

## AuctionsPlus market comments for week ending 10 August 2012

Sheep and lamb numbers jumped 6,000 this week to finish at 28,441 head. Cattle numbers were also up, totalling 6,274 head, up 1,700 from last week.

Despite the substantial drop in the wool market in the first week following the recess, and concern that there may not be any improvement for the next couple months, Merino wethers sold better this week. Granted, these were all recently shorn so buyers will be able to take advantage of a hopefully improved wool market early next year. Grown lambs ranged from \$67.50 to \$80 for May shorn Raby blood lambs, and a line of new season lambs out of SA made \$55. There were some better quality Merino ewes available this week, with a couple of lines of unjoined young ewes making over \$150, and older scanned ewes topped at \$90.50.

Suckers are gradually appearing in the marketplace, and while prices so far are not at the highs of last year, there is still a positive outlook for the lamb market, and first cross ewe prices are creeping back up from recent lows. Ewe lambs made to \$141, and joined proven breeders made from \$139-\$148.

Again killable lambs were only available in Tasmania, with export weight lambs making 424c including skin value for a two inch fleece. Mutton sales were also exclusive to Tasmania, ranging from 265c-324c including skin.

The female cattle market in QLD again looked a bit flat this week – joined females were hard to sell, and there was little interest in young unjoined heifers. There was more demand further south, and cow and calf unit offerings are increasing, making to \$1420 for young Black Baldy cows with Angus calves at foot. Joined females topped at \$1130 for young Greenacres blood Limousin cows in calf to Limousins at Quirindi, and at Coonamble unjoined Marellan blood Shorthorn yearling heifers sold for \$700.

Steers are still selling well out of QLD, with most offerings being crossbreds in the 250-300kg weight range, averaging 204c. Santa cross weaner steers out of St George weighing 298kg made the top price of \$655 or 220c; and taking freight into account, 280kg Droughtmaster cross steers out of Hughenden were not far behind, making 210c or \$588. Also out of St George this week, the Wagyu dispersal A/C Coolatai Cattle Co saw 383kg F4-F5 Wagyu rising two year old steers attract strong competition from feedlotters to reach 310c or \$1190, and the heifer portion at 300kg selling for 253c or \$760.

Further south, black steers in the 300-350kg weight range sold well to average 221c, topping at 230c or \$770 for 335kg Angus cross steers out of northern NSW.

Cattle		
State	Town	Details
QLD	Yaraka	108 Her Strs, 8-11 yrs, 289kg, 196c/\$565
QLD	Taroom	30 AngX Hfrs, 17-18 mths, 389kg, Unjnd, passed 189c/\$735
QLD	St George	104 F3-F4 Wagyu Strs, 19-24 mths, 384kg, 310c/\$1190 ; 114 F3-F4 Wagyu Hfrs, 19-24 mths, 300kg, Unjnd, 253c/\$760 ; 136 F3-F4 Wagyu Strs, 8-12 mths, 231kg,

