

## AuctionsPlus week ending 2 Nov 2012

Cattle numbers were reasonably static this week, totalling 3,972 head. Sheep and lambs jumped to 58,448 head, including the Paraway wether lamb sale. Good rain across southern NSW brought a few buyers out of the woodwork, with over 150 registered bidders logging in to Thursday's sheep sale, and 215 having a look at cattle today.

Numbers of Merino ewes dropped this week, and combined with quality offerings, resulted in better prices and clearance rates than we have seen recently for this article. Young ewes topped at \$154 for October shorn, Pooginook blood hoggets at Cootamundra, while mixed age and old ewes sold from \$75.50 to \$89.50. First cross ewes were hard to sell; however several lines of quality Dorper ewes sold well, topping at \$154 for Kaya blood young ewes at Wellington.

With many hopeful that this week's rain event will improve sheep prices, processors seemed prepared to up their rates toward the end of the week for the right sheep. Wethers in Tasmania with an inch on their backs sold for 210c or \$47, plus freight to the mainland for processing, and export weight Merino wether hoggets out of Hay made 256c or \$65 including a half inch skin. However processors were outpriced on a quality line of two year old Hazeldean blood wethers estimated to dress 30kg, which met strong competition from restockers and exporters to make \$72.

Store lamb numbers continue to steadily increase, and with some quality lambs available out of southern NSW this week, we are starting to get a stronger sense of what prices will do once the bigger numbers further south hit the marketplace. Only one line of lambs over 40kg sold this week – good quality second crosses out of Young, making \$76. 38kg lambs made \$67-\$70.50, while the 32-34kg range had the biggest numbers, making from \$59 to \$68. Lighter lambs weighing 26-27kg sold from \$54 to \$58.50.

The Paraway sale saw 21,000 wether lambs sell to an average of \$42.70, topping at \$65. There was plenty of activity from online bidders, who secured 11 of the 35 lots.

Cow and calf numbers dropped right back this week; Angus heifers with their first calf at foot sold for \$1160 at Wagga Wagga, and in southern QLD Brangus cows and calves made \$1130. PTIC heifers were also in shorter supply, making to \$780 in Qld for Santa and Santa cross rising two year olds in calf to Angus. In NSW mixed age PTIC cows ranged in price from \$655 to \$845 for young Angus cows.

We did not see the price spikes for young cattle that have been noted in the yards this week; however quality was mixed, and most steers offered were crossbreds, whereas prices we reported for last week were based primarily on black cattle. In Qld, 380kg Euro cross yearling steers sold to 183c; 350-375kg steers in NSW made 190c. At the lighter end, weaner steers in southern QLD averaged 221c, and in NSW little steers 250kg or less averaged 215c. Weaner heifers out of QLD and northern NSW sold well to an average of 192c.

