

AuctionsPlus market comment week ending 8 June 2012

Cattle numbers were back 2,500 this week to total 5,448 head. There was a significant drop in numbers out of Queensland, with producers in some areas unable to get cattle out after unseasonal heavy rain. Sheep numbers, however, remained steady at 35,666 head.

Merino ewe offerings continue to mostly older and mixed quality, however clearance rates for this article are improving as vendors meet the market. Lines of mixed age ewes ranged from \$57.50 for unjoined ewes in QLD, to \$110 for those that will soon drop a first cross lamb. Of the better quality lines, Gunbar blood four year olds in lamb to White Suffolk out of SA made \$153, and young unjoined ewe out of Echuca sold for \$135. Some good quality first cross ewes appeared out of the woodwork, attracting more interest than in recent weeks, though buyers still have strong ideas on what they will pay. In Ararat, two year old Border Leicester/Merinos made to \$171.50, and the mixed age older draft sold for \$131.50, both in lamb to Dorset.

Continued uncertainty in global wool markets hit Merino wether prices this week after a couple of weeks of resilience, particularly since most wethers in the market were recently shorn and offered little opportunity to get into the wool market in the short term. Lamb prices ranged from \$50 to top at \$88, and rising two year old Haddon Rig blood wethers sold for \$74. Processors were much more active than last week in both the lamb and mutton markets, and were able to snap up some of the wethers left alone by store buyers. Export wethers made 314c including skin value for a quarter inch of wool; 19kg wethers sold for 354c with a 2.5" skin.

The young cattle market was slightly softer this week, with the fluctuating \$A causing some cautiousness among buyers. Angus weaner steers weighing 250-300kg averaged 228c, down 5-10c on last week; 300-350kg black steers averaged 220c. In the north, Angus/Brahman weaners weighing 271kg sold for 232c. Heavier cattle were hard to find, the only line being Hereford yearling steers weighing 381kg, which made 205c or \$780. There were fewer joined females on offer in today's Eastern States sales, and they were particularly hard to sell in the south, where most have had either too much rain or not enough. In Southern QLD, Santa, Angus and Brangus rising two year old heifers in calf to Angus made \$875, and in central NSW similar age Karoo blood Angus heifers in calf to Angus sold for \$1160. Of older females, seven year old PTIC Droughtmaster cows out of northern NSW sold for \$935, and at Dubbo mixed age Simmental and Simmental cross cows in calf to Red Angus made \$950.

