

Market comment week ending 29 June 2012

Sheep and lamb numbers were fairly steady this week at 45,632 head. Cattle numbers increased slightly to total 6223 head.

There were big numbers of quality Merino ewes listed this week, including two flock dispersals. As bleak as the market has been in recent weeks, it appears that store buyers have been biding their time to snap up better quality ewes, and certainly still have the money for them when they materialise in the marketplace. Confidence has also improved with the wool market finally moving away from a downward trend, creeping ever so slowly back up since last week. At Boorowa, two and three year old Merryville blood ewes with a full jacket, in lamb back to Merino made to \$165, with older ewes all making over \$120, and the entire dispersal averaging \$147 for ewes up to eight years old. Other lines of joined older ewes ranged from \$70-\$100. Further north in Longreach, unjoined Barcardine Downs blood ewe hoggets sold for \$99.50.

With uncertainty in the lamb market, a few vendors are gradually adjusting to depressed prices for first cross ewes and setting prices reflective of the market, particularly for young unjoined ewes, which sold from \$95-\$120 this week. However those with joined ewes or proven breeders still have high expectations; likely the next re-adjustment will come when we start seeing early season suckers come into the market in a couple of months. Older unfinished lambs remain hard to sell.

Killable sheep at mutton prices were scarce this week; medium weight mutton in Tasmania with under an inch of wool averaged 325c including skin value, plus freight to the mainland.

Today's cattle sale continued on the trend of being stronger in the north, with young joined females in particular hard to sell in the south.

For the first time in many months, there was not a single lot of straight Angus steers offered today, the closest being a small line just north of the NSW border with a handful of black crossbreds in them which made 230c at 276kg. There were plenty more good quality steers offered out of southern QLD, with 273kg Angus/Droughtmaster steers making \$685 or 251c, and yearling Hereford steers weighing 416kg selling for \$860 or 206c. Steer prices were again softer in the south, with Angus cross weaners just over 300kg not quite reaching 200c/kg.

Joined females again attracted attention in the north, with mixed age Brahman and Brahman cross PTIC cows out of Charleville making \$650, and rising two year old Senepol heifers, in calf back to Senepol selling for \$905. In northern NSW young Angus cross cows in calf to Angus made \$1330, and Balck Baldy 6-8 year old cows also in calf to Angus sold for \$865. The single joined female result in southern NSW was a good quality line of rising two year old PTIC Angus heifers selling for \$1225.

