**AuctionsPlus Market Comment – week ending 19 October 2012**

Cattle numbers jumped this week to 7,074 head; sheep and lambs on the other hand dropped

by over half to total just 19,779 head for the week. Clearance rates for sheep were on

par with last week, with noticeably more realistic reserve pricing by vendors than we

have seen of late.

With the wool market continuing on its upward trend this week, there were more positive

results for Merino ewes and wethers. A large offering of Greenfields blood ewe hoggets

out of Ivanhoe sold for $120 to $139, and Charinga blood two year olds made $147.50 at

Hay. Heavy wethers are the hardest article to shift at the moment, with exporters still

in limbo and processors buying cautiously as this situation progresses. Processors did

show some interest in heavy sheep available, but it was restocker activity that saw 69kg

two year old wethers, only a month off shears, reach $55.50.

Store lambs also sold better, but buyers are still treading carefully until bigger

numbers start becoming available and the market finds its footing. 44kg second cross

mixed sex lambs in central NSW made $82, and further south Composite wether lambs

weighing 43kg sold for $78. Border/Merino ewes were scarce this week; young Dohne/Merino

ewes in SA sold for $130 and SAMM/Merinos two year olds made to $118. The Dorper feature

sale in western NSW topped at $171 for Carstairs blood ewe lambs.

The cattle market remained flat, though not from a shortage of buyers, with over 300

registered bidders logging in over two sales. Most females offered today had calves at

foot; those that didn’t were hard to find a home for, the exception being Angus females

out of Tamworth that made to $850 for the two year old heifers. The cow and calf market

has lost some of its spark, topping at $1200 for older Charolais cows Charolais and

Simmental calves, and in SA several small lines of Limousin cows with Limousin calves at

foot topped at $1110. In the north mixed age Angus cows with Angus calves at Wandoan

made $850.

The EYCI recovered this week to 353c today, after dropping to below 350c last week for

the first time in over two years. Most steers sold today were in the 250-300kg weight

range, with black steers in NSW averaging 215c/kg. Further north at Blackall, Hereford &

Hereford cross weaner steers made $535 or 190c, with the lighter draft at 229kg making

201c. Watervalley black steers out of SA attracted competition from many buyers, with

the heaviest steers at 342kg making 190c or $650, and the 274kg lines making 206c. In

Tasmania yearling Angus steers made to $725 or 193c, plus freight from Flinders Island.