		303c/\$700 ; 100 F3-F4 Wagyu Hfrs, 8-12 mths, 215kg, 256c/\$550 ; 37 F3-F4 Wagyu Strs, 6-10 mths, 182kg, 274c/\$500 ; 60 F3-F4 Wagyu Hfrs, 6-10 mths, 171kg, 267c/\$455 ; 102 SantaX Strs, 7-11 mths, 298kg, 220c/\$655 ; 102 Xb Strs, 7-11 mths, 297kg, 215c/\$640 ; 62 XB Strs, 7-11 mths, 240kg, 215c/\$515
QLD	Toobeah	61 AngX Hfrs, 7-11 mths, 246kg, passed 199c/\$490 ; 49 Charb & Brang Hfrs, 7-11 mths, 232kg, passed 201/\$465
QLD	Nebo	87 XB Strs, 14-17 mths, 315kg, 188c/\$592
QLD	Hughenden	252 Brah Hfrs, 7-12 mths, 187kg, passed 158c/\$295 ; 108 DM & DMX Strs, 7-10 mths, 280kg, 210c/\$588
QLD	Richmond	72 BFMSTR Hfrs, 27-32 mths, 427kg, PTIC BFMSTR, passed \$700 ; 264 BFMSTR Cows, 4-12 yrs, 534kg, PTIC BFMSTR, passed \$730
QLD	Boulia	37 AngX & Santa/Her Strs, 6-9 mths, 263kg, 180c/\$475 ; 216 DM & DMX Strs, 6-12 mths, 251kg, 205c/\$515 ; 128 DMX & BrahX Strs, 6-12 mths, 245kg, 192c/\$470 ; 34 AngX Hfrs, 6-9 mths, 250kg, passed 166c/\$415 ; 105 DM & DMX Hfrs, 6-12 mths, 236kg, 169c/\$400 ; 105 DM & DMX Hfrs, 6-12 mths, 236kg, passed 167c/\$395
QLD	Isisford	120 Brah Strs, 5-10 mths, 220kg, passed 152c/\$335 ; 120 Brah Hfrs, 5-10 mths, 210kg, passed 145c/\$305
QLD	Longreach	89 Brah & DMX Cows, 3-7 yrs, 518kg, PTIC Santa & Sene/Char, passed \$685
QLD	Baracaldine	70 Santa Cows, 2-6 yrs, 506kg, PTIC Santa & Comp, \$905 ; 70 Santa Cows, 6-8 yrs, 506kg, PTIC Santa & Comp, \$895 ; 126 Comp Cows, 3-10 yrs, 513kg, PTIC Santa & Comp, passed \$885
QLD	Blackall	44 XB Cows, 7-8 mths, 517kg, PTIC DM, \$700
NSW	North Star	66 Her Strs, 12-13 mths, 291kg, Smithston bld, 225c/\$655 ; 38 Her Hfrs, 12-13 mths, 250kg, Unjnd, Smithston bld, 218c/\$545
NSW	Inverell	69 AngX Strs, 10-11 mths, 335kg, 230c/\$770
NSW	Manilla	74 XB Hfrs, 12-18 mths, 305kg, PTIC, passed \$655
NSW	Walcha	25 Ang Strs, 11-12 mths, 322kg, Glenavon & Wattletop bld, 216c/\$695
NSW	Tamworth	40 Ang & AngX Strs, 8-10 mths, 273kg, 236c/\$645
NSW	Quirindi	12 Lim Hfrs, 22-26 mths, 388kg, Unjnd, Greenacres bld, 213c/\$825 ; 17 Lim Hfrs, 8-10 mths, 280kg, Greenacres bld, 214c/\$600 ; 22 Lim Cows, 2-3 yrs, 492kg, PTIC Lim, Greenacres bld, \$1130 ; 25 Ang & AngX C&C, 2 yrs, 389kg, Unjnd, 25 Ang & Brang CAF Avg 85kg, passed \$1180
NSW	Willow Tree	58 Ang & Sim Hfrs, 12-14 mths, 307kg, Unjnd, passed 202c/\$620
NSW	Walgett	180 Ang Strs, 12-14 mths, 344kg, Te Mania & Raff bld, 221c/\$760 ; 35 Santa Cows, 3-5 yrs, 568kg, PTIC Red Ang, passed \$1110

