1035
WA	Bridgetown	9 SimX m/s Ylgs, 12-13 mths, 371kg, \$682

Sheep		
State	Town	Details
QLD	Goondiwindi	440 Mer Wths, 12-13 mths, 15.2 kgdw, 2" skin, Egelabra & Uمبرcollie bld, \$59
QLD	Stanthorpe	727 Dam & DorpX E&L, GSM, 15.4 kgdw, 1.75" skin, Jnd WD, 598 WD LAF avg 22kg, passed \$40.50 ; 885 XB E&L, GSM, 14.8 kgdw, 1.75" skin, Jnd Dorp, 575 LAF avg 17.5kg, passed \$40.50
NSW	Narromine	420 Mer Wths, 12 mths, 15 kgdw, 3/4" skin, Egelabra bld, passed \$43.50
NSW	Dubbo	150 Mer Ewes, 2 yrs, 24 kgdw, 2.75" skin, Unjnd, Egelabra bld, passed \$158
NSW	Bourke	600 Mer Wth lambs, 12-14 mths, 16.1 kgdw, 3/4" skin, Egelabra bld, \$55
NSW	Trundle	345 WS/Mer m/s lambs, 5 mths, 14.6 kgdw, 1" skin, \$60
NSW	Condobolin	620 Mer Wth lambs, 4-5 mths, 12.9 kgdw, 1.5" skin, Haddon Rig bld, \$45.50
NSW	West	395 Mer Ewes, 4-5 yrs, 23.5 kgdw, 1/2" skin, Woodpark bld, passed \$61

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NSW	Young	145 Mer Ewes, 13-14 mths, 19.6 kgdw, 1.5" skin, Pooginook bld, passed \$92.50; 400 Mer Ewes, 12 mths, 14.3 kgdw, 2.5" skin, Unjnd, Egelabra bld, passed \$111
NSW	Harden	427 Mer Wths, 2 yrs, 25 kgdw, 1/4" skin, Haddon Rig bld, 212c/\$53
NSW	Yass	303 F2 WD Ewes, 3-4 yrs, 24.3 kgdw, 2" skin, Unjnd, \$60
NSW	Cooma	300 2ndX PD m/s lambs, 3 mths, 14.1 kgdw, 1.5" skin, \$67
NSW	Bombala	295 Mer Wths, 2 yrs, 20.1 kgdw, 3/4" skin, Avonside bld, \$50
NSW	Tumbarumba	480 Mer Wth lambs, 11-12 mths, 12.6 kgdw, 1/4" skin, passed \$32.50 ; 480 Mer Wths, 12 mths, 10.9 kgdw, 1/4" skin, passed \$29
NSW	Hay	1600 SAMM Wth lambs, 4-5 mths, 15.3 kgdw, 1.5" skin, Gracefields bld, \$63.50
NSW	Guyra	570 Mer Wths, 12 mths, 12.1 kgdw, bare shn, Merryville & Rockbank bld, \$33
NSW	Walgett	350 BL/Mer Ewes, 13-14 mths, 30.4 kgdw, 2.5" skin, \$136; 440 BL/Mer Ewes, 12-13 mths, 24 kgdw, 2.5" skin, \$120 ; 660 BL/Mer Ewes, 12-13 mths, 24 kgdw, 2.5" skin, passed \$118.50 ; 220 BL/Mer Ewes, 12-13 mths, 24 kgdw, 2.5" skin, passed \$119; 493 Mer Wths, 15-16 mths, 20.2 kgdw, 2.25" skin, Egelabra bld, \$68 ; 450 DohneX Ewes, 16-17 mths, 21.1 kgdw, 1.75" skin, Unjnd, Macquarie bld, \$106 ; 450 DohneX Ewes, 16-17 mths, 21.1 kgdw, 1.75" skin, Unjnd, Macquarie bld, passed \$101 ; 756 DohneX Ewes, 6-7 yrs, 24.5 kgdw, 1.5" skin, Unjnd, \$60.50 ; 500 BL/Dohne Ewe lambs, 3-5 mths, 16.6 kgdw, 2.5" skin, bld, \$77 ; 460 BL/Dohne Wth lambs, 3-5 mths, 16.9 kgdw, 2.5" skin, \$68.50; 731 BL/Dohne m/s lambs, 4-5 mths, 14.9 kgdw, 2" skin, \$68 ; 467 BL/Mer Ewe lambs, 4-5 mths, 11.5 kgdw, 1.5" skin, \$66; 444 BL/Mer Ewe lambs, 4-5 mths, 9.7 kgdw, 1.5" skin, \$66; 420 BL/Mer Wth lambs, 4-5 mths, 11.6 kgdw, 1.5" skin, \$50 ; 472 BL/Mer Wth lambs, 4-5 mths, 9.2 kgdw, 2" skin, \$50 ; 1000 DohneX Wth lambs, 4-5 mths, 10.6 kgdw, 1.5" skin, \$51.50
NSW	Goodooga	530 WS/Mer m/s lambs, 4-5 mths, 14.4 kgdw, 1.75" skin, \$65
NSW	Coonamble	665 Mer Ewes, 5 yrs, 25.4 kgdw, 2" skin, Unjnd, \$75.50 ; 1260 BL/Mer Ewes, 12-14 mths, 23.2 kgdw, 2.5" skin, \$110; 920 BL/Mer Ewes, 12-14 mths, 24.4 kgdw, 1/4" skin, Unjnd, \$113 ; 190 Mer Ewes, 12-13 mths, 17.4 kgdw, 3/4" skin, Roseville bld, \$70
NSW	Nyngan	590 Mer Ewes, 13-14 mths, 12.8 kgdw, 1.5" skin, Unjnd, Egelabra bld, \$117
NSW	Warren	985 Mer Wths, 14-15 mths, 19.1 kgdw, 2.25" skin, Egelabra bld, passed \$69.50 ; 168 Mer Ewes, 13-14 mths, 16.2 kgdw, 1.75" skin, Unjnd, Egelabra bld, passed \$100.50 ; 400 Mer Ewes, 13-14 mths, 25 kgdw, 2" skin, Unjnd, Egelabra bld, \$171.50 ; 600 Mer Ewes, 13-14 mths, 23.2 kgdw, 2" skin, Unjnd, Egelabra bld, \$137.50
SA	Lucindale	250 Mer Ewes, 1-2 yrs, 22.6 kgdw, 1/2" skin, Unjnd, Collinsville bld, \$145 ; 380