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| **Cattle** | |
| **State** | **Town** | **Details** |
| QLD | Charters Towers | 123 Ang/Brang/Brah m/s Ylgs, 7-13 mths, 199kg, passed 183c/$362 |
| QLD | Capella | 90 CharbX Strs, 8-10 mths, 307kg, passed 202c/$620 |
| QLD | Blackall | 154 Her & HerX Strs, 6-9 mths, 229kg, 201c/$460 ; 134 Her & HerX Strs, 7-11 mths, 281kg, 190c/$535 |
| QLD | Wandoan | 60 Ang C&C, 3-8 yrs, 500kg, Unjnd, 60 Ang CAF, $850 |
| QLD | Goondiwindi | 32 Braf Strs, 10-11 mths, 284kg, 190c/$540; 36 Brang C&C, 4-11 yrs, 450kg, 36 Brang CAF Avg 86kg, passed $855 ; 40 Ang Strs, 11-13 mths, 276kg, 214c/$590 ; 70 Ang & AngX Hfrs, 10-12 mths, 299kg, 185c/$555 |
| NSW | Tamworth | 96 Ang Hfrs, 2 yrs, 465kg, PTIC Ang, Zeals bld, $850; 58 Ang Cows, 3-7 yrs, 496kg, PTIC Ang, Zeals bld $840 |
| NSW | Warialda | 26 CharX Hfrs, 13-15 mths, 337kg, Jnd Santa, passed $590; 59 Santa & SantaX C&C, 2 yrs, 390kg, Unjnd, SantaX CAF, $1050 |
| NSW | Mungindi | 70 Ang & AngX Strs, 8-12 mths, 250kg, 220c/$550; 72 Ang & AngX Hfrs, 8-12 mths, 245kg, 165c/$405 |
| NSW | Walgett | 68 Ang Cows, 2-4 yrs, 399kg, Jnd Char, Patawalla bld, passed $635; 68 Ang & AngX Cows, 2-4 urs, 399kg, Jnd Char, passed $655 |
| NSW | Narrabri | 20 CharX C&C, 3 yrs, 460kg, Unjnd, Ang CAF, passed $850 |
| NSW | Coonabarabran | 94 Ang & AngX Strs, 2-7 mths, 173kg, 252c/$435 ; 94 Ang & AngX m/s Wnrs, 5-7 mths, 126kg, 246c/$310 ; 42 Ang/B Gal m/s Wnrs, 5-7 mths, 160kg, 166c/$265 ; 54 SH & SHX Strs, 10-12 mths, 294kg, passed 185c/$545 |
| NSW | Dunedoo | 49 Her Strs, 12-15 mths, 263kg, Courallie & Merrawah bld, passed 196c/$515 |
| NSW | Coolah | 58 Her C&C, 3 yrs, 490kg, Unjnd, 58 Santa & Lim CAF avg 86kg, passed $1100 |
| NSW | Mudgee | 63 Ang Hfrs, 13-15 mths, 345kg, Unjnd, Pattawalla & Tucklan Valey bld, 169c/$585 |
| NSW | Molong | 37 Char/DM & Ang/DM C&C, 4-9 yrs, 550kg, Unjnd, Char & Ang & DM CAF, $1050 |
| NSW | Cudal | 64 Ang Hfrs, 13-14 mths, 326kg, Unjnd, Lawsons & Rennylea bld, 189c/$615 |
| NSW | Cowra | 39 Char & CharX C&C, 6-9 yrs, 655kg, Unjnd, 39 XB CAF avg 101kg, $1200 |
| NSW | Oberon | 20 Ang C&C, 2-3 yrs, 462kg, Jnd Ang, Ang CAF, $925; 32 Ang C&C, 2-3 yrs, 457kg, Jnd Ang, Ang & Char CAF, $920 ; 13 AngX C&C, 2-3 yrs, 457kg, Jnd Ang, 13 Ang & Char CAF, $760 |
| NSW | Goulburn | 20 Ang Hfrs, 7-8 mths, 308kg, Kennys Creek bld, passed 161c/$495 ;29 Ang Hfrs, 13-14 mths, 395kg, Unjnd, Kennys Creek bld, passed 152c/$600 |
| NSW | Braidwood | 17 Ang & Ang/Her C&C, 2 yrs, 392kg, Unjnd, Her CAF avg 87kg, $1070 |
