

## AuctionsPlus market comment week ending 11 Jan 2013

Our first sale week of 2013 saw a reasonable offering of 2,668 cattle and 23,176 sheep and lambs. Buyer activity was somewhat subdued however, with some still enjoying the holiday break, many occupied with the southern weaner sales, and others managing bushfires that have affected numerous areas this week.

A large offering out of Tasmania saw the only Merino ewe sales for the week, with young ewes selling for \$80 and old ewes \$30-\$34. In the same sale, 57kg Merino wethers sold to a mainland export buyer for \$39.

A limited number of lamb sales saw prices steady to slightly firmer on the last week of 2012. 28kg second crosses sold for \$49; 36kg first and second crosses out of Tasmania made \$55-\$57, and good quality Composites in southern NSW weighing 45kg sold for \$73. Processors were active this week, buying light lambs for 330c, and old ewes with a 3" jacket estimated to dress 20kg for 198c, both including skin value.

The Eastern States cattle sale seemed more affected by external factors than sheep; as well as a mixed quality offering and many small lines, this resulted in higher passed in rates than we have seen in some time. Joined females remain hard to sell, with only one lot achieving a result, being PTIC Angus heifers out of Moss Vale that made \$860.

Females with calves at foot out of QLD and northern NSW attracted more competition; rising four year old Angus cows with Angus calves out of Tenterfield were the top price of the day at \$1030. Just over the border at Dirranbandi, Angus cows with Santa calves made \$725. Quality yearling Santa heifers out of northern NSW met with a flurry of bidding activity, making to \$700 – the best price we have seen for unjoined heifers recently, at an equivalent of 191c/kg.

Weaner and yearling steers out of SA only received local competition; however, this was enough to push rates to be on par with what is being achieved at the southern sales. We followed the trend with similar c/kg rates for the heavier end of the offering, and less demand for lighter steers. 300-350kg black steers were making 180c, while the best rates were for 380kg-430kg steers, selling for 183c-186c; 430kg black steers made the top price of \$785. In the north, light steers weighing less than 250kg out of QLD sold from 170c to 194c.

Cattle		
State	Town	Details
QLD	Toowoomba	16 Santa Strs, 6-15 mths, 232kg, 194c/\$450; 4 Santa Hfrs, 6-12 mths, 186kg, passed 185c/\$345
QLD	Yelarbon	107 Her Strs, 12-15 mths, 241kg, Brigalow Park bld, passed 192c/\$465

QLD	Talwood	69 SHX m/s Wnrs, 7-9 mths, 246kg, 170c/\$420
QLD	Dirranbandi	40 Ang C&C, 6-7 yrs, 424kg, Jnd Santa, 35 Santa CAF Avg 114kg, \$725
NSW	Murrurundi	82 Ang & XB Hfrs, 14-17 mths, 271kg, 146c/\$395
NSW	Scone	38 DMX C&C, 18-20 mths, 322kg, 38 CAF, passed \$540
NSW	Moss Vale	18 Ang Hfrs, 24-26 mths, 532kg, PTIC Ang, \$860
NSW	Yass	34 Ang Strs, 8-9 mths, 343kg, Bongongo bld, passed 179c/\$615
NSW	Holbrook	33 Ang & Ang/Her Strs, 10-16 mths, 373kg, passed 156c/\$585
NSW	Mulwala	30 Ang Hfrs, 18-24 mths, 562kg, PTIC Ang, Lawson bld, passed \$825
NSW	Tenterfield	30 Ang C&C, 4 yrs, 422kg, Jnd Ang, \$1030
NSW	Yetman	32 Ang & AngX C&C, 4 yrs, 387kg, Jnd Drak, 32 Drak CAF, passed \$720 ; 44 Ang & AngX C&C, 5-9 yrs, 427kg, Jnd Drak, Drak CAF, \$750
NSW	Uralla	45 Her Strs, 14-17 mths, 331kg, 181c/\$600; 47 Her Strs, 14-17 mths, 285kg, 186c/\$530; 27 Her Hfrs, 14-17 mths, 313kg, passed 155c/\$485
NSW	Rowena	49 Santa Hfrs, 15-17 mths, 366kg, Unjnd, 191c/\$700; 26 Santa Hfrs, 15-19 mths, 366kg, 184c/\$675
SA	Penola	21 Ang Strs, 9-10 mths, 333kg, Pembroke & Yerwel bld, 179c/\$595; 29 Ang Strs, 7-8 mths, 337kg, Hidden Valley & Yerwel bld, 180c/\$605; 26 Ang Strs, 9-10 mths, 381kg, Hidden Valley bld, 185c/\$705; 24 Ang Strs, 15-16 mths, 430kg, Pathfinder bld, 183c/\$785; 13 Ang Strs, 15-16 mths, 357kg, Pathfinder bld, 171c/\$610; 30 Her/Ang Strs, 15-16 mths, 404kg, 186c/\$750; 8 Her Strs, 15-16 mths, 375kg, Heatherdale bld, 161c/\$605; 14 Ang Strs, 16-17 mths, 469kg, Lawson bld, 164c/\$770

