

## AuctionsPlus Market Comment – week ending 26 October 2012

Sheep and numbers increased this week to finish at 27,171 head, and Tuesday's sale in particular looked stronger. Cattle numbers were down to 3,760 head, with the most noticeable drop being in younger cattle, while cow and calf units continue to be a significant portion of our numbers.

Merino ewe prices did not reach last week's highs, but were still looking much more positive than previous weeks. Glendemar & Leachim blood hoggets with a big jacket sold for \$108.50 out of Moree, mixed age ewes made from \$65 to \$82, and old ewes at Junees sold for \$73. A large line of Border Leicester/Merino 14 month old ewes at Young attracted strong competition, with the tops selling for \$131, and in Tasmania Border/Merino hoggets made \$110.

Crossbred lambs are continuing to roll in, albeit in smaller numbers than this time last year, topping at \$74.50 this week for first and second crosses out of the Riverina, weighing 40kg at four months old. At Dubbo, 32kg first cross lambs sold for \$70.50, including quality future breeders in the mob. There were more Merino lambs offered this week, with new season lambs making \$36.50 to \$48, and grown lambs ranging from \$30 to \$42.50.

Processors were again more active this week, securing mutton at 191c and Merino lambs at 288c including skin; they were also competing on March shorn export weight wethers that eventually sold for \$58.50.

Females without calves at foot remained tough to sell today, but cow and calf unit prices improved slightly on last week, although this is no surprise given the higher prevalence of black cattle offered in this category. Lawsons blood young cows with Charolais calves at foot made to \$1375 in Victoria, and a line of Glenavon blood females with Angus calves at Scone topped at \$1320 for the three year olds. Further north, Charolais cross mixed age cows with Charolais calves at Blackall met good competition to reach \$1120 but were still below their reserve price.

Steer prices were back on last week; with harvest getting started in northern NSW, many buyers may well be holding off to assess early yield figures and determine what price adjustments they will need to make. Weaner steers in QLD sold well today, with Droughtmasters at Richmond weighing 239kg selling for 203c, and at Blackall 256kg Santa cross and Charolais cross steers made 218c. In NSW the lighter end of black steers sold up to 225c, and 354kg Glenavon blood yearling steers at Scone made 192c.

Cattle		
State	Town	Details
QLD	Richmond	160 DM Strs, 6-12 mths, 239kg, 203c/\$485
QLD	Blackall	120 SantaX & CharX Strs, 5-11 mths, 256kg, 218c/\$558
QLD	Emerald	72 CharX Cows, 3-9 yrs, 622kg, PTIC CharX, passed \$960 ; 64 CharX C&C, 3-9 yrs, 571kg, Jnd CharX, CharX CAF, passed \$1120

