

## Market comments

Cattle numbers improved by around 700 this week to finish at 6909 head. Sheep and lamb numbers dropped to a little over half compared to last week's listings, totalling only 24,752 head. Thursday's sale was the smallest we have seen in a long while, and with a high proportion of the offering being Dorper crosses, the sale was very slow.

Tuesday's sheep sale continued from last week, showing a little more spark due to again having some younger, better quality Merino on offer. Two year old Lansdowne blood ewes out of Longreach, in lamb to Merino sold for \$70; in the Riverina 3-5 year old Willurah bloods in lamb to Poll Dorset made \$127.50; and out of SA unjoined 13 month old Moorundie blood ewes sold for \$115.50.

There was reduced interest from restockers on older ewes, and processors were very active on these lines; however vendors are unwilling to accept mutton prices for those with a productive year or two left in them. Medium weight mutton ranged from 261-277c/kg, lighter 16kg ewes in Tasmania sold from 270-276c/kg, all inclusive of skin value with half an inch of wool.

Merino wether lambs ranged from \$49.50 to top at \$86.60 for well grown Roseville Park blood 12-13 month olds with two inches on their backs, after competition from restockers and exporters. Crossbred lambs requiring a little more finish to make trade weight sold to \$80.50.

The joined female cattle market looked a bit tougher in Queensland today; conversely things seem to be picking up in the south. There were some top quality cows with calves at foot available in northern NSW, topping at \$1510 for three year old Santa cows with Red Angus cross calves at foot out of Walgett; and young Brangus cows with Brangus calves at Mungindi sold for \$1200. In the north, one of few results for females saw Droughtmaster and Santa mixed age cows in calf to Charolais & Santa sell for \$805 out of Blackall. In southern NSW, where joined heifers have been near impossible to sell, rising two year old Angus/Hereford heifers in calf to Angus made \$1025.

Young cattle still held up well in the north; Droughtmaster and Droughtmaster cross weaner steers at Cloncurry weighing 221kg making 206c or \$454, and their 203kg sisters making 188c, and further south at Taroom 213kg Hereford cross steers sold for 232c. At the heavier end, 404kg Droughtmaster yearling steers made 192c or \$775. In NSW, Angus steers made a welcome return today, with regular feedlot buyers creating strong competition on 300kg plus cattle, which sold in a very tight range of 218-220c. Black steers 200-250kg averaged 222c, an unusually low difference in rate from the heavier range. At Coonabarabran, well bred 313kg Charolais/Shorthorn steers also attracted feedlotter attention, making 220c or \$690