		Mer Ewes, 1-2 yrs, 19 kgdw, 1/2" skin, Unjnd, Collinsville bld, \$126
SA	Kingston	400 Mer Ewes, 1-2 yrs, 20.5 kgdw, 3/4" skin, Unjnd, Collinsville bld, passed \$141; 1100 Mer Ewes, 1-2 yrs, 19.3 kgdw, 3/4" skin, Unjnd, Collinsville bld, \$137 ; 1350 Mer Ewes, 1-2 yrs, 17.1 kgdw, 3/4" skin, Unjnd, Collinsville bld, \$120 ; 450 Mer Ewes, 1-2 yrs, 18 kgdw, 1/2" skin, Unjnd, Collinsville bld, \$125; 1550 Mer Ewes, 1-2 yrs, 18 kgdw, 1/2" skin, Unjnd, Collinsville bld, passed \$121; 475 Mer Ewes, 1-2 yrs, 14 kgdw, 1/2" skin, Unjnd, Collinsville bld, passed \$109; 725 Mer Ewes, 1-2 yrs, 18.7 kgdw, 1/2" skin, Unjnd, Collinsville bld, \$127 ; 1000 Mer Ewes, 1-2 yrs, 18.7 kgdw, 1/2" skin, Unjnd, Collinsville bld, passed \$121; 1140 Mer Ewes, 1-2 yrs, 14.7 kgdw, 1/2" skin, Unjnd, Collinsville bld, passed \$110
TAS	Bicheno	180 Mer Wths, 4 yrs, 13.5 kgdw, 1/4" skin, Mayfield Swansea bld, \$25 ; 110 Mer Wths, 5 yrs, 13 kgdw, 1/4" skin, Mayfield Swansea bld, \$26