Cattle		
State	Town	Details
QLD	Surat	31 AngX & Ang Hfrs, 15-20 mths, 391kg, PTIC Ang, \$855 ; 15 Ang & Red Ang Hfrs, 16-20 mths, 430kg, PTIC Comp,\$830
QLD	Meandarra	107 Char/Brah m/s Wnrs, 6-9 mths, 213kg, 230c/\$490
QLD	St George	111 Ang/DM Strs, 8-14 mths, 273kg, 251c/\$685; 44 DM & Sene/DM Strs, 8-14 mths, 263kg, 215c/\$565 ; 86 DMX Strs, 4-6 mths, 164kg, passed 271c/\$445 ; 95 Ang/DM Hfrs, 8-12 mths, 262kg, passed 193c/\$505 ; 170 Her Strs, 15-18 mths, 416kg, Wandoo Wandong bld, 206c/\$860 ; 55 Her Strs, 12-15 mths, 342kg, Wandoo Wandong bld, 209c/\$715 ; 96 Her Hfrs, 12-15 mths, 306kg, Wandoo Wandong bld, 180c/\$550 ; 101 Her Strs, 15-16 mths, 307kg, Wandoo Wandong bld, 215c/\$660 ; 104 Her Hfrs, 15-16 mths, 284kg, Wandoo Wandong bld, 174c/\$495 ; 33 Her Cows, 4-6 yrs, 595kg, PTIC Her, Wandoo Wandong bld, \$940 ; 38 Her Cows, 4-9 yrs, 519kg, PTIC Her, Wandoo Wandong bld, \$910 ; 46 Her Cows, 5-10 yrs, 433kg, PTIC Her, Wandoo Wandong bld, \$600 ; 60 Her Cows, 7-10 yrs, 434kg, Unjnd, wandoo Wandong bld, \$530
QLD	Dirranbandi	54 XB Hfrs, 30-34 mths, 464kg, passed \$700
QLD	Talwood	32 AngX m/s Wnrs, 4-5 mths, 243kg, passed 187c/\$455
QLD	Goondiwindi	19 Santa/Ang/Her Strs, 6-8 mths, 254kg, 233c/\$590 ; 16 Santa/Ang/Her Hfrs, 6-8 mths, 261kg, 210c/\$547 ; 27 AngX Strs, 8-10 mths, 302kg, 217c/\$655 ; 33 Blonde D'AquitaineX Strs, 8-10 mths, 299kg, 211c/\$630 ; 28 Comp Cows, 3-10 yrs, 621kg, PTIC Ang & SH, passed \$795
QLD	Bungunya	42 Ang Strs, 9-11 mths, 276kg, 230c/\$635 ; 99 Ang & AngX Hfrs, 9-11 mths, 224kg, 218c/\$490
QLD	Winton	46 Charb & Ang Hfrs, 16-34 mths, 424kg, PTIC Ang, \$640 ; 338 Brah Hfrs, 16-42 mths, 404kg, PTIC Ang, \$655 ;
QLD	Longreach	100 Braf & Simb Strs, 6-12 mths, 299kg, 208c/\$624 ; 42 Braf & Simb & DM Hfrs, 6-12 mths, 252kg, 167c/\$421
QLD	Wyandra	120 BrahX & Brah Cows, 2-11 yrs, 385kg, PTIC Santa & DM & Brah, \$650
QLD	Bollon	96 Sene & SeneX Hfrs, 20-24 mths, 482kg, PTIC Sene, \$905 ; 32 Sene & SeneX Hfrs, 20-24 mths, 471kg, PTIC Sene, \$800
QLD	Rockhampton	48 Brah & BrahX Cows, 9-11 yrs, 500kg, PTIC DM & Brang, \$695 ; 48 DM & Brah & Santa Cows, 6-11 yrs, 474kg, PTIC DM & Brang, \$700
QLD	Taroom	240 Brah Strs, 8-10 mths, 260kg, passed 205c/\$535
QLD	Dulacca	149 Comp Cows, 2-4 yrs, 493kg, PTIC Ang, \$865
QLD	Roma	108 XB m/s Wnrs, 7-11 mths, 258kg, passed 214c/\$554 ; 97 DM Hfrs, 6-10

		mths, 252kg, 193c/\$485 ; 76 Charb & BrangX Hfrs 6-10 mths, 262kg, 183c/\$480
NSW	Glen Innes	13 Her Cows, 9-10 yrs, 642kg, PTIC Her, passed \$810 ; 26 Char Cows, 2-9 yrs, 676kg, PTIC Char & Ang, Palgrove bld, \$970; 16 Santa & SantaX Cows, 6-10 yrs, 614kg, PTIC Ang, passed \$810; 44 AngX & Ang Hfrs, 9-11 mths, 273kg, 202c/\$550
NSW	Armidale	26 Her Hfrs, 20-22 mths, 425kg, 173c/\$735
NSW	Walcha	18 Romag/Ang Hfrs, 6-8 mths, 198kg, passed 195c/\$385; 12 Romag Cows, 2 yrs, 464kg, PTIC Romag, \$800; 38 AngX Cows, 3 yrs, 517kg, PTIC Ang, \$1330; 28 Ang Cows, 8-10 yrs, 528kg, PTIC Ang, Glenavon bld, \$885; 19 Ang/Her Cows, 8-10 yrs, 513kg, PTIC Ang, \$805; 12 Ang & Ang/Her Cows, 8-10 yrs, 528kg, PTIC Ang, \$755
NSW	Walgett	60 Ang/Her & Ang Cows, 6-8 yrs, 482kg, PTIC Ang, \$865; 53 MG & Santa & Her Cows, 6-8 yrs, 488kg, PTIC Ang, \$825
NSW	Bellatta	97 XB m/s Ylgs, 12-14 mths, 249kg, 199c/\$495
NSW	Gravesend	28 SH Hfrs, 27-30 mths, 440kg, PTIC Ang, \$765; 9 SH Hfrs, 20-40 mths, 434kg, PTIC Ang, passed \$730
NSW	Inverell	30 DM & DMX Hfrs, 8-10 mths, 316kg, 195c/\$616 ; 54 AngX Hfrs, 8-10 mths, 309kg, 224c/\$694; 49 DMX Strs, 8-10 mths, 322kg, 212c/\$680
NSW	Bingara	44 AngX Strs, 9-13 mths, 290kg, passed 203c/\$590
NSW	Coonabarabran	41 CharX Strs, 9-11 mths, 338kg, 213c/\$720; 23 CharX Hfrs, 9-11 mths, 325kg, 200c/\$650
NSW	Nundle	48 SH & SH/Her Hfrs, 12-14 mths, 330kg, 182c/\$600; 55 Ang & AngX Hfrs, 12-14 mths, 308kg, 191c/\$590
NSW	Coolah	80 Ang Hfrs, 19-21 mths, 410kg, PTIC Ang, passed \$945
NSW	Merriwa	16 Ang & Ang/Her & MG Cows, 7-9 yrs, 559kg, PTIC Lim, \$795
NSW	Rylstone	25 Ang & Ang/Her Strs, 8-10 mths, 308kg, 199c/\$615
NSW	Molong	37 SHX C&C, 18-30 mths, 362kg, 39 CAF Avg 234kg, \$1040
NSW	Mandurama	37 Her Hfrs, 6-7 mths, 235kg, 194c/\$455
NSW	Boorowa	12 SH Hfrs, 20-24 mths, 432kg, PTIC SH, passed \$770
NSW	Cootamundra	36 SH Hfrs, 21-23 mths, 457kg, PTIC Ang, passed \$825
NSW	Yass	48 SH Strs, 8-10 mths, 342kg, passed 190c/\$650; 70 Santa Hfrs, 18-24 mths, 457kg, PTIC Ang, passed \$965
NSW	Gundagai	44 Ang Hfrs, 22-24 mths, 536kg, PTIC Ang, \$1225

