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AuctionsPlus Market Comments: Week Ending 30th May 2014

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A further retraction in numbers this week saw 46,026 sheep and lambs offered, while cattle had a more pronounced drop to 3,557 head, in the usual pattern after a market downturn and a couple of tough weeks.

Merino ewes for woolgrowing operations enjoyed a surge in prices this week. Young ewes in lamb to Merinos made \$100.50 to \$125, and older ewes again joined to Merinos sold from \$84 to a top of \$145 for five year old Dalveen blood ewes out of Keith. Merino ewes to drop a crossbred lamb made \$88.50 to \$142.50, and Blue Bush blood Merino ewe lambs out of Hay sold to \$150.50.

Though a little earlier than usual, this week saw the first offering of 2014 drop crossbred suckers; March/April drop, first crosses out of Cootamundra weighing 20kg sold for \$77. Lamb numbers are otherwise continuing to decline, of few first and second crosses lambs offered for a late winter kill job, prices included \$104 for 36kg lambs at Bombala, and \$76 for 31kg lambs out of Seymour.

Merino wether lambs sold in a tighter price range of \$58 to \$78 to average \$65, with the top price being paid for 41kg Pastora blood lambs with an inch on their backs out of Cootamundra.

Prices for backgrounding cattle were up and down this week. Steers under 250kg jumped 7c to average 207c, while 250-300kg steers dropped 11c, averaging 197c. Heifers were back 5c-8c on last week's prices. Weaner steers sold to a top price of \$555 twice, for 269kg Angus Steers as well as 267kg Angus and Angus cross steers. Yearlings topped at \$640 for 311kg Banquet blood steers out of Victoria.

A dispersal of Angus females with calves at foot saw three to five year old drafts sell from \$1250 to \$1310. Elsewhere lines of mixed age cows with calves made \$655 to \$875. PTIC Angus heifers out of Dubbo sold for \$960, Rennylea blood six year olds at Albury made \$1050, and mixed age lines sold for \$750.