NSW	Walcha	75 Ang Strs, 5-9 mths, 245kg, 225c/\$550
NSW	Bourke	62 Her Strs, 9-10 mths, 234kg, Kidman bld, 203c/\$475; 49 Her & HerX C&C, 3 yrs, 430kg, Jnd Her, Ang CAF Ang 90kg, \$855
NSW	Moree	56 Ang & Ang/Her C&C, 6-8 mths, 485kg, Unjnd, 56 Her & R Ang CAF Avg 74kg, passed \$735
NSW	Gravesend	53 SH Strs, 15-17 mths, 303kg, Dunbeacon bld, 187c/\$565
NSW	Warialda	47 AngX & HerX Hfrs, 11-13 mths, 279kg, passed 163c/\$455
NSW	Coonabarabran	76 Ang & Ang/Lim Hfrs, 5-7 mths, 173kg, 188c/\$325
NSW	Scone	105 Ang & Ang/Her Strs, 12-14 mths, 309kg, 190c/\$585 ; 64 Ang Strs, 13-14 mths, 354kg, Glenavon bld, 192c/\$680 ; 69 Ang Hfrs, 13-14 mths, 323kg, Glenavon bld, 175c/\$570 ; 35 Ang C&C, 3 yrs, 536kg, Unjnd, 35 Ang CAF Avg 101kg, Glenavon bld, \$1320 ; 53 Ang C&C, 5-9 yrs, 477kg, Unjnd, 53 Ang CAF Avg 96kg, Glenavon bld, passed \$870 ; 32 Ang C&C, 3 yrs, 417kg, Unjnd, 32 Ang CAF Avg 88kg, Glenavon bld, \$1230 ; 36 Ang C&C, 6-9 yrs, 510kg, Unjnd, 36 Ang CAF Avg 102kg, Glenavon bld, \$930
NSW	Merriwa	64 Her & HerX Strs, 12-14 mths, 256kg, 198c/\$505; 74 Her & HerX Hfrs, 12-16 mths, 268kg, Unjnd, passed 162/\$435
NSW	Narromine	76 Ang & AngX Cows, 4 yrs, 390kg, Jnd Ang, Pattawalla & Bongongo bld, \$630
NSW	Rylstone	66 Ang Strs, 13-15 mths, 280kg, Millah Murrah & Eagleview bld, 196c/\$550
NSW	Molong	56 SH Hfrs, 12-14 mths, 328kg, Sprys bld, passed 170c/\$560
NSW	Orange	72 Ang & Ang/Her C&C, 7-9 yrs, 545kg, Jnd Ang, 73 Ang CAF Ang 210kg, \$1040 ; 45 Ang & Ang/Her C&C, 7-9 mths, 565kg, Jnd Ang, Ang CAF Avg 100kg, \$900 ; 33 Ang & Ang/Her C&C, 6-9 yrs 582kg, Jnd Ang, Ang CAF Avg 210kg, \$1120 ; 76 Ang & Ang/Her C&C, 6-9 yrs, 599kg, Jng Ang, Ang CAF Avg 106kg, \$950
NSW	Crookwell	13 Ang & Ang/Her Hfrs, 13-14 mths, 325kg, passed 149c/\$455; 13 Her Hfrs, 13-14 mths, 293kg, Gunyah bld, passed 142c/\$415
NSW	Cooma	23 Ang Hfrs, 12-14 mths, 402kg, Hazeldean bld, \$1000 ; 22 Ang Hfrs, 12-13 mths, 330kg, Hazeldean bld, \$785 ; 14 Ang Cows, 3 yrs, 549kg, PTIC Ang, Hazeldean & Sparta bld, \$850
NSW	Tenterfield	9 AngX & Ang Strs, 10-12 mths, 246kg, 211c/\$520 ; 9 Ang & AngX Strs, 10-12 mths, 177kg, 220c/\$390 ; 10 Ang & AngX Strs, 10-12 mths, 222kg, 216c/\$480 ; 5 Ang & AngX Strs, 14-15 mths, 295kg, 200c/\$590
NSW	Glen innes	54 DM & DMX Hfrs, 16-18 mths, 353kg, Unjnd, 170c/\$600
NSW	Uralla	33 Ang & Ang/Her Strs, 12-16 mths, 381kg, passed 182c/\$690

NSW	Armidale	31 Her & SHX C&C, 2-3 yrs, 402kg, Jnd Ang, 31 Ang CAF, \$815
VIC	Seymour	62 Ang Hfrs, 12-14 mths, 341kg, Reiland bld, 174c/\$595
VIC	Werribee	40 Ang C&C, 4 yrs, 585kg, Unjnd, 41 Char CAF, Lawsons bld, \$1375 ; 26 Ang C&C, 5 yrs, 629kg, Unjnd, 26 Char CAF, Lawsons bld, passed \$1210 ; 19 Ang C&C, 5 yrs, 602kg, Unjnd, 21 Char CAF, Lawsons bld, passed \$1220; 31 Ang C&C, 5 yrs, 620kg, Unjnd, 32 Char CAF, Lawsons bld, passed \$1270
VIC	Casterton	25 AngX C&C, 2 yrs, 518kg, Jnd Ang, 25 CAF Ang 127kg, passed \$1120
SA	Keith	15 Angus C&C, 6-10 yrs, 783kg, Jnd Ang, 15 CAF, Hazedean Bld, \$1250; 19 Angus C&C, 2-4 yrs, 596kg, Jnd Ang, 19 CAF, Hazedean Bld, \$1250
WA	Ballingup	30 Ang & XB Strs, 16-17 mths, 276.3 kgdw, 340c/\$939 ; 12 Her & MG Cows, 2-9 yrs, 339.2 kgdw, Unjnd, 220c/\$746
WA	Boyup Brook	66 XB m/s Ylgs, 16-17 mths, 245.7 kgdw, 340c/\$835
WA	Manjimup	43 Ang & XB m/s Ylgs, 12-16 mths, 246.8 kgdw, 340c/\$839 ; 11 Ang & Ang/MG Strs, 12-14 mths, 197 kgdw, 348c/\$686 ; 13 Ang & Ang/MG Hfrs, 12-14 mths, 190.1 kgdw, 330c/\$628
WA	Pemberton	72 Ang & XB m/s Ylgs, 16-18 mths, 259.2 kgdw, 340c/\$881

