

## AuctionsPlus market comments for week ending 17 August 2012

Sheep and lambs numbers increased slightly this week to finish at 30,341 head. Cattle numbers, on the other hand, dropped by almost half, totalling 3,240 head in just the one sale today.

Young crossbred ewes were the standout article this week, selling from \$132-\$142 for unjoined Border Leicester/Merinos, and topping at \$151 for scanned 12 month old second cross Coopworth ewes. Merino ewes were difficult to sell, with quality mixed and high vendor expectations. Only one line of young Ashrose blood ewes attracted attention, making \$159.50. With a significant drop in mutton prices this week, older ewes suitable for processing received little competition from processors.

Young Merino wethers still received good competition, albeit with realistic prices set for most offerings, reflective of yet another drop in the wool market this week. Prices ranged from \$50 to \$67.50 for grown lambs, and a large line of Green Field blood new season lambs out of Ivanhoe made \$54 for the heavier woolly lambs, and \$52 for the lighter shorn portion.

The reduction in cattle numbers had little effect on potential buyer numbers, with 192 registered bidders logged in to the sale. The biggest drop was in weaner and yearling steers, and with little to suit feedlotters they were largely inactive today, though there were still plenty of restockers looking for weaners. Most steers sold were Angus crosses weighing 250-300kg, to average 231c. Weaner heifers in the same weight range averaged 207c, with the same price for 300-350kg heifers. At the heavier end of the market, steers in Tasmania made to 195c or \$925 for Angus yearlings weighing 475kg.

There were mixed results for the female offering today; quality Angus heifers out of Victoria that did not sell last week today exceeded their reserve, however some other good quality lines attracted little competition. Cows with calves topped at \$1230 for two year old Te Mania blood Angus heifers with black calves at foot, and PTIC mixed age crossbred cows made \$825 - \$870.

Cattle		
State	Town	Details
QLD	Boulia	72 CharX & DMX Hfrs, 6-11 mths, 279kg, 158c/\$440
QLD	Mttaburra	84 XB Cows, 5-11 yrs, 461kg, PTIC Char, \$625
QLD	Aramac	144 BrahX & DMX Strs, 18-22 mths, 304kg, passed 180c/\$548
QLD	Barcaldine	60 DM Hfrs, 6-9 mths, 232kg, 216c/\$500; 36 DM Hfrs, 8-14 mths, 304kg, Unjnd, 158c/\$480
QLD	Springsure	160 DM & DMX Strs, 8-10 mths, 237kg, 225c/\$532