| NSW | Gundagai | 69 Ang Strs, 13-14 mths, 357kg, Reiland bld, passed 197c/$705; 61 Ang Hfrs, 13-14 mths, 308kg, Unjnd, Reiland bld, 191c/$590 ; 23 Ang C&C, 2 yrs, 442kg, Unjnd, 23 Ang CAF, Reiland bld, passed $960 |
| NSW | Wagga Wagga | 34 SH/Santa Cows, 4-8 yrs, 482kg, PTIC SH, passed $710; 32 Ang Strs, 14-15 mths, 389kg, Irelands bld, passed 192c/$745 |
| NSW | Holbrook | 14 Her & Speckle Park/Her Strs, 12-13 mths, 441kg, 177c/$780; 12 Her Hfrs, 12-13 mths, 404kg, Unjnd, Kanimbla bld, 192c/$775 |
| NSW | Culcain | 35 Ang C&C, 3-4 yrs, 509kg, Unjnd, 35 Ang CAF avg 93kg, passed $1120 |
| NSW | Gilgandra | 4 Fleck Stud Bulls, 19 months 548-566kg, $2000 |
| NSW | Glen Innes | 12 Ang C&C, 2 yrs, 364kg, Unjnd, 12 Ang CAF Avg 62kg, passed $1020 |
| NSW | Guyra | 8 Ang Hfrs, 13-15 mths, 374kg, Unjnd, Wattletop bld, $1000 ; 9 Ang Hfrs, 13-15 mths, 340kg, Unjnd, Wattletop bld, $875 ; 8 Ang Hfrs, 13-15 mths, 348kg, Unjnd, Wattletop bld, $875 |
| NSW | Walcha | 10 SHX Strs, 10-12 mths, 270kg, passed 183c/$495; 240 Ang Strs, 10-12 mths, 265kg, Hazeldean & Narrangullen bld, 213c/$565 ; 100 Ang Strs, 10-12 mths, 211kg, Hazeldean & Narrangullen bld, 209c/$440 ; 124 Ang/Her Strs, 10-12 mths, 261kg, 213c/$555 ; 78 SG/Ang & SGX Strs, 10-12 mths, 247kg, 200c/$495 |
| VIC | Caramut | 2 Ang Stud Bulls, 24-26 mths, 700-790kg, Barwidgee bld, $3000 |
| SA | Kingston | 67 SH Hfrs, 13-15 mths, 306kg, Unjnd, passed 165c/$505; 140 Watervalley Blk Strs, 12-16 mths, 342kg, 190c/$650 ; 100 Watervalley Blk Strs, 12-16 mths, 334kg, 190c/$635; 80 Watervalley Blk Strs, 11-15 mths, 310kg, 195c/$605 ; 110 Watervalley Blk Strs, 11-14 mths, 309kg, 201c/$620 ; 564 Watervalley Blk Strs, 11-14 mths, 274kg, 206c/$565; 210 Watervalley Blk Strs, 11-14 mths, 274kg, passed 197c/$540 |
| SA | Kapunda | 20 Lim Hfrs, 12-15 mths, 305kg, Maryvale bld, 174c/$530; 9 Lim C&C, 2-3 yrs, 538kg, Jnd Lim, 9 Lim CAF, Maryvale bld, $1025; 7 Lim C&C, 2-7 yrs, 554kg, Jnd Lim, 7 Lim CAF, Maryvale bld, $1040 ; 12 Lim C&C, 4-9 yrs, 637kg, Jnd Lim, 12 Lim CAF, Maryvale bld, $1110 |
| TAS | Flinders Island | 39 Ang Strs, 15-16 mths, 377kg, 193c/$725 ; 54 Her & Ang/Her Strs, 13-15 mths, 336kg, 190/$640 ; 124 Ang Strs, 13-15 mths, 281kg, 199c/$560 ; 75 Her & Ang/Her Hfrs, 13-15 mths, 321kg, 188c/$605 ; 50 Ang Hfrs, 12-13 mths, 295kg, 197c/$580 ; 27 Ang & AngX Hfrs, 13-15 mths, 224kg, 171c/$385 |
| WA | Pemberton | 40 Ang Cows, 8 yrs, 712kg, PTIC Ang, $925 ; 5 Ang C&C, 8 yrs, 682kg, PTIC Ang, 5 Ang CAF avg 293kg, $1340 |
| WA | Northcliffe | 49 Fres & FresX Cows, 2-8 yrs, 234.1 kgdw, Unjnd, 200c/$469 |