Cattle		
State	Town	Details
QLD	Mitchell	80 HerX Strs, 7-9 mths, 213kg, 232c/\$495; 80 HerX Hfrs, 7-9 mths, 213kg, 207c/\$440
QLD	St George	104 Her Hfrs, 15-16 mths, 284kg, Wandoo Wandong bld, sold 183c/\$520; 38 Her C&C, 4-8 yrs, 432kg, Jnd Her, 38 Her CAF, Wandoo Wandong bld,\$1030 ; 50 DM & DMX C&C, 5-6 yrs, 474kg, Ang & Char & DM CAF, \$1110; 215 DM Cows, 4-6 yrs, 489kg, PTIC Ang & Char & DM, \$925; 71 Char/DM Cows, 3-6 yrs, 509kg, PTIC Ang & Char & DM, \$885 ; 16 Char/DM Cows, 5-6 yrs, 535kg, PTIC Ang & Char & DM, \$880; 71 Char/DM Cows, 8-9 yrs, 532kg, PTIC Ang & Char & DM, passed \$750 ; 128 DM Cows, 4-6 yrs, 421kg, PTIC Ang & Char & DM, \$820; 117 DM Cows, 8-12 yrs, 454kg, PTIC Ang & Char & DM, passed \$700; 44 DM & Sene/DM Strs, 8-14 mths, 274kg, 190c/\$520; 84 Ang/DM Hfrs, 8-12 mths, 269kg, 193c/\$520; 140 CharX Hfrs, 8-14 mths, 256kg, 193c/\$495; 39 DM & Sene/DM Hfrs, 8-14 mths, 251kg, 180c/\$450; 105 DMX Hfrs, 4-7 mths, 174kg, 224c/\$390; 90 Brah Strs, 14-20 mths, 328kg, 188c/\$615; 30 Brah Strs, 14-18 mths, 326kg, 192c/\$615
QLD	Moonie	28 Ang/Santa Hfrs, 18-24 mths, 385kg, PTIC Santa & Ang, \$805; 48 Santa Hfrs, 18-24 mths, 379kg, PTIC Santa & Ang, \$855
QLD	Bungunya	45 SHX Strs, 8-10 mths, 281kg, passed 206c/\$579; 46 SHX Hfrs, 8-10 mths, 260kg, 210c/\$546; 13 AngX Strs, 9-11 mths, 289kg, 200c/\$578
QLD	Toobeah	78 AngX Strs, 9-11 mths, 259kg, 238c/\$617; 66 AngX Hfrs, 9-11 mths, 243kg, 193c/\$468
QLD	Goondiwindi	21 Her Hfrs, 9-12 mths, 328kg, 191c/\$625; 99 Ang/DM & Ang/Her Hfrs, 9-12 mths, 281kg, 210c/\$590
QLD	Warwick	24 MG/Char Strs, 8-10 mths, 302kg, passed 210c/\$635; 19 Ang Hfrs, 10-12 mths, 277kg, 217c/\$600; 13 Ang Hfrs, 14-16 mths, 283kg, 212c/\$600; 9 Ang Strs, 12-14 mths, 323kg, 220c/\$710; 25 Ang Strs, 7-10 mths, 224kg, 248c/\$555
QLD	Texas	60 Drakens/Ang Hfrs, 20-23 mths, 393kg, PTIC Drakens, \$860
QLD	Cloncurry	120 DM & DM/Char Strs, 5-10 mths, 221kg, 206c/\$454 ; 120 DM & DM/Char Hfrs, 5-10 mths, 203kg, 188c/\$381
QLD	Julia Creek	132 DM & Brah Cows, 2-12 yrs, 539kg, PTIC DM, passed \$685; 48 DM & Brah C&C, 3-12 yrs, 502kg, PTIC DM, passed \$715
QLD	Winton	66 Brah Hfrs, 16-34 mths, 367kg, PTIC Ang, passed \$590
QLD	Jericho	168 XB Strs, 4-7 mths, 213kg, 223c/\$475
QLD	Blackall	88 Santa & SantaX Cows, 4-12 yrs, 468kg, PTIC Char & Santa, \$800 ; 80 DM & DMX Cows, 4-12 yrs, 459kg, PTIC Char & Santa, \$805