NSW	Adelong	20 SH & Red Ang & Ang C&C, 3 yrs, 443kg, Jnd Ang, CAF, passed \$1110
NSW	Queanbeyan	40 Ang & Ang/Her Strs, 9-11 mths, 332kg, 199c/\$660; 16 Ang X Strs, 9-11 mths, 325kg, 197c/\$640 ; 14 AngX Strs, 9-11 mths, 265kg, 217c/\$575
VIC	Nathalia	8 Stud Char Hfrs, 20-22 mths, 542kg, PTIC Char, Averlais bld, \$1460
TAS	Flinders Island	39 Ang Strs, 10-11 mths, 328kg, 189c/\$620
TAS	Scottsdale	47 Ang/Her Strs, 19-22 mths, 530kg,355c/\$960
TAS	Campbell Town	14 Ang Cows, 9 yrs, 653kg, PTIC Ang, \$840

Sheep		
State	Town	Details
QLD	Longreach	585 Mer Ewes, 2-4 yrs, 17.6 kgdw, 1/4" skin, Unjnd, Lansdowne bld, \$54.50 ; 890 Mer Ewes, 18-20 mths, 14.4 kgdw, 2.5" skin, Unjnd, Barcaldine Downs bld, \$99.50 ; 650 Mer Ewes, 6 yrs, 18.5 kgdw, 2.5" skin, Unjnd, Barcaldine Downs bld, \$56.50 ; 1080 Mer Ewes, 7 yrs, 17.7 kgdw, 2.5" skin, Unjnd, Barcaldine Downs bld, \$51.50 ; 510 Mer Wths, 18-20 mths, 14.9 kgdw, 2.5" skin, Barcaldine Downs bld, \$69
QLD	Augathella	1000 F2-F4 Dorp Wth lambs, 7-9 mths, 17.8 kgdw, 1.5" skin, \$60.50 ; 160 F2-F4 Dorp Ewes, 2-4 yrs, 20 kgdw, 2" skin, Unjnd, \$60.50
QLD	Quilpie	448 Mer Ewes, 4-8 yrs, 16.4 kgdw, Jnd Mer, Mumblebone bld, \$50 ;
QLD	Cunnamulla	416 BL/Mer Ewe lambs, 10-12 mths, 16.5 kgdw, 2" skin, \$95
QLD	Stanthorpe	135 Dam Ewes, 1-3 yrs, 13.4 kgdw, 1.5" skin, Unjnd, \$41.50
NSW	Guyra	225 Mer Wths, 3 yrs, 20.8 kgdw, 1/4" skin, Merryville bld, passed \$53.50
NSW	Walcha	620 WS/Mer m/s lambs, 8 mths, 13.9 kgdw, 1" skin, \$68
NSW	Coonamble	450 Mer Wth lambs, 10-11 mths, 16.4 kgdw, 1" skin, Haddon Rig bld, \$63.50
NSW	Nyngan	300 BL/Mer Wth lambs, 10-11 mths, 17.9 kgdw, 2.75" skin, passed \$63 ; 350 BL/Mer Ewe lambs, 10-11 mths, 16.4 kgdw, 2.75" skin, passed \$96.50
NSW	Wilcannia	900 Mer Ewes, 5 yrs, 20.4 kgdw, 2.75" skin, Unjnd, Mullengudgery bld, \$80 ; 500 Mer Ewes, 6-7 yrs, 19.2 kgdw, 2.5" skin, Unjnd, Mullengudgery bld, \$66
NSW	Ivanhoe	660 Mer Wth lambs, 10-11 mths, 17.6 kgdw, 2.5" skin, C-Lake bld, \$79
NSW	Wellington	290 WD/Mer Ewes, 6 yrs, 25.5 kgdw, 4" skin, SIL WD, \$94.50
NSW	Yeoval	390 2ndX WD m/s lambs, 4 mths, 10.1 kgdw, 1.25" skin, \$60.50
NSW	Rylstone	183 1stX m/s lambs, 9 mths, 17.7 kgdw, 1" skin, passed \$52.50

