AuctionsPlus Market Comment week ending 22 Feb 2013

Sheep & lamb numbers continued to build, finishing with 46,779 head on offer, up 13,000 head on the previous week. The three regular sales were boosted with the Boloco Station dispersal and the A1 Production sale. Both these sales benefited from improved demand by restockers and the inclusion of southern processors looking to buy the lighter end of the 1st & 2nd cross lambs. Cattle numbers dropped back to 3,554 head, down 2,000 head from the previous week. Competition again was stronger with most of the competition coming from Northern NSW graziers supported by feedlotters and backgrounders who have returned to the market following the earlier weaner sales.

Queensland sales for sheep and lambs were restricted to the southern parts with 950 1st cross wether lambs, 33.6kg liveweight selling for \$47.50. Further south at Mungindi, 6.5 year old Merino ewes, estimated to dress 20.8kg, December shorn and NSM looked good buying at \$27. 1,500 1st cross ewes at Walgett, 8 to 9 months, weighing 43.7kg liveweight, January shorn, made \$75. While also at the same location, 383 Merino ewes, 1.5 years and bare shorn, NSM, sold at \$60. At Cooma 430 Merino ewes, 1.5 to 3.5 years, estimated to weigh 63.5kg liveweight and August shorn, scanned in lamb to Border Leicester rams to lamb late March early April sold for \$100. 218 White Dorper ewes, 61.9kg liveweight, 1.5 to 3 year, SIL, sold to \$80 at Bendigo. Heavy Merino wethers have almost disappeared but at Bourke 700 Merino Wethers, 59kg liveweight, 1.5 to 2.5 years, carrying a July skin sold to Victorian restockers at \$67. While down in Tasmania 540 Merino wethers estimated to dress 21.4kg, 4.5 to 5.5 years, September shorn, sold to a processor at \$48.50.

Buying numbers continue to increase although the results from Queensland would suggest there is a gap between vendor's expectations and buyer demand although at Blackall 90 Gelbvieh Composite cows, 4 to 8 years, 516kg, with calves at foot averaging 153kgs, sold for \$900. At Talwood, 59 Angus x heifers, 13 to 15 months, weighing 307kg, sold for 166c/\$510. 109 Santa x heifers at Moree that weighed 400kgs, 18 to 24 months old, PTIC Angus bulls, sold for \$750. At Coonamble 57 Shorthorn cows, 456kgs, 44 to 56 months, PTIC to calve June/July sold for \$760. At Harden, 100 Angus heifers, 19 to 21 months, 473kgs, PTIC 4 to 5 months, sold for \$900. 140 Angus steers at Hay, 7 to 9 months, 298kg, sold for 211c/kg or \$630. In WA, 57 Angus x mixed sex young cattle, estimated to dress 262.6kg, sold for 320.7 c/kg or \$842.06, while 20 Murray Grey cows estimated to dress 277.3kg sold for 220 c/kg or \$610.06.

Cattle		
State	Town	Details
QLD	Isisford	152 SantaX & CharX Strs, 8-11 mths, 287kg, passed 194c/\$555; 30 SantaX & CharX Strs, 11-14 mths, 359kg, passed 176c/\$630
QLD	Blackall	90 Gelb/Devon C&C, 4-8 yrs, 516kg, Jnd Gelb/Devon, 90 Gelb/Devon CAF avg 153kg, \$900; 72 Gelb/Devon C&C, 5-8 yrs, 500kg, Jnd Gelb/Devon, 72 Gelb/Devon CAF avg 147kg, \$890