Cattle		
State	Town	Details

QLD	Moonie	25 Brang C&C, 4-6 yrs, 479kg, CAF, \$1130 ; 69 Char & charX C&C, 4-6 yrs, 504kg, CAF, \$905
QLD	Talwood	26 Santa & SantaX Hfrs, 20-24 mths, 409kg, PTIC Ang, \$780
QLD	Goondiwindi	18 SH C&C, 10-12 yrs, 533kg, Unjnd, 18 CAF, Weebollabolla bld, passed \$670
QLD	Boulia	120 Charb & CharbX Strs, 14-18 mths, 380kg, 183c/\$695; 180 Brah/Charb & Brah Strs, 14-18 mths, 377kg, 180c/\$678
QLD	Dulacca	78 DMX & CharX Strs, 7-12 mths, 255kg, 220c/\$560; 40 AngX Strs, 6-10 mths, 227kg, 222c/\$505
QLD	Condamine	72 CharX & Santa Strs, 10-14 mths, 321kg, 203c/\$651; 85 BrahX & Brah Strs, 8-14 mths, 316kg, 187c/\$590; 76 AngX Hfrs, 6-11 mths, 248kg, 208c/\$515 ; 66 Santa & CharX Hfrs, 6-11 mths, 259kg, 199c/\$515; 38 BrahX & Brah Hfrs, 6-11 mths, 249kg, 181c/\$450
QLD	Glenmorgan	75 SH Hfrs, 15-20 mths, 390kg, The Grove bld, passed 174c/\$680; 87 SH Hfrs, 13-15 mths, 333kg, The Grove bld, 176c/\$585
NSW	Killarney	18 Her/Brah Strs, 12-14 mths, 249kg, 219c/\$546 ; 10 Char & Char/Her Strs, 12-14 mths, 247kg, 218c/\$539; 25 Her & her/Ang Strs, 12-14 mths, 238kg, 218c/\$519
NSW	Glen Innes	9 AngX Strs, 12-14 mths, 367kg, passed 221c/\$810 ; 19 SantaX Strs, 12-14 mths, 419kg, passed 181c/\$760
NSW	Walcha	60 AngX Strs, 12-14 mths, 315kg, 202c/\$635
NSW	Wee Waa	45 CharX Hfrs, 14-16 mths, 353kg, passed 170c/\$600
NSW	Narrabri	68 Comp Strs, 14-15 mths, 304kg, 168c/\$510
NSW	Coonamble	60 Braf Hfrs, 22-24 mths, 427kg, Unjnd, passed 270c/\$670; 36 Ang Strs, 7-9 mths, 249kg, Booroomooka bld, 205c/\$510 ; 39 Ang Hfrs, 7-9 mths, 249kg, Booroomooka bld, 179c/\$445
NSW	Gunnedah	57 MGX Strs, 13-15 mths, 309kg, 199c/\$615 ; 16 MGX Hfrs, 13-15 mths, 276kg, 158c/\$437
NSW	Muswellbrook	34 Ang/Her & Ang Cows, 2-9 yrs, 446kg, PTIC Simm & Comp, \$670; 30 BFMKR/Her & BFMKR Cows, 2-8 yrs, PTIC Simm & Comp, \$655
NSW	Rylstone	92 Ang Cows, 3-8 yrs, 523kg, PTIC Ang, Hazeldean & Wattletop bld, \$825 ; 47 Ang Cows, 3-4 yrs, 435kg, PTIC Ang, Hazeldean & Wattletop bld, \$845
NSW	Orange	22 Her Strs, 13-14 mths, 353kg, Coronga & Yalgoo bld, 190c/\$670; 18 Ang & Ang/Her Strs, 13-14 mths, 374kg, 190c/\$710
NSW	Ganmain	22 Her Hfrs, 18-20 mths, 436kg, PTIC Ang, passed \$720
NSW	Wagga Wagga	31 Ang C&C, 2 yrs, 421kg, Jnd Ang, 31 Ang CAF Avg 95kg, \$1160

NSW	Inverell	157 Mer Ewes, 1 yr, 22.3 kgdw, 1.25" skin, Waverly Downs Bld, \$90.50; 118 Mer E&L, 2-5 yrs, 20 kgdw, 1" skin, 132 B/L LAF, \$101
NSW	Dorrigo	74 WS Ewes, 2.5 yrs, 31.1 kgdw, 2" skin, \$150
VIC	Warrnambool	13 Ang & Ang/Her Hfrs, 10-12 mths, 301kg, passed 163c/\$490 ; 13 Ang & Ang/Her Hfrs, 9-11 mths, 252kg, passed 163c/\$410 ; 21 Ang & Ang/Her Hfrs, 12-14 mths, 351kg, 162c/\$570
SA	Kingston	50 WV Black Strs, 11-14 mths, 320kg, 188c/\$600 ; 30 WV Black Strs, 12-16 mths, 366kg, 182c/\$665 ; 70 WV Colour Strs, 12-16 mths, 329kg, 173c/\$570 ; 60 WV Colour Strs, 14-17 mths, 366kg, 172c/\$630 ; 60 WV Black Strs, 12-15 mths, 309kg, 189c/\$585
WA	Pemberton	45 Ang & Her m/s Vlrs, 8-10 mths, 221.9 kgdw, 377c/\$829