NSW	Boorowa	700 Mer ewes, 6 yrs, 18.7 kgdw, 1" skin, SIL WS, Merryville bld, \$83 ; 255 Mer Ewes, 5-6 yrs, 18.6 kgdw, 1.5" skin, SIL WS, passed \$80.50 ; 148 Mer Ewes, 2 yrs, 22.4 kgdw, 2.75" skin, SIL Mer, Merryville bld, \$165.50 ; 185 Mer Ewes, 2 yrs, 19.5 kgdw, 2.5" skin, SIL Mer, Merryville bld, \$165.50 ; 185 Mer Ewes, 2 yrs, 16.2 kgdw, 2.5" skin, SIL Mer, Merryville bld, \$127.50 ; 292 Mer Ewes, 3 yrs, 21 kgdw, 3" skin, SIL Mer, Merryville bld, \$165 ; 374 Mer Ewes, 4 yrs, 22.9 kgdw, 3" skin, SIL Mer, Merryville bld, \$146.50 ; 225 Mer Ewes, 5 yrs, 24.5 kgdw, 2.75" skin, SIL Mer, Merryville bld, \$138 ; 200 Mer Ewes, 6 yrs, 23.8 kgdw, 3" skin, SIL Mer, Merryville bld, \$121 ; 179 Mer Ewes, 4 yrs, 24 kgdw, 3" skin, SIL WS, Merryville bld, \$147 ; 364 Mer Ewes, 5 yrs, 24.6 kgdw, 2.75" skin, SIL WS, Merryville bld, \$147.50 ; 122 Mer Ewes, 6-7 yrs, 23.3 kgdw, 2.75" skin, SIL WS, Merryville bld, \$133 ; 200 Mer Ewes, 7 yrs, 25.8 kgdw, 2.75" skin, SIL WS, Merryville bld, \$135.50 ; 142 Mer Ewes, 8 yrs, 27.8 kgdw, 3" skin, SIL WS, Merryville bld, \$134 ; 240 Mer Ewes, 3-5 yrs, 22 kgdw, 3" skin, Merryville bld, \$121
NSW	Crookwell	241 Corr Ewes, 4-6 yrs, 27.8 kgdw, 2.5" skin, SIL PD, \$96 ; 50 Corr Ewes, 2 yrs, 21.6 kgdw, 2.5" skin, SIL PD, \$100.50
NSW	Binalong	136 BL/Mer Ewe lambs, 9-11 mths, 19.9 kgdw, 2" skin, passed \$158.50 ; 153 BL/Mer Ewe lambs, 9-11 mths, 17.7 kgdw, 2" skin, passed \$152.50
NSW	Yass	170 Mer Ewes, 2-6 yrs, 15.3 kgdw, 1" skin, Unjnd, Avonsworth bld, \$60 ; 172 Mer Ewes, 6-7 yrs, 19.5 kgdw, 1/4" skin, SIL WS, Merryville bld, \$70
NSW	Gunning	190 Mer Ewes, 3 yrs, 15.5 kgdw, 1/4" skin, SIL Mer, Snowy Plains bld, \$99 ; 154 Mer Ewes, 4 yrs, 16.3 kgdw, 1/4" skin, SIL Mer, Snowy Plains bld, \$98.50 ; 149 Mer Ewes, 5 yrs, 15.8 kgdw, 1/4" skin, SIL Mer, Snowy Plains bld, \$95 ; 65 Mer Ewes, 6 yrs, 15.8 kgdw, 1/4" skin, SIL Mer, Snowy Plains bld, \$75 ; 199 Mer Ewes, 3-6 yrs, 15.8 kgdw, 1/4" skin, SIL PD, Snowy Plains bld, \$88.50
NSW	Cooma	400 Mer Ewes, 5.5 yrs, 20.2 kgdw, 1.75" skin, SIL PD, Merryville bld, \$100
NSW	Bombala	369 BL/Mer Ewe lambs, 9-10 mths, 18.7 kgdw, 1.5" skin, \$120
NSW	Holbrook	300 Mer Wths, 13-14 mths, 14.4 kgdw, 2.5" skin, Nerstane & Roxanna bld, \$69
NSW	Lockhart	93 Mer Ewes, 3-5 yrs, 22.2 kgdw, 1.5" skin, Unjnd, Pooginook & Hazeldean bld, \$70
NSW	Moama	245 F2-F3 Dohne Ewes, 12-13 mths, 18 kgdw, bare shn, \$115
NSW	Balranald	410 Mer Wth lambs, 5-6 mths, 13.9 kgdw, 1.25" skin, C-Lake bld, \$63.50
NSW	Wentworth	465 Mer Wth lambs, 10-11 mths, 18.4 kgdw, 3/4" skin, Glen Donald bld, passed \$59.50
NSW	Goodooga	1250 Mer Wth lambs, 9-11 mths, 14.1 kgdw, 1/2" skin, Bungulla bld, \$60.50
NSW	Garah	775 Mer Ewes, 5-6 yrs, 19 kgdw, 1/4" skin, SIL WS, Airlie bld, \$87.50
NSW	Walgett	140 BL/Mer Ewe lambs, 10-11 mths, 19.9 kgdw, 1/2" skin, \$113