Cattle		
State	Town	Details
QLD	Winton	54 Santa/Ang C&C, 3-10 yrs, 524kg, Jnd Santa & Santa/Char, Santa & Santa/Char CAF avg 173kg, passed \$655
QLD	Wandoan	38 Ang C&C, 3-10 yrs, 444kg, Jnd, CAF avg 162kg, passed \$605
QLD	Cooyar	54 Santa/Her C&C, 2-6 yrs, 335kg, Jnd Sim & Santa, 54 XB CAF, passed \$455
QLD	Goondiwindi	80 Ang & Ang/Her Strs, 8-10 mths, 252kg, 210c/\$530 ; 38 Ang & Ang/Her Hfrs, 7-10 mths, 222kg, 162c/\$360 ; 52 Ang & Ang/Her Strs, 9-10 mths, 326kg, 201c/\$655 ; 29 Ang & Ang/Her Strs, 7-8 mths, 248kg, 202c/\$500 ; 24 Ang & AngX Strs, 9-13 mths, 257kg, 204c/\$525
NSW	Tenterfield	44 Ang hfrs, 11-18 mths, 251kg, Unjnd, Speriby North bld, passed 133c/\$335
NSW	Deepwaer	23 Ang & Ang/Her Hfrs, 28-32 mths, 437kg, PTIC Ang, Speriby North bld, \$600 ; 15 Ang & Ang/Her Cows, 4-12 yrs, 575kg, PTIC Ang, \$750 ; 10 Her Cows, 4-12 yrs, 605kg, PTIC Her, \$750 ; 25 Ang Cows, 3 yrs, 612kg, PTIC Ang, \$800
NSW	Glen Innes	123 Ang Hfrs, 6-9 mths, 167kg, 162c/\$270 ; 96 Ang Strs, 6-9 mths, 176kg, 199c/\$350 ; 16 Ang Strs, 8-10 mths, 271kg, 187c/\$505
NSW	Bingara	36 Ang/Brang Strs, 9-11 mths, 264kg, 169c/\$445
NSW	Guyra	60 Ang & Ang/Her Cows, 4 yrs, 523kg, PTIC Ang, \$790
NSW	Armidale	63 Her Cows, 3-8 yrs, 557kg, PTIC Her & Ang, passed \$660 ; 43 Ang Cows, 5-7 yrs, 541kg, PTIC Ang, passed \$660
NSW	Tamworth	53 AngX Cows, 3-4 yrs, 467kg, PTIC Ang, passed \$705
NSW	Walgett	87 Ang C&C, 3-7 yrs, 457kg, Unjnd, CAF avg 132kg, \$860 ; 25 Ang C&C, 3-7 yrs, 444kg, PTIC Ang, CAF avg 138kg, \$875
NSW	Coonamble	102 Ang & AngX Strs, 7-11 mths, 267kg, 208c/\$555; 74 Ang & Ang/Her Strs, 6-10 mths, 246kg, 208c/\$510
NSW	Scone	100 SH Hfrs, 11-14 mths, 294kg, 158c/\$465
NSW	Dubbo	24 Ang Hfrs, 20-22 mths, 498kg, PTIC Ang, Hardhat & Ardrossan bld, \$960
NSW	Rylstone	56 Ang Strs, 7-9 mths, 203kg, 237c/\$480; 16 Ang Hfrs, 18-120 mths, 424kg, PTIC Ang, passed \$615; 19 Ang Cows, 4-10 yrs, 558kg, PTIC Ang, passed \$625
NSW	Bathurst	48 Ang C&C, 5 yrs, 578kg, Unjnd, 48 Lim & MG CAF avg 137kg, \$1100
NSW	Gooloogong	22 Char/SH Hfrs, 7-12 mths, 303kg, passed 187c/\$565
NSW	Jugiong	19 Ang C&C, 3.5 yrs, 631kg, Unjnd, 20 Ang CAF avg 119kg, Bongongo bld, \$1310; 19 Ang C&C, 3.5 yrs, 539kg, Unjnd, 19 Ang CAF avg 114kg, Bongongo bld, \$1270; 15 Ang C&C, 4.5 yrs, 663kg, Unjnd, 15 Ang CAF avg 108kg, Bongongo bld, \$1270; 15 Ang C&C, 4.5 yrs, 620kg, Unjnd, 15 Ang CAF avg 103kg, Bongongo bld, \$1250
NSW	Braidwood	39 Ang Strs, 8-9 mths, 269kg, 206c/\$555; 54 Ang C&C, 4-7 yrs, 543kg, Unjnd, 54 Ang CAF avg 81kg, Clea & Bareena bld, passed \$910; 54 Ang C&C, 4-7 yrs, 546kg, Unjnd, 54 Ang CAF avg 81kg, Clea & Bareena bld, passed \$910; 29 Ang C&C, 24-26 mths, 416kg, Unjnd, 29 Ang CAF avg 78kg, Clea & Bareena bld, passed \$910; 33 MG Strs, 5-6 mths, 198kg, Woolringa bld, 190c/\$375; 43 MG Hfrs, 5-6 mths, 190kg, Woolringa bld, 158c/\$300
NSW	Hillston	96 Ang Strs, 12-14 mths, 308kg, passed 209c/\$645; 108 Ang Strs, 12-14 mths, 252kg, passed 216c/\$545
NSW	Albury	84 Ang Cows, 6 yrs, 590kg, PTIC Ang, Rennyalea bld, \$1050
VIC	Creswick	17 Ang Strs, 14-15 mths, 361kg, Banquet bld, passed 187c/\$675; 58 Ang Strs, 14-15 mths, 311kg, Banquet bld, 206c/\$640
VIC	Ballarat	10 Ang C&C, 7 yrs, 644kg, Unjnd, 11 Ang CAF avg 140kg, Banquet bld, passed \$990
WA	Boyup Brook	12 Char/Ang & Char & Char/Her m/s Wnrs, 11-12 mths, 249.9 kgdw, 423c/\$1057
WA	Northcliffe	23 Her/Ang & Her/Char m/s Wnrs, 11-12 mths, 367kg, 224c/\$820