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| **Sheep** | |
| **State** | **Town** | **Details** |
| QLD | Cunnamulla | 475 Mer Wths, 13-14 mths, 16 kgdw, 1" skin, Centre Plus bld, $42.50 ; 475 Mer Wths, 14-15 mths, 17 kgdw, 1" skin, Centre Plus bld, $42.50 |
| QLD | St George | 494 PD/Mer Hoggets, 14 mths, 22.6 kgdw, 2.25" skin, 312c/$70.50 |
| NSW | Yass | 279 Mer Ewes, 3-5 yrs, 19.9 kgdw, 1" skin, Unjnd, $59 |
| NSW | Boorowa | 198 Mer Wths, 11 months, 18.1 kgdw, 3/4" skin, passed $48 |
| NSW | Wallendbeen | 290 Comp Ewes, 13-14 months, 29.1 kgdw, 1.75" skin, $125 |
| NSW | Cooma | 320 Mer Ewes, 1 yr, 15.3 kgdw, 1/2" skin, Severn Park Bld, passed $96 |
| NSW | Hay | 390 Mer Ewes, 2.5 yrs, 29.9 kgdw, 3/4" skin, SIL WS, Charinga Bld, $147.50 |
| NSW | Deniliquin | 199 WD Ewes, 10 mths, 20 kgdw, 1" skin, SIL WD, Murrey Downs bld, $108.50 |
| NSW | Moulamein | 560 2ndX WD Ewe lambs, 5 mths, 12.6 kgdw, 3/4" skin, passed $53.50 |
| NSW | Balranald | 235 WD Ewes, 13 mths, 26.8 kgdw, bare shn, Jnd Dorp & WD, Bidura bld, $112.50 ; 150 WD Ewes, 1 yrs, 21.3 kgdw, bare shn, Jnd Dorp & WD, Bidura bld, $107.50 ; 60 WD Ewes, 2 yrs, 29.5 kgdw, bare shn, Jnd Dorp & WD, Bidura bld, $101 |
| NSW | Wentworth | 161 WD Ewes, 2-4 yrs, 25.3 kgdw, 1.5" skin, SIL WD, Carstairs bld, $120 ; 173 WD Ewes, 2-4 yrs, 25.4 kgdw, 1.5" skin, SIL WD, Carstairs bld, $104.50 ; 155 WD Ewes, 2-4 yrs, 24.9 kgdw, 1.25" skin, SIL WD, Carstairs bld, $120 ; 56 WD Ewes, 2-4 yrs, 25.2 kgdw, 1/4" skin, SIL WD, Carstairs bld, $63.50 ; 187 WD Ewes, 2-4 yrs, 23.2 kgdw, 1" skin, Unjnd, Carstairs bld, $66 ; 219 WD Ewes, 2-4 yrs, 23.5 kgdw, 1" skin, Carstairs bld, $68.50 ; 140 WD Ewes, 10-11 mths, 26.1 kgdw, 1" skin, Carstairs bld, $145.50 ; 258 WD Ewe lambs, 10-11 mths, 24.2 kgdw, Carstairs bld, $171 ; 191 WD Ewes, 3-6 yrs, 25.1 kgdw, 1.5" skin, Unjnd, Kelleen bld, $65.50 |
| NSW | Lightning Ridge | 470 BL/Mer m/s lambs, 3-4 months, 13.7 kgdw, 1.75" skin, passed $59.50 |
| NSW | Ivanhoe | 1200 Mer Ewes, 18 mths, 25.3 kgdw, 1.25" skin, Unjnd, Greenfields bld, $139 ; 1480 Mer Ewes, 18 mths, 22.4 kgdw, 1.25" skin, Unjnd, Greenfields bld, $120 |
| NSW | Mudgee | 190 Mer E&L, 5-7 yrs, 15.2 kgdw, 1" skin, Unjnd, 192 PD LAF, Glanna bld, $69 |
| NSW | Blayney | 80 2ndX WS Ewes, 1-2 yrs, 23.2 kgdw, 2.5" skin, Jnd WS, passed $102.50 |
| NSW | West Wyalong | 170 Mer Wths, 2 yrs, 28.1 kgdw, bare shn, The Yanko & Wallaloo Park bld, 196c/$55.50 ; 195 Mer Wths, 18 mths, 25.3 kgdw, The Yanko & wallaloo Park bld, passed 216c/$54 ; 130 Mer Ewes, 5-7 yrs, 22.3 kgdw, bare shn, Unjnd, The Yanko & Wallaloo Park bld, passed 143c/$32 |
| NSW | Lake Cargelligo | 820 WS/Mer/Samm & PD/Mer/Samm m/s lambs, 4-5 months, 19.8 kgdw, 1/2" skin, $82 |
| VIC | Swan Hill | 102 WD Ewe lambs, 7 mths, 21.4 kgdw, 1/2" skin, $112.50 |
| VIC | Derrinallum | 340 WS/Mer & 2ndX Dors Ewes, 12-14 mths, 25 kgdw, 1/2" skin, Unjnd, $90 |
| VIC | Toolondo | 229 WS/Mer m/s lambs, 5 mths, 14.9 kgdw, 1.25" skin, $69.50 |
| VIC | Yambuk | 180 Comp Wth lambs, 4-5 months, 18.7 kgdw, 1.5" skin, $78 |
| SA | Karoonda | 270 SAMM/Mer Ewes, 2 yrs, 27.1 kgdw, 3" skin, Unjnd, $118 ; 65 SAMM/Mer Ewes, 3 yrs, 27.3 kgdw, 3.5" skin, Unjnd, $115 |
| SA | Yunta | 260 Mer Ewes, 18 mths, 17.9 kgdw, 1/2" skin, Unjnd, passed $88.50 |
| SA | Cummins | 150 Dohne/Mer Ewes, 1 yrs, 22.1 kgdw, 2" skin, Unjnd, $130 |