NSW	Coonamble	33 SH Hfrs, 12-13 mths, 368kg, Unjnd, Marellan bld, 190c/\$700
NSW	Dunedoo	16 Ang & Ang/Her C&C, 3-7 yrs, 460kg, Unjnd, 16 CAF, Tucklan Valley bld, \$960
NSW	Coolah	19 Ang Hfrs, 10-14 mths, 293kg, Unjnd, Henwood bld, 188c/\$550
NSW	Merriwa	85 Her & HerX Hfrs, 9-10 mths, 248kg, passed \$495
NSW	Scone	45 Ang & AngX Hfrs, 11-12 mths, 244kg, 197c/\$485
NSW	Bathurst	23 Ang/Her & Ang Strs, 8-10 mths, 266kg, passed 211c/\$565
NSW	Boorowa	9 Brah/Char Hfrs, 28-34 mths, 516kg, PTIC Brah, passed \$785
NSW	Braidwood	28 Ang C&C, 3-6 yrs, 530kg, 28 Ang CAF Avg 75kg, KO & Jibalaro bld, \$1240 ; 22 Ang/Her C&C, 3-6 yrs, 534kg, 22 Ang CAF Avg 78kg, KO & Jibalaro bld, \$1420 ; 29 Ang Hfrs, 13-14 mths, 293kg, Unjnd, Sparta bld, 195c/\$570
NSW	Cooma	21 Ang Strs, 10-12 mths, 303kg, Hazeldean bld, 216c/\$655
NSW	Tarcutta	13 Her C&C, 2 yrs, 452kg, Unjnd, 13 Ang CAF Avg 75kg, passed \$1260
NSW	Holbrook	14 Ang C&C, 5-9 yrs, 638kg, Jnd Ang, 14 Ang CAF Avg 198kg, \$1320
NSW	Hay	36 Ang Hfrs, 18-22 mths, 500kg, PTIC Ang, \$940
NSW	Hillston	144 Ang Hfrs, 22-26 mths, 504kg, PTIC Ang, Lawsons bld, \$1105
VIC	Bullioh	22 Her Hfrs, 24-36 mths, 481kg, PTIC Ang, Yavenvale bld, passed \$895
VIC	Cobram	23 Santa Hfrs, 20-24 mths, 527kg, PTIC Ang, passed \$1040
VIC	Shepparton	22 Her Strs, 10-12 mths, 267kg, Vanquero & Vanquish bld, 234c/\$625 ; 20 Her Hfrs, 10-12 mths, 258kg, Vanquero & Vanquish bld, 202c/\$520
VIC	Benalla	40 Ang Hfrs, 22-24 mths, 485kg, PTIC Ang, Alpine bld, passed \$935
WA	Balingup	5 Lim/Ang/Fres Strs, 10-11 mths, 190.9 kgdw, 381c/\$728 ; 1 Lim/Ang/Fres Strs, 7-8 mths, 130 kgdw, 423c/\$550 ; 5 Lim/Ang/Fres Hfrs, 10-12 mths, 204.6 kgdw, 347c/\$710 ; 16 Ang/MG & Ang & Ang/Fres Strs, 14-15 mths, 197.5 kgdw, 417c/\$824
WA	Boyup Brook	21 XB Cows, 4-8 yrs, 339.7 kgdw, Unjnd, 266c/\$903

Sheep		
State	Town	Details
QLD	Winton	678 Mer Ewes, 1-6 yrs, 16.8 kgdw, 2.5" skin, Jnd Mer, Boonoke bld, \$63.50
QLD	Muttaburra	2550 Mer Wths, 13-16 mths, 13.1 kgdw, 1.5" skin, Wellgully bld, \$70.50
QLD	Blackall	1940 Mer Wth lambs, 10-11 mths, 14 kgdw, 3/4" skin, Pemcaw bld, \$70 ; 460 Mer