Sheep		
State	Town	Details
QLD	Goondiwindi	296 Cool/Mer m/s lambs, 2-4 mths, 12.7 kgdw, 1.25" skin, passed \$45.50
QLD	Inglewood	850 Dam & DamX E&L, 3-5 yrs, 12.4 kgdw, 1.25" skin, Jnd Dorp & WD, 489 DorpX LAF, \$28 ; 700 Dam E&L, 2-5 yrs, 13.6 kgdw, 1.5" skin, Jnd Dorp & WD, 640 DorpX LAF, \$27
NSW	Mendooran	780 2ndX WS m/s lambs, 3-5 mths, 16.9 kgdw, 1" skin, \$70.50 ; 600 2ndX WS m/s lambs, 3-4 mths, 13.9 kgdw, 1" skin, \$63.50
NSW	Wellington	30 Dorp Ewes, 12-14 mths, 28.7 kgdw, 1/4" skin, Jnd Dorp, Kaya bld, \$154 ; 75 WD Ewes, 2 yrs, 33.9 kgdw, 1/4" skin, Jnd WD, Annalara bld, \$115.50 ; 60 WD Ewes, 12-13 mths, 29.2 kgdw, 1/4" skin, Jnd WD, Annalara & Kaya bld, \$115.50 ; 210 WDX Ewes, 13-16 mths, 23.9 kgdw, 1/4" skin, Unjnd, \$70 ; 440 BL/Mer Ewes, 13-14 mths, 25.1 kgdw, 1/2" skin, Unjnd, passed \$101
NSW	Mudgee	170 2ndX PD m/s lambs, 3-4 mths, 12.4 kgdw, 1.5" skin, passed \$55.50
NSW	Alectown	163 Mer E&L, 6 yrs, 20.6 kgdw, 3/4" skin, Jnd WS, 166 WS LAF, \$75
NSW	Forbes	200 BL/Mer Ewes, 1 yr, 27.7 kgdw, 2" skin, passed \$120.50
NSW	Cowra	1000 PD/Mer m/s lambs, 4-5 mths, 14.8 kgdw, 1.25" skin, \$59 ; 120 WD Ewe lambs, 7-8 mths, 24.8 kgdw, 1" skin, passed \$91
NSW	Bigga	478 Mer Wth lambs, 3-4 mths, 9.9 kgdw, 1.5" skin, Langdene bld, passed \$34.5
NSW	Goulburn	745 Mer Wths, 13-14 mths, 14 kgdw, 2.5" skin, Hazeldean & Cottage Park bld, \$54
NSW	Young	525 2ndX PD m/s Imbs, 3.5 mths, 17.9 kgdw, 1" skin, \$76; 425 2ndX PD m/s Imbs, 3.5 mths, 14 kgdw, 1" skin, \$66.50; 850 WS/Mer m/s lambs, 4 mths, 11.4 kgdw, 1"