QLD	Goomeri	102 Char/Brah Strs, 4-11 mths, 208kg, 225c/\$630
QLD	Bungunya	90 Ang & AngX Strs, 10-12 mths, 267kg, 240c/\$641
QLD	Talwood	27 DM Cows, 5-9 yrs, 455kg, Jnd Santa, Bullamakinka bld, passed \$690 ; 58 Her Cows, 7-10 yrs, 425kg, Jnd Her & Seneg, Wandoo Wandong bld, passed \$580
NSW	Glen Innes	82 CharX & AngX Hfrs, 10-12 mths, 282kg, passed 200c/\$565; 86 CharX & AngX Hfrs, 10-12 mths, 241kg, passed 199c/\$480 ; 107 Ang Hfrs, 10-12 mths, 231kg, Booroomooka bld, 225c/\$520
NSW	Guyra	92 AngX Strs, 8-11 mths, 263kg, 236c/\$620 ; 79 Ang/Char Strs, 8-11 mths, 277kg, 226c/\$625; 28 AngX Strs, 8-11 mths, 286kg, 222c/\$635
NSW	Armidale	11 Ang C&C, 7-8 yrs, 579kg, Unjnd, 11 Ang CAF, \$1225
NSW	Gloucester	14 Ang/Her Strs, 7-8 mths, 197kg, 228c/\$450; 15 Ang/Her Strs, 13-15 mths, 312kg, 202c/\$630
NSW	Yetman	39 SH & SHX Cows, 2-8 yrs, 462kg, PTIC SH & AngX, \$870; 48 XB Cows, 5-10 yrs, 472kg, PTIC Char/Ang, \$825
NSW	Delungra	60 Ang & Her/Ang Hfrs, 10-12 mths, 312kg, 208c/\$650
NSW	Bingara	21 SH & SH/Ang C&C, 3-8 yrs, 406kg, Jnd SH, 21 SH CAF avg 152kg, \$895
NSW	Coonabarabran	110 Ang Hfrs, 11-13 mths, 311kg, 207c/\$645
NSW	Tamworth	100 AngX Hfrs, 10-11 mths, 244kg, 219c/\$535; 61 Ang/Simm Hfrs, 10-11 mths, 240kg, 198c/\$475
NSW	Murrurundi	47 Ang Hfrs, 10-12 mths, 303kg, Glenavon & Waverly bld, passed 205c/\$620
NSW	Tooraweenah	50 Ang Hfrs, 12-13 mths, 357kg, Waitara & Kansas bld, 204c/\$727
NSW	Merriwa	62 LimoX Hfrs, 10-13 mths, 276kg, 207c/\$570 ; 71 Ang Hfrs, 10-12 mths, 250kg, 210c/\$525
NSW	Boorowa	9 Brah/Char Hfrs, 28-34 mths, 516kg, PTIC Brah, passed \$785
NSW	Yass	71 Ang Hfrs, 10-12 mths, 358kg, Hazeldean & Onslow bld, passed 198c/\$710
NSW	Canberra	30 Ang & AngX Hfrs, 10-11 mths, 272kg, 206c/\$560
VIC	Barooga	55 Ang Hfrs, 20-22 mths, 548kg, Unjnd, 184c/\$1005
VIC	Benalla	40 Ang Hfrs, 22-24 mths, 486kg, PTIC Ang, Alpine bld, \$980
VIC	Yea	16 Ang C&C, 2 yrs, 439kg, PTIC Ang, 16 AngX CAF, Te Mania bld, \$1230
TAS	Flinders Island	50 Ang Strs, 10-12 mths, 353kg, 193c/\$680 ; 23 Ang Strs, 12-14 mths, 475kg, 195c/\$925

Sheep		
State	Town	Details
QLD	St George	450 Mer Wth lambs, 9-10 mths, 10.3 kgdw, 1/4" skin, Pooginook & Charinga bld, passed \$47.50
QLD	Dirranbandi	480 F3-F5 Dohne Ewes, 2 yrs, 18.6 kgdw, bare shn, Unjnd, \$98
NSW	Dubbo	111 Mer Ewes, 2-5 yrs, 25.5 kgdw, 1.5" skin, SIL Mer, Pastora bld, passed \$121
NSW	Yeoval	400 BL/Mer Ewes, 1-3 yrs, 19.3 kgdw, 1/4" skin, SIL PD & WD, \$103
NSW	Broken Hill	600 WS/Mer m/s lambs, 4-5 mths, 14.3 kgdw, 1.25" skin, \$68 ; 425 Mer Ewes, 13-14 mths, 18.9 kgdw, 3" skin, Unjnd, Ashrose bld, \$159.50
NSW	Ivanhoe	1560 Mer Wth lambs, 4-5 mths, 13.6 kgdw, 1.5" skin, Green Field bld, \$54; 1800 Mer Wth lambs, 3-4 mths, 10.1 kgdw, bare shn, Green Fields bld, \$52
NSW	West Wyalong	460 Mer Wths, 12-13 mths, 17.9 kgdw, 1.5" skin, Tawalba bld, \$67.50
NSW	Grenfell	194 PD/Mer & WS/Mer E&L, 2 yrs, 17.4 kgdw, 2" skin, Unjnd, 196 WD LAF, passed \$141
NSW	Boorowa	215 Dors/Mer m/s lambs, 3-4 mths, 15.7 kgdw, 1" skin, passed \$68 ; 145 2ndX Dors m/s lambs, 3-4 mths, 17.5 kgdw, 1.25" skin, \$78.50 ; 505 WS/Mer Ewe lambs, 11-12 mths, 25.6 kgdw, 1.25" skin, passed \$110 ; 640 Mer Wths, 2 yrs, 22.4 kgdw, 1" skin, Roseville Park & Tara Park bld, 290c/\$65 ; 655 Mer Wths, 2 yrs, 18 kgdw, 1" skin, Roseville Park & Tara Park bld, 306c/\$55
NSW	Cootamunda	400 F2-F3 WD Ewes, 10-12 mths, 1/4" skin, Unjnd, passed \$97
NSW	Finley	53 BL/Mer Ewe lambs, 11-12 mths, 24.5 kgdw, 2.5" skin, SIL PD, \$140
NSW	Balranald	265 Mer Ewes, 8 yrs, 29.2 kgdw, 1/2" skin, Unjnd, Wallaloo Park bld, passed 224.3c/\$65.50
NSW	Moulamein	350 Mer Ewes, CFA, 23.3 kgdw, 1/2" skin, passed \$59.50
NSW	Griffith	400 BL/Mer Ewes, 13-15 mths, 19.2 kgdw, 1" skin, Unjnd, passed \$121;
NSW	Henty	244 2ndX Coop Ewes, 12-13 mths, 29.8 kgdw, 2.5" skin, SIL Coop, \$151;
NSW	Walcha	185 Mer Ewes, 7 yrs, 17.6 kgdw, 2.5" skin, SIL BL, passed \$74.50
NSW	Moree	410 Mer Wth lambs, 10-11 mths, 17.6 kgdw, 1/2" skin, passed 290c/\$51
NSW	Narrabri	1650 BL/Mer m/s lambs, 4-5 mths, 11.4 kgdw, 1.75" skin, \$70 ; 570 BL/Mer m/s lambs, 3-4 mths, \$50.50
NSW	Coonamble	370 WD/Mer Ewes, 13-14 mths, 16.1 kgdw, 1.75" skin, SIL WD, passed \$90 ; 170 Mer Ewes, 2-4 yrs, 19.4 kgdw, 1.5" skin, SIL BL, Haddon Rig bld, passed \$120.50 ;