QLD	Rockhampton	41 XB Hfrs, 6-10 mths, 203kg, passed 185c/\$375 ; 41 Brah Hfrs, 6-10 mths, 217kg, passed 173c/\$375
QLD	Taroom	82 DMX Strs, 16-21 mths, 393kg, 186c/\$730 ; 84 DM Strs, 16-21 mths, 404kg, 192c/\$775
QLD	Wandoan	60 Santa Hfrs, 18-23 mths, 393kg, Unjnd, 223c/\$875
NSW	Glen Innes	24 Her Hfrs, 8-10 mths, 258kg, 196c/\$505
NSW	Walcha	34 Ang & AngX Cows, 3-8 yrs, 530kg, PTIC Ang, Glenavon bld, passed \$905
NSW	Tamworth	39 Char Cows, 8 yrs, 572kg, PTIC Ang, \$935
NSW	Mungindi	57 Brang C&C, 3 yrs, 418kg, Unjnd, 57 Brang CAF Avg 176kg, \$1200
NSW	Collarenebri	67 AngX Strs, 10-12 mths, 296kg, passed 208c/\$615 ; 34 AngX Strs, 7-9 mths, 247kg, passed 198c/\$490 ; 22 AngX Strs, 7-9 mths, 267kg, passed 178c/\$475
NSW	Walgett	44 Santa Cows, 3 yrs, 508kg, PTIC Red Ang, \$1290 ; 55 Santa C&C, 3 yrs, 496kg, Jnd Red Ang, 55 Red Ang CAF, \$1510
NSW	Inverell	30 Ang Hfrs, 20-24 mths, 403kg, PTIC Ang, \$910
NSW	Bingara	26 Ang Hfrs, 22-24 mths, 416kg, PTIC Ang, Booramooka bld, \$1260 ; 52 Ang Hfrs, 22-24 mths, 392kg, PTIC Ang, Booramooka bld, \$1070
NSW	Narrabri	17 Ang/Her Hfrs, 8-10 mths, 210kg, 192c/\$405; 13 Her Hfrs, 8-10 mths, 187kg, 203c/\$380 ; 13 Ang/Her Strs, 8-10 mths, 226kg, 239c/\$540 ; 19 Her Strs, 8-10 mths, 236kg, 223c/\$525
NSW	Barraba	60 Ang & Her/Ang Hfrs, 10-12 mths, 292kg, passed 204c/\$595
NSW	Coonamble	22 AngX C&C, 2-3 yrs, 430kg, Jnd Ang, 22 CAF, \$1330
NSW	Coonabarabran	110 SHX Strs, 10-12 mths, 313kg, 220c/\$690
NSW	Warren	56 Ang Cows, 3-6 yrs, 468kg, PTIC Ang & Santa & Char, Twynam bld, \$950 ; 34 Ang Cows, 6-8 yrs, 529kg, PTIC Ang & Santa & Char, Twynam bld, \$1090; 10 Ang Cows, 9-10 yrs, 543kg, PTIC Ang & Santa & Char, Twynam bld, \$800; 35 DM & Brah Hfrs, 6-8 mths, 171kg, 204c/\$350; 85 DM & Brah Strs, 6-8 mths, 245kg, 188c/\$460
NSW	Mendooran	37 Ang Strs, 9-11 mths, 288kg, Tucklan Valley & Cudgegong bld, passed 216c/\$620
NSW	Yeoval	11 LimX Hfrs, 22-26 mths, 491kg, PTIC Santa, \$800 ; 15 SH Hfrs, 22-26 mths, 495kg, PTIC Santa, \$875 ; 10 MG Hfrs, 22-26 mths, 506kg, PTIC Santa, \$900
NSW	Cootamundra	20 Her & HerX Hfrs, 21-23 mths, 462kg, PTIC Ang, \$885
NSW	Yass	118 Ang Strs, 10-12 mths, 335kg, Rennylea bld, 218c/\$730; 44 Ang Strs, 10-12 mths, 270kg, Rennylea bld, 224c/\$605

NSW	Moss Vale	15 Ang & Ang/Lim Hfrs, 20-24 mths, 543kg, PTIC MG, passed \$880
NSW	Cooma	75 Ang/Her Hfrs, 9-10 mths, 275kg, 200c/\$550
NSW	Coleambally	26 Ang Hfrs, 9-10 mths, 304kg, Rennylea bld, 189c/\$575; 31 Ang Strs, 9-10 mths, 322kg, Rennylea bld, 218c/\$700; 36 Ang Hfrs, 14-16 mths, 409kg, Unjnd Rennylea bld, 189c/\$775
NSW	Deniliquin	78 Ang/Her Hfrs, 22-23 mths, 493kg, PTIC Ang, \$1025 ; 40 Ang/Her Hfrs, 22-23 mths, 445kg, PTIC Ang, \$955 ; 29 Ang Hfrs, 22-23 mths, 477kg, PTIC Ang, \$1000; 24 Ang Hfrs, 22-23 mths, 476kg, PTIC Ang,\$980
NSW	Jerilderie	34 Ang/Her Strs, 9-10 mths, 236kg, 229c/\$540; 29 Her Strs, 9-10 mths, 212kg, Glentrevor & Ironbark bld, 226c/\$480; 21 Char/Ang/Her Hfrs, 9-10 mths, 224kg, passed 219c/\$490
VIC	Euroa	71 Ang Strs, 9-10 mths, 285kg, 220c/\$625
WA	Bridgetown	13 SimX m/s Ylgs, 11-12 mths, 198 kgdw, 391c/\$774
WA	Boyup Brook	59 XB Cows, 2-9 yrs, 295 kgdw, 290c/\$855

