

AuctionsPlus market comments week ending 31 August 2012

Sheep numbers declined steeply this week, totalling only 15,489 head, our smallest offering in recent memory. Chatter from the yards reports numbers have not declined too much in the physical market, and it seems many are willing to take their chances at the yards on the day, rather than hoping buyers will meet a reserve price. On the other hand, cattle numbers recovered to 4,410 head, with big numbers coming out of Queensland and northern NSW today, resulting in a the first two-sale day in the past month.

There were few sheep sales recorded over the three sales this week; the standout was an offering of Dohne cross ewes on Tuesday, with young first and second cross ewes back in lamb to Dohne making to \$118 at Brewarrina. Merino ewe offerings were slim, and only one lot achieved a result, these being mixed age ewes with Merino & Poll Dorset lambs at foot that made \$92.

Merino wether sales were restricted to two year olds, and prices ranged from \$47.50 for light, shorn wethers to \$60 for those that were better grown with an April skin.

Store lambs were also hard to find, with woolly 33kg mixed sexes at Coonamble making \$80.50.

The cattle market softened today, with lower clearance rates than we have seen in many weeks. Joined females were the hardest article to find a home for; however those with calves already at foot fared well. The sale toppers were six year old Angus cows and calves out of Victoria making \$1610; all lots that sold during auction were young Angus cows, and ranged upwards from \$1200.

Numbers of steers coming out of QLD jumped today, with 250-300kg steers averaging 201c, and 206c for the 300-350kg weight range. In NSW black steers weighing 250-300kg averaged 217c, and 300-350kg steers were back 5c on last week to 213c. An offering of early weaned calves from Taree, weighing 100-170kg, showed a range of prices depending on weight and breed, with the steers averaging 210c, and 195c for the heifers.

Cattle		
State	Town	Details
QLD	Goondiwindi	26 AngX Strs, 10-12 mths, 282kg, 204c/\$575; 72 Her Strs, 10-12 mths, 318kg, \$209c/\$664; 49 Santa/Her Strs, 10-12 mths, 347kg, 204c/\$710; 97 Her & Santa/Her Hfrs, 10-12 mths, 299kg, 187c/\$558
QLD	Winton	102 DM Strs, 10-14 mths, 287kg, 185c/\$532
QLD	Alpha	112 Santa Cows, 1-4 yrs, 392kg, Unjnd, \$600; 168 Santa Cows, 3-9 yrs, 459kg, Unjnd, \$550
QLD	Rubyvale	130 DM & DMX Strs, 5-10 mths, 207kg, 234c/\$485
QLD	Springsure	144 Santa Cows, 2-8 yrs, 447kg, Unjnd, \$570
QLD	Mitchell	127 DM & DMX Strs, 6-9 mths, 278kg, 206c/\$570 ; 80 DM & DMX Strs, 6-9