<b>Sheep</b>		
<b>State</b>	<b>Town</b>	<b>Details</b>
QLD	Mungindi	1000 Mer Ewes, 8-9 yrs, 20.5 kgdw, 3.25" skin, Unjnd, 198c/\$40.50
NSW	Brewarrina	1000 Mer Wth lambs, 7-8 mths, 12.6 kgdw, 2.25" skin, Haddon Rig bld, \$35.50
NSW	Burren Junction	1220 Mer Wth lambs, 3-4 mths, 13.7 kgdw, 1.5" skin, Rossmore bld, passed \$32.50
NSW	Warren	550 BL/Mer Wth lambs, 4-5 mths, 12.6 kgdw, 2.25" skin, passed \$35.50; 540 BL/Mer Wth lambs, 4-5 mths, 12.5 kgdw, 2.25" skin, passed \$47
NSW	Ivanhoe	305 WD/Mer Ewes, 6-7 yrs, 22 kgdw, 1/2" skin, \$38
NSW	Temora	294 BL/Mer Ewe lambs, 10 mths, 20.7 kgdw, 1.5" skin, \$101

NSW	Young	160 2ndX PD m/s lambs, 3-4 mths, 11.9 kgdw, 1.5" skin, \$49
NSW	Gundagai	500 PD/Mer m/s lambs, 4-5 mths, 12.8 kgdw, passed \$50.50
VIC	Benalla	270 2ndX WS m/s lambs, 7-8 mths, 17.5 kgdw, \$66;
VIC	Mortlake	565 Coop Wth lambs, 5 mths, 15.9 kgdw, 1/2" skin, 330c/\$52.50; 930 Coop Wth lambs, 5 mths, 12.8 kgdw, 1/2" skin, 332c/\$42.50;
SA	Kingscote	210 WS/Mer & 2ndX WS m/s lambs, 4-5 mths, 12.5 kgdw, 3/4" skin, \$55
TAS	Flinders Island	250 Mer Wths, 4-5 yrs, 23.9 kgdw, 1" skin, 167c/\$40 ; 956 Mer Ewes, 3-4 yrs, 20.9 kgdw, 1/4" skin, Unjnd, \$30 ; 786 Mer Ewes, 6 yrs, 19.2 kgdw, 1/2" skin, Unjnd, \$32
TAS	Launceston	500 2ndX WS m/s lambs, 4-5 mths, 15.2 kgdw, 2" skin, \$58 ; 449 Mer Ewes, 3-4 yrs, 16.2 kgdw, 1/2" skin, Unjnd, \$34
TAS	Tunbridge	240 Mer Ewes, 15 mths, 18.6 kgdw, 1.15" skin, Unjnd, Brooklands bld, \$80
TAS	Swansea	430 WS/Mer m/s lambs, 4-5 mths, 15.6 kgdw, 1.25" skin, \$55
TAS	Triabunna	390 Mer Wths, 5-6 yrs, 21.1 lgdw, 1" skin, Brooklands bld, \$39