<b>Sheep</b>		
<b>State</b>	<b>Town</b>	<b>Details</b>
QLD	Cunnamulla	750 Mer Wth lambs, 13-14 mths, 13.5 kgdw, 1" skin, Merryville bld, \$42.50
QLD	Goondiwindi	310 PD/Mer m/s lambs, 3-4 mths, 13.7 kgdw, 1.25" skin, \$49
QLD	Inglewood	765 Dam & Dorp/Dam E&L, CFA, 13.8 kgdw, 1.5" skin, Jnd Dorp & WD, 668 DorpX LAF avg 20kg, \$30
QLD	Millmerran	760 Dam & DorpX E&L, CFA, 14.2 kgdw, 1.5" skin, Jnd Dorp & WD, 350 DorpX LAF avg 19.5kg, \$25
NSW	Merriwa	640 Mer Wths, 5 yrs, 26.3 kgdw, 2.5" skin, Severn park bld, \$58.50
NSW	Cassilis	550 Mer Wths, 3 yrs, 18.6 kgdw, 1.5" skin, Severn Park bld, 191c/\$35.50
NSW	Nyngan	450 Mer Wth lambs, 11-12 mths, 10.6 kgdw, 1/4" skin, Haddon Rig bld, \$30 ; 160 Mer Wth lambs, 11-12 mths, 11.1 kgdw, 1/4" skin, Haddon Rig bld, \$30
NSW	Gilgandra	300 Mer Ewes, 3-4 yrs, 19.1 kgdw, 1.25" skin, Unjnd, Weealla bld, \$82 ; 190 Mer Ewes, 6-7 yrs, 20.3 kgdw, 1/2" skin, Unjnd, Weealla bld, passed 175c/\$35.50
NSW	Dubbo	390 BL/Mer m/s lambs, 4-5 mths, 13.6 kgdw, 1" skin, \$70.50
NSW	Wellington	160 Mer Ewes, 3-6 yrs, 25 kgdw, 1.5" skin, SIL BL, \$65

NSW	Cudal	485 Mer Ewes, 14 mths, 16.7 kgdw, 1.25" skin, Unjnd, Yalgoo bld, passed \$68.50
NSW	West Wyalong	450 Mer Wth lambs, 13-14 mths, 20.5 kgdw, 1.75" skin, 288c/\$59
NSW	Young	1000 BL/Mer Ewes, 13-14 mths, 27.2 kgdw, bare shn, \$130 ; 450 BL/Mer Ewes, 13-14 mths, 24.5 kgdw, bare shn, \$121
NSW	Cootamundra	650 BL/Mer Ewes, 16 mths, 26.2 kgdw, 3/4" skin, Unjnd, passed \$116.50 ; 620 Mer Ewes, 1-6 yrs, 25.2 kgdw, 2.5" skin, Unjnd, passed \$85
NSW	Juneec	271 Mer Ewes, 6 yrs, 31 kgdw, 2.75" skin, Unjnd, Wallaloo & Pastora bld, \$73
NSW	Coolamon	340 PD/Mer & 2ndX WS m/s lambs, 3-4 mths, 17.8 kgdw, 1.75" skin, \$74.50 ; 240 PD/Mer & 2ndX WS m/s lambs, 3 mths, 14.1 kgdw, 1.75" skin, \$64
NSW	Lockhart	290 Dohne Ewes, 15-16 mths, 33.2 kgdw, bare shn, Unjnd, Uardry bld, \$125
NSW	Berrigan	757 2ndX WS & WS/Mer m/s lambs, 5-6 mths, 18 kgdw, 2" skin, \$70.50
NSW	Kingscote	260 Mer Wth lambs, 3-4 mths, 10.8 kgdw, 1" skin, \$36.50
NSW	Walgett	470 BL/Mer m/s lambs, 3-4 mths, 13.7 kgdw, 1.5" skin, passed \$55.50
NSW	Moree	430 Mer Ewes, 12-14 mths, 20.6 kgdw, 2.5" skin, Unjnd, Glendemar & Leachim bld, \$108.50
NSW	Bingara	1344 Mer Ewes, 12-14 mths, 14.3 kgdw, 1.75" skin, Collinsville bld, passed \$62.50
NSW	Scone	412 Mer Wths, 2 yrs, 20 kgdw, 3/4" skin, Yalgoo bld, \$41.50
SA	Mt Pleasant	360 PD/Mer & WS/Mer m/s lambs, 4-5 mths, 18.6 kgdw, 2.25" skin, \$67
SA	Eudunda	650 Mer Wth lambs, 5-6 mths, 15.9 kgdw, 3/4" skin, Springvale North bld, \$48
SA	Mintaro	140 BL/Mer Ewe lambs, 4-5 mths, 13.4 kgdw, 1.75" skin, \$70
TAS	Perth	260 BL/Mer Ewes, 13-14 mths, 19.7 kgdw, 1/2" skin, \$110