		mths, 274kg, 208c/\$570
QLD	Meandarra	75 Ang & AngX Strs, 5-11 mths, 236kg, 227c/\$535; 85 Ang & AngX Hfrs, 5-11 mths, 222kg, passed \$430
QLD	Tara	37 Ang & AngX Hfrs, 9-10 mths, 249kg, passed \$485;
QLD	Cooyar	21 SantaX Hfrs, 6-10 mths, 171kg, 196c/\$335; 16 Her & HerX Strs, 6-10 mths, 175kg, 203c/\$355
NSW	North Star	69 Ang & AngX Hfrs, 12-13 mths, 325kg, Unjnd, 194c/\$630
NSW	Warialda	35 Ang & Ang/Her C&C, 3-12 yrs, 403kg, Jnd Ang & Char, 35 Ang CAF, passed \$845
NSW	Deepwater	35 Ang & AngX Strs, 9-12 mths, 313kg, passed 206c/\$645
NSW	Armidale	18 Ang C&C, 21-24 mths, 451kg, Unjnd, 18 Ang CAF, passed \$1190; 12 Ang C&C, 27-30 mths, 475kg, Unjnd, 12 Ang CAF, \$1200
NSW	Dorrigo	42 Ang & Ang/Her Cows, 6-10 yrs, 500kg, PTIC Ang/Char & Her, passed \$695; 20 Her & SH & Her/SH Cows, 3-7 yrs, 460kg, PTIC Ang/Char & Her, \$730
NSW	Walcha	14 Ang Cows, 4-8 yrs, 583kg, PTIC Ang, passed \$835
NSW	Manilla	75 SH Strs, 6-8 mths, 191kg, passed 238c/\$455
NSW	Taree	61 AngX Strs, 4-6 mths, 117kg, 278c/\$325; 22 AngX Strs, 4-6 mths, 100kg, 230c/\$230; 9 BGalX Strs, 4-7 mths, 110kg, 141c/\$155 ; 53 AngX Hfrs, 4-6 mths, 109kg, 211c/\$230; 13 Gal Hfrs, 4-7 mths, 110kg, 135c/\$150 ; 7 HerX Strs, 4-7 mths, 110kg, 195c/\$215; 17 CharX Strs, 4-7 mths, 122kg, 217c/\$265; 84 AngX Strs, 4-7 mths, 143kg, 273c/\$390; 14 AngX Strs, 4-7 mths, 138kg, 163c/\$225; 17 XB Strs, 4-7 mths, 170kg, 212c/\$316; 20 BrangX Strs, 4-7 mths, 145kg, 179c/\$260; 48 AngX Hfrs, 4-7 mths, 147kg, 241c/\$355; 55 AngX Hfrs, 4-7 mths, 132kg, 231c/\$305; 42 CharX Hfrs, 4-7 mths, 145kg, 212c/\$310; 16 Brang Hfrs, 4-7 mths, 178kg, 171c/\$305; 12 BrahX Hfrs, 4-7 mths, 163kg, 147c/\$240
NSW	Willow Tree	100 Ang Hfrs, 12-13 mths, 304kg, 191c/\$580
NSW	Coolah	8 Comp Hfrs, 18-20 mths, 339kg, PTIC Ang, passed \$565; 10 Comp Cows, 3 yrs, 487kg, PTIC Ang, passed \$665
NSW	Coonabarabran	110 SH & SHX Strs, 11-12 mths, 294kg, 231c/ \$680; 40 Dev Strs, 15-18 mths, 254kg, passed 159c/\$405
NSW	Coonamble	32 Ang & AngX Hfrs, 24-34 mths, 453kg, PTIC Ang, passed \$760
NSW	Brewarrina	79 Char & BrahX Strs, 8-11 mths, 317kg, passed 167c/\$530
NSW	Mudgee	63 Ang Hfrs, 13-14 mths, 352kg, Unjnd, 206c/\$725; 64 Ang & AngX Strs, 12-18 mths, 368kg, 205c/\$368; 65 Ang & AngX Strs, 12-14 mths, 373kg, 204c/\$760
NSW	Rylstone	14 Ang/Her Strs, 10-12 mths, 246kg, passed 203c/\$500; 18 Ang Strs, 10-12

		mths, 276kg, Pattawalla bld, 212c/\$585
NSW	Kandos	76 Ang & AngX Strs, 11-12 mths, 303kg, 215c/\$650; 44 Ang & AngX Hfrs, 11-12 mths, 265kg, passed 175c/\$465; 28 Ang & AngX C&C, 8-10 yrs, 542kg, Unjnd, 28 Ang CAF Avg 90kg, passed \$900
NSW	Molong	30 Ang & Ang/Her Strs, 10-12 mths, 313kg, 211c/\$660
NSW	Bathurst	76 Ang Hfrs, 12-13 mths, 273kg, 190c/\$520; 74 Ang Hfrs, 12-13 mths, 314kg, 209c/\$655
NSW	Canowindra	38 Ang Strs, 10-12 mths, 280kg, Kennys Creek & Glendower bld, 227c/\$635; 14 Ang/Her & AngX Strs, 10-12 mths, 287kg, 213c/\$610; 11 Ang C&C, 3 yrs, 467kg, PTIC Ang, 11 Ang CAF Avg 207kg, Millah Murrah bld, \$1400; 33 Ang C&C, 6-7 yrs, 441kg, Jnd Ang, 33 Ang CAF Avg 90kg, passed \$1050
NSW	Cooma	27 Ang & Ang/Her C&C, 8-10 yrs, 465kg, Ang CAF, passed \$905
NSW	Ancona	16 Ang C&C, 4 yrs, 582kg, Jnd Ang, 16 Ang CAF Avg 224kg, \$1500; 38 Ang C&C, 6 yrs, 620kg, Jnd Ang, 38 Ang CAF Avg 237kg, \$1610
NSW	Hawker	40 XB Cows, 1-5 yrs, 484kg, PTIC, passed \$685; 20 XB Cows, 1-5 yrs, 438kg, passed \$535
VIC	Hustbridge	76 Ang Strs, 11-12 mths, 312kg, passed 216c/\$675; 36 Ang Strs, 11-12 mths, 254kg, passed 219c/\$555
TAS	Flinders Island	41 Ang Strs, 11-12 mths, 296kg, Landfall bld, 208c/\$615
WA	Pemberton	77 XB m/s Ylgs, 14-19 mths, 247.8 kgdw, 375c/\$930
WA	Manjimup	10 Fres & Jer/ Fres Strs, 30-34 mths, 304.4 kgdw, 260c/\$791
WA	Balingup	15 Her & LimoX Bulls, 14-19 mths, 214.4 kgdw, 326c/\$700