Sheep		
State	Town	Details
QLD	Muttaburra	1182 Mer Wths, 2 yrs, 14.5 kgdw, 1.75" skin, \$35.50
QLD	Longreach	580 Mer Ewes, 19-20 mths, 11.5 kgdw, 2.5" skin, Jnd Mer, Barcaldine Downs bld, \$36.50
QLD	Ilfracombe	880 Mer/Dohne Wths, 2 yrs, 20.3 kgdw, 2" skin, 310c/\$63; 430 Mer/Dohne Wths, 2-5 yrs, 21.9 kgdw, 2" skin, 301c/\$66
QLD	Roma	200 Dorp/Dam m/s lambs, 8-9 mths, 14.6 kgdw, passed \$39
QLD	Cunnamulla	380 F1-F3 WD Ewes, 2-6 yrs, 21.5 kgdw, 1/4" skin, Jnd WD, passed 267c/\$57.50
QLD	Bollon	454 2ndX WD Ewes, 4 yrs, 21.7 kgdw, 1/4" skin, SIL WD, \$114; 536 2ndX WD Ewes, 5 yrs, 21.7 kgdw, 1/4" skin, SIL WD, \$93.50
QLD	Thallon	430 Mer Wth lambs, 9-10 mths, 11.8 kgdw, 1/4" skin, passed \$56
NSW	Goondiwindi	412 Mer Ewes, 3 yrs, 18.8 kgdw, 3/4 "skin, passed \$58.50
NSW	Warialda	128 BL/Mer Ewes, 16-20 mths, 26 kgdw, bare shn, Unjnd, passed \$117.50
NSW	Barraba	450 AW/WD Ewes, 19-20 mths, 19.7 kgdw, SIL AW, \$124.50
NSW	Uralla	93 BL/Mer & PD/Mer Ewes, 4-2 yrs, 24.7 kgdw, 2.5" skin, SIL PD & BL, passed \$90.50; 847 Mer Ewes, 5-6 yrs, 17.3 kgdw, 2.5" skin, SIL BL, \$88.50
NSW	Bendemeer	209 Mer m/s lambs, 8 mths, 8.7 kgdw, 1.25" skin, Karori bld, \$43.50
NSW	Walcha	425 Mer Wths, 2,5 yrs, 19 kgdw, 1.75" skin, Yalgoo bld, 368c/\$70
NSW	Narrabri	174 WD Ewes, 2-7 yrs, 24 kgdw, SIL WD, passed \$110.50
NSW	Collarenebri	1100 Mer Wth lambs, 8-10 mths, 10.5 kgdw, 1.5" skin, Wonga bld, \$62
NSW	Brewarrina	400 Mer Ewes, CFA, 15.8 kgdw, 2.5" skin, Unjnd, Haddon Rig bld, \$55.50; 750 Mer Wth lambs, 7-8 mths, 12 kgdw, 1.25" skin, Mt Ascot & Towalba bld, \$61.50; 600 Mer Wths, 20-21 mths, 14.3 kgdw, 1/4" skin, Bella Lana & Milrea bld, \$48; 750 Mer Ewes, 6-7 yrs, 18.7 kgdw, 1/4" skin, Milrea bld, \$48.50
NSW	Bourke	400 Mer Wths, 3 yrs, 23.8 kgdw, 1.5" skin, Mulloorie bld, 336c/\$80
NSW	White Cliffs	600 WDX m/s lambs, 8-10 mths, 15 kgdw, \$71; 950 WDX m/s lambs, 7-9 mths, 12.5 kgdw, \$55.50; 520 WD & WDX Ewes, 4-5 yrs, 19.3 kgdw, Jnd VR, \$89.50; 540 WD & WDX Ewes, 4-5 yrs, 17.1 kgdw, Jnd VR,\$80; 400 Mer & SAMM/Mer Ewes, mxd age, 20.9 kgdw, 1/2" skin, SIL SAMM, \$81; 610 Dohne/Mer & 2ndX Dohne Ewes, 6-7 yrs, 22.3 kgdw, 1.5" skin, Jnd Dohne, 323c/\$72
NSW	Coonamble	360 BL/Mer Wth lambs, 7-8 mths, 13.6 kgdw, 3/4" skin, \$78.50; 280 Mer Wth lambs, 10-11 mths, 13.7 kgdw, 1/2" skin, Haddin Rig bld, passed \$55.50
NSW	Nyngan	85 Mer Ewes, 6.5 yrs, 22.9 kgdw, 1/2" skin, SIL WS, \$100
NSW	Warren	500 Mer Wth lambs, 7-8 mths, 10.7 kgdw, 2" skin, Egelabra bld, passed \$56.50; 250 Mer Ewes, 5-6 yrs, 25.7 kgdw, 3/4" skin, SIL Mer, Egelabra bld, \$107.50
NSW	Dubbo	225 BL/Mer Ewes, 2-3 yrs, 21.1 kgdw, 1/4" skin, SIL PD, \$180
NSW	Mudgee	370 Mer Ewes, 4.5-5.5 yrs, 22.3 kgdw, 1" skin, SIL WS, Egelabra bld, \$98
NSW	Molong	187 Mer Ewes, 2 yrs, 23.5 kgdw, 1.5" skin, SIL BL, Wandoo & Gullengamble bld, \$120
NSW	Orange	420 WD Ewes, 2-6 yrs, 21.2 kgdw, 1.5" skin, Unjnd, Grenabri bld, \$85
NSW	Cudal	190 BL/Mer Ewe lambs, 7-8 mths, 13.6 kgdw, 1/4" skin, \$113
NSW	Cowra	400 BL/Mer m/s lambs, 8.5 kgdw, 1/2" skin, \$65; 69 WD E&L, 3-6 yrs, 24.7 kgdw, 43 Dorp/Dors LAF \$121
NSW	Crookwell	133 BL/Mer Ewes, 2.5 yrs, 24 kgdw, 2.25" skin, SIL PD, \$156.50; 80 BL/Mer Ewes, 2 yrs, 27.7 kgdw, 1/4" skin, SIL WS, \$165.50; 116 BL/Mer Ewe lambs, 6-7 mths, 13.9 kgdw, 1/2" skin, \$106.50; 123 BL/Mer & Comp Ewes, 5-3 yrs, 28.3 kgdw, 1.25" skin, SIL PD, passed \$140.50
NSW	Goulburn	410 Mer Wth lambs, 8-9 mths, 12.9 kgdw, 2.75" skin, Collingwood bld, \$70
NSW	Yass	293 Mer Ewes, 5.5-6.5 yrs, 21.6 kgdw, 1.5" skin, SIL PD, passed \$126
NSW	Harden	520 BL/Mer Ewes, 2 yrs, 22 kgdw, 2.5" skin, SIL WS & Dors, \$150