QLD	Charleville	72 Ang, Brang, Simm & Ang Hfrs, 8-15 mths, 296kg, Unjnd, passed 144c/\$425
QLD	Capella	40 DMX & DM C&C, 22-28 mths, 448kg, Jnd DM, 40 DM CAF avg 130kg, \$850
QLD	Marloborough	72 BrahX C&C, 3-10 yrs, 440kg, Jnd Brah, 71 Brang & Charbray CAF avg 120kg, \$800
QLD	Talwood	59 AngX Hfrs, 13-15 mths, 307kg, 166c/\$510
NSW	Uralla	80 Ang & AngX Hfrs, 16-36 mths, 327kg, Jnd Ang, [assed \$715; 41 Ang & AngX C&C, 2-10 yrs, 370kg, Jnd Ang, Ang & Char CAF avg 80kg, passed \$725
NSW	Bendemeer	25 Ang Strs, 10-14 mths, 314kg, Traveller & Scotch Cap bld, 200c/\$630
NSW	Walcha	13 Ang & AngX Hfrs, 18-24 mths, 459kg, PTIC Ang, passed 164c/\$755; 20 Her Strs, 101-12 mths, 289kg, 184c/\$630; 50 AngX Strs, 10-12 mths, 310kg, 204c/\$630; 30 Her Hfrs, 10-12 mths, 284kg, passed 155c/\$440; 50 AngX Hfrs, 10-12 mths, 291kg, 165c/\$480; 42 Ang & AngX Strs, 10-14 mths, 325kg, passed 197c/\$640; 20 Her Strs, 10-14 mths, 318kg, passed 190c/\$605
NSW	Yetman	21 XB Hfrs, 13-15 mths, 278kg, 155c/\$430
NSW	Moree	33 AngX Strs, 15-17 mths, 234kg, 192c/\$620; 47 AngX Hfrs, 15-17 mths, 322kg, 173c/\$557; 109 Santa & Char/Santa Hfrs, 18-24 mths, 401kg, PTIC Ang, \$750
NSW	Gravesend	28 SH & SHX Strs, 13-21 mths, 278kg, 178c/\$495
NSW	Inverell	13 Ang Strs, 5-7 mths, 214kg, 213c/\$455; 23 Ang Hfrs, 6-8 mths, 239kg, 189c/\$450; 27 Ang Strs, 11-13 mths, 295kg, 205c/\$605
NSW	Barraba	35 Ang & Ang/Her C&C, 8-10 yrs, 466kg, \$700
NSW	Willow Tree	30 Ang & AngX Strs, 10-11 mths, 306kg, 200c/\$610 ; 20 AngX Hfrs, 10-11 mths, 286kg, 184c/\$525
NSW	Walgett	32 Ang Strs, 7-8 mths, 262kg, 202c/\$530 ; 43 Ang & Ang/Her Hfrs, 7-8 mths, 241kg, 178c/\$430 ; 26 Ang AngX Hfrs, 21-22 mths, 405kg, PTIC Ang, passed \$725 ; 44 Ang Hfrs, 17-19 mths, 355kg, PTIC Ang, passed \$690
NSW	Burren Junction	35 CharX Strs, 8-9 mths, 302kg, 199c/\$600; 31CharX Hfrs, 8-9 mths, 282kg, 184c/\$520
NSW	Coonamble	44 Ang/SH Hfrs, 19-20 mths, 402kg, PTIC Ang, \$800; 52 SH Hfrs, 18-19 mths, 355kg, PTIC Ang, \$660; 27 SH Cows, 3 yrs, 411kg, PTIC SH, \$710; 57 SH Cows, 4 yrs, 456kg, PTIC SH, Marellan bld, \$760; 25 SH Cows, 9 yrs, 536kg, PTIC SH, Marellan bld, \$630; 50 SH Cows, 5-7 yrs, 498kg, PTIC SH, Marellan bld, \$720; 27 Ang/Her C&C, 4-10 yrs, 409kg, Jnd Ang, 21 CAF, passed \$805
NSW	Dubbo	85 Santa Strs, 3-15 mths, 311kg, 202c/\$625
NSW	Harden	100 Ang Hfrs, 19-21 mths, 473kg, PTIC Ang, \$900; 67 Ang Hfrs, 19-21 mths, 452kg, PTIC Ang, passed \$840; 47 Ang Cows, 8 yrs, 694kg, PTIC Ang, Hazeldean bld, passed \$825
NSW	Adelong	37 Her Hfrs, 19-20 mths, 427kg, PTIC Her, Sutherland bld, passed \$700

NSW	Colleambally	140 Ang Strs, 7-9 mths, 299kg, 211c/\$630
NSW	Tenterfield	32 Ang C&C, 8-9 yrs, 527kg, PTIC Ang, Ang CAF avg 208kg, Te Mania bld, \$1010; 11 Ang C&C, 8-9 mths, 467kg, PTIC Ang, Ang CAF avg 191kg, Te Mania bld, \$850
NSW	Glen Innes	48 Ang & Ang/Her Strs, 16-18 mths, 317kg, 197c/\$625