Sheep		
State	Town	Details
QLD	Ilfracombe	610 Dohne/Mer Ewes, 15-17 mths, 16.3 kgdw, 1/4" skin, \$75.50 ; 410 Dohne/Mer Ewes, 3-4 yrs, 19.5 kgdw, 1/2" skin, \$55.50
QLD	Surat	420 Dorp & Dorp/ Dam Ewe lambs, 10 mths, 20.1 kgdw, 1" skin, passed 303c/\$61
QLD	Thallon	750 Mer Wths, 3 yrs, 22.8 kgdw, 1.5" skin, Bullamon Plains bld, passed 237c/\$54
NSW	Yass	350 Mer Wths, 2 yrs, 20.4 kgdw, 1.5" skin, Demondrille bld, \$60
NSW	The Rock	190 Mer E&L, 3-5 yrs, 18.9 kgdw, 1" skin, Unjnd, 217 Mer & PD LAF, Merryville bld, \$92
NSW	Brewarrina	600 Dohne/Mer & 2ndX Dohne/Mer Ewes, 2 yrs, 20.9 kgdw, 1/2" skin, SIL Dohne,

		\$118 ; 490 Dohne/Mer & 2ndX Dohne/Mer ewes, 3 yrs, 22.6 kgdw, 1/2" skin, SIL Dohne, \$112.50 ; 580 Dohne/Mer & 2ndX Dohne/Mer ewes, 4 yrs, 22.7 kgdw, 1/2" skin, SIL Dohne, \$95.50 ; 360 Dohne/Mer Ewes, 5 yrs, 23.9 kgdw, 1/2" skin, SIL Dohne, \$81.50 ; 320 Dohne/Mer Ewes, 6 yrs, 21.2 kgdw, 3/4" skin, SIL Dohne, \$72.50
NSW	Coonamble	720 BL/Mer m/s lambs, 3-4 mths, 15 kgdw, 1.75" skin, \$80.50; 165 BL/Mer m/s lambs, 2 mths, 9.2 kgdw, 1.5" skin, passed \$49 ; 305 Mer Ewes, 2-6 yrs, 19.6 kgdw, 1.5" skin, SIL BL, passed \$95.50 ; 440 BL/Mer Ewes, 13-14 mths, 24.7 kgdw, 1/2" skin, Unjnd, passed \$147
NSW	Nyngan	713 Mer Wths, 12-13 mths, 17.7 kgdw, 1.5" skin, Egelabra bld, 299c/\$53
NSW	Grenfell	500 Mer Wths, 2 yrs, 14.8 kgdw, bare shn, Merryville bld, \$50 ; 200 Mer Wths, 2 yrs, 12.5 kgdw, bare shn, Merryville bld, \$47.50
NSW	Young	420 BL/Mer Ewes, 12 mths, 24.2 kgdw, 2.75" skin, Unjnd, passed \$135
VIC	Swan Hill	176 WD Ewes, 2.6 yrs, 29 kgdw, 1/4" skin, SIL WD, \$110 ; 105 WD Ewes, 16-17 mths, 27.2 kgdw, 1/4" skin, SIL WD, passed \$110.50
SA	Pinnaroo	240 BL/Mer Ewe lambs, 6-7 mths, 21 kgdw, 2" skin, passed \$159.50