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NSW	Cootamundra	650 Mer Wth lambs, 10-11 mths, 16.6 kgdw, 1" skin, Pastora bld, \$78; 750 PD/Mer m/s lambs, 8-10 wks, 8.4 kgdw, 1/2" skin, \$77
NSW	Ganmain	206 Mer Ewes, 8 yrs, 18.7 kgdw, 1.75" skin, SIL BL, passed \$69
NSW	Wagga	185 Mer & Dohne/mer Ewes, mxd age, 22.9 kgdw, 2.25" skin, SIL WS & PD, \$140
NSW	Griffith	355 Mer Ewes, mxd agem 19.5 kgdw, 1.5" skin, SIL WS, \$108.50
NSW	Hay	303 Mer Ewe lambs, 11-12 mths, 20.1 kgdw, 1" skin, Blue Bush bld, \$150.50; 120 Mer Ewe lambs, 10-11 mths, 20.6 kgdw, Blue Bush bld, \$141
NSW	Balranald	305 Mer Ewes, 2 yrs, 15.5 kgdw, 1/4" skin, SIL Mer, C-Lake bld, \$100.50; 162 Mer Ewes, 2 yrs, 14 kgdw, 1/4" skin, C-Lake bld, \$64
NSW	Deniliquin	285 WD Ewe lambs, 8-11 mths, 17 kgdw, \$121.50
NSW	Tocumwal	250 Mer Ewes, 3.5 yrs, 20.6 kgdw, 1" skin, SIL WS, \$142.50; 444 Mer Ewes, 5.5 yrs, 19.2 kgdw, 1" skin, SIL WS, \$127
NSW	Holbrook	175 Mer Wth lambs, 12-13 mths, 10.1 kgdw, Roxanna bld, \$58
NSW	Queanbeyan	565 Mer Wth lambs, 8-9 mths, 13.8 kgdw, 1" skin, Merrignee & Middleview bld, \$59.50
NSW	Cooma	600 WS/Mer & Comp/Mer Ewe lambs, 14.7 kgdw, 1/4" skin, \$95
NSW	Bombala	300 2ndX PD & BL/Mer m/s lambs, 8-9 mths, 14.6 kgdw, 1" skin, \$104; 290 Mer Wths, 2.5 yrs, 16.4 kgdw, 1.5" skin, Merryville bld, passed \$59.50
NSW	Broken Hill	410 Mer Ewes, 6.5 yrs, 20.1 kgdw, 1/4" skin, SIL Mer, \$84; 280 Mer Ewes, 5.5 yrs, 20.4 kgdw, 1/4" skin, SIL SAMM, \$83
VIC	Mildura	359 Mer Ewes, 2 yrs, 20 kgdw, 1.5" skin, SIL Mer, Keri Keri bld, \$125
VIC	Benalla	239 Comp Ewes, 2-4 yrs, 27 kgdw, 2" skin, SIL Comp, \$172.50
VIC	Euroa	470 Mer Wth lambs, 12-13 mths, 19 kgdw, 2.5" skin, The Yanko bld, passed \$107
VIC	Seymour	195 2ndX PD, WS/Mer & BL/Mer m/s lambs, 8-9 mths, 12.5 kgdw, 1" skin, \$76
VIC	Ararat	226 Comp Ewes, 5-6 yrs, 30.8 kgdw, 1.25" skin, SIL WS, \$150; 185 Comp Ewes, 5-6 yrs, 26.3 kgdw, 1.25" skin, SIL WS \$140
SA	Keith	330 Mer Ewes, 5 yrs, 34.5 kgdw, 2.25" skin, Jnd Mer, Dalveen bld \$145
SA	Kingston	500 Mer Wths, 1.5 yrs, 10.2 kgdw, 3/4" skin, Grange & Nerstane bld, \$33.50