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Cattle		
State	Town	Details

QLD	Toobeah	108 AngX Strs, 6-9 mths, 248kg, 258c/\$640
QLD	Goondiwindi	91 DM Hfrs, 15-18 mths, 380kg, Jnd Seneg, passed \$795
QLD	Isisford	152 Brah Cows, 7-11 yrs, 479kg, PTIC Char & Brah, passed \$665
QLD	Mudgee	110 Ang Strs, 9-10 mths, 315kg, Te Mania bld, 222c/\$700 ; 112 Ang Strs, 9-10 mths, 273kg, Te Mania bld, 224c/\$610 ; 27 Ang/Her Strs, 9-10 mths, 287kg, 224c/\$645 ; 38 BrangX Strs, 9-10 mths, 276kg, 209c/\$580
QLD	Blackall	105 DM Hfrs, 12-18 mths, 305kg, 203c/\$620
QLD	Augathella	144 Santa Hfrs, 9-13 mths, 286kg, Jnd Santa, Manresa bld, \$605; 194 Brah & BrahX Cows, 2-4 yrs, 457kg, PTIC Brang & Charb, passed \$760
QLD	Mungallala	38 Santa & Santa/Her Hfrs, 18-22 mths, 401kg, PTIC Ang, \$875 ; 91 Ang & AngX Hfrs, 18-22 mths, 422kg, PTIC Ang, \$875 ; 30 Brang Hfrs, 18-22 mths, 428kg, PTIC Ang, \$875
QLD	Cunnamulla	134 SimbX m/s Wnrs, 5-9 mths, 215kg, 233c/\$500
QLD	St George	32 Ang/Sene Strs, 10-14 mths, 308kg, passed 206c/\$635 ; 68 Ang/Sen Hfrs, 10-14 mths, 310kg, 206c/\$640
QLD	Westmar	101 Ang/Brah Strs, 7-10 mths, 271kg, 232c/\$630
NSW	Deepwater	15 Ang & Ang/Her Hfrs, 7-8 mths, 247kg, 192c/\$475 ; 36 Ang Hfrs, 7-9 mths, 291kg, 192c/\$560
NSW	Guyra	28 Ang C&C, 8-12 yrs, 466kg, Jnd Ang, 28 Ang CAF, \$980 ; 37 Ang C&C, 6-7 yrs, 475kg, Jnd Ang, 37 Ang CAF, \$1280 ; 35 Ang & AngX Cows, 3 yrs, 433kg, PTIC Ang, \$1105 ; 18 Comp Cows, 3 yrs, 433kg, PTIC Ang, \$965 ; 16 Comp Cows, 3 yrs, 436kg, PTIC Ang, \$930 ; 51 Ang & AngX Hfrs, 19-23 mths, 454kg, PTIC Ang, passed \$740 ; 15 Ang & AngX Hfrs, 19-23 mths, 482kg, PTIC Ang, passed \$780; 14 Ang/her Hfrs, 19-23 mths, 498kg, PTIC Ang, passed \$880 ; 15 Comp Hfrs, 19-35 mths, 486kg, PTIC Ang, passed \$780 ; 8 CharX Hfrs, 19-35 mths, 471kg, PTIC Ang, passed \$880 ; 24 Ang Strs, 7-9 mths, 206kg, 257c/\$530; 23 SH/Her Strs, 8-10 mths, 228kg, 232c/\$530
NSW	Armidale	36 Ang & Ang/Her Strs, 7-8 mths, 257kg, 237c/\$610 ; 25 Ang & AngX Cows, 4-11 yrs, 487kg, PTIC Ang, \$660
NSW	Walcha	75 Ang Strs, 9-10 mths, 296kg, Ben Nevis bld, 222c/\$655 ; 32 CharX Cows, 10 yrs, 625kg, PTIC Char Ang & Her, \$905
NSW	Ashford	43 DM Cows, 7-8 yrs, 504kg, PTIC DM & Ang, Diamantina bld, \$935
NSW	Inverell	65 Ang & Ang/Her Hfrs, 5-9 mths, 276kg, 201c/\$555; 62 Ang/Her & Ang Strs, 5-9 mths, 304kg, passed 202c/\$615 ; 45 Her & AngX Cows, 8 yrs, 518kg, PTIC Ang, passed \$860
NSW	Bundarra	53 Ang Strs, 8-10 mths, 280kg, 228c/\$640; 54 Ang/Her Strs, 8-10 mths, 285kg,