VIC	Wangaratta	240 Comp Ewe lambs, 9-10 mths, 19.3 kgdw, 2" skin, SIL Comp, Cashmore Park bld, passed \$124.50 ;
VIC	Yea	250 Comp Ewes, 3 yrs, 20.5 kgdw, 1.75" skin, SIL Comp, Cashmore Park bld, \$80 ; 210 Comp Ewes, 2 yrs, 19.2 kgdw, 1.75" skin, SIL Comp, Cashmore Park bld, \$90 ; 230 Comp Ewes, 4 yrs, 22.9 kgdw, 1.75" skin, SIL Comp, Cashmore Park bld, passed \$76.50
VIC	Hamilton	120 Comp Ewe lambs, 10 mths, 15.3 kgdw, 1/4" skin, Jnd Comp, Cashmore Oaklea bld, passed \$91
SA	Naracoorte	218 BL/Mer E&L, 6 yrs, 28.4 kgdw, 2" skin, 234 PD LAF avg 27kg, passed \$168.50
TAS	George Town	135 Coop/Mer Ewes, 2-6 yrs, 21.5 kgdw, 1/2" skin, 319c/\$68.50 ; 296 Mer Ewes, mxd age, 17.3 kgdw, 3/4" skin, 318c/\$55
TAS	Evandale	416 Mer Ewes, 7-8 yrs, 17.6 kgdw, 1/2" skin, 318c/\$56
TAS	Longford	285 Mer Ewes, mxd age, 16 kgdw, 1/2" skin, 291c/\$46.50
TAS	Cressy	326 Mer Wths, mxd age, 18.3 kgdw, 1" skin, 325c/\$59.50
TAS	Conara	323 Mer Wths, 19-20 mths, 14.3 kgdw, 1/2" skin, \$44.50
TAS	Campbell Town	298 Mer Ewes, 3-6 yrs, 20 kgdw, 1.25" skin, 330c/\$66
TAS	Sorell	105 1stX m/s lambs, 9-10 mths, 13.6 kgdw, 1.5" skin, \$52