Sheep		
State	Town	Details
QLD	Blackall	600 2ndX WD Wth lambs, 7-11 mths, 21.3 kgdw, 1.25" skin, \$68
QLD	Dirranbandi	1000 BL/ Mer Ewe lambs, 6-7 mths, 12.9 kgdw, 2" skin, passed \$50.50; 950 BL/Mer Wth lambs, 6-7 mths, 13.1 kgdw, 2" skin, \$47.50; 500 2ndX Cool m/s lambs, 5.5-6.5 mths, 14.5 kgdw, 2" skin, \$53.50
NSW	Bourke	700 Mer Wth lambs, 1.5-2.5 yrs, 22.4 kgdw, 2.75" skin, Old Ashrose bld, \$66.50
NSW	Broken Hill	420 Mer Ewes, 20-22 mths, 16.5 kgdw, 1.25" skin, Jnd Mer, Woodoona bld, \$58
NSW	Nyngan	540 WS/Mer m/s lambs, 8 mths, 13 kgdw, 1/4" skin, \$54.50; 350 2ndX WS m/s lambs, 6 mths, 14 kgdw, 1/4" skin, \$57.50
NSW	Mudgee	412 Mer Ewes, 3-5 yrs, 16.6 kgdw, 1.25" skin, Unjnd, Grathlyn bld, passed \$26; 472 Mer Ewes, 1-2 yrs, 13.6 kgdw, 1.25" skin, Unjnd, Grathlyn bld, passed \$29
NSW	Orange	112 BL/Mer Ewes, 5-7 yrs, 24.2 kgdw, 1.5" skin, SIL Dors, passed \$40.50
NSW	Bigga	338 Mer Wths, 2.5 yrs, 15.8 kgdw, 1/4" skin, \$34
NSW	Grenfell	250 Mer Ewes, 2.5 yrs, 21.5 kgdw, 1.5" skin, SIL Mer, Genangie & Richmond bld, passed \$125.50
NSW	Gundagai	155 Comp/Mer Wth lambs, 9 mths, 19.9 kgdw, 1/75" skin, \$70; 259 Comp/Mer Ewes, 17-18 mths, 25.6 kgdw, 2.75" skin, SIL PD, \$120; 245 Cool/Mer Ewes, 2.5 yrs, 22.7 kgdw, 2.75" skin, SIL PD, \$105
NSW	Yass	250 WS/Mer m/s lambs, 5-6 mths, 13.8 kgdw, 1.25" skin, \$45; 500 2ndX PD m/s lambs, 7 mths, 13.3 kgdw, 2" skin, \$63.50; 820 2ndX PD m/s lambs, 7 mths, 11.1 kgdw, 2" skin, \$45; 390 2ndX PD m/s lambs, 7 mths, 8.8 kgdw, 2" skin, \$33.50
NSW	Weston Creek	460 Mer Wths, 2.5 yrs, 24 kgdw, 1.25" skin, passed 210.4c/\$50.50
NSW	Hay	100 BL Ewes, 18 mths, 34.5 kgdw, 2.25" skin, Unjnd, Nelleona bld, \$78
NSW	Griffith	220 WD Ewes, 3.5-4.5 yrs, 26 kgdw, 1/4" skin, Unjnd, passed \$38.50
NSW	Wagga Wagga	122 Mer Ewes, 2 yrs, 20 kgdw, 1.25" skin, Jnd PD, \$79; 340 Mer Ewes, 17 mths, 17.4 kgdw, 1.25" skin, Unjnd, Pastora bld, passed \$85.50; 220 Mer Ewes, 2.5 yrs, 15.6 kgdw, 1.75" skin,

		Unjnd, Pastora bld, passed \$63.50
NSW	Bendigo	68 WD Ewes, 1.5-3 yrs, 24.1 kgdw, bare shn, Jnd Dorp, \$75; 218 WD Ewes, 1.5-3 yrs, 25.4 kgdw, 1/2" skin, Jnd Dorp, \$80; 68 WD Ewes, 1.5-3 yrs, 24.4 kgdw, bare shn, Jnd Dorp, passed \$70.50
NSW	Mildura	203 Mer Ewes, 2-5 yrs, 16.8 kgdw, 1/4" skin, Jnd WS, Glen Park bld, \$50
NSW	Mungindi	400 Cool/Mer m/s lambs, 7-8 mths, 17.8 kgdw, 2" skin, \$61; 415 Mer Ewes, 6.5 yrs, 20.8 kgdw, 3/4" skin, Unjnd, Wangola bld, \$27; 1200 WS/Mer m/s lambs, 5-6 mths, 10.8 kgdw, 1.5" skin, passed \$36.50
NSW	Walgett	383 Mer Ewes, 18 mths, 18.4 kgdw, bare shn, Unjnd, Bungulla & Airlie bld, \$60; 1500 BL/Mer Ewe lambs, 8-9 mths, 18.4 kgdw, 1/4" skin, \$75
NSW	Guyra	230 WS/Mer m/s lambs, 4-5 mths, 11.7 kgdw, 1.5" skin, \$45.50
NSW	Walcha	550 Mer Wth lambs, 4-5 mths, 11 kgdw, 1.25" skin, Merryville & Stockton bld, passed \$33.50
NSW	Burren Junction	560 Mer Ewes, 5.5 yrs, 21.1 kgdw, 3/4" skin, Unjnd, Rossmore & Bungulla bld, \$52
NSW	Narrabri	60 F4-F5 Dorp Ewe lambs, 4-5 mths, 14 kgdw, 2" skin, passed \$58.50
VIC	Kyneton	200 BL/Mer Ewes, 4.5 yrs, 23 kgdw, 1" skin, Unjnd, \$70.50
VIC	Coleraine	1165 Mer Wth lambs, 6 mths, 8.5 kgdw, 1.5" skin, Barrama bld, \$42.50; 560 Mer Wth lambs, 6 mths, 7.9 kgdw, 1.5" skin, Barrama bld, \$37.50; 515 Mer Wth lambs, 6 mths,
SA	Millicent	215 Dorp Ewe lambs, 6-7 mths, 17.1 kgdw, 1/4" skin, \$55
SA	Mount Compass	120 Comp m/s lambs, 8-9 mths, 13.7 kgdw, 1/2" skin, \$55
TAS	Fingal	540 Mer Wths, 4.5-5.5 yrs, 21.4 kgdw, 1.75" skin, 227c/\$48.50