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NSW	Bendemeer	52 Ang Hfrs, 8-9 mths, 267kg, Booragul bld, 198c/\$530; 48 Ang Strs, 8-9 mths, 271kg, Booragul bld, 220c/\$595
NSW	Tamworth	66 Ang Strs, 10-11 mths, 303kg, Gleanlea bld, 218c/\$660
NSW	Quirindi	48 Char/Her & Her Hfrs, 7-9 mths, 253kg, 209c/\$530
NSW	Moree	24 Ang/Her & Ang Hfrs, 15-18 mths, 398kg, PTIC Ang & Her, passed \$725 ; 24 Santa & SantaX Hfrs, 15-18 mths, 387kg, PTIC Ang & Her, passed \$730
NSW	Gravesend	18 Her & AngX C&C, 2-3 yrs, 320kg, Unjnd, 18 XB CAF, \$870
NSW	Bingara	27 Ang Strs, 12-17 mths, 301kg, Booroomooka bld, 208c/\$625; 60 Ang Hfrs, 19-21 mths, 398kg, PTIC Ang, Booroomooka bld, \$1260; 45 Ang Cows, 7-8 yrs, 581kg, PTIC Ang, Booroomooka bld, \$1095 ; 20 Her Strs, 7-9 mths, 334kg, passed 204c/\$680
NSW	Burren Junction	39 Her Strs, 12-14 mths, 381kg, 205c/\$780; 10 Her/Santa Strs, 10-11 mths, 338kg, passed 194c/\$655 ; 50 Her Strs, 10-11 mths, 296kg, 226c/\$670
NSW	Coonabarabran	45 SH Strs, 7-8 mths, 243kg, Dunbeacon bld, 221c/\$535; 32 Ang Hfrs, 22-24 mths, 460kg, PTIC Ang, passed \$1050 ; 10 Ang/Her & Ang/SH Hfrs, 22-24 mths, 464kg, PTIC Ang, \$1010
NSW	Dubbo	18 Sim Cows, 3-4 yrs, 550kg, PTIC R Ang, \$100 ; 15 Sim & Sim/SH Cows, 5-10 yrs, 637kg, PTIC R Ang, \$950
NSW	Geurie	40 Ang Strs, 8-9 mths, 311kg, Lawsons bld, passed 217c/\$675
NSW	Gloucester	73 Char/SH & SH Hfrs, 8-10 mths, 241kg, passed 193c/\$465
NSW	Bathurst	72 Ang Hfrs, 19-21 mths, 464kg, PTIC Ang, Karoo bld, \$1160
NSW	Moss Vale	44 AngX Strs, 8-10 mths, 292kg, 221c/\$645
NSW	Sutton Forest	67 Ang Strs, 9-11 mths, 279kg, Bongongo bld, 237c/\$660 ; 66 Ang Strs, 9-11 mths, 244kg, Bongongo bld, 250c/\$610
NSW	Crookwell	32 Ang/Her Strs, 8-9 mths, 300kg, 205c/\$615 ; 21 Ang/Her Hfrs, 8-9 mths, 283kg, passed 179c/\$505 ; 21 Ang/MG Hfrs, 8-9 mths, 290kg, passed 174c/\$505
NSW	Bungendore	27 Ang Hfrs, 20-22 mths, 449kg, PTIC Ang, passed \$955
NSW	Queanbeyan	31 Ang Hfrs, 9-10 mths, 221kg, passed 183c/\$405
NSW	Bombala	56 Her Strs, 7-9 mths, 298kg, South Bukalong & Billilingra bld, passed 218c/\$650
NSW	Tumbarumba	24 CharX Strs, 8-10 mths, 257kg, passed 200c/\$515 ; 30 Lim Strs, 8-10 mths, 253kg, passed 204c/\$515

NSW	Holbrook	58 Ang & Ang/Her Strs, 8-9 mths, 316kg, passed 212c/\$670 ; 65 Ang Strs, 8-9 mths, 253kg, 237c/\$600 ; 31 Ang Hfrs, 9-10 mths, 229kg, 210c/\$480
NSW	Hillston	29 Santa & SantaX C&C, 5 yrs, 482kg, Unjnd, 30 Ang/Char CAF Avg 290kg, passed \$1190
NSW	Mildura	22 Her Strs, 7-12 mths, 325kg, Bundulla & Yambro bld, passed 186c/\$605 ; 26 Her/Ang & Ang Strs, 8-12 mths, 313kg, passed 188c/\$590
NSW	Wentworth	56 BrahX & SHX Hfrs, 18-30 mths, 422kg, PTIC Ang, passed \$605 ; 47 DMX & SHX Hfrs, 18-30 mths, 470kg, PTIC Ang, passed \$665
NSW	Broken Hill	54 Her C&C, 5-10 yrs, 566kg, Jnd Her, 22 Her CAF, passed \$855
NSW	Bourke	59 Ang/Brah Hfrs, 20-30 mths, 530kg, PTIC Her, \$990; 91 DMX Hfrs, 20-30 mths, 481kg, PTIC Her, \$915 ; 74 BrahX Hfrs, 20-30 mths, 478kg, PTIC Her, passed \$780
NSW	Chinchilla	60 DM Hfrs, 18-22 mths, 433kg, PTIC Santa, \$890 ; 60 DM Hfrs, 18-22 mths, 433kg, PTIC Santa, passed \$885