Sheep		
State	Town	Details
QLD	Longreach	204 Mer Ewes, 2 yrs, 18.2 kgdw, 3/4" skin, SIL Mer, Keri Keri & Karbullah bld, \$70 ; 251 Mer Ewes, 5-8 yrs, 20.1 kgdw, 1/2" skin, SIL Mer, Keri Keri & Karbullah bld, \$45 ; 198 Mer Ewes, 2-8 yrs, 18.1 kgdw, 1/2" skin, Unjnd, Keri Keri & Karbullah bld, passed 238c/\$43 ; 440 Mer Ewes, 5-6 yrs, 17.6 kgdw, 1/4" skin, Jnd Mer, Landsdowne bld, \$52 ; 490 Mer Ewes, 6-8 yrs, 18 kgdw, 1.25" skin, Unjnd, passed 258c/\$46.50 ; 750 Mer Ewes, 6-8 yrs, 16.4 kgdw, bare shn, Jnd WD, Landsdowne & Wilgunya bld, passed \$39.50 ; 980 Mer Wths, 4 yrs, 23.8 kgdw, 3/4" skin, Kerri Kerri bld, passed 294c/\$70
QLD	Quilpie	1568 Mer Ewes, 8-9 yrs, 18.2 kgdw, 1/2" skin, Unjnd, 261c/\$47.50
QLD	Stanthorpe	59 2ndX Dorp m/s lambs, 4-5 mths, 9.9 kgdw, 1.5" skin, \$38
NSW	Tullamore	250 Mer Ewes, 6 yrs, 24.6 kgdw, 2.25" skin, Unjnd, passed 327c/\$80.50
NSW	Mudgee	215 Mer Ewes, 3-5 yrs, 19.3 kgdw, 1" skin, SIL WS, \$89
NSW	Crookwell	115 BL/Mer Ewes, 20 mths, 26.5 kgdw, 1.25" skin, SIL PD, passed \$151.50
NSW	Gunning	230 Mer Ewe lambs, 10-11 mths, 9.1 kgdw, 1.75" skin, Unjnd, Snowy Plains bld, \$70 ; 165 Mer Wth lambs, 10-11 mths, 9.1 kgdw, 1.75" skin, Snowy Plains bld, \$49.50 ; 160 Mer Wths, 2 yrs, 13 kgdw, 2" skin, Snowy Plains bld, \$66.50 ; 355 Mer Wths, 3-5 yrs, 20.6 kgdw, 2.25" skin, Snowy Plains bld, 369c/\$76 ; 194 Mer Ewes, 2 yrs, 11.9 kgdw, 2" skin, Unjnd, Snowy Plains bld, \$87.50