		262 Mer Ewes, 5-7 yrs, 19.6 kgdw, 1.5" skin, SIL BL, Haddon Rig bld, passed \$75.50
NSW	Nyngan	347 Mer Ewes, 6-7 yrs, 19.4 kgdw, 3/4" skin, SIL BL, Murrawondah bld, \$90 ; 1800 BL/Mer Ewe lambs, 11-13 mths, 23.4 kgdw, 1/4" skin, \$142
NSW	Warren	710 Mer Wths, 12-13 mths, 13.4 kgdw, 1.5" skin, Haddon Rig bld, passed \$55.50
VIC	Wangaratta	155 Mer Wth lambs, 14 mths, 17.8 kgdw, 1/4" skin, passed \$70.50
VIC	Benalla	105 Mer Wth lambs, 11-12 mths, 14.8 kgdw, 3/4" skin, Beverly bld, \$50
VIC	Rochester	157 Mer E&L, 6 yrs, 21.4 kgdw, 1.5" skin, Unjnd, 157 WS LAF, Green Fields bld, passed 110.50
VIC	Inglewood	222 BL/Mer Ewe lambs, 12-13 mths, 18.4 kgdw, 3" skin, Roseville Park bld, \$132
VIC	Dunolly	210 Comp E&L, 3 yrs, 31.4 kgdw, 2.5" skin, passed \$177
VIC	Newstead	49 F4- F5 Dorp Ewe lambs, 10 mths, 21.6 kgdw, 1.75" skin, \$96
VIC	Ararat	140 BL/Mer Ewes, 12-13 mths, 17.3 kgdw, 1.5" skin, Unjnd, passed \$116
SA	Pinnaroo	245 Dohne Ewes, 1-2 yrs, 16.9 kgdw, 1.5" skin, Unjnd, KD bld, \$105
SA	Jamestown	177 WS/Mer Ewes, 5-6 yrs, 29.5 kgdw, 1/2" skin, SIL WS, \$120
SA	Wilmington	450 WS/Mer & Suff/Mer m/s lambs, 3-4 mths, 16.3 kgdw, 1.25" skin, passed \$72
SA	Wudinna	240 2ndX WD m/s lambs, 5-6 mths, 17.4 kgdw, 1.5" skin, \$82
TAS	Bicheno	190 Mer Ewes, 4 yrs, 12.8 kgdw, 1/4" skin, SIL Mer, Mayfield Swansea bld, \$64
TAS	Swansea	236 Mer Ewes, 7 yrs, 17.1 kgdw, 1/2" skin, 263c/\$45
TAS	Bothwell	520 WS/Mer m/s lambs, 10-11 mths, 23.8 kgdw, 1.25" skin, 408c/\$97