		skin, \$56.50
NSW	Boorowa	460 PD/Mer m/s lambs, 5 mths, 16.1 kgdw, 1" skin, \$67;
NSW	Cootamundra	385 Mer Ewes, 14-16 mths, 21.5 kgdw, 1/4" skin, Unjnd, Pooginook Bld, \$154; 285 Mer Ewes, 5 1/2 yrs, 29 kgdw, 1/4" skin, Unjnd, Pooginook Bld, \$89; 370 PD/Mer m/s lambs, 4 mths, 8.2 kgdw, 1" skin, \$53; 200 PD/Mer m/s lambs, 4.5 mths, 10.2 kgdw, 1.25" skin, \$54
NSW	Juneee	531 PD/Mer m/s lambs, 4 mths, 18.1 kgdw, 2" skin, passed \$70.50
NSW	Gundagai	380 2ndX PD m/s lambs, 4-5 mths, 14.5 kgdw, 2" skin, \$68
NSW	Bungendore	700 Mer Wth lambs, 7-8 mths, 9.5 kgdw, 1.75" skin, Winya bld, \$40 ;
NSW	Holbrook	160 Mer Ewes, 5 yrs, 22.2 kgdw, 1/2" skin, Unjnd, SRS Bld, passed \$47.50
NSW	Hay	13 SAMM Ewes, 3-4 yrs, 32.7 kgdw, 1/4" skin, Unjnd, passed \$132 ; 13 SAMM Ewes, 3-4 yrs, 33.9 kgdw, 1/4" skin, Unjnd, passed \$132; 480 Mer Wths, 2 yrs, 29.8 kgdw, 1 3/4" skin, Hazeldean Bld, \$72; 450 Mer Wths, 1.5 yrs, 25.4 kgdw, 1/2" skin, Hazeldean Bld, 256c/\$65; 260 Mer Ewes, 3-5 yrs, 29.2 kgdw, 1 3/4" skin, Hazeldean Bld, \$89.50; 480 Mer Ewes, 6 yrs, 26.4 kgdw, 1 3/4" skin, Hazeldean Bld, \$75.50
NSW	Deniliquin	950 F2 Dorp Ewe lambs, 6-7 mths, 14.5 kgdw, 1.25" skin, \$51.50
NSW	Inverell	157 Mer Ewes, 1 yr, 22.3 kgdw, 1.25" skin, Waverly Downs Bld, \$90.50; 118 Mer E&L, 2-5 yrs, 20 kgdw, 1" skin, 132 B/L LAF, \$101
NSW	Dorrigo	74 WS Ewes, 2.5 yrs, 31.1 kgdw, 2" skin, \$150
NSW	Armidale	410 F2-F3 Dorp Ewes, 14 mths, 17.7 kgdw, 1.75" skin, Unjnd, \$49.50; 203 F2-F3 Dorp E&L, 14 mths, 16 kgdw, 1.75" skin, Unjnd, 203 Dorp LAF, \$87.50
NSW	Bourke	1085 Dohne M/S lambs, 3-4 mths, 9.2 kgdw, 1.25" skin, Uardry Bld, \$36
NSW	Brewarrina	380 2ndX Dohne Ewes, 12 mths, 18.4 kgdw, 1.25" skin, \$70
NSW	Coolah	1100 Mer Wth lambs, 4 mths, 8.9 kgdw, 1.25" skin, Gotta Rock bld, \$30
VIC	Wangaratta	330 Mer Wths, 13-14 mths, 16.2 kgdw, 1" skin, Nerstane & Hazeldean Bld, 253c/\$41
VIC	Stawell	10 WS Rams, 18 mths, 35 kgdw, Bare Shorn, \$450
VIC	Lake Bolac	920 Mer Wths, 12-13 mths, 15.7 kgdw, 1.5" skin, Salt Creek bld, passed \$52
SA	Penola	276 BL/Mer Ewes, 2-3 yrs, 24.2 kgdw, 1/2" skin, Unjnd, passed \$135.50 ; 90 BL/Mer Ewes, 2-3 yrs, 23.3 kgdw, 1/2" skin, passed \$130.50
SA	Angaston	500 Mer Wth lambs, 4 mths, 9.4 kgdw, bars shn, Walloo Park bld, \$30
TAS	Flinders	850 2ndX Dors m/s lambs, 3 mths, 10.9 kgdw, 1" skin, \$58

	Island	
TAS	Longford	603 Mer Wths, 2 yrs, 22.4 kgdw, 1" skin, 210c/\$47