NSW	Bombala	311 2ndX PD m/s lambs, 9-10 mths, 17.4 kgdw, 1.25" skin, \$80.50 ; 80 BL/Mer Wth lambs, 9-10 mths, 17.3 kgdw, 1.25" skin, \$70.50 ; 416 2ndX PD m/s lambs, 9-10 mths, 11.2 kgdw, 1.25" skin, \$51.50 ; 181 BL/Mer Wth lambs, 10 mths, 19.8 kgdw, 2.25" skin, \$74.50 ; 202 BL/Mer Wth lambs, 10 mths, 16.2 kgdw, 2.25" skin, \$60.50 ; 380 BL/Mer Ewe lambs, 10 mths, 17.3 kgdw, 2" skin, \$110 ; 315 2ndX PD m/s lambs, 9 mths, 16.5 kgdw, 3/4" skin, \$74.50
NSW	Pambula	400 Dors/Mer m/s lambs, 9-10 mths, 12.8 kgdw, 1/2" skin, passed \$61
NSW	Wagga Wagga	178 BL/Mer Ewes, 12-13 mths, 21.1 kgdw, 1" skin, passed \$128
NSW	Deniliquin	236 Mer Ewes, 3-5 yrs, 28.2 kgdw, 1.5" skin, SIL PD, Willurah bld, \$127.50 ; 175 Mer Ewes, 6-7 yrs, 27.1 kgdw, 1.5" skin, SIL PD, Willurah bld, \$119 ; 252 Mer Ewes, mxd age, 23.5 kgdw, 1.5" skin, SIL PD, Roselea & Keri Keri bld, \$91.50
NSW	Pooncarie	530 Mer Wth lambs, 10-11 mths, 13.8 kgdw, 1.5" skin, Glen Park bld, passed \$65.50
NSW	Balranald	533 BL/Mer Ewes, 6 yrs, 30.6 kgdw, 1/4" skin, Unjnd, passed 263c/\$80.50
NSW	Glen Innes	169 BL/Mer Ewe lambs, 10-11 mths, 25.3 kgdw, 2.5" skin, SIL Char, passed \$141
NSW	Guyra	190 BL/Mer Wth lambs, 9 mths, 18.3 kgdw, 1.5" skin, 328c/\$60 ; 394 Mer Ewes, 3-8 yrs, 16.3 kgdw, 1.75" skin, SIL BL, passed \$60.50
NSW	Lightning Ridge	145 BL/Mer Wth lambs, 10-11 mths, 20.5 kgdw, 1.75" skin, 351c/\$72 ; 500 Mer Wth lambs, 10-11 mths, 16.1 kgdw, 1.75" skin, Haddon Rig bld, \$69
NSW	Coonamble	600 Mer Wth lambs, 11-12 mths, 17.7 kgdw, 3/4" skin, Lone Pine bld, \$65.50
NSW	White Cliffs	600 2ndX WD Ewes, CFA, 24.5 kgdw, 1/2" skin, SIL WD, \$67.50 ; 320 2ndX WD Ewes, CFA, 1/2" skin, 21.8 kgdw, SIL WD, \$46
VIC	Shepparton	250 Mer Wths, 12-13 mths, 19.7 kgdw, 2.25" skin, Roseville bld, \$86 ; 220 Mer Wths, 12-13 mths, 20 kgdw, 2.25" skin, Roseville bld, \$86.50
VIC	Ouyen	189 Mer E&L, 6-7 yrs, 23 kgdw, 3" skin, Unjnd, 205 Suff/Dors LAF Avg 25kg, \$130
SA	Lock	131 Mer Ewes, 13 mths, 21.5 kgdw, 1.5" skin, Unjnd, Moorundie bld, \$115.50
TAS	Hagley	360 Corr Ewes, 6-7 yrs, 21.3 kgdw, 1/2" skin, 277c/\$59 ; 190 Corr Ewes, 6-7 yrs, 16.3 kgdw, 1/2" skin, 270c/\$44
TAS	Triabunna	205 Mer Ewes, CFA, 16.1 kgdw, 1/2" skin, 276c/\$44.50
TAS	Bothwell	379 Mer Wth lambs, 9-10 mths, 14.3 kgdw, 3/4" skin, \$59.50
TAS	Kettering	143 WS/Mer & 2ndX WS m/s lambs, 10-11 mths, 22.9 kgdw, 1.5" skin, 393c/\$90