Sheep		
State	Town	Details
QLD	Longreach	470 Mer Wth lambs, 8-10 mths, 13.3 kgdw, 1.25" skin, Lansdowne bld, \$60 ; 510 Mer Ewe lambs, 8-10 mths, 12.1 kgdw, 1.25" skin, Lansdowne bld, \$80.50
QLD	Charleville	600 Mer Ewes, 2-10 yrs, 16.5 kgdw, 2" skin, Unjnd, 348c/\$57.70
QLD	Oaklands	418 Mer Wth lambs, 10-11 mths, 20 kgdw, 3/4" skin, Wood Park bld, \$85
NSW	Lightning Ridge	700 Mer Wths, 21-22 mths, 20.6 kgdw, 1.75" skin, Haddon Rig bld, 359c/\$74
NSW	Connamble	183 Mer & Dohne/Mer Ewes, 6 yrs, 23.2 kgdw, 1/2" skin, SIL Dohne, \$90
NSW	Nyngan	340 Mer Ewes, 6 yrs, 21.5 kgdw, 1/2" skin, SIL BL, Mumblebone bld, \$107.50
NSW	Narromine	130 F3-F4 WD & Wilt/WD Ewe lambs, 6-9 mths, 20.5 kgdw, 1.75" skin, passed \$80
NSW	Gilgandra	160 Mer Ewes, 2-6 yrs, 21.4 kgdw, 2" skin, Unjnd, Weealla bld, \$88
NSW	Coolah	460 Mer Ewes, 2-5 yrs, 23.5 kgdw, 1.5" skin, SIL WS, Gotta Rock bld, \$110
NSW	Wellington	515 WS/Mer Ewe lambs, 9-10 mths, 16 kgdw, 1.5" skin, passed \$80.50
NSW	Mudgee	210 WS/Mer & Suff/Mer m/s lambs, 7-8 mths, 14.8 kgdw, 1/2" skin, \$62
NSW	Rylstone	156 BL/Mer Ewe lambs, 10-11 mths, 16.6 kgdw, 2" skin, Unjnd, passed \$95.50 ; 415 Mer Ewes, 3-7 yrs, 23.5 kgdw, 1.75" skin, SIL BL, \$105