		Ewes, 2-5 yrs, 18.2 kgdw, 3/4" skin, Unjnd, Pemcaw bld, passed \$61.50 ; 250 Mer Ewes, 6-8 yrs, 19.2 kgdw, 3/4" skin, Unjnd, passed 247c/\$47.50 ; 600 Mer Wths, 2-3 yrs, 19.9 kgdw, 1" skin, Pemcaw bld, passed 274c/\$54.50 ; 440 Mer Ewes, 2-8 yrs, 16 kgdw, 1/2" skin, Unjnd, Terrick bld, passed 225c/\$36
QLD	Quilpie	1000 Mer Wths, 2 yrs, 18.3 kgdw, 1.25" skin, Hazeldean bld, passed 314c/\$57.50
NSW	Nyngan	600 Mer Wth lambs, 11-12 mths, 21 kgdw, 1.25" skin, Raby bld, \$80
NSW	Trangie	190 BL/Mer Ewes, 12 mths, 24.6 kgdw, 1/4" skin, Unjnd, \$130 ; 170 BL/Mer Ewes, 12 mths, 23.9 kgdw, 1.75" skin, Unjnd, passed \$128
NSW	Oberon	750 2ndX PD m/s lambs, 3-4 mths, 11.7 kgdw, 1/4" skin, \$72.50 ; 700 BL/Mer Ewes, 6 yrs, 28.4 kgdw, 2" skin, SIL PD, \$139
NSW	Woodstock	438 Mer Ewes, 2-7 yrs, 20.8 kgdw, 1/4" skin, SIL WS, \$80
NSW	Canowindra	180 BL/Mer Ewe lambs, 10-11 mths, 16.1 kgdw, 1.5" skin, \$100.50
NSW	Boorowa	247 2ndX PD m/s lambs, 3-4 mths, 15.7 kgdw, 1.75" skin, \$70.50
NSW	Bombala	440 Mer Wth lambs, 10 mths, 17 kgdw, 1" skin, Pastora bld, passed \$66.50
NSW	Albury	118 BL/Mer Ewes, 3-4 yrs, 27.7 kgdw, 3/4" skin, SIL PD, \$148
NSW	Deniliquin	250 BL/Mer Ewes, 12-13 mths, 19.4 kgdw, 2" skin, Unjnd, passed \$143 ; 150 BL/Mer Ewes, 12-13 mths, 15.9 kgdw, 2" skin, Unjnd, passed \$132 ; 411 Mer Ewes, 14-15 mths, 18.7 kgdw, 1/4" skin, Unjnd, Old Cobran bld, \$161.50 ; 260 Mer Ewes, 14-15 mths, 15.5 kgdw, 1/4" skin, Unjnd, Old Cobran bld, \$120 ; 120 BL/Mer Ewes, 12 mths, 22.3 kgdw, 1.75" skin, Unjnd, \$141
NSW	Moulamein	350 Mer Ewes, CFA, 23.3 kgdw, 1/2" skin, Unjnd, passed 260c/\$60.50
NSW	Goodooga	300 Mer Ewes, 8 yrs, 19.2 kgdw, 1.5" skin, SIL WD, Bungulla bld, \$65
NSW	Collarenebri	690 Mer Wth lambs, 11-12 mths, 18.2 kgdw, 1.5" skin, \$67.50
NSW	Delungra	191 Mer Ewes, 5-6 yrs, 15.6 kgdw, 2.5" skin, SIL WS, \$90.50
NSW	Walcha	240 Mer Ewes, 7 yrs, 18.6 kgdw, 1/2" skin, SIL BL, passed \$57.50
VIC	Wangaratta	40 WD Ewe lambs, 10 mths, 26.4 kgdw, 1/2" skin, Annalara bld, \$165.50 ; 22 WD Ewe lambs, 7-8 mths, 16.9 kgdw, 1/2" skin, \$112.50
VIC	Dunolly	210 Comp E&L, 3 yrs, 31.4 kgdw, 2.5" skin, Unjnd, 208 PDX LAF, passed \$181
VIC	Wilmigton	290 Mer Wth lambs, 3-4 mths, 12.6 kgdw, 1.25" skin, \$55
VIC	Wudina	840 WD/Mer m/s lambs, 4-5 mths, 15.4 kgdw, 1.5" skin, \$75
SA	Jamestown	280 Mer Ewes, 14 mths, 17.1 kgdw, 1/4" skin, Unjnd, Gumhill bld, \$150
TAS	Bridport	300 MerX & 2ndX Coop m/s lambs, 10-11 mths, 24.3 kgdw, 2.25" skin, 424c/\$103

TAS	Swansea	180 Mer m/s E&W, 3-6 yrs, 19.5 kgdw, 1/2" skin, 272c/\$53 ; 186 Mer m/s E&W, CFA, 14.9 kgdw, 3/4" skin, 265c/\$39.50
TAS	Sorell	294 Mer Wths, 4-5 yrs, 17.6kgdw, 1" s kin, 324c/\$57 ; 55 BL/Mer E&L, 2-3 yrs, 19.5 kgdw, 3/4" skin, Unjnd, 69 WS LAF, \$130