NSW	Eugowra	275 Comp Ewe lambs, 8 mths, 17.4 kgdw, 3/4" skin, passed \$95.50 ; 180 Comp Ewe lambs, 8 mths, 20 kgdw, 3/4" skin, passed \$95.50
NSW	Forbes	1200 Dors/Mer lambs, 6-7 mths, 13.4 kgdw, 1/2" skin, \$71
NSW	Lake Cargelligo	200 WD/Mer Ewes, 9-13 mths, 32.4 kgdw, 2.25" skin, 324c/\$105
NSW	Young	440 Mer Wth lambs, 10-11 mths, 16 kgdw, 1" skin, Egelabra bld, \$69
NSW	Harden	480 Mer Wth lambs, 9 mths, 18.2 kgdw, 1/2" skin, Hazeldean bld, 442c/\$80.50
NSW	Wallendbeen	540 Mer Ewes, 5-7 yrs, 22.2 kgdw, 1/2" skin, Unjnd, Creswood & Haddon Rig bld, 315c/\$70
NSW	Cootamundra	315 Comp Ewe lambs, 9-10 mths, 27.4 kgdw, 2.5" skin, \$108
NSW	Yass	60 Mer m/s lambs, 8-9 mths, 15.3 kgdw, 2.25" skin, 458c/\$70 ; 120 PD/Mer Ewes, 2 yrs, 24 kgdw, 1.5" skin, 317c/\$76
NSW	Goulburn	263 Mer Ewes, 6-7 yrs, 18.4 kgdw, 1/2" skin, Nerstane & Petali bld, Jnd PD, 315c/\$58
NSW	Cooma	420 Mer & Dohne/Mer Wths, 2-5 yrs, 27.2 kgdw, 1/4" skin, 314c/\$85.50
NSW	Bombala	450 BL/Mer Wth lambs, 8 mths, 13.8 kgdw, 1/2" skin, passed \$61.50 ; 387 Mer Wth lambs, 8-9 mths, 10.3 kgdw, 1/4" skin, Inglewood bld, passed \$56 ; 517 2ndX PD m/s lambs, 8-9 mths, 15.5 kgdw, 3/4" skin, \$81.50
NSW	Wagga Wagga	595 Mer Wth lambs, 10-11 mths, 18.3 kgdw, 1/4" skin, Koonwarra bld, 399c/\$73
NSW	Holbrook	68 2ndX Comp Ewes, 2-4 yrs, 27.2 kgdw, 2.5" skin, SIL PD, \$130.50
NSW	Deniliquin	280 BL/Mer Ewe lambs, 8-9 mths, 18.6 kgdw, 1" skin, passed \$131
NSW	Moulamein	1000 Mer Wth lambs, 8-9 mths, 12.2 kgdw, 1" skin, Wanganella bld, \$60 ; 420 Mer Wth lambs, 8-9 mths, 10.6 kgdw, 1" skin, Wanganella bld, \$50 ; 600 Mer Wths, 12 mths, 22.1 kgdw, 1.25" skin, Avenel bld, \$88
NSW	Ararat	148 BL/Mer Ewes, 2 yrs, 24.2 kgdw, 1" skin, SIL Dors, \$171.50; 120 BL/Mer Ewes, 2 yrs, 23.4 kgdw, 1" skin, SIL Dors, \$155 ; 192 BL/Mer Ewes, 4-7 yrs, 25.2 kgdw, 1" skin, SIL Dors, \$131.50
NSW	Dunkeld	900 BL/Mer Ewes, 18 mths, 15.9 kgdw, 1" skin, SIL Comp, \$140
NSW	Armidale	900 Mer Ewes, 5-6 yrs, 17.9 kgdw, 3/4" skin, SIL WS, passed \$75.50
NSW	Uralla	192 BL/Mer Ewes, 2-6 yrs, 22.7 kgdw, 1" skin, SIL PD, \$141
NSW	Yetman	630 WD/Mer m/s lambs, 7-8 mths, 13.8 kgdw, 1.5" skin, \$54
NSW	Ashford	194 Mer Wths, 6 yrs, 18.9 kgdw, 2.5" skin, Egelabra bld, 354c/\$67

NSW	Moree	840 Mer Ewes, 5-6 yrs, 22.5 kgdw, 3/4" skin, Unjnd, Karboola bld, passed 373c/\$84
NSW	Goodooga	500 Mer Wth lambs, 10-11 mths, 13.8 kgdw, 1.5" skin, Mogila bld, \$58.50
VIC	Echuca	480 Mer Ewes, 13-14 mths, 17.3 kgdw, 1.5" skin, \$135
SA	Mount Gambier	300 BL/Mer & Mer Ewes, 4-6 yrs, 21 kgdw, 2" skin, SIL Comp, \$116.50
SA	Bordertown	592 Mer Ewes, 4 yrs, 27 kgdw, 1.5" skin, SIL WS, Gunbar bld, \$153 ; 92 Mer E&L, 4-5 yrs, 24.4 kgdw, 2.25" skin, Unjnd, 105 WS LAF, \$156
TAS	George Town	203 2ndX WS m/s lambs, 9-10 mths, 19.3 kgdw, 2.25" skin, 433c/\$83.50
TAS	Hagley	314 Corr & 2ndX BL & Mer Ewes, 3-5 yrs, 21.1 kgdw, 1.75" skin, 318c/\$67
TAS	Carrick	290 Mer Ewes, CFA, 16 kgdw, 3/4" skin, 303c/\$48.50
TAS	Copping	150 WS/Mer m/s lambs, 9-10 mths, 22.2 kgdw, 3/4" skin, 403c/\$89.50